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## Lauding Harper's strong stance against Hamas

By Michael Taube, special to QMI Agency

Do you remember when the federal government used to walk on eggshells when it came to international affairs? Liberal and Tory prime ministers worried that if they either forcefully spoke out or publicly took sides, they would turn off a particular individual, group or country.

Thankfully, those days of Canadian-style indecisiveness are over. Prime Minister Stephen Harper doesn't worry about speaking out on an issue. He has always defended what he believes is right, even if there's a cost to his own personal popularity - and his grip on 24 Sussex Drive.

ians."

The PM's unequivocal support of Israel is nothing new. Regardless, some left-wing Canadians were dismayed with his strong language and tough words.

Matthew Kellway would be one of them. On Monday, the NDP MP refused (on multiple occasions) to condemn Hamas for being a terrorist organization on CBC News Network's Power and Politics. Instead, he criticized the Tory government, saying "it is not constructive, frankly, to participate in this discussion by simply pointing fingers and calling names."



Consider the PM's clear and concise official statement about the Gaza crisis, for instance.

First, he blasted Hamas, the Islamic fundamentalist group that rules Gaza with an iron fist. Harper said, "The indiscriminate rocket attacks from Gaza on Israel are terrorist acts, for which there is no justification," and it's "evident that Hamas is deliberately using human shields to further terror in the region."

Second, Harper came to Israel's defence. As he put it, "Canada is unequivocally behind Israel. We support its right to defend itself, by itself, against these terror attacks, and urge Hamas to immediately cease their indiscriminate attacks on innocent Israeli civil-

Well, guess what? Hamas is classified as a terrorist organization by Israel, the U.S., Japan, Jordan, Egypt, the European Union - and yes, Canada. Hence, it is constructive to call them exactly what they are.

The Islamic fundamentalist group is also linked to Syria and Iran. These two despotic regimes, who share Hamas's disdain for Israel and western values, have reportedly helped fund and train their military wing.

As well, Hamas is a vicious and hateful organization. The preamble to the Hamas Covenant reads, "Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated oth-



## Radek Jaros – 15th King wearing the crown of Himalaya

ers before it." Hence, they would relish the opportunity to wipe out the State of Israel - and its allies, just for kicks.

When you put all these things together, it's not hard to understand why Harper won't pussyfoot around this issue.

The PM strongly defends individual rights and freedoms. He opposes terrorist groups like Hamas, Hezbollah and Egyptian Islamic Jihad, as well as the tin pot dictatorships that stand with them. He condemns the religious persecution of Christians and Jews at home, and abroad. He is pleased to work with Arabs and Muslims who support democracy, and reject tyranny. He believes western nations have the political, legal and moral right to defend their own borders - and their own citizens.

That's why Harper stands with Israel, and not with Hamas. It has very little to do with acquiring Jewish Canadian support, or the Zionist beliefs he shares with his late father. Rather, it has everything to do with a principled position of defending what's right, and rejecting what's wrong, in our society. **Very few of today's political leaders are willing to speak up like Harper does. He deserves an enormous amount of credit, and Canadians should be proud of him.** ■

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On Saturday, July 26th, Czech climber Radek Jaros became so far the 15th person worldwide who managed to climb all fourteen eight-thousanders without any oxygen mask support. Terrifying and the second highest in the world, K2 with her 8611 meters was the last to let him on her top. After four unsuccessful trials, he succeeded during his fifth trial performed this year. His victory is the more valuable because of his serious frostbites he suffered on his Annapurna climb back in 2012.

Czech climber Radek Jaros has become the 32<sup>nd</sup> person in the world who managed to climb all fourteen eight-thousanders. Jaros reached the dreaded K2 peak, which is with its 8611 meters the second highest mountain in the world, on Saturday (July 26, 2014). As a part of a three-member Czech climbing team along with Petr Masek and Jan Travnicek, Radek Jaros has also ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the world to complete all 14 Himalayan summits without carriers' help and artificial oxygen usage.

