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Dear Dr. Winters

The idea of combining my review with your "Conversations with Pŕihoda" is excellent. I shall be glad to take a critical look at the draft. Some biographical data could be usefully added.

To my regret, my conversations with him were limited: One in 1948, in a cafeteria on Národní třída, across from the National Theatre in Prague, and one, in 1963, in his home. I remember vividly the latter visit, for a foolish reason: I left my brief case in his study. The next day I was leaving for the USA and there was no chance to retrieve it. It was a more social than professional visit.

I took a course from him on Educational Psychology back in the Fall of 1934. It was a crazy semester: I was registered for 40 credits. My heart was then in Slavistics (including Ukranian literature and intensive work in the Lusatian language and culture, with a smattering of Bulgarian), not in educational psychology. I got a "B" in Pŕihoda's course - the only B I got in examinations taken at Charles University (all the others were A) - but even that grade I did not deserve. We had a good laugh about it some 30 years later.

I am very happy that I had a chance to review his magnum opus on human development. I admired him greatly as an innovative educator as well as a forthright, courageous man. I am sorry that I did not get to know him better personally.

Cordially,

Josef Brozek.