USSR-Czechoslovakia: The Soviet military buildup along Czechoslovakia's borders continued relentlessly as the talks in Cierna went into their third day.

The rear services exercise which began last week in the western USSR has now been extended into Poland and East Germany. The Soviet announcement said that the rear services of the Polish and East German armies were participating. The Soviets probably would want to have at least token participation by the East Germans and Poles should they intervene in Czechoslovakia.

The US Embassy in Warsaw has received reports that Soviet troop reinforcements have crossed into Poland at several points.

Reports of Soviet military convoys and roadblocks in Hungary on 27-29 July indicate that some elements of the four Soviet divisions in Hungary may be moving to the field. No unusual activity on the part of Hungarian military units was observed.

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Both sides characterized yesterday's session at Cierna as "frank and comradely," the usual formula for noting serious but not total disagreement among Communists.

Moscow has tried to show that it has popular support within Czechoslovakia for some of the Soviet demands probably being tabled at the Cierna meeting. Pravda yesterday printed an alleged letter from a group of Czechoslovak auto workers condemning Czechoslovak public media for their anti-Soviet attitude and supporting the presence of Soviet troops in Czechoslovakia.

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The Soviets also appear to be trying to maintain contact with Czechoslovak conservatives. The Czechoslovak daily Prace revealed yesterday that a meeting had been held recently in Czechoslovakia between a Soviet general and a group of Czechoslovak officers led by General Samuel Kodaj, chief of the political directorate of the Eastern Military District.

The Dubcek leadership seems to be taking steps to improve its negotiating position at Cierna. In a move which may have been more significant for its timing than its content, the Czechoslovaks on Monday took a step which could be taken as signifying the imposition of a limited form of censorship. The Interior Ministry issued a 35-page list of official secrets to chief editors and publishers.

Prague, nevertheless, seems determined to defend itself against Moscow's pressure. Yesterday's Rude Pravo said that such pressure would "set a precedent for a revival of Stalinist methods for other socialist countries as well," and this in turn would "undermine the international authority of the USSR."

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