He had lost almost all his toes on Annapurna (2012), but he stood up again and got back to the highest mountains to top up his dream of dreams - The Crown of the Himalaya. Fifty years old Radek reached the K2 top accompanied with another team member Jan Travnicek. The third remaining Czech team member - Petr Masek started the return journey at 8200 descending and reached safely the C-IV camp. What can one say to that? Congratulations and best wishes of happy return to the base camp to all the expedition!

Jaros is only the fourth Czech to have reached the K2 top. The three others were Josef Rakoncaj in the 1980s, Libor Uher with Leopold Sulovsky's expedition in 2007 and former Prague mayor Pavel Bem two years ago. ■

Source: <http://www.adrex.com/en/earth/climbing/articles/radek-jaros-15th-king-wearing-the-crown-of-the-himalaya/> Author: Adrex / David Matuska, [www.radekjarosnak2.cz](http://www.radekjarosnak2.cz), Translate: Bohdana Holá



K2, 8216 m, foto Wikipedia

**WE HEAR THE QUESTION, „WHAT'S THE NEXT PRAGUE?“** a lot. But while we're all for discovering great new destinations, we hardly think Prague is over. Sure, everyone's heard of it, but it's still a grand city with extraordinary historic and cultural sights, and it's definitely worth a visit.

The often-rebuilt **Prague Castle** has overlooked the city since the 9th century and the synagogues and cemetery of the **Jewish Quarter** are must-sees. Nightlife here is diverse and plentiful, from trendy clubs to sophisticated wine bars to late-night cellar bars...

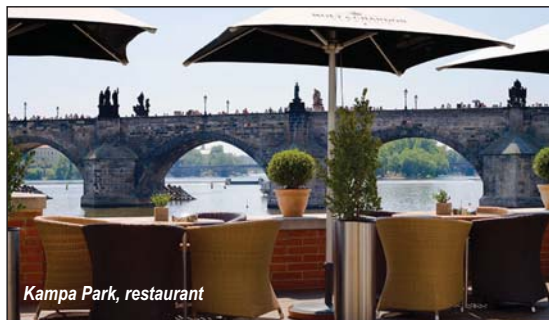
#### WHAT MONTH DO THE TOURS START?

The free walking tour, the select tours, and the private tours run year-round in all weather, and also on public holidays.

*Are reservations required for the tours?* Reservations for the free and select tours are not necessary, unless your group exceeds 10 people. For private tours, however, reservations are a must (although short notice tours are certainly possible). Please visit the 'Private Tour' page for more information.

*Is it possible to do two of your tours in one day?* YES! In fact, loads of people love our free tour so much they go from the morning free tour straight on to the Prague Castle tour.

*Is there a maximum number of people allowed on a tour?* No, there is no maximum number of people for tours. There are always multiple guides to ensure that everyone can be accommodated (each group is split between the guides, with a maximum of 40 people per guide). If you are planning



Kampa Park, restaurant



Kampa, Kanal Čertovka

on joining the tour with a group larger than ten people, reservations are required so that we can be sure to have an appropriate number of guides at the tour starting point on the given day.

*Are the tours wheelchair accessible?*

## Free tours under Yellow Umbrella: DISCOVER OLD PRAGUE

All the tours contain a few inclines and uneven terrain, and they last for at least 3 hours. Despite this, they are all manageable by wheelchair as long as one is accompanied by an able-bodied carrier

*What time do I need to show up for my tour?* It's not necessary to arrive for a tour BEFORE the start time, although of course preferable for a prompt start.

*For example: Prague Castle Tour* The Prague Castle is the jewel at the heart of Prague's beautiful architectural crown and quite simply cannot be missed as part of any trip to the

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At 570 meters in length and an average of 130 meters in width, Pražský hrad is the biggest ancient castle in the world according to the Guinness Book of World Records, and we'll walk and explore it all. Starting in Prague's UNESCO-listed Old Town Square, we'll take you on a tram ride to the top of the castle district before exploring the monasteries, breweries, palaces and stunning panoramic viewpoints of Hradčany, the Castle District.

