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Farewell Reception for Ambassador Kacer

A large group of friends and Embassy personnel bid farewell to Slovak Ambassador Rastislav Kacer and his wife Tina at a reception at the Slovak Embassy on Monday, June 23. Damon Wilson, a senior member of the National Security Council, paid tribute to Ambassador Kacer for the outstanding work he had done on behalf of his country during his time in Washington, DC. Ambassador Kacer made major contributions to resolving important and difficult issues such as Slovakia's membership in NATO and Slovakia's prospective membership in the visa waiver program. His skillful diplomacy and personal prestige in Washington helped maintain good relations between Slovakia and the U.S. following a change in government in Slovakia.



**Bill Tucker presents
Amb. Kacer pheasant
hunt photos.**

Bill Tucker, Vice Chairman and President of FOS, remarked on the excellent cooperation Friends of Slovakia had from the Slovak Embassy during Ambassador Kacer's tenure which has made Friends of Slovakia a key Slovak-American organization in the U.S. On behalf of FOS, Mr. Tucker presented Ambassador Kacer with a photograph signed by South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds of the Governors Invitational Pheasant Hunt which was attended by Ambassador and Mrs. Kacer in October 2007. Ambassador Ted Russell, Founding Chairman of FOS, presented Ambassador Kacer with the first copy of the new Milan R. Stefanik FOS Medal of Honor designed by Washington sculptor Klara Sever to honor his contributions to

Slovak-American friendship. He thanked Ambassador Kacer for his friendship and strong support for FOS programs.

A number of other organizations and individuals commented on the excellent relationship they had with Ambassador Kacer and the Slovak Embassy during the past four years. ♦



**Amb. Russell, Amb. & Mrs. Kacer, and Damon
Wilson at medal presentation.**

Central European Energy Security Forum

Friends of Slovakia and American Friends of the Czech Republic sponsored a Central European Energy Security Forum at CSIS May 15. The focus was primarily on energy security issues concerning the Visegrad countries.

Distinguished speakers included Douglas Hengel, Deputy Assistant Secretary in the State Department Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs (and former Deputy Chief of Mission in Bratislava), Ambassador Vaclav Bartuska, Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security at the Czech Foreign Ministry, Wojciech Ponikiewski, Director of the Department of Foreign Economic Policy at the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Andrej Droba, Deputy Chief of Mission from the Slovak Embassy and Gabor Szabo, Head of the Economy and Trade Section, Embassy of Hungary. The Forum was moderated by CSIS Senior Associate Keith Smith.

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The Forum was well attended by an audience including representatives from US government agencies, foreign embassies, think tanks, business representatives and FOS and AFoCR Board members and supporters.

The following summary of the proceedings was prepared by CSIS. Global energy security challenges, such as soaring oil, gas and coal prices, rapidly growing energy consumption in China and India, geopolitical risks in unstable regions of the world, and producing countries' inability to increase output to the necessary level to satisfy global demand have significant effects on the Central European region as well. The region, however, is in a peculiar position mainly because of Russia's proximity and its countries' historically high dependence on Russian energy sources. While demand is expected to grow further in the whole EU in the coming decades, investment in the Russian energy sector is not sufficient to meet this demand.

Therefore, according to Douglas Hengel, diversification of energy supply is critical for the EU, especially for Central Europe. Mr. Hengel believes that European energy security can best be achieved by the EU's internal efforts to create an interconnected and liquid single energy market through the 3rd round of liberalization ("unbundling"), while keeping nuclear power generation capacity in place at the same time. While the Eastern part of the EU is strongly reliant on Russian energy imports, Southern Europe is more concerned about its dependence on North African gas, and Western Europe has a more or less diversified energy supply. Therefore, energy security in the EU is achievable in theory, but given the different concerns of different countries, it is not likely that the EU will start to speak with one voice and

develop a common foreign policy on energy in the foreseeable future.

