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The 70th Anniversary of the Katyń Massacre *Zbrodnia Katyńska*

Seventy years ago in April–May of 1940, the Soviet Union massacred over 20,000 Polish nationals, including POWs, mili-

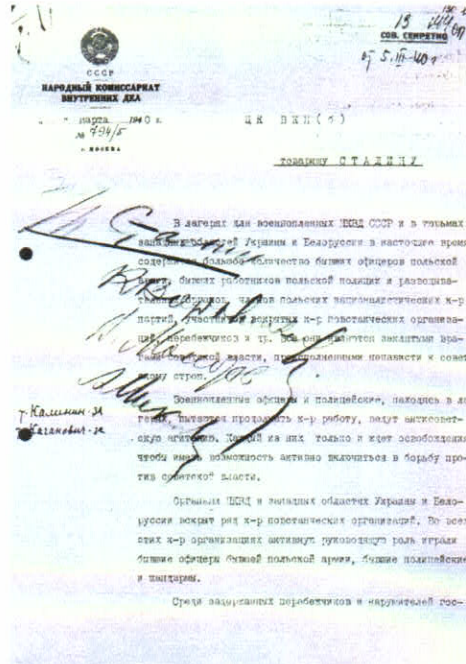
tary officers and many other Poles at the many camps and prisons where they were being held in Russia. At the Katyń forest these Poles, with hands tied behind their backs, were systematically shot in the back of the head and dumped in unmarked mass graves. The Katyń Massacre originally referred only to those 4,421 Poles shot and buried at Katyń; but it has now become the symbol of this atrocity and includes the other killing fields of the same time.

between the two countries. On September 1st Germany invaded Poland from the south, west and north and on



Crosses at Katyń.

was believed they would support Soviet rule in Poland. On March 5, 1940, Lavrentiy Beria, chief of Soviet Security



Beria's recommendation to Stalin to kill the Polish prisoners.

and Secret Police (NKVD), recommended to Stalin and the Politburo that 25,700 prisoners be executed in order to deprive the future state of Poland a large part of its military and educated talent. The killings took place at the Katyń forest itself, in camps, in jails, and wherever the Soviets were holding these Poles on the death lists.



Polish medallions recovered from Katyń.

Among those who died at Katyń were an admiral, two generals, 24 colonels, 79 lieutenant colonels, 258 majors, 654 captains, 17 naval captains, 3,420 NCOs, seven chaplains, three landowners, a prince, 43 officials, 85 privates, and 131 refugees. Also among the dead were 20 university professors, 300 physicians, several hundred

September 17th the Soviets invaded from the east. By November 19th the Soviets, in their advance through their zone of control of Poland, had taken about 40,000 Polish POWs and many thousands of other prisoners.

The prisoners were interrogated to determine who would live and who would die, depending upon whether it

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Thoughts

April 2010 was a somber month for Poland. A great tragedy befell the country and its citizens on April 10th when



the plane carrying President Kaczyński, his wife and top government officials crashed near Smoleńsk in Russia. The President and top foreign policy

leaders, commanders of the armed forces, senior intelligence veterans, historians and clergy were on their way to Katyń to commemorate the Polish prisoners-of-war massacred there in 1940 by Stalin's secret police.

It is greatly to Poland's credit that the tragic loss of the top government and military officials has not precipitated a crisis, as it may have and as some observers were afraid would have occurred. The country's institutions and its people have yet again managed wonderfully in the face of great national tragedy.

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Helen Bernice (Ptak) Rog

Dear Readers,

As many of you know, it was Chester Rog who began this newsletter and nurtured it along for over thirteen years. His wife, Helen, recently passed away after a long illness. We include her obituary as it was published in the *Star Tribune*. All of us at PACIM, and especially those of us who work each month on *Pol-Am*, extend our most profound heartfelt sympathies to Chester and his family. May she rest in peace.

