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[ Czechoslovakia: Czechoslovak party leader Dubcek continued his quest over the weekend for national acquiescence in the Moscow agreement, winning formal party approval for the Soviet-imposed strictures.

In somber addresses to the central committee on 31 August, Dubcek and President Svoboda again indicated that the country's liberalization program will be drastically curtailed. Dubcek pointed out that in the past the party had failed to take into account "the dark and real power of international factors," and that it must not now arouse suspicions that it is avoiding the "obligations" it accepted at the Moscow meeting. He also admitted that the party congress which had met in secret during the first week of the intervention was void, and announced that it would convene again sometime after 9 September.

For the interval, the leaders enlarged the central committee by adding 80 individuals who had been elected to the defunct central committee by the now-void party congress, and expanded the party's presidium from 11 to 21 members. Several of the pro-Soviet conservatives, including Barbirek, Kolder, Rigo and Svestka, have been dropped from the presidium, as was arch-progressive Kriegel. Several other prominent liberal reformers have also been dropped from the central committee. The complexion of both the central committee and its presidium remains progressive, although the tone of the central committee meeting was one of accommodation to rather than defiance of Soviet wishes.

There were unconfirmed press reports yesterday of a meeting of the Soviet party central committee. Communist sources claimed the meeting was called to mitigate the hostile world reaction to the Soviet intervention, and asserted that the Kremlin was considering a conciliatory gesture. The US Embassy notes that Soviet press commentary on Czechoslovakia over the weekend seemed to be taking some of the ]

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[ pressure off by giving greater emphasis than before to signs that the situation there is returning to normal. Initial Soviet commentary on the Czechoslovak central committee meeting was straightforward and did not hint at any displeasure over the personnel changes in the central apparatus.

Aside from an apparent bomb explosion in front of the Czechoslovak party's newspaper headquarters on 31 August, the situation in Prague, and throughout the country, was relatively quiet over the weekend. There have been no more demonstrations, and youths are busy painting over anti-Soviet graffiti in an apparent effort to hasten "normalization" and the departure of the occupation forces.

There are continued signs of resistance to some of the more unpopular measures, such as censorship, which have been introduced in recent days. The Journalists' Union announced on 1 September that it will abide by the censorship regulations only for three months. Two newspapers also announced their intention to test the limits of permissible publication. Although there have been several denials of impending mass arrests of liberal intellectuals, many prominent individuals apparently have fled the country, or are not returning to Czechoslovakia from vacations for the time being.

There has been no significant change in the deployment of Soviet and Warsaw Pact ground forces in Czechoslovakia. Some of the Soviet air units in East Germany that deployed to bases near the Czechoslovak border in southeastern East Germany are returning to their home bases. Six convoys were observed moving north on the autobahns between 31 August and 1 September. All of the convoys included air force equipment such as jet engine starters, mobile control towers, communications vans, and runway sweepers. ]

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[ Members of the office of the US Defense Attaché in Moscow returning from a late August trip to Arkhangelsk, Odessa, Tbilisi, and Rostov report no evidence of reserve call-ups in these areas. There was no evidence of the redeployment of military units in these areas to western military districts and what military activity that was seen was described as "normal."

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