



Socialism Realised

Life in Communist Czechoslovakia, 1948-1989

In the Courtroom

Kousek nebe (2004, r. Petr Nikolaev)/

A Piece of Heaven (dir. Petr Nikolaev, 2004)

Prosecutor: Vratislav Kolbaba was the one who was to carry espionage materials collected by the father of another member of the group, Luboš Přihoda, across the border into an espionage centre of American CIC seated in München.

We must note, Your Honour, that father of the accused Luboš Přihoda, Jan Přihoda, was sentenced to death for his espionage and treasonous activity.

Kolbaba and Přihoda senior were contacted already before the end of 1945 by the British secret service and demonstrably worked for it. Vratislav Kolbaba crossed our border illegally for the first time already in March 1948. It was established that he crossed our border in both directions at least eighteen times. Also, he is to blame for the loss of life of two border guards.

Vratislav Kolbaba was tasked to make a connection with Luboš Přihoda who was the only one who knew about the espionage materials collected by Přihoda senior.