Bringing the statues and monuments to life with spellbinding tales of myth,

being the impressive St. Vitus Cathedral – celebrated as one of the finest Gothic buildings in the world – started in 1344 and completed in 1929. With more than one-thousand years of architectural styles represented – from Romanesque to Art Nouveau, Gothic to Neo-Classical and Baroque to Renaissance – as well as the tongues and arms of Saints, you will be wowed by the fascinating history of this truly unique complex of buildings and its surrounding areas. meeting point: Look for the **YELLOW UMBRELLAS** in front of the Astronomical Clock in the Old Town Square, daily at 2pm.

This tour covers: Prague Castle, Mala Strana, Hradcany, St. Vitus' Cathedral, Strahov Monastery and Brewery, St. Nicolas' Church, Domecek Gestapo/StB Prison, Wallenstein Palace, The Loreto, St. George's Basilica, 'Mozart's House', Novy Svet, The Black Tower, and much, much more! You can see more: Bike Tours & Rentals, Black Light Theatre,

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Walk with us and discover Prague's past – both glorious and tragic. Walk through time and learn all about the capital of Bohemia – from its humble beginnings as a small Celtic settlement to its epic rise to the center of the Holy Roman Empire.

The guide will reveal the stories behind the city's decadent centuries under the Austro-Hungarian Empire to the tragic suffering and heartache under the Nazis and the Communists. Prepare to have your breath taken away as we explore the city's stunning array of Gothic and Baroque architectural treasures as well the legends and ghost stories that make The Golden City one of the most enchanting cities in the world.

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**Meeting Point: Look for the YELLOW UMBRELLAS** in front of the

Astronomical Clock in the Old Town Square, daily at 10am, 11am and 2pm.

This tour covers: Old Town Square, Astronomical Clock, Charles' Bridge, Old Jewish Quarter, Old New Synagogue & the Golem, Powder Tower, Prague Castle & St. Vitus' Cathedral, Art Nouveau Municipal House, Powder Tower, Church of Our Lady Before Tyn, Wenceslas Square, St. Nicolas Church...and much, much



Famous Charles Bridge - Karlův most



Golden Lane - Zlatá ulička

more!

#### FREE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

**Charles Bridge** - a must do while in Prague, cross the bridge any time of day, with the best time for photos dusk and dawn.

**John Lennon Wall** - once you have crossed the Charles Bridge from the Old Town to Malá Strana, take the first left, then the first right, to visit the most famous wall in the city.

**Žluté Lázně** - free after 5pm, you can swim in the Vltava and there is a child's pool too. Take tram 17 or 18 along the river heading south.

**Kampa Park** - a great place to spend the afternoon. Wander around and enjoy wonderful views of Old Town, including Charles Bridge and the National Theatre.

**Petřín Park** - a beautiful wooded parkland popular with Czechs to wander through in summer. Enter from Újezd in the Malá Strana area.

**Vyšehrad Castle** - home of the mystical Princess Libuše, Vyšehrad is a wonderful castle built in the 10th century. Catch the red metro line in the southern direction and get off at the stop Vyšehrad.

**HINTS TO SAVE MONEY IN PRAGUE**

Don't over tip. Though tipping 10-15% is expected sometimes restaurants and bars will automatically include the tip. Look out for this "service charge" and don't leave an additional tip.

*Pubs and bars do not have cover charges.*

Get off the main streets and look for Dnešní Menu "daily menus" often two courses for 100,-kc.

#### THE DO'S & DON'TS IN PRAGUE DO'S:

- Drink tap water. It is safe and free. Refill your plastic bottle!

- Use the public transportation less and walk more! Buy 24 hr. pass (110,-Kc) when using public transportation more than 4 times in a day. - Do punch your ticket before you get down to the subway platform. - Validate the tick-

et on board trams and buses by inserting it into the machine. - Get lost! Walk the streets without a map and enjoy the safe, clean city. - Color code for Czech mineral water bottle caps: BLUE = Still, GREEN = softly carbonated, PINK/RED = fizzy

**DON'TS:** - Don't say "thank you" in a bar or restaurant when paying until you got your change. It can be interpreted as: "keep the change." - Do not use taxis unless you have previously bargained for or arranged your fare. -

Don't order drinks without checking their prices (Especially at restaurants offering a "tourist menu"). - Don't leave your tips on a restaurant table. - Do not, under any circumstances, exchange money on the streets.

Do not leave your camera, wallet or valuables in view on trams, buses and metro, pick pockets are around.

