

**Funeral of President Klement Gottwald.**  
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Black flags are fluttering on the Prague Castle. The best son of the Republic, the first worker and best teacher, great fighter for the happiness of all people, the Supreme Commander of the Army of defenders of Peace, has passed away. Millions of working people listened in deep grief to the report of his death.

Hundreds of thousands of citizens were coming day and night to say good-bye to the beloved President, to do honour to his grand work.

Delegations from the whole world came to do the last honour to the great man and statesman, the best sons of the brotherly nations kept the guard of honour at his coffin.

On the funeral day all Prague went out into the streets, hundreds of thousands from the whole Republic arrived in Prague to say good-bye.

On Letná Plain, the People's Army said good-bye to the President. In a slow motion, like a mighty river, mourning people followed silently his great leader.

Over the coffin of Klement Gottwald spoke the Prime Minister Zápotocký.

He spoke on behalf of all of us, and his pledging faith to the work of Klement Gottwald, his pledging faith to the Soviet Union was the echo of what everyone felt, of what everyone in Czechoslovakia swore.

In the statement made by Marshall Bulganin reflected the brotherly love to the faithful Stalin's follower, to all Czechoslovak people.

From the National Museum to the Pantheon led the last way. The most faithful friends and defenders of Gottwald's legacy paid him the last homage.

Klement Gottwald died, but his work lives, his idea will win.

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**President Zápotocký elected.**  
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The National Assembly Deputies gathered in the ancient Vladislav Hall to elect the new President of the Republic.

The representatives of people elected unanimously the faithful co-fighter of Klement Gottwald, comrade Antonín Zápotocký.

Delegates of the National Assembly went to bring the new President with themselves to the Vladislav Hall.

He was welcomed by incessant applause.

The Chairman of the Assembly, comrade John, told him the vote's results, whereupon the new President swore his oath on the Constitution Bill.

After holding the review of a company of honour, ten thousands of people were coming to greet the new President, the faithful son of people, the guarantee of happy future.