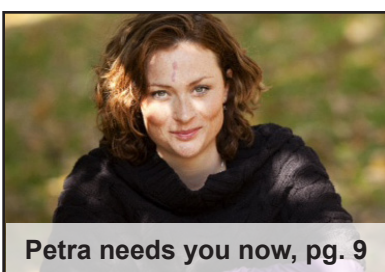




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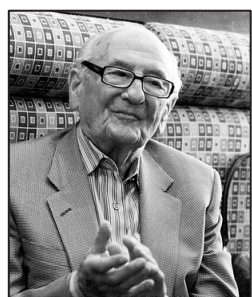
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CZECH SCHOOL IN ATLANTA, TO HONOR OF KAREL VELAN

The idea for a Czech school in Atlanta was brought up by Iva Valkusova back in February of this year. Iva spent six months putting all the ducks



in a row, searching if Atlanta had enough interested parents and figuring out how this project could be realized. She did a tremendous job starting the process and finding many other enthusiasts before she returned to the Czech Republic in July.

The Czech School of Atlanta works with the Honorary Consul General of the Czech Republic in Atlanta Mr. Novak, the Czech North American Chamber of Commerce and Culture, which is based in Atlanta and Canada, and Mr. Karel Velan. Mr. Velan (95) is a Czech immigrant living in Canada with his family. He is still very active in all his activities especially in

promoting Czech culture and helping all those in need.

The Czech School of Atlanta is based on the principles of Czech School without Borders with whom we work very closely. Our school is for all children who are interested in learning to speak, sing, write, read and think in Czech language, but also get to know the culture and history of the Czech Republic. Children learn through play and with the help of music, arts and printed materials.

During the school year 2013/2014 we offer Czech classes for children 2 to 12 years of age, but next year we expect to have classes for older children up to 15 years of age and classes for adults. To date, we have registered 33 children. The children are divided into 3 groups.

1. Broucci (Beetles) (2-4 years) – Children learn through music and art, spoken word and theater. 2. Slunicka (Suns) (4-6 years) – This is our strongest group. This class will be similar in structure to a typical Kindergarten class. 3. Kouzelnici (Wiz-

ards) (6-12 years) – Children will be taught using textbooks and exercise books, but also through music and art.

Classes will run for 32 weeks, 2 hours per week for all groups in rented classrooms of Sandy Springs Charter Middle School. The course fee is \$7.00 per hour, which totals \$450.00 for the entire school year. Siblings receive a 15% discount.

The Grand Opening of the school took place on Saturday, September 7 at 9:30 AM in Benson Center located at 6500 Vernon Woods Drive, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. The program included a ribbon-cutting ceremony, games for children and refreshments prepared by Chef Janousek of 173 Carlyle House located at 173 S Peachtree Street, Norcross, GA 30071. Parents and children not only got to know the teaching staff and school board better, but also learned more about the school.

We thank everyone for their support. Lenka Mohwish, The Czech School of Atlanta, www.czechschoolatlanta.com

Source: <http://czechmatediary.com/>

...kicks off their 50th year of choral music in Toronto with *Triumph of the Spirit*, a concert celebrating the resilience of the human spirit, on Tuesday, November 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Church on-the-Hill, 300 Lonsdale Road.

"Fifty years ago Toronto organist and conductor John Sidgwick had a vision of a choral organization with a 'difference'. That dream has survived the test of time", says artistic director Robert Cooper, "and I am proud to lead an organization which celebrates the transformational power of choral music as an agent of social change and passionate medium of artistic expression." John Freund (picture), Holocaust survivor, reads from his moving personal memoir *I Was One of the Lucky Few: the Story of My Childhood*. John recounts his harrowing childhood experiences as a Czechoslovakian Jew surviving in the Nazi concentration camps of Terezin and Auschwitz, through to eventual liberation and sanctuary at

age fifteen, and culminating with a new life in Canada as a young man.

Orpheus enhances the readings with deeply moving choral selections and dramatic visual projections, selected by Brock University film and culture

The Orpheus Choir of Toronto...

historian Joan Nicks, to underscore this journey and reflect on the ability of the human spirit to survive extraordinary suffering and adversity.

To complete the program, *Orpheus* commemorates the centenary of the brilliant English composer Benjamin Britten with the Canadian premiere of his rarely-heard 1938 pacifist cantata *World of the Spirit*. "This breathtaking and remarkable work is long overdue a Toronto performance", says Cooper,

"and audiences will be captivated by its generosity of spirit, wonderful melodic sweep and lyrical fervour."

