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„HISTÓRIA HISTORIKOV“:

KARIÉRNE SÍNUSOIDY HISTORIKOV Z PEDAGOGICKEJ FAKULTY
V BANSKEJ BYSTRICI V KONTEXTE SPOLOČENSKÉHO ODMÁKU
A NORMALIZÁCIE PO INVÁZII VOJSK VARŠAVSKEJ ZMLUVY
DO ČESKOSLOVENSKA

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In the history of every academic institute (department) one can find events that do not deserve to be forgotten. The year 1968 and its consequences deeply affected all aspects of public life including academia. The Faculty of Education (a direct predecessor of Matej Bel University) in Banská Bystrica was no exception. Dynamic processes and phenomena, typical of the short period of liberalization of the Communist regime followed by 20 years of so-called Normalization, had a major impact on the destiny of the Faculty staff.

The paper shows how the major changes in the Czechoslovak Communist regime influenced the further careers of historians employed at the Faculty in the 1970s and 1980s using the examples of former Dean Július Alberty and Miloš Štilla. Their stories represent two paths that society followed in the discussed period – a path of harassment by the new post-invasion power holders and a path of active cooperation/collaboration with the structures of the regime, as well as cooperation with the State Security (Štátna bezpečnosť).

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