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Historical Note

The Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum, commonly known as Sikorski Institute, is a London-based non-governmental organization of the Polish minority in United Kingdom. It was created after the Second World War to preserve the memory of Polish armed forces in the West and their contribution to World War II, when the communist takeover of Poland made it hard and dangerous for many Poles to return home, and research and publication on those issues were banned or censored in the People's Republic of Poland. To that goal, the Sikorski institute, named after General Władysław Sikorski, has acted as a museum, archive and publishing house for much of Western Polonia, particularly with regards to Poland and Second World War issues. Rząd Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej na uchodźstwie (Government of the Republic of Poland in Exile) was established after Germany and the Soviet Union occupied Poland in September 1939. The Polish government-in-exile was first based in France, but moved to London after the French army surrendered to the Germans in mid-1940. The Allies accepted the government-in-exile as the legitimate representative of the Polish people soon after it was created. The government-in-exile allied itself with the West, as its members believed that only a total military victory over Germany would restore Poland's independence and freedom. In addition, it amassed its own land, air, and naval forces. In 1942 reports about the mass murder of Jews in Poland reached London; at that point, the Polish government-in-exile made several public declarations on the subject, and officially demanded that the Allied powers stop the Germans from continuing on their murderous crusade. In early 1943 the Polish government-in-exile begged Pope Pius XII to condemn the Nazis' actions. From December 1942 onward, the government-in-exile backed the rescue work of Żegota, which offered aid to Jews throughout occupied Poland. New Polish government established after Germany and the Soviet Union occupied Poland in September 1939. The Polish government-in-exile was first based in France, but moved to London after the French army surrendered to the Germans in mid-1940. The Allies accepted the government-in-exile as the legitimate representative of the Polish people soon after it was created. The government-in-exile allied itself with the West, as its members believed that only a total military victory over Germany would restore Poland's independence and freedom. In addition, it amassed its own land, air, and naval forces.

Scope and Content of Collection

Consists of selected records of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Polish government-in-exile. The Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Polish government-in-exile between 1940-1949 was overseen by four ministers: Stanisław Kot (1940-1941), Stanisław Mikołajczyk

(1941-1943), Władysław Banaczyk (1943-1944), Zygmunt Berezowski (1944-1949). These documents relate to the re-creation and reorganization of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in France: correspondence, dispatches, notes and information received from diplomatic posts, emissaries and posts of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, correspondence, and exchanges of material and subject memos for civil and military institutions. In addition, the collection contains exchanges of information with the British Home Office, British Foreign Office and their American counterparts, matters relating to the organization and functioning of the "Continental Action" and contacts concerning the British Operational Executive and the Office of Strategic Services, documentation relating to the activities of political parties and their members in occupied Poland and abroad, as well as representatives of non-Polish political movements (with special reference to communist activities), memoranda and documentation of the activities and situation of national minorities in Poland and abroad. Also includes reports of the Delegate of the Government related to various matters: Jewish affairs, destruction of Jews, prisons and concentration camps in Poland and Germany, forced labor camps, Germanization and enlistment of Poles in the German army, executions, religious and national persecutions by Germans, the political and economic situation in occupied Poland, situation of the Polish intelligentsia, situation of Soviet-occupied Poland, German spies, couriers smuggling money for Jews and Żegota, and Jewish press reviews related to Palestine and central-western Europe, etc.

System of Arrangement

This collection is arranged in the following format:

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2. Political
3. Reports from German- and Russian-occupied Poland
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5. Affairs of national minorities
6. Continental activities.

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Jews -- Poland -- Politics and government.
Righteous Gentiles in the Holocaust -- Poland.
Germanization -- Poland.
Poland -- History -- Occupation, 1939-1945.

References

Guide to the Archives of the Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum, vol. I, compiled and edited by: Waclaw Milewski, Andrzej Suchcitz and Andrzej Gorczycki, Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum, London 1985

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- A.9.III. 2a / 33** News from Poland. 1942. Only the following fragments from the file:
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- A.9.III. 2b / 5** Prisons and concentration camps. Collection of news. 1940-Feb. 1944. Situational reports from the Polish soil, reviews from the clandestine press. Entire file, ca 250 pages.
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- A.9.V / 36** Jewish matters 1941-1943 (various correspondence, Copie, prints, review of the Jewish Press and the like)
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