



## To all Poles and Polonias of the world

*Appeal of the Polish American Congress, New Jersey, Northern Division*

The Polish American Congress (PAC) followed with great attention the actions and initiatives of the Sejm and the Government of Poland, installed in the election process of 2005. Now we have no doubt that the current party at the helm, "Prawo i Sprawiedliwość", is the one that courageously and consistently strives to rebuild Poland as a modern and strong state, based on Polish national and Catholic values. This necessitates elimination of the post-Communist establishment, which resulted from the Round Table agreements, and of the system of illegal connections between former Communists and their agents, and organized crime.

PAC on several occasions expressed support for the political course of Prawo i Sprawiedliwość. We welcomed and applauded their achievements, such as restructuring of the Military Information Service (WSI), enactment of the Vetting Act (Ustawa Lustracyjna), and amendment of the Institute of National Remembrance (IPN) Act. We also appreciated the reasonable and balanced economic policies of that government, already apparently resulting in stable, consistent economic development, and in growing success of Poland in world's markets.

It comes as no surprise that the departing post-Communist establishment fights for its survival, often exploiting the inadequacies of the democratic system. But our greatest worries are caused by the positions taken by the media, majority of which, apparently supporting the old establishment, spread confusion in the minds of our compatriots and purposely make it difficult for them to understand these important transitions, using propaganda tricks in their despicable attempts to prove that black is white.

Effective construction of the new Polish Republic eventually became impossible under these conditions and with the existing distribution of power in the Sejm, and as a result there will be new elections shortly. We would like to appeal to all Poles eligible to vote, throughout the world, to show up in numbers at the polls, and to support Prawo i Sprawiedliwość and the leadership of the Kaczyński brothers. In our opinion, they have proven their intentions and abilities to work for the good future of Poland, and therefore, we should entrust them with the mandate for the next term in power.

**Andrzej Burghardt**, President  
Polish American Congress  
New Jersey, Northern Division □

## "Polish American Congress Day in New York" Oct. 14

As part of the annual observance of October as Polish American Heritage Month, Sunday, October 14th has been designated "Polish American Congress Day in New York," according to Frank Milewski, president of the Downstate N.Y. Division of the Congress.

"It'll be a day for solemn commemoration as well as celebration," he said. The opening event will be a memorial mass scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Greenpoint, Brooklyn marking the anniversary of the gangland-style execution of Father Jerzy Popieluszko by Communist thugs in 1984.

Rev. Popieluszko was the charismatic and heroic Catholic priest prominent in the movement that toppled the Communist regime which ruled Poland since World War II. The events occurring in Poland created a chain reaction throughout Soviet-controlled Eastern Europe that led to the fall of the Berlin Wall and to the eventual collapse of the entire Communist system.

Along with other Polish organizations from the community, the Polish American Congress will lead a march from the church to Father Jerzy Popieluszko Square in nearby McCarren Park at the conclusion of the mass. A commemorative service at the square will begin at 1:00 p.m.

The day's final event will be the Polish American Congress Awards Banquet to start at 3:00 p.m. at the Polonaise Terrace, 150 Greenpoint Avenue.

Selected to be this year's organizational honoree is the Sea League of America (Liga Morska), one of the most active and visible organizations in the Polish American community of the metropolitan New York area. The goal of the Sea League is to continue and preserve the maritime traditions of Poland.

Individual honorees are: Msgr. Peter Zendzian, pastor of Holy Cross R.C. Church in Maspeth and Msgr. Gregory Wielunski, pastor of Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Ozone Park. Both were elevated this year to the rank of monsignor by the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Dr. Elzbieta Wirkowski, Medical Director of Neuro ICU at Long Island's Winthrop Hospital, joins Msgr. Zendzian and Msgr. Wielunski as an individual honoree.

Designated as this year's Special Honoree is William C. Thompson, Jr., Comptroller of the City of New York.

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## Action Renounce Yalta

By: *Adam Kiernik*

"Action Renounce Yalta" is a book, which records the efforts of a massive political campaign based in the United States (1982-1985) to have the 1945 Yalta agreement formally renounced by the United States government, and to promote more aggressive support to end the division of Europe in the Western world.

The book describes how a relatively young, and inexperienced organization ("Pomost"), and its supporters, made up of mostly Polish immigrants to the United States with very limited financing, were able to shake the Western World with its challenge to renounce the foundation of post-World War II order. With little more than hard work, dedication, and a commitment to make a difference for the people of Poland, this organization, considered to be naïve by many, began its campaign by collecting signatures under a petition calling on the U.S. Government to formally renounce the 1945 Yalta executive agreement. Within a year this led to the introduction of resolutions calling for the formal renunciation of Yalta in the U.S. Senate (Senator Robert Kasten of Wisconsin) and House of Representatives (Congressman Tom Corcoran of Illinois, and later Jack Kemp of New York), and later in the Parliaments of Britain and Canada.

