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Warsaw Pact: The Pact commander, Soviet Marshal Yakubovsky, arrived in Czechoslovakia yesterday to assume control of the forthcoming command-staff exercise.

In an interview in Moscow on 17 June, Yakubovsky stated that activity would take place in Czechoslovakia, Poland, East Germany, and the USSR, and that it would involve units from these four countries and from Hungary. This is the first indication of East German involvement. A Czechoslovak Defense Ministry spokesman had claimed earlier this month that East Germany would not participate in the exercise.

The announcement of East Germany's inclusion, which has not yet been acknowledged by Prague, points up the ad hoc nature of the exercise. It is not clear whether the East German units involved will move into Czechoslovakia.

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