Do not call The Czech Republic, "Czechoslovakia." It hasn't been since 1993. ■

More: <http://www.discover-prague.com/en/tour/5/prague-castle-tour>,

This summer, my husband Russ and 1 + 9 children from Kitchener – Waterloo area had an opportunity to visit Summer Camp HOSTYN, Located in St. Calixte-Nord (Lanaudiere region) just about one hour drive north from Montreal. The Camp Hostyn is characteristic for its multicultural, international environment, and fully bilingual- English, French (and also Czech) counselors, with kids coming from as far as Europe, USA, even Asia. They have a private beach on Lake Lafond - Swimming, Canoeing, Kayaking, Fishing, Biking, Day Trips, Hiking, Dance, Music, Theatre Arts, Science, Soccer, Volleyball, Frequent Bonfires, Great outdoor experience & a lot of Fun.

My children had wonderful things to say about their counselors, the kids they met from all over the country, the sports, the learning, the trips, the different



activities and they LOVED the food. I have never seen them talk with so much enthusiasm about something they experienced.

I was very impressed with the young people who were camp counsellors, as I had the opportunity to talk to many of them. What a wonderful group of young people. Following poem of a child coming to the camp for years says it all:

As we settled back into our routine at home it was more than apparent that my children were more appropriate and less oppositional- perhaps I should say more

willing to compromise, and even more aware of another's feelings. Thank you CAMP HOSTYN for reminding us all why camp is such a magical and important place for kids.

Next year consider sending your child(ren) to Hostyn for an incredibly enriching experience. Anyone is welcome! Stay tuned for more info as KW Czechs & Slovaks is looking into organizing a bus for all the children from Kitchener-Waterloo, possibly Toronto area.

For more information please contact Blanka Michale at 519-500-3316 or rbmichale@bell.net or visit [www.hostyn.org](http://www.hostyn.org) ■

On behalf of KW Czechs & Slovaks, **Blanka Michale**, pictures taken by c/o **Josef Maxant**

*HOSTYN, Jimmy*

*"Through the trees, a hidden place  
Where there's always a smiling face.  
The children play and laugh with love  
though the best part has yet to come.  
The rustling wilderness is all around,  
it's beauty increasing with every sound.  
Rain or shine, it does not matter,  
this place still fills with cheerful chatter,  
when bonfire blazes in the night,  
our faces fill with warm delight.  
And when the wind blows through the  
trees  
I long to return to the place called  
Hostyn."*



have faith in our cause and once again graciously supported our community at this year's picnic, to the large amount of volunteers, who worked tirelessly, some for the entire event, to everyone who generously donated prizes for the raffle and to our community for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to seeing you at the next event! Stay tuned for more information. ■

Photo: The organizers of the Picnic (from the left) **Dasa Fislava**, **Blanka Michale**, **Barbora Hofer**

## With more then 400 people

By Dasha Fislava, KW Czech and Slovaks

The second annual Czech and Slovak Picnic, organized by KW Czechs and Slovaks, took place on June 14th at the Croatian Club in Breslau. With more than 400 people in attendance, this year saw many new faces from Toronto, Hamilton, and surrounding areas.

The picnic was a 10 hour event, with a professional DJ, who readily played Czech and Slovak favourites, plenty of children's games, complete with a bouncy castle and adult activities, with many trying their luck at winning a bottle of Becherovka with the ever popular „hit-the-nail-on-the-head“ game, and an abundance of Czech and Slovak traditional food such as brynzové halušky (potato dumplings with sheep cheese and bacon), obložené chlebíčky (open-face sandwiches), palačinky (crepes), and goulash soup, to name a few. This year the picnic was enriched by a fantastic performance of Východna Slovak Dancers.

For most this was an opportunity for reunions of friendships, and creations of new ones, all within the scope of our heritage.

