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## The dangers of being party chairman

Being the head of a Czech political party isn't the walk in the park it used to be. Take Karel Schwarzenberg of TOP 09. He shocked the bottom 4% who still believe in him by saying there's padding in all the world's defense contracts. Or Petr Nečas of ODS, who didn't see the irony of saying a few days later that the Swedes are being surprisingly unaccommodating in the Gripen talks. Or Bohuslav Sobotka of ČSSD, who was blamed for turning David Rath into a bribe monster when he was only imparting to Rath what he learned from his more-experienced lawyer friends. Or Karolína Peake of LIDEM, whose party is there for the people, as long as it's not a people that wants to register a car. Not even Communist Chair Vojtěch Filip is sitting pretty. He's afraid that before his party triumphantly returns to government, the CR will be so indebted that foreign bankers will foreclose and sell it off like some kind of Greek island.

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