"Besides the production oriented material, it brings me enormous pleasure to see the matrimonial announcements in the "Matchmaking Club". To all appearances, even my wife is seeking a new admirer there..."

L.P. "Tell us about your family, Jaroslav".

J.H. "I've already let the cat out of the bag. I'm married and have two grown-up children - a son and a daughter. Although they didn't follow in my footsteps, they both speak good or even excellent Ukrainian, for they completed Ukrainian school in Canada. We live in Ottawa."

L.P. "So what do you consider your nationality to be - Ukrainian or Canadian?"

J.H. "With us, such a question doesn't arise. But I'll tell you something. When I'm in Kiev, I experience an involuntary palpitation. Nostalgia grows with the years. So I don't allow myself to re-read Shevchenko's 'The Kobzar' (poetry). I fear the emotional impact".

L.P. "In conclusion, is there anything you would like to say to the readers of 'Lesnaya promyshlennost'?"

J.H. "I will start from a long way back.

This is the thirteenth time that I have arrived in your country. I notice how people have changed. I am particularly struck by the fact that you have become better dressed, more attractive in appearance, freer in speech and at that, better informed. Your women are especially charming... But boorishness exists in every country of the world. You even find it here. So I would advise your readers to smile more and to be more considerate of each other".

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