

Czechoslovakia-USSR: Czechoslovak television is portraying Dubcek as a "national hero," apparently hoping to convince the Russians that replacing him might generate strong public reaction.

Dubcek and other Czechoslovak leaders will go to Moscow "late this week," according to an unconfirmed press report. While there has been no official announcement of the trip, Premier Cernik stated after returning from his 10 September visit to the Soviet capital that a high-level delegation would soon go to Moscow to negotiate the withdrawal of occupation troops.

Should such a trip materialize, the Soviets probably will take the Czechoslovaks to task for their efforts to depict the Soviet-imposed restrictive measures as "temporary." One topic sure to come up in such a meeting would be the failure of Czechoslovak media to submit fully to restrictions. Another likely topic is the 14th congress of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, which, according to an unconfirmed report, is scheduled for December and will elect a new party leadership.

The occupying powers appear to be permitting a resumption of tourism, which is important to Czechoslovakia's economy. The Soviets, however, will attempt to limit the influx of tourists under the pretext of preventing the entry of "counterrevolutionary elements." According to a censored version of Rude Pravo, the party daily, the occupying powers will not impose new restrictions on Czechoslovaks who want to travel to the West.

The US military attaché in Czechoslovakia, who visited Prague's Ruzyne airport on 15-16 September, has reported that most of the estimated 7,500 Soviet troops encamped there last week have left. There is no evidence available that the Soviets are making a

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large airlift out of Czechoslovakia. Some of the troops at Ruzyne, however, may have been flown out of the country on supply transports returning to the USSR. No other significant change in the situation of the occupying forces has been detected.

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