Helen Bernice (Ptak) Rog

Age 86, lifetime resident of NE Mpls. Born Sep 21, 1923 to Anton and Bernice Ptak, passed away Apr 14, 2010 at home under hospice care. Helen was preceded by brother, John; sisters, Frances and Anna; nephew, Patrick and niece, Susan. She is survived by loving husband of 56 years, Chester; sons, Paul, Peter (Jenny) and John; daughter, Mary (Mitchell) Pearson; grandchildren, Phillip, Emily, Cassandra and Janelle Pearson along with Luke and Andrew Rog; sister, Josephine (Walter) Feigal and many nieces and nephews. Helen attended Schiller Grade School and graduated from Vocational High School. She was very close to sisters Josie and Annie, with whom she played on a girls' softball team. Among her most treasured memories are: Marshall-Terrace Park City Playground Championship Softball Team and trophies won and displayed at Schiller School; working as a highly skilled seamstress at Jean Lang's; traveling together with her cousins from Racine, WI around the country; and the family time spent raising four children.

— Published in *Star Tribune* on April 18, 2010

You may leave your condolences or share memories by signing the Guest Book at: <http://www.legacy.com/gb2/default.aspx?bookid=4037411233254&cid=full> or you may send Chester a card at 2623 Jefferson St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418.

Katyń Massacre continues

lawyers, engineers, and teachers, more than 100 writers and journalists, as well as about 200 pilots.



Katyń Memorial in Katowice.

In 1941, the Polish Government in Exile in Great Britain signed an agreement with the Soviets to create a Polish



Mass graves at Katyń.

army from those soldiers sent to exile in the Soviet Union. When Polish general Władysław Anders began organizing this army, he asked about the whereabouts of these officers. The Soviet response was that they had been freed and they lost track of them in Manchuria.

In April 1943, the Nazis announced to the world that they had discovered the mass graves and used it for their own propaganda purposes. Among the Allies, most notably Great Britain and the United States, any talk of Soviet responsibility (an ally in the war) was discouraged and suppressed. After the war, the Soviet Union and its puppet government in Poland, denied any involvement or even that the massacre happened. Everyone in Poland knew of the atrocity, but the government saw to it that nothing was ever said of it. It was a forbidden subject. All memorials erected to honor the Katyń dead were immediately taken down and dismantled.

This state of affairs lasted until the collapse of the Polish communist government and the Soviet Union in 1989-1990. On April 13, 1990, the forty-seventh anniversary of the discovery of the mass graves, the USSR formally expressed "profound regret" and admitted Soviet secret police responsibility. The day was declared a worldwide Katyń Memorial Day (Światowy Dzień Pamięci Ofiar Katynia). It has always been a great frustration to the Poles that the truth of the Katyń Massacre had never received the recognition it deserved outside the country. And now,

70 years later, the Katyń Massacre finally has gotten world wide press due to the horrific plane crash that killed the President of Poland, his wife and 94 others on their way to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the massacre.

For an in depth discussion of Katyń in English go to: *The Katyn Controversy: Stalin's Killing Field* by Benjamin B. Fischer at: <https://www.cia.gov/library/center-for-the-study-of-intelligence/csi-publications/csi-studies/studies/winter99-00/art6.html>



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POLAND'S NATIONAL SORROW

The Tragic Smoleńsk Plane Crash

by Mietek Konczyk

On April 10, 2010, a plane carrying Polish President Lech Kaczyński and his wife Maria along with 94 others crashed while coming in to land in the dense fog near a Russian airport near



Polish President
Lech Kaczyński



First Lady
Maria Kaczyńska

Smoleńsk. The President and the other members of the official Polish delegation were heading to Katyń in western Russia to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the massacre of 22,000 Polish officers captured by the Soviet Red Army after they and Nazi Germany attacked Poland in September 1939.

Lech Kaczyński's Biography

Lech Kaczyński was born on June 18, 1949, in Warsaw. He was a son of Jadwiga and Rajmund Kaczyński, and had a twin brother, Jarosław, chairman of the Law and Justice party.

