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The Soviet Union's line on Germany and the Berlin problem continues to combine an attitude of reasonableness on details and procedures with an unyielding stand on certain basic issues. Khrushchev, in his talk with Belgian Foreign Minister Spaak on 19 September, appeared more conciliatory and flexible than at any time since the Vienna meeting with President Kennedy. Gromyko has not yet reflected this line in his talks with Secretary Rusk or with Lord Home, and Moscow has made further moves in the military sphere to impress the West with bloc military strength and combat readiness. Exercises of the Warsaw Pact forces have been announced for October and November. At the UN, the Soviets have continued to advocate the troika, but there are increasing signs that the bloc will eventually compromise on an arrangement for an interim appointment to fill out Hammarskjold's term, plus appointment of three under secretaries to act as advisers.

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