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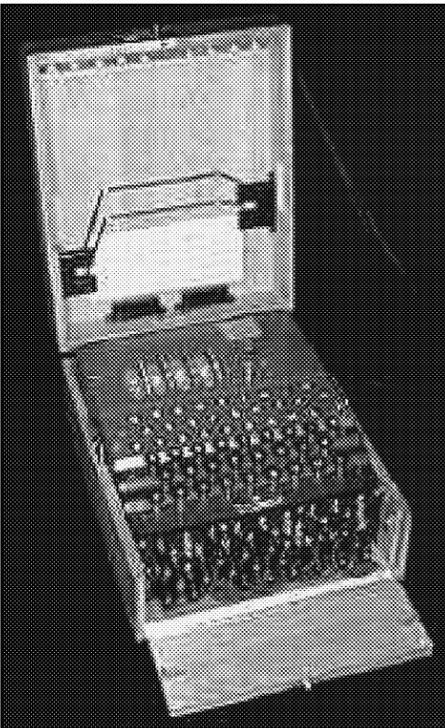
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Polish History

Polish Festival at Bletchley Park

On Sunday June 3, Federation of Poles in Great Britain (G.B.) and Bletchley Park Trust put on a Polish Festival. The festival celebrated the 68th anniversary of the handing over of the secrets of Enigma (a very sophisticated, complicated code sending communications machine used by the Germans) by Polish cryptographers to their British and French allies.

The intelligence gained through this source – codenamed **ULTRA** – was a significant aid to the Allied war effort. The exact influence of ULTRA is debated, but a typical assessment is that the end of the European war was hastened by two years because of the decryption of German ciphers.



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Letter to Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

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Ladies and Gentlemen

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Over the past recent years, there have been continuing distortions of Poland's historical record during World War II by the mass media, school books, and even official intervention by foreign governments into Polish internal affairs. Recently a letter was written to Poland's Prime Minister, Jarosław Kaczyński, from the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (also known as The Helsinki Commission). It was signed by its Chairman, Alcee L. Hastings and members of the committee, Benjamin L. Cardin, Mike McIntyre, Christopher J. Dodd, Hilda L. Solis, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Joseph R. Pitts, John F. Kerry, Gordon H. Smith and Russell D. Feingold. Some of the signatories are prominent members of the United States government, U.S. Senators and even candidates for the office of presidency of the United States.

In the letter to the Polish Prime Minister a concern is expressed for the delay in compensation and resolution of the injustices that have been suffered by the victims of the religious and political persecution of Polish citizens during World War II and the post war period from 1945 to 1989, known as the communist era. It is alleged as a fact that somehow Poland and her government is responsible for the holocaust of the Nazi era and the crimes and confiscation of private property of Poland's citizens by the communist government. The letter calls for restitution and appropriate compensation to the "victims" from the present government of Poland.

As an American citizen I would like to voice my opposition to your letter and your request that Poland should pay restitution and compensate the victims of the holocaust of World War II, the Nazi persecution and the communist era from 1945 to 1989. As a first and foremost objection to your letter and its request it should be noted that the letter is from a foreign body and at the most it only represents the position of the commission and its members. As a second objection, it is an attempt of foreign intervention into internal affairs of another sovereign and independent country, its government and citizens, even though it may involve people from different countries and foreign citizens. It is a matter of Poland's internal affairs, for Poland and its government to resolve without unnecessary intervention by a "self-nominated" commission no matter what it is called.

As a third, and maybe final objection to your letter, I would like to point out that you are in no position to interfere into Poland's internal affairs, even though you call yourself a "Commission", its member, and especially, whether you are the Senator of the United States, or a former or present candidate for the President of the United States. I am not a democrat or a republican, and I would not vote for you even if I were "paid" for that favor. Nevertheless, some facts have to be noted - Especially those that you ignore.