In 1967 he started his studies at the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw. After defending his master's thesis in 1971, he moved to Sopot to conduct research for the Labor Law Department at the University of Gdańsk. In 1980 he successfully defended his doctoral dissertation in labor law and, in 1990, his postdoctoral dissertation. In the years 1996-1997 he was a professor at the University of Gdańsk; and from 1999 on he had been a professor at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw.

In 1977 Kaczyński started to work with the underground Intervention Bureau of the Workers' Defense Committee. A year

later he got involved in activities of the Free Trade Unions. In August 1980 he was appointed as an adviser to the Gdańsk Inter-Enterprise Strike Committee in Gdańsk Shipyard. He is the author of several provisions contained in the Gdańsk Agreement as well as of a section of the statutes of the Solidarność trade union concerning strikes, trade sections and collective agreements.

He was interned under martial law for his involvement in the Solidarity movement. After his release, he returned to trade union activities and was a member of the underground authorities of NSZZ "Solidarność." In September 1988 he participated in talks between the opposition and representatives of the government in Magdalenka near Warsaw.

In the parliamentary election in June 1989 he was chosen as senator for the Gdańsk region. From March 12 to October 31, 1991, he was Minister of State in charge of Security in the Office of the President of the Republic of Poland, Lech Wałęsa.

On June 12, 2000, he was appointed as Minister of Justice. In 2001 he took the lead of the Law and Justice National Committee, a new right-wing party he created together with Jarosław Kaczyński. He was elected deputy to the Sejm for a 4th term from the Gdańsk constituency. He performed the function of chairman of the parliamentary Constitutional Responsibility Committee. On November 18, 2002, he won a direct election for Mayor of the City of Warsaw with a considerable majority. On October 23, 2005, Lech Kaczyński defeated his rival Donald Tusk in the second round and won the presidential election.

National Mourning and Funerals

A period of unprecedented national mourning followed the catastrophe. As remains of the victims were identified and

brought by planes to Poland, they were buried with all the honors in state funerals across the country. The central commemoration of the dead took place in Warsaw's Piłsudski Square and was



Thousands of candles were lit in front of the Presidential Palace.

attended by 100,000 mourners. It included a requiem mass and tributes from Prime Minister Donald Tusk and interim President Bronisław Komorowski. On April 18, 2010, the President and First Lady were laid to rest in a crypt in the medieval cathedral of the Wawel Royal Castle in Kraków amid the tombs of saints, kings, and national heroes.

They Did Not Die in Vain

Nobody can measure today all the consequences of this catastrophe. Parliamentary opposition, the armed forces and the newly



Path of the ill-fated flight.

established country's democratic political elite have been decimated. According to the constitution, Presidential elections must take place in 60 days, even though two candidates died in the crash and the third one finds himself in an awkward position being the interim President. The psychological effect of the massive loss of so many prominent people is enormous.

However, nothing indicates that democracy in Poland is in any imminent danger. All government offices are functioning normal-



Russian President & Prime Minister lighting candles for the dead.

ly; deputies are taking on the responsibilities of their dead colleagues; parliamentary seats are filled according to constitutional rules; and the country is moving on. What's more, the ideas of national unity and solidarity, which brought down the communist regime, seem to be alive again. So are the strong and clear voices for non-partisan politics and for more balanced and less aggressive media.

There are also effects of this tragic event nobody could expect. In a matter of days, Katyń has become a place recognized world-wide and many people have learned why the collective memory of the Katyń massacre casts a deep shadow on Polish



A nation in mourning.

relations with Russia. Poles struggled unsuccessfully for this recognition for 70 years. And Russia has finally realized that, without its taking responsibility for this crime, there is no chance for true reconciliation between the two nations. On their side, the Poles recognized and highly valued authentic Russian sorrow and all the help they provided after the catastrophe. This gives hope for the future. With hope, the fog of Katyń forest will disperse and the sun will shine again among the trees.

