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1. Summer maneuvers of the Czechoslovak Army will begin on 2 July 1953. In Bohemia they will take place in the Ceskomoravska Vysocina region, between the towns of Humpolec (O50/M53), Jihlava (O50/M61), Pelhrimov (O50/M41), Kamenice (O50/M30) and Pocatky (O50/M66). In Moravia they will be held in the Hana region, between the towns of Fimulov (P50/N73), Drahaný (P50/N63), Racice and Vyskov (P59/N71). In Slovakia they will be held in the Bile Karpaty region and in the valley of the Vah River, between the towns of Povazska Bystrica (Q50/O71), Myjava (P49/T26), Nove Mesto nad Vahom (P49/T36) and Cierny.
2. Units of the I, II, III and IV Corps will participate, as well as the armored divisions of the I and II Motorized-mechanized Corps, and the 1st Air Army, commanded by General Jan Volalik.
3. The maneuvers will last throughout July and down to 20 August 1953 and will be supervised by General Vaclav Kratochvil, who will be assisted by Generals Frantisek Papousek and Vaclav Thor. They will be directed by General of Division Otakar Rytir in Bohemia, General of Division Frantisek Bures in Moravia and General of Division Jan Tokan in Slovakia.
4. From 26 August on, there will be major maneuvers in southern Slovakia in which Soviet units will participate. These will be held in the region of Rimavska Sobota (Q49/D31) and Roznava (R49/D74). At the same time, Czech units will participate in Polish Army maneuvers, which will be held in the region of Raciborz, and in Hungarian Army maneuvers, to be held in the Miskolc area.
5. Political preparation of the Czechoslovak soldiers is in charge of Generals Jan Zeman, Karel Hecko and Vaclav Marik.

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