Joining *Orpheus* for this 50th anniversary opening concert

and choral 'multi-media event' will be the Talisker Players, Souleppper actors Courtney Ch'ng Lancaster and Paolo Santalucia and the North Toronto CI Women's Chorus.

Tickets: \$30, \$25 for seniors, and \$15 for students. Group Rates are available. Order tickets online at www.orpheuschoirtoronto.com or call (416) 530-4428 to order by phone. More info: Karen Gregory 416-778-9447 or karengregory@sympatico.ca



Czech President Milos Zeman and Israeli president Simon Peres

Czech President, Israeli Justice Minister discuss Middle East

Jerusalem - Czech President Milos Zeman repeated his opinion that embassies should move from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem after Israeli-Palestinian reconciliation, during a joint luncheon with Tzipi Livni, Israeli justice minister and main negotiator with the Palestinians, today.

According to CTK's information, Zeman again spoke about the need of international anti-terrorism struggle like on the first day of his Israeli visit on Monday.

This afternoon, Zeman visited the Mount Olivet and the Getsemane Garden. Later he went to the Wailing Wall and signed himself in the visitors' book.

Zeman had breakfast with Czech businesspeople who are strongly represented in his delegation.

Afterwards he gave an interview to an Israeli daily and local television station.

According to CTK's information it was daily The Marker and the Arutz 2 channel.

In the interviews, Zeman repeated his opinions of the Middle East issue that he formulated earlier during his visit to Israel, his spokeswoman Hana Burianova said.

Tonight Zeman will dine with Czech and Israeli businesspeople. During the evening successful Czech firms operating in Israel will be awarded.

During his Israeli visit Zeman is also trying to tell local businesspeople to invest more in the Czech Republic and he said more Czech firms should take part in tenders in Israel.

Zeman arrived in Israel in the evening on Sunday. He started his official programme on Monday when he met President Shimon Peres and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Zeman is accompanied by his wife Ivana and daughter Katerina. According to the programme CTK has at its disposal, they visited kibbutz Givat Haim Ihud, Beit Theresienstadt Museum and met Holocaust survivors. This afternoon they visited an Austrian hospice in Jerusalem.

Author: ČTK

Source: <http://www.ceskenoviny.cz/news/zpravy/czech-president-israeli-justice-minister-discuss-middle-east/993163>

TORONTO – Radicalized Muslims do operate and recruit in Toronto and one Islamic leader warns we shouldn't be surprised by news of more nefarious terror plots in the future.

„There are a lot of people in our community that are a little rigid,“ Muhammad Robert Heft, of the Paradise Forever Islamic Centre, said Wednesday. „Not thousands but hundreds.“

Hundreds?

In a week when one Toronto-area resident, along with a Montrealer, have been charged by the RCMP in a terror plot to murder innocent people on a passenger train, it's a troubling detail.

But it's not new for Heft, a Muslim convert who has a history of working with radical Muslim youth, including being a court-appointed counselor for one of the convicted Toronto 18 members.

So the alleged train attack plot did not surprise him.

And nor will news of other disturbing conspiracies in the future.

„I think we are having our idiots like any community so it's not one or two. It won't be the first, won't be the last,“ he said in an interview with myself and The Sun News Network's Rebecca Thompson.

We asked, „Do you hear about such things regularly?“ He nodded his head.

„Oh yeah, some of these mosque people are really emotional (and) what goes on around the world is an easy sell,“ he said. „They buy into the narrative that it's us versus them. But are they going to act on it?“

„It's like the KKK, as long as they are not burning anybody at the



Islamic leader warns of 'hundreds' of radicals

By JOE WARMINGTON

cross, they are still allowed to live in America.“

It's still shocking to hear.

His involvement with RCMP community outreach and in the de-radicalization of young people has provided him insight into those inside some mosques who are recruiting young people to go down the dark corridors of radical Islam.

He said he had it happen to him.

The 40-year-old Heft grew up in Milton where he left the Lutheran Church. Later, as an adult, he said he worked at CN Rail before going overseas to teach English.

He's a character -- laughing, smiling and cracking jokes. He's also a Maple Leafs fan.

But he understands how one can go down the wrong path since they tried to recruit him.

