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Perhaps if the Velvet Revolution hadn't been so velvet, Czech society wouldn't find itself in such a predicament today. If heads had rolled, things might have turned out differently. Some people think that nothing will change until crooked politicians and businessmen literally start fearing for their lives. It's impossible to condone violence as a way to settle a petty dispute, but for bringing about major political change it has often been the most effective tool. The drunkard who punched ČSSD Vice Chair Bohuslav Sobotka yesterday might not even know why he chose his target. Yet Bohuslav "Suitcase" Sobotka in some ways represents the very worst of Czech politics. Unlike Miroslav Kalousek, Aleš Řebíček or Ivan Langer, who fool absolutely no one, Sobotka uses his boyish, geeky countenance to cover up some really nasty stuff. A messed-up face might better match the image to the reality.

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