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Stříbro Memorial



Representatives of the Church Law Society visited several significant communities in western Bohemia in the beginning of August, where members of the Society live and work, including the town of Stříbro (Mies), former silver mining centre located on an ancient road from Prague to Nuremberg (Germany). A photo of a memorial built to commemorate liberation of the town by the United States Army in May 1945 is enclosed. General George S. Patton, Commander of the Third United States Army, which liberated western Bohemia, is depicted on the relief.

22nd Conference Church and State in Brno on 15th September 2016

Contemporary Act No. 3/2002 Sb. on Churches and Religious Societies came into effect fourteen years ago. When the act was passed, political representation of the state was not as favourable to religious communities as today. Nowadays, relationship between the state and religious

communities improve gradually, certainly in connection with steps taken to property settlement with religious communities. In addition, re-codification of private law has been completed. The Civil Code includes general regulation common for all juridical persons. We think time has come to consider amending the Act on Churches for all abovementioned reasons. We will be glad to discuss the topic on the following conference Church and State, which takes place on 15th September 2016 in Brno.

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The communist experience is unfortunately part of the common European identity, and therefore, the Department of Education at the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes has created Socialism Realised – an online learning environment that passes over the traditional perspective on Cold War history, with its focus on political history and conflict. Instead, it presents content aimed at a deeper understanding of the lives of the people in these regimes and a comparison of these experiences to the present.

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