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“Omitted Testimonies”

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I believe that a detailed and thorough response to Jan T. Gross's latest book "Fear" is necessary, because Gross's book is truly a clinical example of anti-Polonism, a collection of especially "multidirectional" slanders on the subject of Poland and Poles. Gross very frequently creates his anti-Polish generalizations without any supporting facts or by deliberate selection of totally unconnected examples. In contrast to Gross's methods I try to maximize the factual support for my statements with numerous examples, especially seeking such unbiased statements from Jewish testimonies omitted in "Fear." My goal is to factually attack Gross's venomous slanders, to once and for all eliminate slanderous anti-Polonism and unsupported aspersions from the works of any other future writers.

I also wish to show, how pitiful and mentally restricted are Gross's mindless applauders (in the theaters of old, people were hired to applaud the performers) with Adam Michnik, the Editor of *Gazeta Wyborcza* in the lead. A few years ago Michnik wrote some balderdash about Gross as if Gross was the heir apparent to Mickiewicz and Słowacki. In his book "Fear" Gross totally bares his primitiveness and fanaticism, and I will say even more - his stupidity! The stupidity of an obstinate, chauvinistic, and racist man who chases his phobias and loses a semblance of logic.

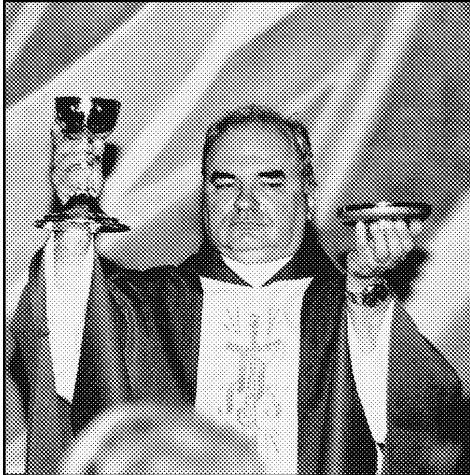
They bitterly hated the Polish Nation

For years the most favored method to negate the Jewish responsibility for their crimes in Stalinist Poland, was a pronouncement that when a Jew becomes a communist or a member of the UB he in some incredible manner ceased to be a Jew, for becoming a communist he somehow renounced the Jewish religion. It is curious, that the main proponents of this type of theory are most commonly the same persons who at the same time are promoting the

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Father Bogdan Molenda Installed Pastor of Our Lady of the Bright Mount Church

By: *Betsy Cepielik*



On July 8 Bishop Alexander Salazar installed Father Bogdan Molenda as Pastor of the Our Lady of the Bright Mount Church in Los Angeles. Also present was Father Andrzej Maślejak, Provincial of the Chrystusowcy Order (and former Pastor of the Our Lady of the Bright Mount Church.) The ceremony took place at the 12:00 noon mass. Father Lucjan Kamiński was another officiant for the occasion.

Bishop Salazar was appointed by Cardinal Roger Mahoney to do the installation. He was one of the last Bishops to be installed by Pope John Paul II, so feels he has a connection with the Poles. The Bishop gave a very moving homily, saying that the sheep are in need of a Pastor. We must bring God's peace wherever we go. Father Molenda accepted the responsibilities. He is assisted by Father Robert Wojślaw and Sister Wiesława Jamrozik (of the Missionary Sisters.)

The nine members of the Parish Council and two members of the Finance Council were introduced, and told the importance of their duties.

Father Molenda told the congregation that he first was assigned at Our Lady of the Bright Mount in 2001 as an Assistant Pastor. He was mentored by Father Wojciech Kania - his "conductor" as a new resident in America. Father Kania died but is still with him in spirit. In 2002 he was sent to Lombard, Illinois and Sterling Heights, Michigan. Now he is very happy to be back in Los Angeles. He thanked the parishioners who have stayed with him through good times and hard times. His English has improved very much.

Father Molenda has achieved many things in the short time he has been at the church. A major project was the renovation of the church hall which was in bad need of repairs. Another big project now is in the offing for Father Molenda, the church is in need of repairs, a project which will cost about \$500,000.00.

Renata Perzyna and Krakusy members presented flowers to Bishop Salazar, Father Maślejak, and Father Molenda. She stated to Father Molenda, "May you stay with us in peace." Members of the Parish Council Chris Czaplą and Maria Zdunkiewicz welcomed the Pastor and said how he has brought joy and hope.

Bishop Salazar thanked the congregation for the warm welcome given to him, as well as the flowers. He hopes to come back again.

Sto lat to Father Bogdan Molenda. □

Honorary Polish Consul named

Philanthropist Tad Taube was appointed honorary consul for Poland in San Francisco.

Taube, who escaped Poland as a child just prior to World War II, has been a key figure supporting Jewish culture and the rebirth of Jewish life in Poland since the end of communism in 1990.

The Taube Foundation for Jewish Life & Culture, established in 2003, provides support for Polish organizations working to strengthen their country's Jewish community through institution building, heritage preservation, cross cultural exchanges, and education and spiritual projects.