„I was a little radical myself, a little over zealous,“ he said. „Of course, they didn't get me where I wanted to commit acts of violence, but it was heading in that direction.“

He said he was told „we are the special and chosen ones. I started asking them a lot of questions and they gave up on me and said, 'Either follow me or leave me.'“

Heft said this experience helped him later while working as a liaison with the RCMP to reach out and try to help families with young men who they fear were becoming too hard-core and fundamentalist.

People like Raed Jaser's father, Mohamed.

The man rented an apartment in Heft's home and had mentioned his concern for son Raed, who was charged this week in the alleged terror plot to target a train with a bomb.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

„He felt his son was too rigid, maybe a little too self-righteous,“ Heft said. They never did get to the point of a face-to-face meeting but, he said, Raed's father was trying to do the right thing.

„His father is a standup man who, as you saw, said, 'Let the RCMP do their job.' He would have turned his son in to police.“

A so far unknown Toronto imam is said to have done just that.

It was the proper move but not everyone in the community will see it that way. Heft knows this since he gets push-back from some Muslims for his „counter-terrorism“ work with police.

„These guys see me as a traitor“ because „I am not down with their interpretation of Islam so I am suddenly not a Muslim.“

But, he said, he is a Muslim like the majority of others here who abhor the allegations laid out by the Mounties this week.

No Muslim, he said, should tolerate or turn a blind eye to violent jihad. „Throw the book at them,“ Heft said. „I think we are too soft on crime sometimes.“

Source: <http://www.sunnewsnetwork.ca/sunnews/straighttalk/archives/2013/04/20130425-070630.html>, April 2013

Being poor decreases brain power, study finds

By Lori Culbert

“In both tasks, the rich were uninfluenced by condition,” the study notes, “whereas the poor performed significantly worse in the hard condition.”

People living in poverty are often blamed for not improving their lives, but the new research argues being poor uses so much mental energy that little brain-power is leftover to make good, life-changing decisions.

If you are worried about how to pay the rent or feed your kids, says UBC psychology professor Jiaying Zhao, then that lowers your cognitive ability to do other mental tasks, such as studying at school or performing well in your job.

“Previous views on poverty blame poverty on the poor themselves because they are not capable, or because of their personal failing, or because of lower education, etc.,” said Zhao, who grew up in a poor household in China.

“We take a very different, almost the opposite view: This is not about the individuals themselves, but the context — you are in poverty, you don't have enough cognitive resources.”

The findings from the five-year study, which Zhao conducted with three other professors while a graduate student at Princeton University in the United States, are published in the journal *Science*.

The research paper, *Poverty Impedes Cognitive Function*, argues governments and society can help poor people improve their financial status by reducing bureaucratic hurdles, such as filling out long forms or deciphering new rules.

The study was broken into two parts which analyzed responses

ers in India.

For the first part, the participants had annual salaries ranging from \$20,000 to \$160,000, with a median of \$70,000, to reflect U.S. demographics, Zhao said.

One hundred of those participants were described as having four financial scenarios, such as their cars needed repairs and they could either pay, take out a loan,



or ignore the problem. The questions were intended to trigger thoughts of their own personal finances.

Before giving their answers, the participants performed two computer-based psychology tests that measure cognitive functions, such as thinking logically and solving problems.

In the car scenario, half the participants were told the repairs would only cost \$150, while the bill for the other half was \$1,500. The group with the lower bill performed similarly on the psychological tests regardless of financial backgrounds; but of those with the more expensive bill, the poor performed much worse than the rich.

“In both tasks, the rich were uninfluenced by condition,” the study notes, “whereas the poor performed significantly worse in the hard condition.”

Three other tests with other



from 400 people with varying finances recruited in a New Jersey mall, as well as the experiences of 464 impoverished farm-

participants in the lab aimed at weeding out alternative explanations for this finding, such as “math anxiety” causing the poor

to achieve lower cognitive scores during the financial stress scenarios.

The outcome — that those in poverty have less mental capacity left for other tasks when they are in a financial crisis — remained consistent, but researchers then wanted to know if the findings would be the same in real life.

Therefore, they conducted a field study involving 464 sugarcane farmers in small villages in Tamil Nadu, India.

The farmers were given two psychological tests in 2010 before the harvest, when they were poor, pawning personal belongings and taking out loans. Then they were interviewed again after the harvest when they had money.

