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Czechoslovakia: Liberals in Czechoslovakia have continued to press for further personnel changes and "democratic" reforms following the resignation of President Antonin Novotny and many of his followers.

Among those quitting posts in Novotny's wake were the deputy chairman of the National Assembly, Vaclav Skoda, and the minister of justice, Alois Neumann. The chairman and five members of the Central Control and Auditing Commission of the Communist Party central committee, several district party leaders, and some trade union and youth organization officers also resigned.

A number of other Czechoslovak officials are currently under fire by liberals, including Secretariat member Koucky and Foreign Minister David.

A Czechoslovak Communist Party official, meanwhile, has served notice that the party intends to continue its reforms. Cestmir Cisar, recently appointed to head the central committee's Department of Education, stated on 23 March that the "new atmosphere" created by the Communist Party since January "will become a permanent feature of Czechoslovak development."

Cisar said this is guaranteed by the fact that "a new party leadership is being formed and a party action program is being prepared."

Czech diplomats and Foreign Ministry officials are also emphasizing that Prague intends to seek good relations with all countries, including West Germany. The ambassador to the US, for example, has called attention to Deputy Foreign Minister Pudlak's statement that existing Czech - West German agreements could lead to extensive trade, tourist, and cultural relations.

Pudlak also implied that Prague might establish diplomatic relations with Bonn despite their basic differences.

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