Taube was appointed honorary consul by the Polish Foreign Ministry.

Editor's note:

Earlier this year, Tad Taube sponsored the Jan Gross lecture at the San Francisco Jewish Center. □

Below is an article by Honorary Consul Taube

Who's one of Israel's best friends? The answer is surprising - Poland

By *Tad Taube* February 6, 2006

An article from the JTA - Global news service of the Jewish people states... The newly elected president of a European country, in his first interview for that country's largest newspaper, compared himself to Ariel Sharon to explain the policies he intends to pursue. His country has troops on the ground in Iraq, close military ties with Israel and a voting pattern on Middle Eastern issues in the United Nations that rests halfway between those of the European Union and the United States.

Over the last 15 years, each of its presidents paid state visits to Israel, reciprocated by his Israeli counterparts, as have several of its prime ministers and foreign ministers. Israel events at this country's major universities draw large and positive audiences, while the rare anti-Israeli demonstrations are so small they do not even make it to the local media. And in that European country, the United States retains its position of "most-liked" in all public opinion polls. That country is Britain, right? But when was the last time that a British college had an Israel day? And come to think of it, don't they have a queen, not a president?

That country is Poland. Ever since the fall of communism, the country so many Jews love to hate has consistently pursued a pro-American and pro-Israel policy.

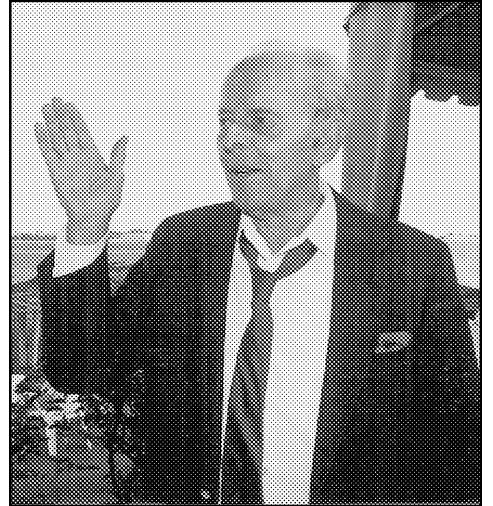
In fact, this - and economic liberalism - has been the only consistent feature of Polish politics, with its dizzying swings of public mood. In the latest about-turn this fall, the Poles voted into office a conservative, nationalist and strongly pro-Catholic party, with ties to the right. And yet it was that party's victorious presidential candidate, Lech Kaczyński, who compared himself to Ariel Sharon - probably the only European leader ever to do so.

The declarations made by Kaczyński - who makes his first official state visit to Washington this week - did not come out of the blue. Previously, as mayor of Warsaw, he was instrumental in the city's decision to allot substantial municipal funds to the building of a Museum of the History of

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Clarence (Pat) Paderewski Dies Unexpectedly at Age 98

By *Betsy Cepielik*



Pat at his 95th birthday

Clarence (Pat) Paderewski was looking forward to his 99th birthday on July 23, and also to his 100th birthday in 2008. Pat was considered to be in good health and was preparing for a trip to Denver for an Architects Convention on June 12. On June 9 he fell in his home and complained of back problems. He was in and out of the hospital for treatments. On the evening of July 8 he received an injection for pain which made him hallucinate and shortly thereafter he passed away at 12:05 a.m. on July 9. His devoted wife Genevieve (Genia) and her sister were saying the rosary at his side. What a tragic ending for such a great man.

We first met Pat and Genia at a Paderewski Festival in Paso Robles, and were fortunate to be invited to Pat's 95th Birthday in 2003, in San Diego.

Clarence was born on July 23, 1908 in Cleveland, Ohio. He and his family traveled by train to Los Angeles in May 1920. They lived in Eagle Rock (near Pasadena), and he attended Benjamin Franklin High in nearby Highland Park, graduating in 1926. He attended the University of California at Berkeley, majoring in Architecture. He worked at odd jobs, financing his way through school and graduated in 1932. Unfortunately, this was the time of the "Great Depression" and the only job he could get was with a loan company. In 1935 the company transferred him to San Diego. Though he worked for a loan company, his heart was in architecture and in 1936 he garnered one of the top prizes in the National Design Competition of a Residence for Structural Clay Products. He was hired by the architectural firm of Jackson Hamill as the chief draftsman in 1939.

Pat tried to enlist in the service during WWII but was turned down for being one-half inch below 5 foot 6. He instead served America by designing (approximately 150) government facilities, mostly for the Navy.

In 1944 he passed the California Architects License Exam and opened his own architectural firm with an office in his home. In six months he had ten offices and a growing business in San Diego.

Mr. Paderewski began teaching drafting, architecture and related subjects in 1939 for the San Diego Unified School District. Between teaching Evening High School (1939-1944), War Training Program (1943-1944) and UC Extension (1944-1957) classes, C. J. Paderewski was defined as

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