We are deeply humbled and extremely grateful to our sponsors, who

## REMEMBERING: The General's Son Col. Adolf F. J. Karlovský

Perusing my documents, I came upon the article by Col. Adolf Karlovský, my brother's friend from his youth, as well as a colleague from his military days. I thought it would be fitting to reprint this article today, in memory of Milan Jiří Hasal's passing on August 13, 1979 in Washington, D.C. (born August 13, 1925 in Prague). The article, reprinted below, was published in January, 1994 in Prague, at the time that many Czech newspapers carried commentaries on the 100th anniversary of the birth of Army General Antonin B. Hasal, Milan's father. It is a touching story from World War II, of two brave youths who followed their ideals and fought for their country. Karlovsky fought on the barricades in Prague at the end of the war and was wounded.

**Milica Hasalova-Moravcik  
SVU Edmonton Chapter**

Recently there appeared in the Czech press several articles about General of Army, Antonin Hasal, commemorating the 100th anniversary of his birth. No one, of course, wishes to deny the merits of this member of the original Czechoslovak unit within the Russian (Czarist) army (starodružiník) in World War I, after the much decorated commander of the 2nd sharpshooters regiment of the Czechoslovak legion in Russia, participant in World War II resistance at home, in England and in Carpathian Ruthenia. There, of course, the Soviets put a quick end by force to the work of his mission, because – despite all the solemn promises and treaty commitments – Stalin had a different idea of what the order in central Europe should be. In the shadow of the great personality that was General Hasal, his son – a young boy when the war broke out – has remained, so to say, in the background. However, thanks to family tradition and upbringing, he quickly understood what his duties to the na-

tion were.

Our mothers knew each other for a number of years. Shortly after her husband went into exile, Mrs. Hasalová mentioned to my mother that she was at a loss about what to do about Milan for the summer vacation because the family just moved to Prague from Brno after the liquidation of the Czechoslovak army, and Milan had not yet found new friends, preferably Boy Scouts. My mother thought immediately that I could perhaps help in this matter and recommended that Milan be accepted in the elite Prague 5th unit of Aquatic Scouts, where, shortly before that, I had become a 'Harbour Master'. For a new boy, a non scout to be accepted so shortly before the start of summer camp – which is really supposed to be the climax of a whole year of learning to be a scout – was of course against the principles of the captain of our unit, Jaroslav Novák, (Braćka), one of our best scout leaders ever. However, when I pointed out the unusual circumstances of his case, especially the general's recent escape to join our army in exile, 'Braćka' finally agreed that Milan should be accepted. (Characteristically, during the so-called 'Protectorate', no one was ashamed of, nor did anyone renounce family members in exile, as was the case during the rule of the Bolsheviks and as is often the case even today!). And so, young Hasal took part in our camp on the island 'Five' on the Seč reservoir. In a few days he managed to adjust to his surroundings so well that he could be hardly distinguished from 'veteran' experienced scouts.

Summer camp in the beautiful surroundings of the Seč reservoir came to an end a week before it was supposed to end so that it would not be closed down by the Gestapo. By then Milan had become so much part of the unit (he took his scout oath at Seč) that

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My encounter with the Klima family started after the Velvet Revolution when the author's son Michal Klima was publisher of the renowned Czech newspaper Lidové noviny. The outdated production facilities of the paper were being modernized by Michal and he asked our group of Canadian expatriates under the leadership of George Brady, to raise money for badly needed computer equipment. We successfully accomplished to send substantial funds to Prague.

Ivan Klima discovered his parents were Jewish only when the Nazis invaded. He was only 7 years old at the time. With thousands Czech Jews being interned in Terezin (Theresienstadt in German), the Klimas were fortunate to survive there for over three years. The camp was actually a staging point for thousands being sent on to Auschwitz or Treblinka. In this book, Klima describes the life in the camp: the line-ups for food and water; the barracks with beds and straw mattresses; his aging schoolteacher who began to give classes, then disappeared; his playmates who disappeared; and his father's friends who disappeared.

One interesting description in the book involves his father's political outlook. „In the Soviet Union, mankind's ancient dream of a society governed by sim-

## MY CRAZY CENTURY

Reviewed by Ernie Zucker

ple people, in which no one exploited anyone else and no one persecuted anyone on the ground of his racial or ethnic origin, had come true. The Soviets persecuted only capitalists - the owners of factories and landowners - but that was just the thing to do because these people had become wealth from the labour of their serfs and led a profligate life, while those who worked for them went hungry."

