

The Prague Spring of 1968 was an important event in Czechoslovakia. It started when Alexander Dubček became the leader of the country. He wanted to make some changes to the way things were run.

Dubček introduced new policies that gave people more freedom. This included allowing more free speech and reducing government control. Many people in Czechoslovakia were happy about these changes.

However, the Soviet Union, which controlled Czechoslovakia at the time, didn't like these reforms. They thought Dubček was going too far and worried that other countries might want similar changes.

In August 1968, the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact countries sent tanks and soldiers into Czechoslovakia. They wanted to stop the reforms and keep control. This invasion ended the Prague Spring.

After the invasion, Dubček was removed from power. The reforms were reversed, and Soviet control was tightened again. This event showed how much power the Soviet Union had over its satellite states during the Cold War.