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[USSR-Czechoslovakia: A movement of Soviet troops which began in East Germany yesterday may be another device for putting pressure on the Czechoslovaks, even though it is possibly part of a regular exercise.

Visual sightings on 25 July indicate that elements of possibly three Soviet divisions have been moving south from the Berlin area. Large areas south and west of Berlin, and along the Czechoslovak border, have been temporarily closed to allied military mission travel. The Soviet units could be deploying into any of these areas for what may be previously scheduled exercises. News reports of the activity would nonetheless cause further anxiety in Czechoslovakia.

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A Pravda article yesterday contained the strongest and broadest attack Moscow has yet leveled against the leadership of the Czechoslovak party. Pravda charged that the counterrevolutionary "platform" of Czechoslovak "revisionists" has found "firm supporters in the ranks of the party and among some of its leading representatives." The article also linked the Czechoslovak and Chinese heresies, charging them with "having in common their striving to substitute national variants for Leninism." The implication would seem to be that both are beyond the pale of the orthodox movement.

Czechoslovakia's party presidium met yesterday in anticipation of its confrontation with the Soviet politburo. The presidium issued a communiqué which reaffirmed its determination to carry out its democratization program, but which also stressed friendship with the Soviet Union as the cornerstone of its]

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[foreign policy. The session reportedly became stormy before reaching a decision to abolish the department for military-security affairs of the party central committee and to return its head, Lt. Gen. Vaclav Prchlik, to duty in the army. This move appears to be a concession to the Soviets, whose press has bitterly assailed Prchlik for his recent characterization of the Warsaw Pact command as Stalinist.

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