In the post-harvest, when the farmers had fewer financial woes, they answered questions on the tests faster and more accurately. The study also ruled out other factors that could explain these results — such as before the harvest farmers physically work harder and/or eat less, and after the harvest it was the second time they had taken the test.

“Taken together, the two sets of studies — in the New Jersey mall and the Indian fields — illustrate how challenging financial conditions, endemic to poverty, can result in diminished cognitive capacity,” the study concluded.

But how much is the poor's brain power diminished by financial concerns?

The study says it is the equivalent of trying to function after losing a full night's sleep.

It is also the equivalent of a swing in 13 IQ points, which is sizable enough, Zhao said, to move a person with average intelligence up to superior smarts or down to borderline retardation.

Therefore, just as governments tax the poor less, they should also not intellectually strain them when they need help, the study argues. For example, farmers should be sent information about new agricultural practices post-harvest, and those without jobs should not face complicated forms.

“The hurdles you have to go through in order to receive welfare all consume cognitive resources, and these are resources the poor don't have because they are struggling with other financial issues,” Zhao said.

Eliminating such red tape, the study argues, would not only contribute to economic stability but also increase society's pool of brain power.

“By giving the poor resources, you are not just making them a little richer but enabling more cognitive resources, and as a result other aspects of their lives will improve,” Zhao said.

Source: <http://o.canada.com/2013/08/29/being-poor-decreases-brain-power-study-finds/>

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When did you get sick for the first time? What were the symptoms? What did the doctors say?

When I was first diagnosed with leukemia I was very surprised because I knew very little about the disease and how it could have happened to me. It was 9 months after my daughter was born that I started to feel tired, weak, bruised easily and started to have serious headaches. After a simple blood test I was contacted immediately by the doctor and later that day sent to Brno. There I spent 3 days in JIP awaiting results of which kind of leukemia I had. Approximately after a week of examinations, I started my first round of aggressive chemo and was hospitalized for a month. The doctors and I were very optimistic. I underwent 2 more cycles of chemo as they started to look into the bone marrow register for a donor. Unfortunately we didn't find a compatible donor and so I had an Autologous transplant. I was diagnosed in May 2010 and had my transplant in November 2010!

What happened after your successful treatments?

After the transplant I weekly went the Brno for blood transfusions or diskettes for about 8 months. I had blood tests done every 6 weeks and bone marrow drains every 3 months for the first year. The second year it was wasn't so often

because my results were good. In 2013 I was planned to only come to Brno for a check up twice. Every 6 months. And we were hopeful that it was going to be just a yearly check-up from then on.

How did you learn that the leukemia had come back? Was it during a regular check-up, or did health problems make you go to a doctor?

My last check-up was in May 2013. And the blood work came back good, but the doctors noticed a slight increase in my core cells. They called me at the beginning of September to come in to make sure everything was alright. I was scheduled to have my next appointment in November. At this time I was feeling great, healthy and becoming more active. I didn't have any symptoms like the first time.

What was your first reaction to this diagnosis?

It was just before I had to teach (I'm a native speaker/ lecture at a private language school), and when I saw the number on my phone just 3 days after my bone marrow

drain, my heart sank. I was in tears. I couldn't believe it because I didn't have any symptoms. Luckily my sister was there with me, so she calmed me down. I told my boss the news and went home to my husband and daughter to give them the news shortly after. My husband was in disbelief and well. My 4 year old daughter doesn't understand it much.

Did you tell your daughter about your disease? Does she know what is happening to you?

It's hard to tell a 4 year old about cancer. So we just told her that mommy is sick and that I have to go to the hospital for a bit. I told her that daddy will be with her all the time



sister were my rocks and were always there when I needed a hand. But I also have many friends from Canada, since I lived there for over 22 years. They have all reached out to me and sent their support and prayers. But I have this one best friend, Jenn Rodgers, who was diagnosed with uterine cancer shortly after I was diagnosed with leukemia. She gave me the will to fight on and to campaign for awareness and to get a donor.

Through her and her determination, my sister and I went viral and reached out to friends who reached out to their friends and it's just been overwhelming. So it's funny that you ask. Because I feel like I have the whole world behind me for this battle and the love and support from these people and organizations give me a reason to fight.

I would love to thank my sister Helen Markova who is driven to find me a donor. To Veronika Záhorská from Korunka Luhačovice), Pavla Jahodová, Miriam Chelmová, and all the other people out there who are determined to spread the word and get, not just me, a donor but as many people as possible registered to save someone's life.