Václav Bartuška pointed out, that energy infrastructure is weak within the EU especially in Central Europe with few interconnections, and believes that a major crisis (a 3-day blackout for example) would convince the governments to invest in energy infrastructure development. Speaking about Russia, Mr. Bartuška stressed that only the EU as a whole can successfully engage Russia, as when Moscow talks to individual countries (especially in the Central European region), it can calibrate its message to every single country, remunerate the ones that cooperate and punish those who resist, strike bilateral deals and easily divide the EU in terms of energy policy. Mr. Bartuška added that it is Russia's strategic interest to build as many costly pipelines as it can, since it is the European consumer, who eventually will pay for them.

Speaking about Poland, Wojciech Ponikiewski emphasized that Poland imports only about half of its energy needs, but it means that it is heavily reliant on domestic coal and lignite at the same time, especially in power generation which has been highly problematic since the discourse on climate change and a carbon-free future started within the EU.

Poland, however, is currently not ready to abandon coal and lignite and hopes that clean coal technologies (such as CCS) will provide a solution in the not too distant future. Mr. Ponikiewski believes that energy security can be achieved through a common European energy market and diversification projects, but expensive infrastructural investments are necessary for both. Sometimes, however, these decisions has to be based solely on political will and not necessarily on commercial logic as energy security is not always market based. The elements of Poland's diversi-

fication strategy are the increased use of renewable sources (15 percent by 2020) stipulated by the EU, the joint project of the Ignalina nuclear power plant with the Baltic states, a planned LNG terminal on the Baltic sea, the increasing use of North Sea gas through the planned pipeline connection with the Danish network, the Odessa-Brody pipeline extension and the possible use of domestically generated nuclear power.

Following the announcement of Nord Stream and later South Stream, Slovakia has found itself in a highly unfavorable situation as these pipelines are not only bypassing Ukraine, but also Slovakia which might lose much of its strategic significance upon the completion of both. Slovakia on its part sees nuclear energy as the best solution for the energy security dilemma, supports electricity interconnectors between countries in the Central European region, but thinks that renewables will only play a supplementary role in its energy mix and Russia will remain a key partner for the country.

Hungary's diversification strategy is based on the already existing Adria oil pipeline which can transit shipped oil from the Middle East through Croatia, the planned New Europe Transmission System (NETS) which aims to unify the gas transmission networks of Eastern European countries, the planned LNG terminal in Croatia in which Hungarian oil & gas company MOL will participate through its Croatian subsidiary INA and on a significant increase of strategic gas storage capacity. Hungary also regards South Stream as a means of diversification since it will provide an additional supply route for natural gas regardless of its origin, and has high hopes that its recently discovered unconventional gas field near Mako will help to solve the energy security problems of the entire region in the medium-term. ♦

Profile: David P. Frankel

David Frankel has served on the Board of Directors of the Friends of Slovakia since the organization's founding in 2001. He has a longstanding personal and professional interest in Slovakia.

In 1991, David was one of the first government employees sent as a long term advisor to the Slovak portion of the former Czechoslovakia. As an attorney with the Federal Trade Commission, he was sent to Bratislava along with an economist colleague from the U.S. Department of Justice to help three newly-formed government offices in Czechoslovakia implement and enforce their nascent competition laws. For David, this was a homecoming of sorts. Despite the fact that this was his first venture to Europe, David's great-grandfather, Jozef, was born in Dlha nad Kysucou, a small village near Cadca in what was then the Austro-Hungarian Empire. While David's grandfather was born in the U.S., he lived for about 13 years in the Slovak portion of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

David recalls his advisory role with the Federal Office for Economic Competition, the Slovak Antimonopoly Office and the Czech Office for Economic Competition as the most professionally rewarding of his 27+ years as a lawyer. "My Slovak and Czech colleagues were eager to disband the old centrally planned and controlled economy, privatize government-owned enterprises and services, and learn how pri-

vate enterprises in free markets are regulated in a way that leads to the maximization of consumer welfare," said David. At the same time, they yearned for American culture, such as its music and films – even McDonalds – as they sought to achieve other types of freedom.

David is an avid bicyclist and he brought his fancy French/Italian racing bike with him to Slovakia. He rode hundreds of miles in different parts of the country either solo or with his new-found Slovak cycling companions.



