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Czechoslovakia: If anti-Soviet demonstrations continue, Dubcek may be forced to tighten domestic discipline or face another showdown with the Russians.

Dubcek still enjoys widespread popular support, especially among the youth and the workers. These groups are reportedly setting up joint committees throughout the country to arrange combined strikes on selected days to protest the Soviet military presence in Czechoslovakia. Their actions are most likely to call down conservative condemnation of Dubcek and may induce him to take punitive measures against dissidents in response to conservative pressures.

There is already some evidence of popular disillusionment with Dubcek's alleged willingness to make concessions to the Russians. During the nationwide anti-Soviet demonstrations on 6-7 November some marchers reportedly protested Dubcek's "cooperation" with Moscow.

Soviet official media have thus far ignored the latest flurry of anti-Soviet demonstrations. Only Radio Vltava, an unofficial Soviet outlet broadcasting in heavily accented Czech, has condemned the anti-Soviet demonstrators and demanded that they be suppressed. Pravda, on the other hand, claimed yesterday that thousands of pro-Soviet demonstrators took part in the memorial ceremonies at the cemetery; the paper did not report the anti-Soviet demonstrations.

There is little doubt, however, that the Soviet envoys in Prague can use the disturbances as another lever in their efforts to get the Czechoslovak leaders to clamp down on the dissidents, even though the police were used to disperse demonstrators and 167 arrests were reportedly made. Moscow could also cite the disturbances as the rationale for a move to topple the Czechoslovak leaders.

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