

*Czechoslovakia: The party central committee has elected a new leadership and extensive government changes are expected to follow soon.

Reformers within the party now have a heavy majority on the policymaking presidium and are well represented on the new secretariat, which executes policy. The Slovak representation in both bodies is about the same as before. Some of the new members of both bodies appear to have been elected largely because of their technical expertise.

Presumably, all the new leaders are committed in varying degrees to Dubcek's wide-ranging action program. The country's liberals may be disappointed that more of their number were not given high posts, but the majority probably will view these changes as signifying a stable, forward-looking regime.

The new government line-up, which will be submitted to parliament for approval, will be headed by Oldrich Cernik as premier. Ota Sik, Lubomir Strougal, and Josef Husak, all strong proponents of reform, reportedly will become deputy premiers. Cernik, a Czech, will replace Josef Lenart, a Slovak, and thus the traditional distribution of top party and government posts between Czechs and Slovaks will be restored. Lenart has been given a seat on the party secretariat.

The chairmanship of the newly powerful National Assembly reportedly will pass to Josef Smrkovsky. In addition, new men will be named to head all of the key ministries.

The actions of the central committee have encouraged some of the churches of Czechoslovakia to seek to take advantage of the "democratization" process. Bishop Tomasek, the apostolic administrator of Prague, recently sent a letter to Dubcek. In it the bishop called for an end to religious persecution and for negotiations on the restoration of equitable church-state relations.

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He is hopeful that a Vatican representative may visit Prague after Easter to discuss this.

A representative of the Seventh Day Adventists has commented that his church recently has been "finding things easier" in Czechoslovakia.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRESIDIUM

OLD
 Alexander Dubcek
 Josef Boruvka
 Oldrich Cernik
 Michal Chudik
 Jaromir Dolansky
 Jiri Hendrych
 Drahomir Kolder
 Bohuslav Lastovicka
 Josef Lenart
 Antonin Novotny
 Jan Piller
 Emil Rigo
 Otakar Simunek

NEW
 Alexander Dubcek
 Frantisek Barbirek
 Vasil Bilak
 Oldrich Cernik
 Drahomir Kolder
 Frantisek Kriegel
 Jan Piller
 Emil Rigo
 Josef Smrkovsky
 Josef Spacek
 Oldrich Svestka

ALTERNATE PRESIDIUM MEMBERS

OLD
 Antonin Kapek
 Miroslav Pastyrik
 Michal Sabolcik
 Stefan Sadovsky
 Martin Vaculik

NEW
 Antonin Kapek
 Josef Lenart
 Martin Vaculik

SECRETARIAT

OLD
 Alexander Dubcek
 Cestmir Cisar
 Jiri Hendrych
 Drahomir Kolder
 Vladimir Koucky
 Miroslav Pastyrik
 Frantisek Pecha
 Stefan Sadovsky
 Martin Vaculik

NEW
 Alexander Dubcek
 Cestmir Cisar
 Alois Indra
 Drahomir Kolder
 Stefan Sadovsky
 Vaclav Slavik
 Oldrich Volenik
 Zdenek Mlynar

Probable Changes in Government

	Present	Future
PREMIER:	Josef Lenart	Oldrich Cernik
DEPUTY PREMIER:	Oldrich Cernik Frantisek Krajcir Josef Krejci Otokar Simunek*	Ota Sik Lubomir Strougal Josef Husak
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:	Vaclav David	Jiri Hajek
MINISTER OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION:	Karel Hoffman	Miroslav Galuska
MINISTER OF EDUCATION:	Jiri Hajek	?
MINISTER OF INTERIOR:	Josef Kudrna*	Josef Pavel
MINISTER OF DEFENSE:	Bohumir Lomsky*	Martin Dzur

*Already resigned