


# the **fleet sheet's** final word

No. 3530

Free subscriptions at [www.fsfinalword.com](http://www.fsfinalword.com) Thu., Oct. 29, 2015

## Zeman toys with U.S. ambassador

U.S. Amb. Andrew Schapiro told [Czech Radio](#) earlier this month that he's happy with his relationship with the Castle and that he had already been to a ceremony there since Miloš Zeman closed the doors to him in April. Almost as if in response to this, Zeman told [Blesk.cz](#) this week that he only closed his office to Schapiro, not the entire Castle. Otherwise, he said, Schapiro couldn't even visit the Castle Gardens as a tourist. Of course he invited Schapiro to the awards ceremony last night, Zeman added. What he failed to say is that he put Schapiro near the back of the long Vladislav Hall, although he did at least give him an aisle seat. Zeman could have used the interview and last night's ceremony to repair relations with the ambassador, but he intentionally didn't. Schapiro seems to have become a sort of Michael McFaul figure for Zeman. McFaul was the specialist on revolutions who was U.S. ambassador to Russia for two years. Putin and his cronies loved having him there, because they could pick on him anytime they wanted to send a message to Washington.

Read this later today in [Czech](#)  Find us on Facebook

COMENIUS



INVITATION TO THE  
20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
**CZECH 100 BEST**  
GALA EVENING

INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE  
THE KEY FACTORS  
OF SUCCESS

NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

**2015**  
PRAGUE CASTLE

[WWW.COMENIUS.CZ](http://WWW.COMENIUS.CZ)