
Register of the Andrzej Pomian papers

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Abstract: The collection includes materials related to Poland, the Polish Underground, the Warsaw Uprising, Polish politics and government during and after World War II and Polish émigré affairs, in the form of correspondence, writings, reports, publications, notes, and clippings. Also available on microfilm (36 reels).

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Creator: Pomian, Andrzej

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Alternate Forms Available

Also available on microfilm (36 reels).

Related Materials

Poland. Ministerstwo Spraw Zagranicznych records, Hoover Institution Archives

Poland. Ministerstwo Informacji i Dokumentacji records, Hoover Institution Archives

Wolnosc i Niezawislosc miscellaneous records, Hoover Institution Archives

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 Studies law at Warsaw University and works in the municipal solicitor general's office
- 1940s 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
Box/Folder 1 : 5	Gierat, Ewa and Stanislaw, 1951
Box/Folder 1 : 6	Grubinski, Wacław, 1948-1951
Box/Folder 1 : 7	Kukiel, Marian, 1944
Box/Folder 1 : 8	Sujkowski, Zbigniew, 1951-1952
Box/Folder 1 : 9	Talarek-Gronowski, Roman, 1951
Box/Folder 1 : 10	Terlecki, Tymon, 1954
Box/Folder 1 : 11	Tyszkiewicz, Samuel and Wiktoria, 1950
Box/Folder 1 : 12	Wegorek, Zygmunt, 1952-1953
Box/Folder 1 : 13	Wolodko, Norbert, 1945
Box/Folder 1 : 14	Wyczalkowski, Marian, 1950
Box/Folder 1 : 15	Zalewski, August, 1953
Box/Folder 1 : 16	Zenczykowski, Tadeusz "Kania," 1944-1946
	Home Army and government-in-exile file, 1941-1954.
	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
Box/Folder 1 : 19-20	Publications, 1943-1944.
	Scope and Contents note
	Contains photos, leaflets, <i>Insurekcja, Biuletyn Informacyjny, Polska Ilustrowana, Sprawy Polskie, Kobieta w Walce, Przegląd Polityczny, Nowe Drogi, Wiadomości Polskie</i>
Box/Folder 2 : 1	Home Army and "Akcja N," 1943-1948.
	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
Box/Folder 3 : 1	Warsaw Uprising, 1944
	Scope and Contents note
	News digests, anecdotes

Box/Folder 3 : 2-3	Warsaw Uprising, August 1944. Scope and Contents note Press digests and orders
Box/Folder 3 : 4	Poland, Ministry of the Interior, Social Division, 1944 Scope and Contents note Reports from the Warsaw Uprising
Box/Folder 3 : 5-10	Poland, Ministry of the Interior, Social Division, 1945 Scope and Contents note Review of the national press during the Warsaw Uprising, parts 1-6
Box/Folder 3 : 11 Box/Folder 4 : 1	Photos, reports on the situation in Poland and the Yalta Conference, 1944-1945 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 Box/Folder 5 : 1	Typescript chronology of the Warsaw Uprising, circa 1945 Narodowe Sily Zbrojne N.S.Z., 1945-1946. Scope and Contents note Reports, underground publications
Box/Folder 5 : 2 Box/Folder 5 : 3 Box/Folder 5 : 4 Box/Folder 5 : 5	Polish Government budget documents, 1945-1947 Correspondence, party platforms, meeting minutes, 1945-1947 Notes, receipts, pamphlets, correspondence, 1945-1948 "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
Box/Folder 6 : 1	Polish government-in-exile, 1946-1950. Scope and Contents note Financial records and film
Box/Folder 6 : 2	Polish underground, 1946-1954. Scope and Contents note Correspondence, instructions, reports, receipts, leaflets
Box/Folder 6 : 3	Financial records, receipts, 1949-1952

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| Box/Folder 6 : 4 | Polish underground group "Farys" and its cooperation with British intelligence, 1951-1954.
Scope and Contents note
Correspondence, reports

