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Meanwhile, Peking appears increasingly concerned with the need to alert the Chinese people to the possibility of a Soviet attack and to counter Soviet political maneuvers. Kosygin's trip is probably viewed by the Chinese, according to the consul general in Hong Kong, as designed to fix on them the responsibility for any further border clashes. Moreover, the

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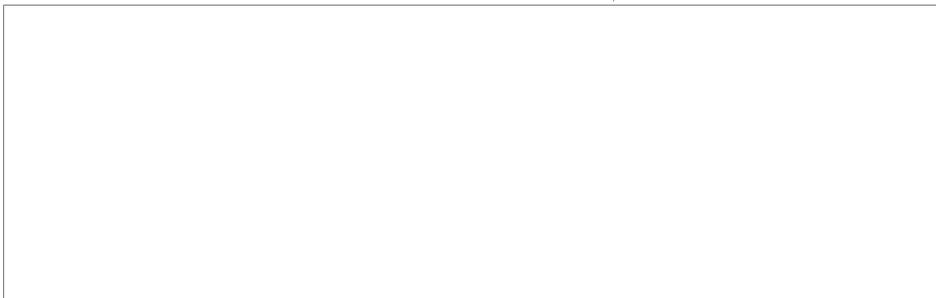
Chinese may fear that Moscow's announcement of a halt in incidents leaves the Soviets in a position to make any future clashes seem all the more serious, thus justifying military measures against the mainland itself.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The party presidium met yesterday and announced that the on again - off again plenary session of the central committee will be held next Thursday "to discuss a report--on the present situation and tasks facing the party." The session is certain to deal with the fate of Dubcek and Smrkovsky. The presidium accepted an "invitation" of the Soviet central committee and government for a Czechoslovak party and state delegation to visit Moscow in October--probably to report the results of next Thursday's meeting.

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EUROPE

The most recent British Gallup Poll, conducted late last week, asked the national sample whether Britain should join the Common Market or drop the idea altogether. The result:

Try to join	26 percent
Drop the idea	57 percent
Don't know	17 percent



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