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Czechoslovakia-UN: Prague will oppose any but the most generalized discussion of the Czechoslovak situation when the General Assembly convenes next week.

Czechoslovakia's Foreign Ministry and UN mission have apparently not come under Soviet influence, but the Czechoslovaks in their UN posture will try to avoid antagonizing the Soviets as a matter of prudence. A member of Prague's UN mission predicts that they would not participate in debating an item specifically referring to the crisis, and might even walk out. They would take part, however, in debate on a general item which avoided referring directly to the situation but provided an opportunity to discuss it. They would not comment on circumstances in Czechoslovakia except to rebut "misinterpretations" by overzealous non-Communist delegations.

The biggest problem for the delegation would be in dealing with the claims of the Soviets and others that Czechoslovakia before 20 August was a hotbed of counterrevolution and anti - Warsaw Pact sentiment.

Soviet representative Malik has given notice that the USSR will strenuously oppose further UN consideration of the Czechoslovak situation by means of procedural debates and filibuster. Malik has asked the Chilean representative to halt his efforts to raise the question in the assembly. The Soviet efforts seem likely to fail, considering the number of countries--especially in Latin America and Europe--anxious to debate the issue at the assembly. Several delegations are considering some form of general item, tending to reaffirm the broad principles of nonintervention.

The Yugoslavs have been actively consulting other UN delegations on how to treat the situation in the

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assembly. They now appear to doubt that any agenda item on the subject would be in the best interests of Czechoslovakia at this time. Even if no initiative for such an item develops, however, the situation is certain to receive much attention in the general debate.



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