Register of the Andrzej Pomian papers

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Biographical Note
Andrzej Pomian, who died in Washington, D.C., in 2008 at the age of ninety-seven, was a Polish émigré journalist and author who worked for many years for Radio Free Europe. During World War II, he was a ranking officer in the Information and Propaganda Bureau of Poland's clandestine Home Army, the largest underground organization in Nazi-occupied Europe. Extracted from Poland in April 1944 in one of the most spectacular air operations of the war, Pomian spent the next ten years with the Polish government in exile in London before moving to the United States.
Andrzej Pomian, the name he assumed during the war, was born Bohdan Salacinski in 1911 in a Polish village in Podolia, the part of western Ukraine absorbed by the Soviet Union in 1920. Escaping the Soviets, the family moved to Warsaw, where Bohdan was educated, receiving his law degree from the University of Warsaw in 1932 and remaining at the university as an assistant professor. From the beginning of the German occupation, Pomian was involved in underground work. He taught law in an underground university and worked in various units of the resistance, eventually becoming a director of the Information and Propaganda Bureau, which coordinated the underground intelligence and publication work of the Home Army and controlled underground radio programming, as well as photographic and film documentation units. The Bureau's "Action N" section published documents in German aimed at weakening the morale of the German army and colonists in Poland. In general, the Home Army was involved in sabotage, self-defense, and retaliation activities against the Germans. It also provided key service to the Allies in the area of intelligence, monitoring troop movements in the east, and the development of German secret V-1 and V-2 rockets. The primary purpose of the Home Army, however, was to prepare for the anticipated German military collapse and the liberation of the country. After the Allied landing in Italy and the
westward advance of the Red Army, a great national uprising, focused in Warsaw, was planned for the second half of 1944. In connection with this plan, the Home Army and underground civilian authorities delegated several officers, including Pomian, to report to the Polish and British authorities in London on the progress of the preparations. Such contacts were usually carried out by coded radio transmissions or solitary couriers or emissaries. There were regular night flights from England or southern Italy to drop supplies and people into occupied Poland. A new joint Polish-Special Operations Executive operation, Wildhorn I, including actual landing and return flight, was undertaken in the evening of April 15, 1944. A Douglas Dakota, unarmed but equipped with eight additional fuel tanks, left its base near Brindisi in southern Italy. It flew over the Balkans and the Carpathian Mountains into Poland, to a stubble field near the city of Lublin, southeast of Warsaw. The field was marked out by bonfires and secured by several forest companies of the Home Army. Agents and bags of U.S. dollars were unloaded, and Pomian and his colleagues boarded the Dakota, barely avoiding the intense and bloody firefight that erupted between the Home Army units and the pursuing Wehrmacht columns. The return flight via Brindisi and Gibraltar brought Pomian to England twenty-four hours later.

Pomian followed the tragic epilogue of the war in Poland from distant London. During his ten years there, Pomian continued working for the Polish government in exile, coordinating contacts and organizing financial support for the anticommunist underground and Home Army veterans. He moved to the U.S. in 1955.

1911 January 2 Born, Bohdan Salacinski in Czarny Ostrów, in present-day Ukraine
1920 Evacuates to Poland with his family after the Polish-Russian War
1930s Practices law and lectures in an underground university after the German occupation of Poland. He also works in the Central Command of the Polish Home Army in the Information and Propaganda Bureau
1944 April Evacuates from Poland by airplane during Operation Wildhorn I as an emissary to the Polish government-in-exile in London
1944-1954 Works on the staff of the commander-in-chief of the Polish government-in-exile as leading liaison operations with the Polish underground
1946 Author, Warsaw Rising
1949 Author, Stalin and the Poles
1950 Author, Polish Armed Forces in World War Two: The Home Army
1955 Emigrates to the United States
1956-1977 Works as the Washington correspondent for the Polish section of Radio Free Europe
1974-1977 Completes a three-year assignment in Munich
1977 Returns to Washington and retires
1977-2000s Freelances for radio and publishes articles on history, politics, and literature in the Polish Daily (London) and Polish Daily News (New York)
1990 Author, Poland Defends Her Independence 1918-1945
1991 Receives the Warsaw University Medal
2000 Awarded the Commander's Cross with Star by the president of Poland and receives the Joseph Conrad Literary Award from the Jozef Pilsudski Institute of New York

2008 April 20 Dies, Washington D.C.

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection includes materials related to the Polish underground during and after World War II, with particular emphasis on the Warsaw Uprising of 1944 and the Soviet occupation of Poland, and Polish émigré affairs, in the form of reports, publications, correspondence, clippings, writings, and notes. The collection encompasses the years 1937-1973, with the bulk of the materials covering 1944-1954.

The bulk of the material relates generally to Andrzej Pomian's work as the assistant director of the Information and Propaganda Bureau of the Home Army in occupied Poland (1941-1944) and his role as the chief liaison between the Polish underground and the government-in-exile (1944-1954).

Some correspondence, and some Home Army and government-in-exile material can be found interspersed with post-war notes, clippings, and publications in the subject file.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Stowarzyszenie Polskich Kombatantów.
Polish people--United States.
Biographical file, 1944-1954

Scope and Contents note
Correspondence, personal documents, and receipts. Arranged by physical form.

