



**Reading and Book Signing  
with author  
Miloslav Rechcigl, Jr.**

**Invitation:**

The Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the United States, H.E. Petr Gandalovic, cordially invites you to a reading and book signing of Miloslav Rechcigl's personal memoirs *From Bohemian Paradise to American Haven*, on **December 8, 2011, at 7 pm**, on the occasion of 50 years of publication activities of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU). Zdenek David, Senior Scholar of the Woodrow Wilson Center, will present his remarks during the event, on behalf of SVU.

**The event is presented in cooperation with the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, Washington, DC Chapter.**

*A reception will follow the event.*



Miloslav Rechcigl, Jr.

**Event Details:**

Dec. 8, 2011, 7 pm

Embassy of the Czech Republic  
3900 Spring of Freedom Street, NW,  
Washington, DC 20008

**R.S.V.P. by Dec. 7 to:**  
[washington@embassy.mzv.cz](mailto:washington@embassy.mzv.cz)  
with "Booksigning" in the subject line.

On the occasion of the 80th birthday of past SVU President Mila Rechcigl, the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU) has sponsored the publication of his personal memoirs: *Czechmate: From Bohemian Paradise to American Haven*.

**About the book:**

The book presents an intimate account of Mila Rechcigl's life, from his childhood in rural Bohemia, to his professional career in the government and non-profit organizations spanning over 50 years. He views his life as a chess game, in which he confronts various challenges head-on, usually ending with a "checkmate" in his favor. He describes his idyllic youth at the family mill, in an area known as "Bohemian paradise," and talks fondly of his parents and grandparents, the time he spent in a one-class rural school, followed by eight years in school in Mlada Boleslav (four during the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia and four in the post-War era under the communist threat). After escaping from communist Czechoslovakia, he immigrates to America, gets a scholarship to a prestigious Ivy League school, and ends up working at one of the most prestigious research institutions in the United States.

**About the Author:**

Miloslav Rechcigl, Jr. is a biochemist and past President of SVU. He left Czechoslovakia after the communist coup. After his studies at Cornell University, he worked as a biochemist at the National Institute of Health. Later, he worked as an advisor for nutrition at the American Agency for International Development. Apart from his scientific and academic activities, Dr. Rechcigl dedicated over 50 years of his life to SVU.