David Frankel on his cross-country bicycle trip.

At the end of his mission in 1992, David was not keen on leaving a country he had come to love. Thus began his effort to find a way to return to Slovakia. As luck would have it, the Chairman of the Slovak Antimonopoly Office, Lubomir Dolgos, was appointed as the Minister of Privatization. Minister Dolgos invited David to return to work as an advisor at the Ministry and David took what turned out to be a two year leave of absence from the FTC thanks to the generous support of the Foundation for

a Civil Society. Given the frequent changes in governments and policies, David's two year stint at the Ministry was not nearly as rewarding professionally as his previous work as an advisor on competition issues. David ultimately served four different ministers from three political parties. By the end of his tenure, David had served at the Ministry for longer than most of his Slovak colleagues.

Nevertheless, on a personal level, David's second stint in Slovakia was very rewarding. He worked hard to become fluent in Slovak, he made many lifelong friends, and he met a wonderful woman, Jana, who is now his wife. They live together in Washington, D.C. with Jana's daughter. They are frequent hosts of Slovaks visiting our nation's capital, some of whom have lived with them for weeks or months at a time, and the Frankels often attend events sponsored by the Slovak embassy.

In 2006, David rode his bicycle from Seattle, Washington to Washington, DC – 3,300 miles in 47 days. Most days during that ride he proudly wore Slovak cycling jerseys to honor the country and people who have so enriched his life.

David enjoys meeting Slovaks new to the US almost as much as he enjoys returning to visit his friends and family in Slovakia. David and Jana plan on living in Slovakia most of the year after he retires. His dream is to teach law in Slovakia and use his legal skills through volunteer work there to help others. ♦

Astronaut Eugene Cernan Joins FOS Board

Captain Eugene A. Cernan joined the Friends of Slovakia Board of Advisors on February 12, 2008. He is a retired U.S. naval officer and a former NASA astronaut of Slovak ancestry.

He has been into space three times: as co-pilot of Gemini 9A in June 1966; as lunar module pilot of Apollo 10 in May 1969; and as commander of Apollo 17 in

December 1972, the final lunar landing mission, making Captain Cernan the last man to have left his footprints on the lunar surface. He was also a backup crew member for the Gemini 12, Apollo 7 and Apollo 14 missions.

Captain Cernan is a native of Chicago, IL, son of a Czech mother and a Slovak father. He is a 1956 graduate of Purdue

University with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He was commissioned into the United States Navy through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps at Purdue, and became a naval aviator flying jets. He also holds a M.S. in Aeronautical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School.

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In 1976, Captain Cernan retired both from the Navy (as a Captain) and from NASA, and went into private business.



Captain Eugene A. Cernan on the moon.

Captain Cernan is one of only three men to voyage to the moon on two different occasions (the others being Jim Lovell and John Young), and one of only twelve men to walk on the moon. Captain Cernan orbited the moon on Apollo 10 and one of twelve to work on the moon on Apollo 17.

While on the moon during Apollo 17, he and his crewmate Harrison Schmitt performed three extra-vehicular outings during a three day stay for a total of about 22 hours of exploration. During this time they covered over 35 kilometers using the Lunar Rover and spent a great deal of time collecting geologic samples that would shed light on the moon's early history.

As Captain Cernan got ready to climb the ladder he spoke these words, the last spoken by a human standing on the moon's surface: "As we leave the Moon at Taurus-Littrow, we leave as we came, and God willing, as we shall return, with peace and hope for all mankind. As I take these last steps from the surface for some time to come, I'd just like to record that America's challenge of today has forged man's destiny of tomorrow. Godspeed the crew of Apollo 17."

He is the author of *"The Last Man on the Moon"*, his memoirs of his career both with NASA and before. In the 1998 miniseries,

"From the Earth to the Moon", Cernan was played by Daniel Hugh Kelly. Captain Cernan is featured in the documentary, *"In the Shadow of the Moon"*, and the Discovery miniseries, *"When We Left Earth"*.

Captain Cernan was inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame on March 19, 1993. ♦



The museum display featuring Captain Eugene A. Cernan.