Yet one of his father's friends remonstrated with him, "You cannot be serious. Do you think people are prospering under communism? They have concentration camps there, for heaven's sake."

In the beginning, his father like many of his compatriots, voted in free elections for the communist party. It was not long that the communist „true face" surfaced and almost 200,000 Czechoslovaks died in Communist camps. Prague began to resemble the Terezin he remembered, because of the tendency of people disappearing.

The landlord gone. The drawing teacher. The persecutions veered in direction officially known as anti-Zionist, which meant anti-Semitic, which meant that father, for all his Communist ardour, was once again taken away, this time on a charge of industrial sabotage.

And yet Klima, as if sleepwalking, joined the party while in high school. Yet this was not conforming, but he shared his father's ignorance. He began to realize the scale of his delusion, only well into adulthood, when his wife's aunt, a veteran of Auschwitz, introduced him to a book by Isaac Deutscher about Stalin and Trotsky. Still, as a writer, who had the support of the authorities, he kept looking for Communism to reveal its humane side. This seemed to be happening in 1968 when Communist reformers came to power in Czechoslovakia. But the Red Army and its Warsaw Pact allies invaded, and extremely disillusioned, Klima's years as party member came to an end.

All this meant he could no longer work for the official magazines and publishing houses. He was one of a few Czech authors, luckily, in whom German publishers and people in the trade in other countries, continued to take interest. For example, Philip Roth together with Arthur Miller and William Styron were supportive. Yet with the best intentions, this help was limited, and the Klima family fell on hard times. He had to sweep streets for a living; he worked as an orderly in a hospital and took part-time work in restaurants.

In recounting the activities of Klima in the late stages of the communist regime, worth mention is his collaboration with Ludvík Vaculík and others in publishing the „samizdats" producing typewritten, carbon-copy editions of proscribed literature, in the hope that even small editions would keep native Czech literature alive.

It is interesting that Klima was not at the forefront of the so-called „Samet Revolution". He explains that, as a former communist, he harbored a distaste for mass political actions of any sort whatsoever. However, as the revolution progressed, he addressed a public meeting at Prague's National Theater. It was then that he realized that, merely by stepping onto the stage, he had confirmation that he was considered a key dissident, part of President Havel's team. He states: "I was overcome with an excitement similar to what I felt when I stood by the collapsed fence at Terezin, and waved at the passing soldiers who I knew were bringing with them the end of the war."

„My Crazy Country" contains a final section of more than a hundred pages on various topics close to Klima's heart. He compares Nazism and Communism, occasionally touching on Italian and Spanish fascism, while not forgetting on commenting on the Islamic radicals of our own time.

These essays tag along somewhat oddly after the memoir, and yet, considered from an artistic standpoint, they have the effect of amplifying, as though through giant loudspeakers, an emotion that the author is otherwise intent on expressing in a quiet tone of voice. This is a bellowing anger at what happened to many millions of people, himself included, victim of serial horrors inflicted by movements known as Nazism and Communism. ■

Translated by Craig Cravens

# REMEMBERING: The General's Son

## Col. Adolf F. J. Karlovský

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he continued to be active in scouting right from the start of the school year. Unfortunately this did not last long because the 'Reich protector of Bohemia and Moravia' issued a decree (maliciously dated October 28, 1940) dissolving the Boy Scouts organization and confiscating its assets, in the hope that this would knock out another source of resistance against the Germans. Instead, however, the official dissolution of the Boy Scouts organization succeeded rather in the accelerating integration of scouts in the resistance. And so (after 'Bratka' was arrested) a resistance group was formed in our aquatic scouts unit. The situation at the front was not very encouraging for this. France had suffered catastrophic defeat. Britain resisted Göring's Luftwaffe (which for years got its fuel from the Soviets) only with the greatest strain. It was perhaps because of this that we decided that we had to form a really military unit rather than playing soldiers. For this reason

we accepted only volunteers, boys who were at least sixteen. And so a group of twelve was formed from our Boy Scout unit. No one was old enough to have done his military service in the first republic. We needed a military leader and instructor. The role was assumed by Sergeant Jan Laštovka of the 4th, Antonín Švehla cavalry regiment. He was already active in the resistance and even had a contact through the Pancer brothers, with the 'three musketeers' - Balabán, Mašín, and Morávek. We started with basic combat training but from the very beginning we gathered intelligence for the leaders of the resistance. At first we decided ourselves what tasks we should take on, depending on our resources. However, when they realized 'upstairs' that we were serious, not some adolescent boys' group, we began to get assignments, mostly to gather intelligence until our training had progressed sufficiently so that we could be counted on for actual combat. We did, however, pick a somewhat romantic name for ourselves 'Highwayman' (Zbojník).

