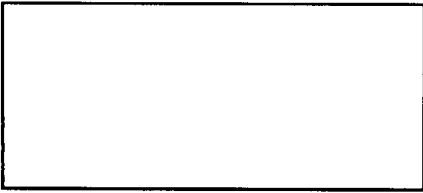


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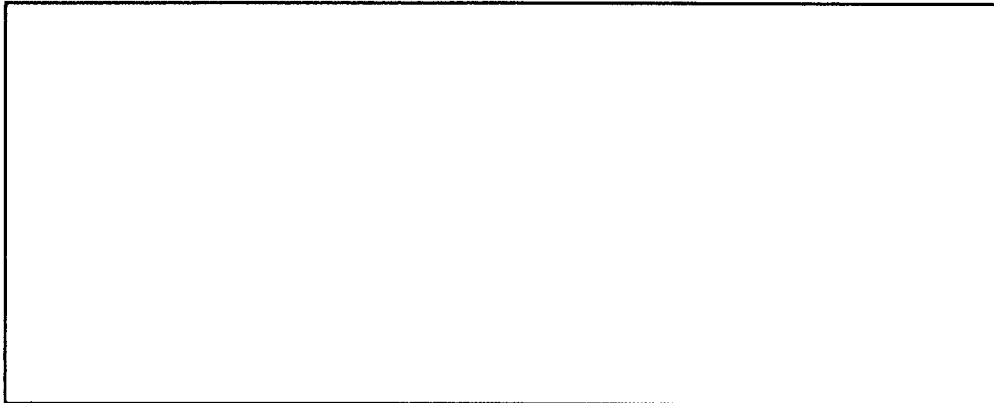
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[redacted] technical preparations are now under way for a Warsaw Pact meeting to be held about 23 November. Other reports state that it will be a meeting of the Pact's Political Consultative Committee.

East German Foreign Minister Lothar Bolz stated last August that a meeting of the foreign ministers of the Warsaw Pact countries was planned for late fall to "re-examine the results of the preparatory work for the conclusion of a peace treaty and to stipulate further measures." Although Khrushchev's withdrawal of the year-end deadline for a German treaty has reduced the urgency of this issue, he may wish to maintain the pattern of unified action by the Warsaw Pact members in dealing with the Berlin and German problems.

According to one of the reports, party first secretaries of the various bloc nations, including Khrushchev, would attend the meeting. In addition to issuing a formal endorsement of Khrushchev's more flexible approach on negotiations with the West, the Warsaw Pact leaders may take steps formally to exclude Albania from the Pact as a further move in the Soviet campaign to isolate and discredit the Hoxha regime in the Communist world.

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