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Sir,

INSIDE CZECHOSLOVAKIA:  
DUBČEK'S FIRST HUNDRED DAYS

In my despatch of the 18th of January last I recorded the events leading to the removal of Mr. Antonín Novotný from the key post of First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party and his replacement by Mr. Alexander Dubček. Since then, as I have reported separately, the Presidium and Secretariat of the Central Committee have undergone drastic changes of membership; a new Government has been formed under a new Prime Minister, Mr. Oldřich Černík; a new President of the National Assembly, Mr. Josef Smrkovský, has been elected; Mr. Novotný has reluctantly resigned as President of the Republic and been replaced by General Ludvík Svoboda; and a whole series of other, minor changes among the holders of public offices has taken place. It is also important to note that Communist Party district conferences involving one half of the Party's membership have been held and that regional Party conferences have convened in nine of the twelve administrative regions of the Republic; all

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The Right Honourable  
Michael Stewart, M.P.,  
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