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Integrity test



Is there room for morality and integrity in Czech politics? Jiří Dienstbier Jr. of ČSSD is testing the bounds by adamantly refusing to rescind his pre-election vow not to form a coalition in Prague with ODS. Asked by Czech Radio under what conditions he'd give the nod to a grand coalition, he said "none." Interestingly, he has support for this principled stance from Bohuslav "Suitcase" Sobotka and David "Smell a" Rath of ČSSD, two people whose names are rarely mentioned in the same sentence with "morals" and "integrity" by businesspeople who have had run-ins with them. When developer Sebastian Pawlowski wanted to support a grand coalition, his Týden magazine dug up housing dirt on Zdeněk Tůma of TOP 09. In the case of Dienstbier, the dirt might have to be fabricated. In the case of Sobotka and Rath, the fat files are no doubt ready for quick distribution if the battle over a grand coalition gets nastier.



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