Profile: First Catholic Slovak Union

This article is one of an occasional series profiling important Slovak-American fraternal and other organizations. In this issue, we profile the First Catholic Slovak Union.

The First Catholic Slovak Union (FCSU), founded in 1890 in Cleveland, Ohio, is the second oldest Slovak fraternal society in the U.S. Many Slovak Americans are familiar with its shorter, less formal name of "Jednota," a Slovak word meaning "union" or "fraternity." As a fraternal organization, the Jednota provides insurance benefits to individuals and families while serving broader purposes for the Slovak American community.

On September 4-6, 1890, twelve men under the leadership of Father Stephen Furdek, gathered in Cleveland, Ohio and formed the First Catholic Slovak Union to provide insurance benefits to workers and their families. The organization grew from its 320-member beginning in

1890 to a peak in 1965 of approximately 105,000 members, making it then the largest Slovak fraternal organization in the world. The Jednota is a "union" of hundreds of branches throughout the United States and Canada, through which the organization offers a competitive array of insurance products, such as life insurance and annuities. Today, the Jednota has approximately \$325 million of insurance in force and over \$200 million in assets. FCSU's current President is Andrew M. Rajec.

In addition to these insurance services, since its early years, the Jednota has continually supported activities that foster Catholic values and family life, and has been a staunch supporter of Slovakia and Slovak culture. In its early years, the FCSU maintained a "Poor Fund" to care for widows and orphaned children. Then, in 1914, it opened the Jednota Home and Immaculate Conception School in Middletown, Pennsylvania, for orphaned children of

members, on a large plot of land known as "Jednota Estates." The home and school were in operation from 1914 until 1969 and approximately 4,000 children were cared for over the years, completely at the society's expense and without federal or state aid. In addition to the orphanage, the FCSU once operated a large farm on Jednota Estates and helped found the religious order, the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, whose first motherhouse was located there. Also, located on the Estates was the Jednota Press, which during the Communist era, was one of the few places in the world that printed Slovak Catholic literature. Over the past century, the FCSU has promoted Slovak culture by publishing scores of books and periodicals ranging from religion to literature, history, and language. Continuously since 1891, the FCSU has published its renowned bilingual newspaper, *Jednota*. A copy can be viewed at FCSU's website, www.fcsu.com.

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August 2008

Dear Friend of Slovakia,

If you have not done so yet, this will serve as a friendly reminder to please pay your 2008 membership dues or this will be the last issue of the FOS Newsletter you receive. For your information, annual membership dues are as follows:

- \$35 for individuals
- \$250 for NGOs, organizations and Fraternal organizations
- \$2,500 for companies interested in doing business in Slovakia
- \$5,000 for companies currently doing business in Slovakia

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We thank you for your continued support which makes it possible for us to continue our mission of strengthening the US-Slovak partnership.

Yours sincerely,

William Tucker
Vice Chairman & President

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The Jednota and its branches serve the broader Slovak American community by sponsoring a wide range of fraternal activities including bowling leagues, golf tournaments, traditional Slovak Christmas Eve dinners, dances, communion breakfasts, cultural programs, and an annual family picnic. For many

years, FCSU has awarded college scholarships to its young members. This year it awarded 73 scholarships to deserving students.

Those located in the national capital area may be interested to know that in 1965, the FCSU donated the Jednota Chapel of Our Mother of Sorrows at the

National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, in Washington, D.C. This award winning structure is the most visited chapel at the Shrine. In this fifteenth anniversary year of an independent Slovakia, the FCSU can claim a proud place in Slovak and Slovak American history. ♦

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Ravaged by June Flooding

It had been an unusually wet spring in Iowa. Planting was late, the ground was soggy, and the rivers were full. The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library (NCSML) building, constructed well above the recorded flood line, seemed secure...at least until Monday, June 9th, when Gail Naughton and her staff received the first warning that the waters of the Cedar River might breach its banks, but it was not predicted to exceed the 1993 flood line (when the water was not high enough to enter the building).

The NCSML staff and volunteers sprang into action. They mounted a sand bagging project, hired a large truck and began loading it with the most precious museum artifacts and the archival collection from the library. These efforts continued on Tuesday, when the weather prediction issued earlier held.

