

30th Annual Polish American Day

The Polish National Alliance-Orange County Lodge #3193, an ethnic fraternal organization will be hosting their 30th Annual Polish American Day on Sunday August 01, 2010 at The Pope John Paul II Polish Center-Yorba Linda, California. The Polish Center is located at 3999 Rose Drive just one block south of Imperial Highway. The event will begin with Holy Mass at 10:30AM in the Polish language, followed by dancing and entertainment from 1:00pm until 5:00p.m. Gates will open at 12:30PM to the dance hall. Roger and the "Villagers" one of California's finest polka bands will provide music. The Polonia Polish Folk Dance Ensemble will also perform various folk dances from regions of Poland.

Various Booths including Kozłowski Farms from Sonoma County and POLAM Federal Credit Union will be featured. Authentic Polish food "the best outside of Poland" will be available prepared by Teresa Turek Catering throughout the day. Donation to the Festival is \$8.00 for adults, senior's \$6.00 children-5 to 12-\$3.00, under 5 free with adult admission.

This event is one of the biggest gatherings of Polish Americans in the West. Come meet your friends and make some new ones. Additional Information - Tony Nowak 951 808-9580, Deloria Schaffer 562-943-8904, Eugenia Carter 951-277-4294, Mary Liss 818-790-7018, or Patty Kobzi 714-998-8222.

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Pogonowski book review from 6

by the performance of Polish culture which is of considerable importance to Europe, flourishing as it does in the physical center of the European continent" (253).

The book rightfully claims to be an illustrated history, as it contains facsimiles of numerous paintings and photographs. Additionally, many charts and maps are reprinted from Pogonowski's earlier book, *Poland: A Historical Atlas* (Hippocrene Books, 1987). They are convenient and show the author's meticulous work, though the charts tend to include details that can distract from the main issue. For example, the map of the final partition in 1795 includes information of the Polish gentry's rise and fall, and on how the Polish Commonwealth had the greatest freedom in Europe (147). The book concludes with a list of "Nobel Prize Winners Born in Poland" and a "Chronology of Poland's History." Helpful though they are, the lists are also at times misleading. Nobel Laureate Czesław Miłosz, for instance, was born in modern-day Lithuania -- then part of the Russian empire -- not in Poland.

The book would have benefited from better editing, which would have caught such errors as the misdating of Stanisław Wyspiański's life (it is dated in a caption 1846-1916, rather than the correct 1869-1907 (189)) and the Seven Years War (printed as 1758-1763 instead of 1756-1763 (122)). Furthermore, Polish diacritics are often misprinted: Łódź as Łódz (230, 238), Pożegnanie as Pożegnanie (136), Jędrzej as Jędrzej (197), and Przegląd as Przegląd (184). The book is also not free of typographical errors: Gdańsk as "Gdański" (237) and Balloon as "Baloon" (208) are just two examples.

Overall, it would be most appropriate to treat this book as a starting point rather than an authoritative source of information about Polish history. Even though it has shortcomings, it is ideal for those with little to no knowledge of the subject matter. It is easy to read, and the graphs and maps certainly make the fact-filled narrative more interesting. Finally, this book makes a strong case for anyone who has doubts about Poland's significance in Europe.

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Peczki - Fr. Jankowski from 4

"I did not include the Star of David because it is already embodied in the symbols of the Swastika and the Hammer and Sickle."

Now here's what Fr. Jankowski actually said: "...the sign of David is subsumed under these two symbols and for this reason I have no need to include it."

The latter can be interpreted in various ways, as there were many different symbols present at that re-creation of the Good Friday grave of Christ which doubled as a symbol of the death of patriotic Poland--see p. 75. Ironically, the presence of many symbols of Polish loss itself refutes the premise that Fr. Jankowski is singling out Jews as scapegoats.

The "Jews rule" and "Swastika=Star" are words put into Fr. Jankowski's mouth by Popek, perhaps deliberately to discredit him. Clearly, Fr. Jankowski is only driving home the point that he objects to foreigners deciding Poland's fate, regardless of their origins. He is in no way implying that Nazis, Communists, and Jews are equivalent to each other! [In another context, Cardinal Glemp had been misrepresented as saying that Jews control the western press. Actually, he said that Jews have considerable sympathetic access to the press.]

Author Raina explains why he considers Jews in influential positions not only incompatible with traditional Polishness, but also hostile to the same: "They [influential Jews and former Communists] act according to three slogans: cosmopolitanism, "Europeanism", and anti-clericalism. Whoever does not adhere to one of these three is labeled an unenlightened fool." (pp. 70-71). Such concerns must also be placed in the broader context of objectionable xenocracy, as Jerzy Pelc put it. (p. 129).

Double standards are a constant. Poles are free to criticize other Poles, Russians, Germans, "those greedy Americans", etc., but not Jews--lest they get labeled anti-Semites. If anti-Semitism is uncivilized and a sin, why isn't anti-Polonism? Poles tell themselves, and are told by others, that Fr. Jankowski's remarks are an embarrassment to Poland and to the

Church, but no one, Pole or Jew, suggests that, for example, Yitzhak Shamir's "Poles drink anti-Semitism with their mother's milk" remark is an embarrassment to Jews, Judaism, and Israel. President Lech Wałęsa was told that his scheduled meeting with President Clinton was off until he denounced Fr. Jankowski, but who ever heard of a comparable development in reverse? (p. 92). Polish Catholic spokesmen denounce Father Jankowski, yet are deafeningly silent about such things as Rabbi Weiss' profanation of the crosses during the Carmelite controversy, and former Jewish Communist Jerzy Urban's constant scurrilous attacks on Pope John Paul II and the Church. (p. 87). In fact, Urbach/Urban's vulgar anti-Catholic cartoons bear an eerie resemblance to Goebbels's and Streicher's anti-Semitic ones in DER EWIGE JUDE and DER STUERMER. □

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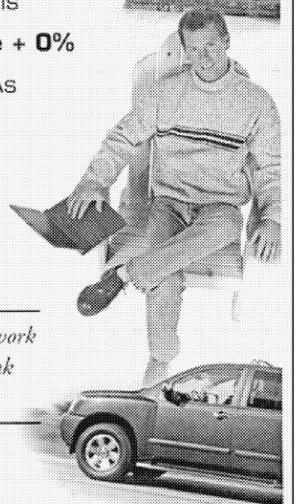
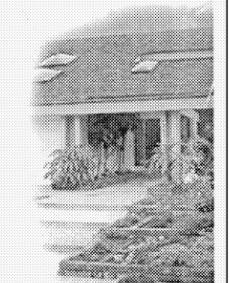
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