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NEW CZECH PRESIDENT:

Czechoslovakia elects a new President to succeed the late Antonin Zapotocky - and it's 53-year-old Antonin Novotny, seen here arriving at Prague's Vladislav Hall, where the National Assembly and members of the Diplomatic Corps are gathered - In Czechoslovakia, the President is no mere figurehead - he has very wide powers, and those who know Novotny say he's likely to make full use of them.

Soviet President Voroshilov congratulates Novotny. The new President is a loyal supporter of Moscow, but he's not one of the rigid Stalinists. He is already Secretary of the Czech Communist Party, and he's keeping that post. How will he use his power, now that he controls both Party and State?