



Socialism Realised

Life in Communist Czechoslovakia, 1948-1989

Rewriting History

Vracenky (r. Jan Schmidt, 1990)/

Lenin, the Lord and Mother (dir. Jan Schmidt, 1990)

Teacher: As you have heard, children, comrade Slánský has betrayed our country. So, everybody open page 5. Take a wider one. Everybody, paste up! The first paragraph...

Radio: Citizen judges, in the name of our peoples against whose freedom and happiness the enemies raised, in the name of peace, against which they shamelessly conspired, I demand the death sentence for all the defendants. Let your sentence strike like an iron fist with no mercy. Let it be the fire that burns this shameful tumour of treason.
Let it be a bell calling across our beautiful country.