Сообщения

enjoyed the general respect and esteem both of his colleagues and his students to whom he was a fatherly adviser and friend. To the Institute's staff he was an unforgettable chief. He always behaved in a dignified but unassuming manner — doctissimus quisque modestissimus — and his rare personal qualities won him popularity and many friends. His attitude to events before and after Munich and particularly during the occupation period was always exemplary. This is borne out by all who came into contact with him during this difficult period. After the mobilisation in 1938 he did not conceal his conviction that our nation as a whole would safely survive the terrible second world war although many of his contemporaries would not live to see its happy end. And on February 18, 1945, he predicted that the war and also our suffering would be ended within two months, not suspecting of course that he was prophecying the day of his own death practically to the day. The loss to Czechoslovak physics caused by his premature end was the greater in that Záviška was its recognised leader.

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