Lech Kaczyński's Biography based on information from www.president.pl.

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Przysłowia Polskie

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Kalendar

MAY 22	TCPF Fundraiser
JUL TBA	PACIM Picnic
AUG 14-15	Polish Festival
SEP 11-12	Bus Trip to Polka Fest in Wisconsin Dells

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I would like to thank Ewa Banasikowski for loaning us her pictures of Polish President Lech Kaczyński and his wife Maria. We have them in our front window along with the eagle hand-carved by John Tomczyk. They make the most impressive display.

I'd especially like to thank Delores Lundberg for her \$100 contribution to the Library. I also would like to thank the Institute of National Remembrance for the box of newly-published books on Polish history, and Marta Everson for travel materials, including a fabulous book with recipes from various part of Małopolska (*Małopolska-palce lizać, Przewodnik culinary po regionie*). Jane Flanders donated the audio book, *Potop*. Before you get excited about it, I must warn you that the three CDs take 50

hours and 40 minutes to play.

This month I purchased three books (*Drbina Jakubowa* (fiction), *Sniadania* (cookbook) and *Lato Lesnych Ludzi* (Maria Rodziewiczowna). I also purchased a DVD recommended by Polish language teacher Elizabeth Suszyska, *Nine Days That Changed the World*, which is about John Paul II's pilgrimage to Poland in 1979 and its impact on the downfall of communism. For more information, go to www.ninedaysthatchangedtheworld.com.

Now that the Polish art/history exhibit "Polish People's Republic—So Far Away And So Close By..." has left the Landmark Center and is on its way to Canada, and before it is forgotten, I'd like to acknowledge Hanna Stankiewicz and PACIM's art director Irene Colston for the work they did to bring this exhibit to Minnesota. It was a real feather in our caps to bring this prestigious event so far from the East Coast. Hopefully, it will lead to other exhibits being offered to us.

Thanks to Phyllis Husted and John Bieniek for leading another successful tour to the Chicago Polish Constitution Day parade and activities. There is already a waiting list for next year so you know that they are doing a fabulous job.

Some of us cannot get away to Chicago to purchase the Polish foods and liquors we yearn for. Robert and Renata Luniewski have started a new business to deliver packages to Polamer in Chicago and bring back food and liquor orders. They are planning to go once a month, leaving on a Friday and delivering the orders on Sunday at the Gasthof Restaurant parking lot. While I can't officially recommend them, I can tell you that I used their service and was pleased. When I brought the food home, I pulled out the frying pan and butter and started mushroom pierogi before I took my coat off. You can contact them at 952-393-7646 or rluniewski@comcast.net.

Finally, when you go to Poland, please bring back a book for the Library. Just ask the store clerk for the latest release. To donate books, call Judith at 763-571-9602.

—Judith Blanchard, Librarian
763-571-9602

Echos from the North

News from Little Falls, Minnesota

The tragic plane crash in which so many Polish officials were killed has saddened us all. It seems so sad that the tragic remembrance of the events in the Katyń Forest which occurred so many years ago has given Poland yet another tragedy. We will be having a small prayer service at our next Echos meeting.

Our Scholarship applications are due and judging will be done by the committee. Once again we have received a nice number and it's always fun to read them and see just what our local kids are doing. The scholarship will be awarded during the third week in May.

Parade time is just around the corner. Our Club has again decided to have a float in the Little Falls Parade. Last year we had the Polish Drill Team which won a first place. We also participated 3 years ago and won a first place.

Our members are all excited about the upcoming Polish Festival. One of our local travel groups is putting together a day trip so more of us can attend the events. Those who attended last year came home to tell of the wonderful event so hopefully we'll see you all there.

