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Political trials in the fifties of past centrury in Czechoslovakia

Political trials in the fifties of past century are very dark chapter of a modern history of the Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic. Not following laws not event the elementary human rights is a sad result of Communist Ideology which in this period of time did not manage but even support such law breaking. Such law breaking and human rights breaching was recorded only three years from the end of World War II, the biggest conflict in modern history resulting into intentional killing of millions of people.

From the international point of view, it is essential to say, that orientation to Soviet Union and its ideology was a result of sacrificing Czechoslovakia by Western Powers in favour of Hitler's Germany. Post-war orientation to east ideology was unfortunately a logic consequence of these fatal events. Applying of Soviet Ideology and Stalinist Methods into the Czechoslovakia was unnatural appearance, which has reshaped both nations for decades. The regime eliminated those, who had different opinion and wanted a progress in society and kept citizens in ignorance, blindness and afraidness.

Reshaping the justice by Communist Ideology, using justice as a front for lawlessness, deliberate placing only of those acting in regime favour resulted into processes in which even their creators were trapped. Executions without evidence, executions for different opinion, executions for people's elimination, created an atmosphere of afraidness and massive persecution where nobody could be sure. Not following the law, which resulted, into absolute breach of law certainty, has destroyed the whole society.

After November 1989, endeavours for settlement of injustice committed on political prisoners settlement were recorded. However, they have never been taken to full satisfactory end and as time goes on they fade away. Introducing a new act no. 198/1993 SB. of irregularity of Communist Regime has brought at least political decrial of these events, Communist Regime and party, which in § 2 is marked as criminal and damnable organization.

The political trials should not fall into oblivion. We should have it in our minds as a reminder of situation where executions without independent and objective trials were carried out by our own people in order to prevent from repeating this situation again. The nation, which does not know its history, should be afraid of its future, though.