On Wednesday, June 11th, officials raised the potential height of any flooding. An earthen dike was constructed to protect the museum and the neighboring Czech Village. A second large truck was hired and filled; some of the collection was moved to the second floor; and the staff and volunteers raced against the clock to save as much of the collection as possible. Five inches of rain fell on Thursday causing the Cedar River waters to rise above all expectations.

On Friday, June 13th, the river rose 12 feet over the 1993 high water mark, resulting in a violent surge of water crashing into the museum, breaking down doors, smashing windows, ripping

out walls, and turning enormous exhibit cases, heavy furniture, and the grand piano upside down. The entire neighborhood was under water and ravaged by its force.



Museum volunteer displays vase rescued from flood's destruction.

It was not until Thursday, June 19th that the NCSML staff could enter the building. They surveyed the total devastation of the building and its contents. The inventory of the museum store lay in ruins; the inside high water mark reached eight feet. Staff, volunteers, and professional cleaning crews worked non-stop for four days to salvage museum artifacts and library contents, and

clear out, clean and disinfect the building. Efforts are underway to repair damaged artifacts. The interior of the building is stripped to the studs and is drying out. The NCSML website (www.NCSML.org) has a gallery of pictures and updates on the flood and its aftermath.

NCSML needs our help! Three major sources of NCSML income are gone: admissions, museum shop sales, and facilities rentals. There is a temporary office from which NCSML operations continue. Soon the staff and board will begin the huge task of assessing the extent of the damage and determining the funds needed (in the millions to be sure) to repair and rebuild, and to make critical decisions for the future of this important reservoir of Czech and Slovak heritage in the United States.

Efforts are afoot in the Slovak and Czech Republics to provide assistance. There has been a global response to the disaster, with worldwide recognition of the importance of the museum.

Now, we invite you, our readers, to help the museum. Please send your check, payable to *FOS Museum Flood Relief Fund*, to

Friends of Slovakia
Manor Oak Two, Suite 500
1910 Cochran Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

Thank you! ♦

Slovak Scholars and Their Summer Activities

This summer 2008 I have had an excellent opportunity to attend the Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Politics and Economic Systems at Georgetown University sponsored by the Fund for American Studies. I would not have had this chance to come to Washington, DC without the FOS's generous sponsorship. These are people who have given of their time and money for my benefit this summer. I am so thankful to these people at the Friends of Slovakia for it.

Through the Fund for American Studies, I was able to attend briefings at the White House, Capitol Hill, Federal Reserve Bank, the Hong Kong Trade Office and the State Department. Various political and government officials came to Georgetown to give lectures on topics such as the upcoming election which strengthened my understanding of American culture and politics. In addition to interning and attending briefings, I took two Georgetown classes: Economics and American foreign policy. I found the lecture styles very different from any of class that I've taken, even when my professors discussed complicated economic systems in depth. At times it was diffi-



Martin Socuvka at the Capital in Washington, DC.

cult to balance all of these obligations, but I have worked hard to make these past eight weeks the best summer of my life.

My internship at the Institute of World politics and classes were great ways to develop relationships with American professionals, expose myself to new ideas and make the most personal and



Filip Popovic, Miriama Svetkovska, Adm. Mike Mullen, (chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff), Martin Socuvka and Bill Tucker

intellectual progress. Many other great experiences took place outside of the classroom or office. I've learned how to debate but also respect people of differing opinions while balancing the mental stress of managing an incredibly busy schedule.

I would highly encourage anyone to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities provided by TFAS and FOS. ♦

Martin Socuvka

When I look out the window and think about everything that has been happening to me in the last eight weeks in Washington, DC, I can't believe that summer will soon be over. As one of the FOS scholars, I have had a chance to participate in the Georgetown University program, arranged by The Fund of American Studies in cooperation with Friends of Slovakia.