John and Phyllis will again be hosting a trip to Poland the end of July. As an alternative for those who cannot go with John, there is a 12 day trip to Poland starting September 20, hosted by Fr. Tony Wroblewski of the Brainerd area. His parents came from Poland so I'm sure that will be great, too. His phone number is 218-822-4040.

— Phinee Zak, *President*, Polish Echos
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Events

By Judith Blanchard

May 9

Planting of the Katyń Oak

The planting of a memorial Katyń Oak at Holy Cross Church is an initiative of the Polish community to honor each victim of Katyń. Our celebration, the first Katyń Oak planted in North America, will be held on May 9 after the 11:30 am Mass. Consul General in Chicago, Zygmunt Matynia, and his wife will be present and will also attend a formal dinner. Tickets for the dinner to be held in Kolbe Hall will be \$20. Chosen as the Holy Cross hero-victim of the Katyń massacre was an aspirant to the state police from Tarnobrzeg – Władysław Rybak s. Ludwika, born January 14, 1899, and murdered with a shot in the back of the head in Tver in 1940. His body was buried in a mass grave in Mednoye. This year marks the 70th Anniversary of the Katyń crime, almost unknown to the international community including America. This ceremony gives tribute to the murder of over 22 thousand Polish soldiers, policemen and intelligentsia and will take the place of the usual May 3 Constitution Day celebration.

May 15

Midwest Polka Association Spring Dance

Celebrate spring at the MPA Spring Dance to be held at the Bloomington Knights of Columbus, 1114 American Blvd W, Bloomington (Lyndale exit off 494—old 79th Street). Music for dancing and listening will be provided by the Polish Connection band from Wisconsin from 7–11 pm. Admission is \$12 per person. For more information, email Jim Carlson at k.carlson55110@yahoo.com or call 651-426-1079. For location directions, call 952-888-1492.

May 22

Benefit Dance for Twin Cities Polish Festival

The TCPF was created to bring a world-class celebration of Polish culture to the Twin Cities. Help keep this festival of Polish music, dance and culture alive! See page 3 for more information

May 23

Topola Chór Concert & Dinner

The Topola Chór will present a concert of sentimental and love songs at the PNA Hall, 1204 4th St NE, Minneapolis at 1:30 pm on May 23. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Janina at 763-521-5321.

June 6

St. Hedwig Church Festival

129 29th Ave NE, Minneapolis.
11 am–5 pm.

June 18–20

Chmielewski's 32nd International POLKA FEST

More than 100 musicians will entertain at the 32nd annual International Polka Fest June 18-20 at the Lost Isle Ballroom in Carlton MN. For more information, chmielewski@frontiernet.net; 218-372-3616; or jchmielewski@amerytel.net; 715-268-7606 or www.funtime band.com

June 25–26

Midwest Polka Association Dances

It's a polka rockin' weekend with the Polka Family band from Pennsylvania! It's a wonderful opportunity to hear this band in our home state! The Friday dance, June 25, will be held at Rich's Cuisine Event Center, Floodwood, MN (northern MN) from 8 pm–midnight. For more information and directions, call 218-349-5659 or check the website: www.richcatering.com and click on "The Event Center" tab. Saturday's dance on June 26 will be at the Bloomington Knights of Columbus, 1114 American Blvd W, Bloomington (Lyndale exit off 494—old 79th Street) from 7–11 pm. For more information, email Jim Carlson at k.carlson55110@yahoo.com or call 651-426-1079. For location directions, call 952-888-1492.

July 17

Concert of the Balalaika & Domra Association

On Saturday July 17, the Association will present a Festival Concert of 100+ orchestra members from across the USA and abroad at the Ted Mann Theater at the University of Minnesota. For tickets or more information, contact Ann Del Vecchio at girlcat@usfamily.net.

