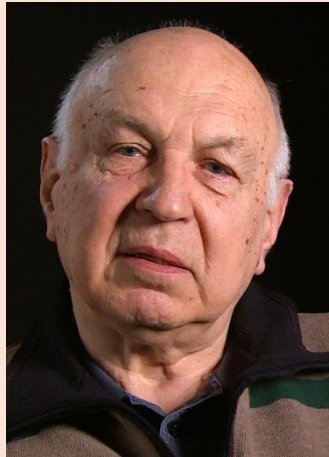


MEETING WITH A SURVIVOR OF COMMUNIST LABOUR CAMP, MR. MIROSLAV

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

MEETING: 12:00 AT MAGGIE'S;

WE'LL WALK OVER TO SKAUTSKÝ INSTITUT AT OLD TOWN SQUARE TOGETHER



MIROSLAV KOPT

- Miroslav was born in **1935** in Prague
- He's a life-long boy scout – he joined the communist version of the Scouts movement called “Junák” in 1947 and immediately started to copy and distribute **anti-communist flyers**
- He joined the **underground** cell of the Scouts movement and worked in the **resistance** against the regime; sadly, in 1954 some of the members of the underground were arrested and one of them mentioned Miroslav's name to the interrogators
- Miroslav was **arrested in 1954, brutally interrogated** in infamous Bartolomějská street in Prague (the HQ of Communist Secret Police) and in the end **sentenced to 10 years in prison for high treason**
- He spent **6 years** in prison in Prague and **forced labour camp in Jáchymov**, where he mined for uranium that was used in Soviet space program. But he worked in the resistance even in prison!
- Miroslav was **released in 1960** after the amnesty, but he was **under Secret Police surveillance** till 1980's and the fall of Communism in Czechoslovakia
- In the new-born state, he worked for the **counterintelligence till 1999**

COME JOIN THE DISCUSSION WITH MIROSLAV

HE'LL SHARE **STORIES ABOUT THE RESISTANCE DURING COMMUNISM**; CONSTRUCTING OF 4 ILLEGAL FUNCTIONING **RADIOS** IN THE FORCED LABOR CAMP THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN FOUND; HE'LL EXPLAIN IN IT REALLY MEANT TO BE A **POLITICAL PRISONER** DURING COMMUNISM, ETC.

WE'LL MEET WITH HIM IN THE BEAUTIFUL BUILDING OF **SKAUTSKÝ INSTITUT ON THE OLD TOWN SQUARE** – COMMUNITY CENTER RUN BY MODERN DAY SCOUTS MOVEMENT