Yugoslavia-USSR: Next month's Yugoslav party congress may bring a further deterioration in relations between Moscow and Belgrade.

Mijalko Todorovic, secretary of the Yugoslav party executive, has said that the congress, which opens on 11 March, will include a stronger condemnation of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia than that set forth at the recent Italian party congress. He intimated that the Brezhnev doctrine of limited sovereignty will also come in for critical review.

Todorovic has invited New York Times correspondent Tad Szulc to Belgrade a few days before the congress to get a feel for "current trends in Yugoslavia." This action by a high Yugoslav party official is unusual. It suggests that Todorovic expects some stormy sessions at the congress and wants to ensure well-balanced coverage.

Yugoslavia has invited 81 parties or Socialist movements to send representatives to the congress; 41, the USSR not among them, have accepted to date. Todorovic believes that the Soviets may decline the invitation or that they may send a low-level delegation with instructions to walk out if Soviet policy is censured.

In contrast with the practice at previous
congresses, foreign delegates will not be allowed
to speak from the dais. The Soviet representative
if he wants to make a rebuttal, will be limited
to written messages, which all delegations will
be allowed to have published during the course of
the congress.

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