July 21–August 2

Panorama of Poland Tour

This is the fourth trip hosted by our own John Bieniek and it includes a few things not found on other tours. It's a high season 13 day tour from July 21 to Aug 2. John advises that most people go to Poland only once, so why not see it at its best. The cost is \$3,789 per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement is \$470 per person. All breakfasts and dinners are included. Travelers pay only for light lunches. The trip is contingent on getting 20 travelers. The deadline to register is May 15. Please contact John Bieniek 763-566-8812 or 320-746-2578 or email jvbien@msn.com. You may also contact Karen Klaverkemp of Bursch Travel of St. Cloud at 320-251-3180 or 1-800-538-2331 or email karenk@burschtravel.com.

July 22–25

Pulaski Polka Days 2010

25 different polka bands, arts and crafts fair, firemen's water fight, polka worship services, porkie and pancake breakfast, parade, fireworks, dance contest, polka trot 5K, classic car and antique tractor show. For more information call 920-822-3869 (Harold Otto), write Pulaski Polka Days, PO Box 439, Pulaski, WI 54162 or see www.polkadays.com.

August 7

Annual Polish Fest

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. More information to come.

August 14–15

Twin Cities Polish Fest

On Old Main Street on the Mississippi Riverbank. See page 8.

September 20–October 1

Spiritual Journey to Poland

Fr. Tony Wroblewski from Brainerd will lead a 12 day spiritual journey to Poland. \$2,779 cash discount price/\$2,968 standard price plus \$395 airport tax and \$130 fuel charges. Contact Fr. Wroblewski at 218-822-4040 or email him at: fr.tony@lakescatholic.org. Brochure and registration at: www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Wroblewski

People



Ryszard Kaczorowski
Last Polish President
in Exile

Kaczorowski was born November 26, 1919, in Białystok. Captured and exiled by the Soviets at the beginning of the Second World War, he joined General Władysław Anders' Army. After the war he remained in Great Britain as a member of the

National Council of Poland, a parliament-in-exile. He became Polish President in Exile in 1989 and handed over the insignia of the presidential power of the Second Republic to President Lech Wałęsa on December 22, 1990, signifying both recognition of the legitimacy of the government in exile and its continuity with the Third Polish Republic. He died April 19th in the tragic plane crash near Smoleńsk.

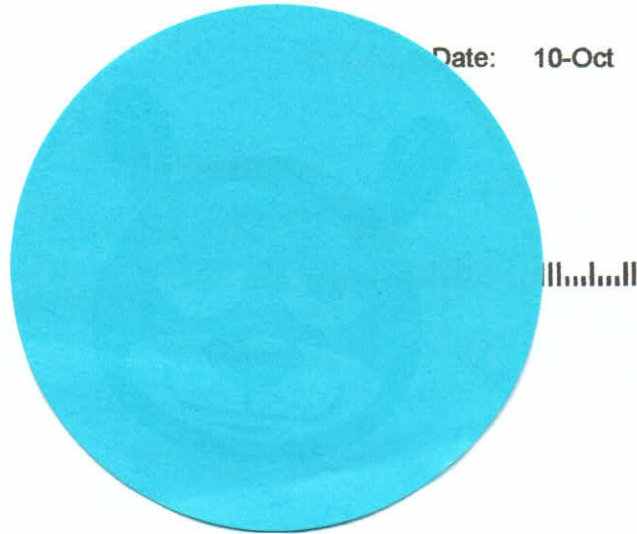


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Polish Word Tips

Na Plantach zakwitły dzisiaj krokusy.
In Planty park crocuses have begun to bloom today.

Czas przygotować kosiarkę i naoliwić rower.

It is time to prepare the lawnmower and lubricate the bike.

Moja córka zaczęła chodzić z nowym chłopakiem. Jest cała w skowronkach, jak to młoda dziewczyna.

My daughter started to date a new boy. She is so happy, the way the young girls are.

Wiosna, przyjacielu.
t is spring, my friend.

Used words and phrases:

Planty — *a big park encircling Kraków's Old Town; established in the place of medieval city fortifications demolished in 19th century.*



TCPF Fundraiser on May 22! See page 3 for details.

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