According to my interests and academic background I have chosen to study in the Engalitcheff Institute of Comparative Political and Economy Systems. This institute gives students the opportunity to

gain real-world experience in the nation's capital, interning on Capitol Hill, federal agencies, think tanks, political groups, or international affairs organizations. During my stay I had the unforgettable opportunity to work in Global Insight within the Country Intelligence Group. This internship gave me a wonderful experience, with lots of space for self-realization, and

a chance to see my career path. I had a chance to participate in developing one special product, attend many international meetings e.g. with World Bank and German Marshall Fund, and even work on some issues that I was responsible for. I would like to give special thanks to Sharon Fisher, my supervisor and friend who made my stay in DC really comfortable.

I have attended two courses at Georgetown University that were specialized in economics and US foreign policy. These courses have



Miriama Svetkovska at a special event in Washington, DC.

increased my knowledge of international relations and given me the opportunity to meet interesting people from all around the world. I had a chance to speak to professionals in White House, Capitol Hill, Federal Reserve Bank during our special briefings, I attended. I enjoyed also all Georgetown sport facilities and their wonderful library.

Besides school and my internship, I went sightseeing and was invited to many special events. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Slavik for a dinner invitation and the chance to speak to many interesting people; and Mr. Tucker for inviting me to hear Adm. Mullen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I had

also a great time meeting people from Slovak Embassy, Mr. and Mrs. Senko and all the Slovaks who invited me to visit wonderful places while I stayed in the USA. And I can't forget to thank Mr. Scott Salmon from US Steel, who brought me many ideas and guidance for my professional development during a lunch we enjoyed together.

I have already graduated from my university studies in Slovakia, and this opportunity has brought me essential educational and professional experiences for my future career path. Firstly, I would like to say that I couldn't have attended this program without the generous support of Friends of Slovakia. Secondly, I won't ever forget the people who helped me to enjoy this amazing opportunity they will stay in my memories forever. ♦

Miriama Svetkovska

Reception for FOS scholars

Julie and Juraj Slavik hosted a reception for the Friends of Slovakia (FOS) summer scholars at their home in Washington, DC on Thursday, July 10th. This year's scholars—Miriama Svetkovska and Martin Socuvka—are studying at the Engalitcheff



Board members meet Miriama Svetkovska at reception.

Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems of the Fund for American Studies (TFAS). From the Slovak Embassy, attendees included Andrej Droba (Chargé d'affaires), Fedor Roll (Counselor, Consular and Legal Affairs), and Stella Kukuckova (First Secretary – Culture & Science). Joining the group were FOS board members Joe Senko (with his wife, Albina), William Tucker (with his wife, Nancy), Scott Salmon, John Miller, David Frankel (with his wife, Jana), and Sharon Fisher, as well as TFAS staff members Mark Pfundstein and Mary Connell. In addition, several others from the local community were in attendance, including Peter Kukura and Steven Fabry. While Martin was unable to attend due to illness, the reception gave Miriama the opportunity to visit with other guests and describe her experiences at Georgetown. ♦

90th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PITTSBURGH AGREEMENT SIGNING

May 30th of this year marked the 90th anniversary of the Pittsburgh Agreement. In 1918, leaders of local and national Slovak and Czech fraternal organizations met in Pittsburgh where they drafted and signed a document (Pittsburgh Agreement) that led to the establishment of an independent Czechoslovak state which was formerly part of the Astro-Hungarian Empire. This document is often compared to the U.S. Declaration of Independence or the Magna Carta.

To celebrate the anniversary of this momentous occasion, the original Pittsburgh Agreement went on display at the Slovak Parliament Building in Bratislava. Both U.S. Ambassador Vincent Obsitnik and Slovak Foreign Minister Jan Kubis addressed a large group attending the ceremony.

After being on display for a week in the lobby of the Parliament Building, the document was transferred to the Slovak National Museum where it is part of exhibition entitled "How We Lived". The exhibit shows life in Slovakia in the twentieth century. The Pittsburgh Agreement will remain there until October. After a brief exhibit in Prague, it will return to its permanent home at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh, PA where it will be on continuous display in mid-November as part of Pittsburgh's celebration of its 250th birthday. ♦



Amd. Obsitnik and Joe Senko in the Slovak Parliament.

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