

Module 05: 1968 — A Generation in Revolt?

Evidence 22: Image of Protesters on the Cover of *Květy*, August 21, 1968



Introduction

The cover of the magazine *Květy*, shown below, features young men standing on the base of the statue in the famous Wenceslas Square near the center of Prague. Graffiti on the statue reads "Soldiers go home" in Russian and "Dubček - Svoboda" in Czech.

Questions to Consider

- Why would editors choose this image for the cover?
- What would the image have meant to the young men and women in Czechoslovakia who saw it?
- What exactly are the students protesting?
- What is the significance of the "Dubček - Svoboda" graffiti?

Document



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