In an effort to place the maximum amount of pressure on the U.S. Government to take action on behalf of freedom for Poland and other captive nations, the strongly worded resolutions in the U.S. Congress included placing responsibility on the United States and Great Britain for the betrayal of these nations at Yalta. Due to the effective pressure of the campaign, the Reagan administration and U.S. State Department took various measures to defend Yalta, and call for its enforcement. At one point Polish-American leaders were invited to the White House for a luncheon during which time President Reagan delivered a speech giving his interpretation of Yalta - a good agreement with the only problem being that the Soviet Union did not live up to its commitments. The fact that Reagan even addressed himself to Yalta, however, resulted in vicious attacks from the Soviet Union and other communist governments.

While the Reagan administration called for the enforcement of Yalta, "Pomost" continued calling for the renunciation of Yalta, causing an interesting clash, which made headlines around the world. Eventually the U.S. Senate, in 1985, had the courage to pass a compromise resolution that did not formally renounce the Yalta agreement itself, but did renounce "spheres of influence" and the division of Europe, and did accept partial U.S. responsibility for Yalta. Before President Reagan signed the legislation into law, however, the acceptance of U.S. responsibility for Yalta was "white-washed" during a joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Despite falling short of its initial goal to see the U.S. Government formally renounce the Yalta agreement itself, the campaign successfully raised the issue before American society and in other nations around the world. The captive nation community became united in action as perhaps never before. There were numerous interesting demonstrations of support for the campaign, which ranged from waving large "Renounce Yalta" banners at Reagan presidential campaign rallies, to placing a "Solidarnosc Lives, Renounce Yalta" banner before the famous "Hollywood" sign in Los Angeles on the last day of the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984. The Los Angeles County Board of Directors and several cities in Ohio renounced Yalta. There was frequent coverage of the action in the U.S. media, including numerous articles, which appeared in major American publications. There were several strong speeches delivered in the U.S. Congress, as various leaders took various positions pertaining to the action.

The Underground in Poland took great interest in the Renounce Yalta campaign, and frequently expressed support for this action. The book describes all the background and behind the scenes work involved with having the "Renounce Yalta" resolutions introduced in the U.S. Congress, the various positions taken by U.S. leaders pertaining to the issue, and the negotiations involved in drafting various versions of the resolution. It describes the various political clashes and moves taken to overcome opposition for the campaign. It describes how politically active Polonia carried out this lobby effort in practical terms during some of Poland's most critical years.

In terms of signatures collected, letters sent, telephone calls made, and demonstrations of various types held, this 1982-1985 campaign represented one of the most massive pro-freedom efforts taken by Polonia on behalf of freedom for Poland and other captive nations. The full account of Action Renounce Yalta is now available on the internet and can be accessed by going to:

<http://english.radiopomost.com/index.php?option=articles&Itemid=3>

## B'nai B'rith International re-established a lodge in Poland Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports:

International leaders of the Jewish advocacy and good works organization were on hand when the 37-member lodge opened Sept. 9 -- the first to exist since Polish authorities shut down Poland's B'nai B'rith lodges in 1938.

"The launch of our new lodge in Warsaw carries great significance," said Dan Mariaschin, the executive vice president of B'nai B'rith. "Given B'nai B'rith's long but interrupted history in Poland, the country's relationship to both the U.S. and Israel bilaterally, and as a member of the European Union, and the revival of Jewish life there, the new lodge can act as an important participant in a wide range of issues on the B'nai B'rith and broader Jewish agenda." □

## Doctors save poisoned tourist using vodka drip

BRISBANE, Australia - Australian doctors said they plugged a poisoned Italian tourist into a vodka drip after running out of the medicinal alcohol they would normally have used to save his life.

The 24-year-old Italian, who was not further identified, was diagnosed as having ingested a large quantity of ethylene glycol, a common ingredient in antifreeze that can cause renal failure.

Pure alcohol is often given in treating such cases because it can inhibit the toxic effects of ethylene glycol.

**Dr. Pascal Gelperowicz** at Mackay Base Hospital where the man was taken for treatment said he was given pharmaceutical-grade alcohol on arrival, but that the hospital's supplies soon ran out.

"We quickly used all the available vials of 100 percent alcohol and decided the next best way to get alcohol into the man's system was by feeding him spirits through a nasogastric tube," Gelperowicz said in a statement.

"The patient was drip-fed about three standard drinks an hour for three days in the intensive care unit," he said. "The hospital's administrators were also very understanding when we explained our reasons for buying a case of vodka."

The patient made a successful recovery. The incident occurred about two months ago, though the hospital just released information on the case.

(Submitted by Teresa Dudzick) □

## Polish American Congress

Southern California Division

Invites you to attend our meeting

**Sunday, October 28 - 1:30 P.M.**

**Our Lady of the Bright Mount Rectory (lower level)**

**3424 W. Adams Blvd. - Los Angeles**

**Non-members of the Polish American Congress**

**are welcome to attend our meetings to see the many projects we have achieved and are working on for Polonia.**

Information: (626) 577-9797

**Sunday, Dec. 2 - Oplatek luncheon and Polonia Awards presentations**

*Award recipients are: Elizabeth Rudzińska, Richard Wideryński, Posthumus presentation to Gene and Stanley Stankiewicz*

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