

CZECHS ELECT NEW PRESIDENT

Through the streets of Prague, capital of Czechoslovakia, is drawn the body of President Klement Gottwald. A staunch supporter and yes-man of Stalin, Gottwald died only five days after he had attended the funeral in Moscow of the Red leader. Gottwald, now mourned by many thousands of Czechs, fought his way to power by the Stalin method of liquidation. Many of his own friends disappeared mysteriously and the free world still remembers with disgust the deaths of President Benes and Jan Masaryk. A wily politician and a ruthless ruler, Klement Gottwald tried at one time to ignore Stalin's directives, but when pressure was brought to bear, he quickly toed the Moscow party line to preserve his own safety.

To take Gottwald's place as Czechoslovakia's strong man is the Premier, Antonin Zapotecky, known to have been one of Gottwald's most faithful followers.

If Zapotecky continues the policy of his predecessor, what Moscow desires - Czechoslovakia will do.