The facts that you and your request in the letter ignore are that Poland was invaded in

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Paderewski Monument in Los Angeles

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PAC President Richard Wideryński receives the Cavalier Cross from the First Lady Maria Kaczyńska as Consul General Krystyna Tokarska-Biernacik looks on

On April 28 2007, during a lecture presentation at Loyola Marymount University honoring Madame Maria Kaczyńska, the First Lady of Poland, Polish Music Reference Center (PMRC) Director Marek Żebrowski said, "The great Polish musician, patriot and statesman Ignacy Jan Paderewski will be commemorated at the University of Southern California on October 4, 2007. On that day, a large bronze monument of Paderewski will be permanently placed amongst the buildings of the Thornton School of Music at USC in Los Angeles."

The USC-Paderewski project that will culminate with the unveiling of the Paderewski Monument was initiated in 2000 by then PMRC Director Dr. Maja Trochimczyk, the Consulate-General of Poland in Los Angeles' Consul for Cultural Affairs - Mr. Roman Czarny, Polish-American Congress President Richard Wideryński, and Polish-American Historical Association President Jamee Harasick.

This initiative will recognize the achievements of this extraordinary musician and his links to the University which conferred upon Paderewski an Honorary Doctorate of Law Degree on February 22, 1923. Dr. Trochimczyk discovered in the USC Archives various historical documents showing that Paderewski received the degree. She decided to publicize these documents and highlight the association of the great statesman-musician and the University. She has published documents about the Paderewski doctorate, Paderewski texts, articles in two Paderewski issues (2000 and 2001) in the online Polish Music Journal, and presented papers about the composer at three international music history conferences in 2002 and 2003. She planned and organized the prestigious Paderewski Lecture series with composer Zygmunt Krauze in 2002, continued with Joanna Bruzdowicz in 2003, and Marta Ptaszyńska in 2004. She also curated an exhibition titled "Paderewski: Portrait of a Musician." at the PMRC which were on display during the entire 2002-2003 academic year. The Paderewski Exhibition, with numerous Paderewski-themed items that Dr. Trochimczyk donated to the Center, e.g., the only autographed letter by Paderewski currently in the collection and many piano rolls, later traveled to Buffalo, NY, where it was shown during a Paderewski Festival organized jointly by SUNY, Buffalo and local Polonian organizations.

Dr. Trochimczyk, Mr. Roman Czarny

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Bush Dedicates Memorial to Victims of Communism

President urges democracies to stand against terrorism

By: **David McKeeby**, USINFO Staff



Washington – The new Victims of Communism Memorial in Washington stands as a reminder that freedom is precious and cannot be taken for granted, President Bush says.

In a June 12 speech at the unveiling of the memorial, Bush said the Cold War taught that "evil is real and must be confronted; and that given the chance, men commanded by harsh and hateful ideologies will commit unspeakable crimes and take the lives of millions." These lessons continue to resonate today as nations fight violent Islamic radicalism and other forms of terrorism, he continued.

Joined by members of parliament from Hungary and the Czech Republic, former dissidents and foreign ambassadors, Bush dedicated the monument to the memories of the millions killed by communism, from China to the former Soviet Union, Cambodia to Ethiopia, Cuba to Nicaragua, and North Korea to Vietnam.

"These voices cry out to all, and they're legion. The sheer numbers of those killed in communism's name are staggering," Bush said. He invoked the memories of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, who rescued 100,000 Jews from the Nazis only to be arrested by the Soviets after World War II, and Polish clergyman Father Jerzy Popiełuszko, who was killed by authorities for supporting Poland's anti-communist Solidarity movement.

The sacrifices of these individuals haunt history - and behind them are millions more who were killed in anonymity by Communism's brutal hand. They include innocent Ukrainians starved to death in Stalin's Great Famine; or Russians killed in Stalin's purges; Poles, Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians loaded onto cattle cars and deported to Arctic death camps of Soviet Communism. They include Chinese killed in the Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution; Cambodians slain in Pol Pot's Killing Fields; East Germans shot attempting to scale the Berlin Wall in order to make it to freedom; the many Poles massacred in the Katyn Forest; and Ethiopians slaughtered in the "Red Terror." We'll never know the names of all who perished, but at this sacred place, Communism's unknown victims will be consecrated to history and remembered forever.

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