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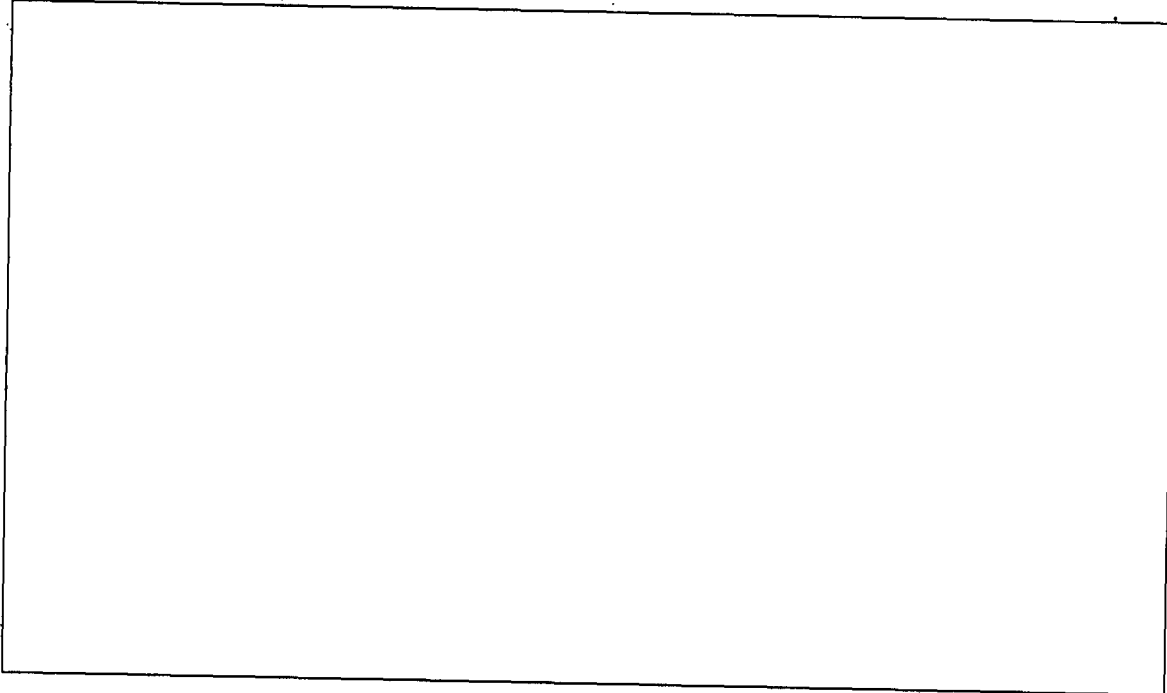
1. The pre-invasion central committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party met this morning to discuss its own composition and the "personnel question" in the party presidium and secretariat. Radio Czechoslovakia indicated that the central committee would also review problems regarding Slovak representation on the central committee which have arisen as a result of the recent Slovak party congress.
2. Czechoslovak Interior Minister Josef Pavel has resigned, according to an Austrian radio report from "well informed Prague quarters." The broadcast speculates that Jan Pelnar, secretary of the West Bohemian party committee, will replace him. Pelnar, who had been considered a Novotny man until the latter's fall from power, allegedly joined the Dubcek group last April.  attributes Pavel's ouster to his opposition to any new wave of arrests.
3. Foreign Minister Jiri Hajek departed Vienna for Zurich

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early today, and "informed sources" in Vienna doubted if he would return to Prague soon. Hajek is presumably among those on Moscow's blacklist.

4. The government has pushed back the Brno International Trade Fair one week, and the fair is now scheduled for 14-24 September. Czechoslovak officials are presently trying to decide whether or not to hold other international meetings which were scheduled prior to the occupation.



7. There is little additional information on the Rumanian situation subsequent to this morning's memorandum: Possible Soviet Military Threat to Rumania.

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