

# Reading Review

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- The writer, Frantisek Palacky, thanks German Parliament for the invitation to the meeting at Frankfurt; the invitation reverses accusations that Palacky is an enemy of Germany. However, Palacky says he cannot come for the following reasons:
- Firstly, Palacky cannot support a meeting which aims to expand the power of the German Reich, for Palacky is not German. Further, if Palacky were to attend, his choices would be to mindlessly agree or rudely disagree.
- Palacky is Czech, and the Czech nation is independent with no obligation to the German Nation; the tie between Czechs and Germans is nothing more than a tie between the rulers of the nations.
- Palacky disagrees with the German Reichs Aim to undermine Austrias autonomy which is important to the well being of Europe.
- Russia is a vast power that is always looking to expand if they have the opportunity, which poses a threat to Slavs and Europe as a whole.
- In order to protect against Russia, Slavs must unite into a more cohesive unit.
- Many nationalities come together in Austria, giving Austria the ability and the responsibility to unify Slavs.
- Because Austria is the center of unification of Slavs, Palacky must disagree with the German Reichs plans to undermine the power of Austria.
- Additionally, Palacky disagrees with the new form of government by rule of the people that the German Reich plans.
- Finally, Austria unification with Germany would be the end of Austria.