Milan Hasal was involved from the beginning. He went through basic training (at that time still with only dummy weapons and hand grenades). After a year, in October 1941, he took along with us the military oath in accordance with the armed forces regulation A-1-1. His work with us depended on his capabilities and on the tasks given to us, and along with us he looked forward to the time when we would finally receive the promised weapons, because for the time being the few pistol that we had were not much use. In the

meantime the Gestapo raged in the Czech lands. One of its actions, designed to weaken at least to some degree resistance at the home front was to set up an internment camp in Svatobořice in Moravia, primarily for relatives of those whose were known to be active in the resistance abroad or whose participation could be assumed. The Germans feared



at the Military Academy in Hranice, and again, following my assignment in Prague, at the Ruzyně barracks where Milan served with the 1st artillery regiment and I with the 5th, T.G. Masaryk Infantry Regiment. At that time, and until my transfer to Main Headquarters, Milan already belonged to our gang of junior officers. In the meantime he was also

awarded the medal 'For merit' First Class. This was for the intelligence work in the 'Highwayman', intelligence service in ZB (Zpravodajská Brigáda) - Intelligence Brigade, from 1944 on and for service with three combat teams of the 'Council of Three' at the end of the war. Because a number of officers stationed in Ruzyně were sons of generals, General Kutvašer used to quip that it was lieutenant-generals, not lieutenant-generals (Hasal, Hudeček, Zmek) who served in Ruzyně.

Sometime in May 1948 Gottwald, the new President of Czechoslovakia, relieved General Hasal of his post as head of the military office of the president of the republic. It was obvious that it was only

a question of days before the entire family would leave to go to exile. It was then that Milan (who was 'at home' at the U.S. Embassy) shared with me several cartons of otherwise unattainable cartridges for a Colt revolver. He left the empty cartons in his family's villa. There they were found by the military OBZ following the family's successful escape. And because after I was arrested, cartridge cartons bearing the same numbers were also found in my place, the comrades concluded 'vigilantly and alertly' that I have assisted in the Hasal's escape (which, in fact, I did not). Because they did not feel like doing over the indictment against me (which was already prepared), the prosecutor, lieutenant-colonel Vaš at least made use of it to 'complete the picture of my character' by demonstrating with what kind of people I associated with.

I know nothing about the life of the Hasal family in the USA, because I spent most of that time in Leopoldov and other Bolshevik jails. It was only a few years after I came to my Swiss exile that I saw the announcement of Milan's passing. I believe he was the first of the 'Highwayman' group to depart.

This is only a brief history of Milan Hasal. His life, though full of merit, considering his youth, can understandably be hardly compared with the life of his father. I believe, however, that Milan's name should always occupy a place of honor next to that of General Hasal and Milan's cousins, the Sabas, one of whom (Zdeněk) was executed by the Germans and the other (Miroslav) served in the Western army. ■

At some point (I believe it was at the beginning of the last year of the war) the Germans were in dire need of every hand they could get. They picked out in the Svatobořice camp a group of men and took them to Brno. Milan Hasal was included. However, he eventually succeeded to escape and quickly found his way to the partyzans (guerrilla) (Council of Three?). It was with the partyzans - finally with a weapon in his hand - that he spent the last week of the war. Proof of how he conducted himself is the War Cross that he was awarded for combat while with the partyzans. Milan was nineteen. Soon after the arrival of the cabinet in 1948 (in which General Hasal held the portfolio of transport) Milan and his parents came to see me in the hospital. I was there for a 'repair job' - an SS bullet struck my head, even through the British helmet which looked so good. We met again



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