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[Czechoslovakia: Dubcek's statement last night that Prague will send another delegation to Moscow "within the next few days" suggests that the Soviets took a tough stance on granting economic aid. The party leader admitted that the Czechoslovak delegation requested economic aid last weekend but stated only that the Soviet leaders will "study" the request. He said that Moscow again expressed "anxiety" lest Czechoslovakia's "democratization" go too far, although he added that the Soviets received a Czechoslovak explanation on this subject with "understanding." Dubcek's remarks suggest that Moscow is seeking political concessions from Prague in return for economic aid, and that he is consulting with other Czechoslovak leaders before acting further.]

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