If you wish to donate money for the project of saving not only Petra's life but also help other patients with this

serious blood disease, please send a cheque with any amount to The Petra Project.

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Some years ago Michaela and I were flying from our trip to Hawaii. We did not get our seats together and although the airlines and flight attendants were supposed to help they did not. Michaela was young, the flight was long, and our assigned seats far apart, so I was trying to get my daughter next to me. I was just reading book about Buddhism. It was a chapter on how it is important to be kind and to help others. Life is not always easy (I should say life is MOSTLY not easy), but people can make it easier if they would be nicer. I asked the people sitting next to Michaela, an older couple in colorful dresses, if they would be willing to split up for us to sit together. For some reason I thought they

Pay It Forward

For ND by Katerine Dehning

would understand. They did not even look me in the eyes when they were saying, "No way!" I looked around and sought help from the passengers around. Somebody on this flight must be a good person and would be willing to change their seat with mother and young child, right?! I looked and asked and looked again but nobody was willing. The engines were roaring and the flight attended was pushing everyone to their seats, including me.

I took one last chance and tapped on the young man's shoulder who was sitting right next to me. He was holding hands with his girlfriend or probably a new wife, because Hawaii gets a lot of honeymooners. That's why I did not want to separate them and asked them last. They also had their head phones on and were reading a book (one book together). I said that I was really sorry to bother them. They looked at me, looked at each other, and then he asked his girlfriend-wife if it is alright with her if he goes sit somewhere else. She said of course. I waved at Michaela who was watching me from the other side of the plane, bravely holding her tears back. I was so happy that I almost kissed the young couple on their suntanned cheeks. The plane took off, my happy child was now sitting next to me and I promised myself that in the future I will pay it forward.

My chance to pay this favor forward came last spring. I was on a flight from Philadelphia to Los Angeles (by myself). I got one of the best seats on the flight! An aisle seat right in the front. The flight was totally full. Few minutes later a young man came and sat next to me. But he kept turning back as if he was looking for someone. He was also extremely good looking (did you ever noticed that a lot of the passengers on flights to LA are extremely good looking?). He looked like some of the new stars that show up in TV commercials or shows, even movies. He was also very pleasant and smiled a lot. We started conversation and I learned that he was the dancer for Taylor Swift. He also said that he has another friend on this flight but unfortunately they did not get their seats together. They were flying from one of their performances. Ah ha! I remembered my Hawaii "pay it forward" promise and immediately asked him if his friend would like to switch the seats with me. The young man, Kevin was his name, said that it would be fantastic, but he feels really bad about asking me because I will get a worse seat. But I was already on my feet.

I got middle seat between two ladies. They looked like relatives so I asked them if they would like to sit next to each other. And the younger lady answered: "No, thank you, we would love to have you in the middle, because I like the window and my mom likes the aisle." I climbed in the middle and introduced myself. The lady by the window introduced herself, too, "Hi, I am Monique and this is my mom." Since that moment we did not stop talking. We talked the whole flight, which was five hours! We talked until we landed in LA. We did not feel like we said it all, so we exchanged emails and continued our conversation by writing. We continued for months and kept planning our meeting. To meet with Monique is not easy task. She is a very busy woman and devoted traveler. To meet with me is not easy either. On top of that we don't live close to each other. Our schedules kept overlapping. We finally set a date and met for an amazing lunch half way in between our homes.

As I was driving back home from our lunch I was thinking about how karma worked. Somebody did something good for me and I decided to pay it forward. In return I gained a new wonderful friend. If I would not have exchanged the seat I would never met Monique.

Did the young man in Hawaii exchange his seat with me just because he was nice or because someone did it for him in the past as well? I will never know, but it reminds me of the movie Pay It Forward. And I, once again, have fully realized that life is so much easier, so much richer, and so much more fun when we are kind to one another!

30th September 2013 – 75th Anniversary of the signing of the Munich Agreement

Neville Chamberlain had previously met with Adolf Hitler on 22 September at Bad Godsberg to discuss the Sudeten crisis. On his return to Britain, in a radio broadcast to the nation, he was to say of Czechoslovakia 'how horrible, fantastic, incredible it is that we should be digging trenches and trying on gas masks here because of a quarrel in a far away country between people of whom we know nothing.'

