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Dienstbier's revenge



Jiří Dienstbier, Martin Netolický, Petr Vícha, Václav Votava, Miroslav Poche and other current or former politicians who are slamming the door on SocDem because of its efforts to join forces with Stačilo! will soon be faced with the question of whom to vote for in Oct. Some of them will no doubt choose the Pirates/Greens or STAN and might even endorse one or the other. How many SocDem voters follow them is a crucial question not only for Stačilo! (should it accept SocDem on board), but also for ANO. Andrej Babiš's main goal in encouraging a tieup of the two political entities on the Left is make sure SocDem's 2-4% of the vote isn't wasted. The goal of his political rivals in the original Fiala-led government coalition must now be the same, except that they need to try to win over as much as possible of this 2-4% for their own side. The ultimate revenge of Dienstbier and the others leaving SocDem would be if their former party, after "repeating the Fierlinger betrayal" of 1948, still didn't make it into Parliament.

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