



Socialism Realised

Life in Communist Czechoslovakia, 1948-1989

Milkman, not Agent

Spřizněni volbou (r. Karel Vachek, 1968)/

Elective Affinities (dir. Karel Vachek, 1968)

Speaker: Everybody has right to a better life. Not to be worried in the morning when they hear the doorbell. To know it's a milkman and not the secret police.

Banner: BETTER AN EMPEROR (CÍSAŘ) THAN A TSAR.

Speaker: We have to fight for that.

Students: Císař! Císař! Císař! Císař! Císař! Císař!

Speaker: Look, the TV is shooting us. We have to stay here and protest so that they see we are not satisfied with what they are about to do. They have done evil. They need to be replaced. Honest people must replace them. We need some non-Communist representatives - non-Communist, I emphasize!

They only care about their money and are willing to do anything for it. They are so-called political prostitutes. They have no place there. The presidential elections need to be postponed. So that it takes shape, so that they can quickly just vote to do what they want. That would be disgrace to let them do what they're doing. Disgrace!

Student: Smrkovsky was part of that too, and now he's a candidate.

Speaker: That can't be. Let them go to their voters and ask for support.

Student: We want to elect programs.

Speaker: And we will demand the Members of the Parliament to be re-elected, so that those political puppets can't set foot in there anymore.