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Czechoslovakia: The Communist Party leadership has taken on a centrist coloration and has established a new high-level committee to check the influence of liberals and conservatives.

Party chief Dubcek, President Svoboda, Premier Cernik and National Assembly President Smrkovsky have all retained their posts after a stormy party central committee plenum. Dubcek, however, now appears to have a potential rival in conservative Lubomir Strougal, who was installed in four top party posts. Strougal, who was once described as a dogmatist and a close friend of former party boss Novotny, may turn out to be Moscow's monitor in Prague.

Strougal was named to the executive committee of the party presidium, a newly created body in which the real powers of leadership are now invested. Subject to ratification by the presidium, the committee is charged with settling urgent political problems. Because its majority are moderates, the committee will prevent liberal or conservative factions from seizing control of the party.

In addition, Strougal was designated chief of a new party bureau for the Czech lands. The bureau was created to carry out federalization of the Communist Party by organizing a Czech party to parallel the already existing Slovak party.

There are now eight party secretaries rather than three. This move brings conservatives into positions where they can influence implementation of policy. The plenum was dominated by contention over the party's future, and it ended without resolving basic differences. Nevertheless, it approved a much-amended resolution on "party tasks" which will be published on 19 November.

During the plenum, Dubcek, Cernik and possibly other leaders made a quick flight to Warsaw to inform Brezhnev, who was there attending the Polish

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party congress, about the decisions made in Prague. They may also have discussed the security situation in view of continuing anti-Soviet demonstrations.

Czechoslovak students over the weekend staged country-wide nonviolent demonstrations in support of Dubcek and the liberals. Student leaders yesterday called for a nation-wide sit-in strike in universities, "like the one in France," to begin today to protest new restrictions and elimination of some reforms.

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