Box/Folder 1: 1  Family correspondence, 1944-1954
Box/Folder 1: 2  Personal documents, correspondence, 1944-1952
Box/Folder 1: 3  Receipts, notes, correspondence, 1949-1954

Correspondence, 1944-1954.
Scope and Contents note
Arranged alphabetically.

Box/Folder 1: 4  Anders, Wladyslaw, 1953
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Box/Folder 1: 15  Zalewski, August, 1953
Box/Folder 1: 16  Zenczykowski, Tadeusz "Kania," 1944-1946

Scope and Contents note
Reports, notes, correspondence, publications and financial records related to the Home Army and Andrzej Pomian's role as liaison between the government-in-exile and the postwar Polish underground. Arranged chronologically.

Box/Folder 1: 17, Map case
"Akcja N," 1941-1945. Anti-Nazi German-language propaganda

Box/Folder 1: 18
Biuro Informacji I Propagandy Krajowych Sił Zbrojnych, BIPKSZ, circa 1943
Publications, 1943-1944.
Scope and Contents note
Contains photos, leaflets, Insurekcja, Biuletyn Informacyjny, Polska Ilustrowana, Sprawy Polskie, Kobieta w Walce, Przeglad Polityczny, Nowe Drogi, Wiadomosci Polskie

Box/Folder 2: 1
Scope and Contents note
Reports, correspondence, notes

Box/Folder 2: 2
Polish underground and postwar publications, 1943-1952.
Scope and Contents note
Includes photostat copies,

Box/Folder 2: 3-4
Warsaw Uprising, 1944
Scope and Contents note
Photographs of underground publications

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Scope and Contents note
News digests, anecdotes
Box/Folder 3 : 2-3  Warsaw Uprising, August 1944.
Scope and Contents note
Press digests and orders

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Scope and Contents note
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Review of the national press during the Warsaw Uprising, parts 1-6

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Box/Folder 4 : 1  Situational reports on Soviet-occupied Poland from the Ministry of Information and Documentation and the Ministry of the Interior, 1944-1945

Box/Folder 4 : 2  Warsaw Uprising, 1944-1946.
Scope and Contents note
Reports, press digests, correspondence

Box/Folder 4 : 3  Digests of messages received from Poland, in English; correspondence/publications relating to Polish government-in-exile propaganda and information distribution, 1944-1947

Box/Folder 4 : 4  Home Army, 1944-1950.
Scope and Contents note
Reports, pamphlets

Box/Folder 4 : 5  Typescript chronology of the Warsaw Uprising, circa 1945

Box/Folder 5 : 1  Narodowe Sily Zbrojne N.S.Z., 1945-1946.
Scope and Contents note
Reports, underground publications

Box/Folder 5 : 2  Polish Government budget documents, 1945-1947

Box/Folder 5 : 3  Correspondence, party platforms, meeting minutes, 1945-1947

Box/Folder 5 : 4  Notes, receipts, pamphlets, correspondence, 1945-1948

Box/Folder 5 : 5  “WIN” 1946-1947.
Scope and Contents note
Plan of operations, correspondence, receipts, brochures relating to émigré affairs

Box/Folder 5 : 6  Polish underground, 1946
Scope and Contents note
Publications, photos

Scope and Contents note
Financial records and film

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Scope and Contents note
Correspondence, instructions, reports, receipts, leaflets

Box/Folder 6 : 3  Financial records, receipts, 1949-1952

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   Scope and Contents note
   Correspondence, reports

Writings, 1945-1960.
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   Typescripts, manuscripts of books and other writings, and transcripts of Pomian's Radio Free
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   Scope and Contents note
   Manuscript, notes

Box/Folder 7 : 1  "Niezpodleglosc I Demokracja," freedom movement, undated.
   Scope and Contents note
   Typescript, manuscript and notes

Box/Folder 7 : 2  The Soviet Union and the Home Army, undated.
   Scope and Contents note
   Typescript and manuscript

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   Sheet music, lyrics, poetry

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   Correspondence, transcripts, notes

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   Scope and Contents note
   Manuscripts, typescript

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   Transcripts

Box/Folder 9 : 1  Z Dziejow Polski Podziemnej, 1959
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Scope and Contents note
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**Subject file, 1939, 1944-1958.**

Scope and Contents note
Clippings, publications and notes. Arranged alphabetically.

**General**

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    Scope and Contents note
    Includes Robotnik, Robotnik Polski, Tygodnik Warszawski, Gazeta Ludowa, Polska Zbrojna, Dzis I Jutro, Polska Walczaca, Jutro Polski, Biuletyn Informacyjny, Zycie, Dziennik Polski i Dziennik Zolnierza, Glos, Tygodnik Powszechny
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**Film shelf**

**Motion Picture Films**

Scope and Content Note

Titles taken directly from the film reels.

"Polish Bombers Holiday," 35mm film print, black & white, sound, 1000 ft. circa 1943

Scope and Contents note

Opening credits read: Polish Air Force Film Unit Presents, Polish Bombers Holiday.

Access

Use copy available on-site for immediate use. Use copy reference number: 2009C45_f_0010675.

"WWII Polish Army en route from USSR via Africa-Italy-France to Germany - Polish Version," 35mm film print, black & white, sound, 1000ft.

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"Polish Bombers Holiday," duplicate 35mm film print

"Sport Kajakowy w Polsce," 35mm film print

"WWII Polish Paratroopers Porizade 2nd Part Polish Version," 35mm film print

"Najkrotsza Droga," 35mm film print

"A Vol D'oiseau," 35mm film print