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Two old men with mutual needs

For more than a decade, the two Václavs had a duopoly at the top of Czech politics and played off against each other partly as a way to keep everyone else at a distance. A similar relationship is developing between Václav Klaus and Karel Schwarzenberg. They might have different world views, and they might despise each other, but they desperately need each other. Schwarzenberg all but admitted as much in two recent interviews. First, he told [Týden](#) that he would only run for president if he had to prevent some true misfortune. Then, on Sun., he told [OMV](#) that his current dispute with Klaus isn't about foreign policy; Klaus is merely using the ongoing foreign-policy dispute to pave the way for his new political party. The "two old men of Czech politics" (as FAZ of Germany referred to them yesterday) need to create a bogeyman for setting themselves apart from the rest of the crowd. But Klaus can't run for president again, so at some point he'll have to bring a third person - his preferred candidate - into the ring too.

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