On 28 Sep 1938, Chamberlain persuaded Hitler to host a conference to resolve the Sudeten crisis. Hitler agreed but barred Czechoslovakian representation to this meeting, Chamberlain cabled Eduard Beneš, the Czechoslovak President, assuring him that Britain had Czechoslovakia's best interest in mind; upon hearing this, Jan Masaryk, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister responded "If you have sacrificed my nation to preserve the peace of the world, I will be the first to applaud you. But if not, gentlemen, god save your souls."

The Agreement concluded at Munich, September 29, 1938, between Germany, Great Britain, France and Italy:

German troops in the following order: The territory marked No. I on the 1st and 2nd of October; the territory marked No. II on the 2nd and 3rd of October; the territory marked No. III on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of October; the territory marked No. IV on the 6th and 7th of October. The remaining territory of preponderantly German character will be ascertained by the aforesaid international commission forthwith and be occupied by German troops by the 10th of October.

(5) The international commission referred to in paragraph 3 will determine the territories in which a plebiscite is to be held. These territories will be occupied by international bodies until the plebiscite has been completed. The same commission will fix the conditions in which the plebiscite is to be held, taking as a basis the conditions of the Saar plebiscite. The commission will also fix a date, not later than the end of November, on which the plebiscite will be held.

(6) The final determination of the frontiers will be carried out by the international commission. The commission will also be entitled to recommend to the four Powers, Germany,

Adolf Hitler
Benito Mussolini
Neville Chamberlain
Édouard Daladier

The Munich Agreement, also known as the 'Munich Dictat' or 'Munich Betrayal' in former Czechoslovakia, was signed, after some eight hours of discussions, at 01:30 on 30 September 1938. The signatories were Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Neville Chamberlain and Édouard Daladier the leaders of Nazi Germany, Italy, Great Britain and France respectively. The Czechoslovak President Eduard Beneš, or its Government was neither consulted or permitted to attend this meeting. Instead the two Czechoslovak representatives were only permitted to sit in a room adjoining where the meeting was being held.

A condition its signing was the promise that Hitler would not make any further territorial demands in Europe. The two Czechoslovak representatives sat alone until 10:00 pm when Chamberlain's adviser Horace Wilson came to give them the bad news. They asked him whether Czechoslo-

GERMANY, the United Kingdom, France and Italy, taking into consideration the agreement, which has been already reached in principle for the cession to Germany of the Sudeten German territory, have agreed on the following terms and conditions governing the said cession

and the measures consequent thereon, and by this agreement they each hold themselves responsible for the steps necessary to secure its fulfilment:

(1) The evacuation will begin on 1st October.

(2) The United Kingdom, France and Italy agree that the evacuation of the territory shall be completed by the 10th October, without any existing installations having been destroyed, and that the Czechoslovak Government will be held responsible for carrying out the evacuation without damage to the said installations.

(3) The conditions governing the evacuation will be laid down in detail by an international commission composed of representatives of Germany, the United Kingdom, France, Italy and Czechoslovakia.

(4) The occupation by stages of the predominantly German territory by German troops will begin on 1st October. The four territories marked on the attached map will be occupied by



the United Kingdom, France and Italy, in certain exceptional cases, minor modifications in the strictly ethnographical determination of the zones which are to be transferred without plebiscite.

(7) There will be a right of option into and out of the transferred territories, the option to be exercised within six months from the date of this agreement. A German-Czechoslovak commission shall determine the details of the option, consider ways of facilitating the transfer of population and settle questions of principle arising out of the said transfer.

(8) The Czechoslovak Government will within a period of four weeks from the date of this agreement release from their military and police forces any Sudeten Germans who may wish to be released, and the Czechoslovak Government will within the same period release Sudeten German prisoners who are serving terms of imprisonment for political offences. Munich, 29 September 1938.

vakia could be heard at the meeting and this was refused.

Following their signing, of the Agreement, Chamberlain and a nervous Daladier met the two Czechoslovak representatives with the news that Czechoslovakia had two choices: either they accept the annexations of the Munich Agreement or they would have to resist Nazi Germany on their own. With the Military Alliance that Czechoslovakia had signed, in 1925, with France being renegaded upon, the Czechoslovak Government had little choice but to capitulate and accept the Munich Agreement.

This reluctant acceptance meant that the Sudetenland was ceded to Germany. This area was about 38% of Czechoslovakia and contained about 3.2 million people of German descent and about 0.75 million Czechoslovak inhabitants. This area also held the defences – man-made and natural – to protect Czechoslovak borders against invasion from Germany.

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