



Socialism Realised

Life in Communist Czechoslovakia, 1948-1989

The Kid and the Housekeeper

Soukromý archiv, www.ustrcr.cz/cs/srpen-1989-audio-video/

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Housekeeper: I don't care about the camera. I am a housekeeper and I'm asking you what freedom you want. I'm a worker and I remember the first Czechoslovak Republic. What the hell do you want?

Student: Do you remember 1948?

Housekeeper: Of course I remember 1948.

Student: Do you remember 1968?

Housekeeper: I do, that was a mess. A mess.

Student: Russians really messed it up here.

They should go home, to Russia.

Housekeeper: But they were invited to come.

Student: But that's not ordinary people's fault.

Housekeeper: But what do you want? What do you want?

Student: We're winning, madam.

Housekeeper: How?

Student: We're getting freedom.

Housekeeper: What freedom?

Student: Ours.

Housekeeper: But what freedom do you want?

Student: Democracy.

Housekeeper: My dear boy! Don't worry, I'm an old woman, but I...