



Socialism Realised

Life in Communist Czechoslovakia, 1948-1989

Accusations

Svět ve filmu 21/1968 (KRÁTKÝ FILM PRAHA a.s., 1968)/

World in the movie 21/1968 (KRÁTKÝ FILM PRAHA a.s., 1968)

Prosecutor: What a chain of trembling criminals. But despite their subtle conspiracies and sabotage, despite their treacherous duplicity and the villainy of their devices, they did not achieve their goals. They were crushed. Why did it happen like this, and why does this conspiratorial vermin sit on the defendants' bench today like a captured rats' nest, hated, despised by all the honourable people of our country? It's because the strength of the socialist idea, the glowing patriotism of all of our people, their enthusiasm for building socialism, their unlimited trust in our party and its leadership and Comrade Gottwald, and their love for the Soviet Union are unrivalled! The conspirators have inflicted billions of terrible damages on our homeland, but nonetheless we will victoriously fulfil our plan and build a new, beautiful life for ourselves and for future generations in this country. Standing against the few conspirators, there are the unshakeable efforts of millions, the thousands and thousands of fiery and wrathful statements from our workers that have arrived at the court in recent days, expressing their unshakeable determination to fix the damages that these imperialist traitors have inflicted on us as soon as possible. And just in the last couple of days, hundreds of factories have reported that they have fulfilled the fourth year of Gottwald's five year plan early – a giant boulder was taken out of their path. It is a clear path to further peaceful building in our beautiful country. More vigilant, stronger, and surrounding its leadership and Klement Gottwald, our Communist Party is more united in leading our people towards a happy future. Citizens, jury, in the name of our nation, the freedom and happiness of which these criminals stood against. In the name of peace, which they disgracefully conspired against. I call for the death penalty for all defendants. Let your verdict fall like an iron fist, without the slightest bit of mercy. Throw them into the fire, which will burn this despicable tumour of treachery to its roots.