Writings, 1945-1960.
Scope and Contents note
Typescripts, manuscripts of books and other writings, and transcripts of Pomian's Radio Free Europe broadcasts. Arranged chronologically. |
| Box/Folder 6 : 5 | Operation Tempest "Burza" and the Warsaw Uprising, undated.
Scope and Contents note
Manuscript, notes |
| Box/Folder 7 : 1 | "Niepodleglosc 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 |
| Box/Folder 7 : 3-4
Box/Folder 7 : 5-7 | Typescripts, reports, clippings undated
Powstanie Warszawskie, 1946
Scope and Contents note
Typescript |
| Box/Folder 7 : 8 | Polish underground, 1947
Scope and Contents note
Manuscripts and typescripts |
| Box/Folder 8 : 1-2 | Anthology of the Warsaw Uprising, 1954
Scope and Contents note
Sheet music, lyrics, poetry |
| Box/Folder 8 : 3 | Radio Free Europe, 1954
Scope and Contents note
Correspondence, transcripts, notes |
| Box/Folder 8 : 4 | Tradycje Demokracji Polskiej, 1954
Scope and Contents note
Manuscripts, typescript |
| Box/Folder 8 : 5 | Z Dziejow Polski Podziemnej, 1955-1956.
Scope and Contents note
Transcripts |
| Box/Folder 9 : 1 | Z Dziejow Polski Podziemnej, 1959
Scope and Contents note
Transcripts |

Box/Folder 9 : 2-3

Radio Free Europe, 1960

Scope and Contents note

Transcripts

Subject file, 1939, 1944-1958.

Scope and Contents note

Clippings, publications and notes. Arranged alphabetically.

General

Box/Folder 9 : 4

Booklet/letter, 1946, 1955

Box/Folder 9 : 5

Clippings, notes, reports, 1944-1948

Box/Folder 9 : 6-7

Clippings, 1944-1953

Box/Folder 10 :

Clippings, 1944-1953

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Box/Folder 10 :

Clippings, periodicals, typescripts, notes, 1944-1955

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Box/Folder 11 : 1

Clippings, newspapers, 1955

Box/Folder 11 : 2

Clippings, photos, letters, notes, 1947-1948

Box/Folder 11 :

Clippings, notes, scripts, correspondence, pamphlets, 1944-1958

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Box/Folder 12 : 1

Clippings, 1945-1955

Box/Folder 12 : 2

Clippings, 1946-1949

Box/Folder 12 : 3

Notes, orders, clippings, 1947-1950

Box/Folder 12 : 4

Notes, clippings, 1944-1947

Box/Folder 12 : 5

Notes, songs, poems, reminiscences, 1954

Box/Folder 12 : 6

Notes, clippings, pamphlets, 1944-1952, 1955, 1957-1958

Box/Folder 13 :

Notes, clippings, pamphlets, periodicals, 1944-1954

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Box/Folder 14 :

Notes, publications, and periodicals 1941-1950

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Box/Folder 14 : 3

Pamphlets, 1944-1948

Box/Folder 14 : 4

Party platforms, bulletins, photos of Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, 1947

Box/Folder 14 : 5

Publications, 1944-1955.

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*

Box/Folder 14 : 6

Reports, pamphlets, periodicals, 1943-1947

Box/Folder 14 : 7

Reports, periodicals, prayer cards, notes, 1945-1954

Box/Folder 15 : 1

Typescript screenplay, undated

Box/Folder 15 : 2

Typescript personal narratives, undated

Box/Folder 15 : 3

Typescripts, 1945, 1947

Scope and Contents note

Includes *Powstanie Warszawskie* by Antoni Chrusciel "Monter"

Box/Folder 15 : 4

Typescripts, notes, publications, correspondence, 1946

Box/Folder 16 : 1

émigré affairs, 1945-1953.

Scope and Contents note

Serials, clippings, report

Box/Folder 16 : 2

Home Army, undated.

Scope and Contents note

Bibliography of underground publications, notes and typescript

Box/Folder 16 : 3	Home Army and political organizations, undated. Scope and Contents note Notes, typescripts, clippings
Box/Folder 16 : 4-5	Polish underground, undated. Scope and Contents note Songs, poems
Box/Folder 16 : 6	Polish underground, 1943, 1946, 1948-1949. Scope and Contents note Typescript, correspondence
Box/Folder 16 : 7	Soviet occupation of Poland during and after World War II, 1946-1948. Scope and Contents note Typescripts
Box/Folder 17 : 1-2	Warsaw Uprising, undated. Scope and Contents note Typescript, poetry
Box/Folder 17 : 3	Warsaw Uprising, 1954 Scope and Contents note Notes, clippings
Box/Folder 17 : 4-5	Warsaw Uprising, 1944 Scope and Contents note Typescript, notes, digest of messages
Box/Folder 18 : 1	Warsaw Uprising, 1944, 1954. Scope and Contents note Notes, clippings, typescripts, reports
Box/Folder 18 : 2	Warsaw Uprising, 1944 Scope and Contents note Clippings, photographs,
Box/Folder 18 : 3	Warsaw Uprising 10th anniversary, 1954 Scope and Contents note Clippings, articles, correspondence
Box/Folder 19 : 1	Warsaw Uprising, 1947 Scope and Contents note Clippings, notes, poems
Box/Folder 19 : 2	Warsaw Uprising and Polish émigré affairs, 1947 Scope and Contents note Clippings, publications, newsletters, bibliography
Box/Folder 19 : 3-5	Warsaw Uprising, 1944-1951. Scope and Contents note Clippings, photos, correspondence, bibliographies

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- Box/Folder 19 : 6 **"WIN," 1952-1953.**
 Scope and Contents note
 Pamphlets, clippings
- Box/Folder 19 : 7 **Wodewil Warszawski, by Edward Chudzynski, 1954**
 Scope and Contents note
 Script for a play
- Box/Folder 19 : 8 **World War II, 1939-1947.**
 Scope and Contents note
 Clippings, correspondence, September 1, 1939 newspaper

Stowarzyszenie Polskich Kombatantów file, 1969-1973.

- Scope and Contents note**
Correspondence, financial records, and printed matter, relating to activities of the Polish-American veterans' organization Stowarzyszenie Polskich Kombatantów and Polish émigré affairs. Arranged chronologically.
- Box/Folder 20 : 1 **Baczynski, K.K., 1972**
Box/Folder 20 : 2 **Brezhnev, L.I., 1973**
Box/Folder 20 : 3 **Ciehanowski, Gladys, 1973**
Box/Folder 20 : 4 **Cives Leopolienses, 1971-1973**
Box/Folder 20 : 5 **Galinski, Adam, 1971-1973**
Box/Folder 20 : 6 **Hemar, Marian, 1972**
Box/Folder 20 : 7 **Karski, Jan, 1973**
Box/Folder 20 : 8 **Katyn, 1972**
 Scope and Contents note
 Printed matter
- Box/Folder 20 : 9 **Lot, 1973**
Box/Folder 20 : 10 **Ostrowski, Tadeusz, 1972**
Box/Folder 20 : 11 **Paczkowski, Jerzy, 1971**
Box/Folder 20 : 12 **Polish-American Congress, 1971-1972**
Box/Folder 20 : 13 **Project Pole, 1972**
Box/Folder 20 : 14 **SPK combatants, 1972-1973.**
 Scope and Contents note
 General
- Box/Folder 20 : **SPK correspondence, 1971-1973**
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- Box/Folder 20 : 18 **SPK members, 1972-1973**
Box/Folder 21 : 1 **SPK combatants printed matter, 1972-1973**
Box/Folder 21 : 2 **SPK combatants printed matter "Kombatant...," 1971-1972**
Box/Folder 21 : 3 **Reports, 1971-1973**
Box/Folder 21 : 4 **Statute, 1953**
Box/Folder 21 : 5 **Troscianko, Wiktor, 1973**
Box/Folder 21 : 6 **Veteran's Bill, 1972-1973**
Box/Folder 21 : 7 **Warsaw Ghetto Anniversary, 1973**
- Sound Recordings, 1956-1964**
Scope and Contents note
Contains 4 reels and 1 phonorecord, relating to Jan Paderewski, the Warsaw Uprising, Communism in Poland, and the U.S. presidential election of 1956.
- Box 21 **T. Machrowicz New Year's Address, undated, Warsaw Uprising Tribute broadcast on Belgian Radio (French), 1/4 inch reel, August, 1964**

- Box 21 **"Poland Under Communism," Interview with Andrzej Pomian, 1/4 inch reel, June 21, 1963**
- Box 21 **Flannery on Paderewski, 1/4 inch reel, undated**
- Box 21 **"Ballads for Ballots" sung by Joe Glazer, phonorecord, 1956**
- Box 22, Map case **Maps, 1937-1948**
 Scope and Contents note
 Poland, Germany, and progress of the Warsaw Uprising
- 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.**
 Access
 Use copy available on-site for immediate use. Use copy reference number:
 2009C45_0011243_r01
- "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**