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### THE INSTITUTE'S REPORT FOR 1964.

The goals of the Institute have frequently been described on these pages. They have not changed, and though fulfilled in many ways, they may be described in one all-encompassing slogan: the propagation of the historical truth about Poland, and the defense of this truth.

The external and internal enemies of our Fatherland consider this to be very dangerous to themselves. Therefore, they make every effort to obliterate it, and to falsify all knowledge about Poland, about Her past and Her present. The falsification of history has become a method of political combat, and the spreading of lies a poisonous and dangerous weapon.

Light disperses darkness, knowledge vanquishes lies.

We are fulfilling our tasks to the best of our ability, and we expect the Institute's members and friends, as well as all people of good will, to support us in our work.

#### SOLEMN MEETING HONORING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF THE FIRST COMPANY OF THE POLISH LEGIONS.

We quote below a report from the meeting which appeared in the New York daily "Nowy Świat":

"The impressive meeting honoring the 50th anniversary of the start of the First Company of the Polish Legions, organized by the J. Piłsudski Institute, was held on Sunday, November 15, 1964 in the Soldier's Home in New York. The entire affair was on a very high cultural and artistic level.

The many visitors and honored guests were greeted by the Institute's President, Mr. Henry Korab-Janiewicz. The National Anthems were sung by: Miss Joanne Gregory (American) and Mr. Tadeusz Bednarski (Polish), accompanied by Mrs. Alina Eiger at the piano. The Rev. Col. Franciszek Tyczkowski, chaplain of the Second Corps of the Polish Army, delivered a religiously uplifting and highly patriotic invocation. The Director of the Institute, Dr. Jan Fryling was the narrator and master of ceremonies. In introducing the main speaker, Col. Waclaw Jedrzejewicz, Dr. Fryling cordially greeted the following guests: Gen. Wincenty Kowalski, a member of the First Company, and four of Marshal Jozef Piłsud-

ski's oldest soldiers: Col. Adam Koc, Col. W. Jedrzejewicz, Sen. Edward Kleszczynski and Czeslaw Zbieranski.

In his concise and interesting speech, Prof. W. Jedrzejewicz reviewed the historic events of fifty years ago, underscoring the patriotism and selflessness of the Legionnaires, and the young generation's undeterred desire to achieve the freedom and independence of their Fatherland. Both the Revend Tyczkowski and Professor Jedrzejewicz spoke with deep emotion of the Divine Guidance which provided the nation, in its greatest hour of need, with a great leader, Jozef Piłsudski, whose genius led the nation out of the house of slavery into freedom.

In the artistic part of the program, Polish stage artists, Ziemowit Karpinski, Henryk Rozmarynowski and Lena Zelwerowicz-Orchon, in recitations of the Commander's orders, as well as Legion prose and poetry (by J. Kaden-Bandrowski, E. Slonski, Or-Ot, K. Wierzynski, J. Lechon and J. Maczka), brought back to life a glorious page from the nation's history. A number of Legion songs were sung by Mr. Tadeusz Bednarski, and Miss Joanne Gregory plus a few selections from Chopin. Moniuszko and Karłowicz. Dr. Jan Fryling delivered the closing address, after which all those present sang "Boże cos Polske".

The entire affair made a strong impression on the listeners, due both to the profundity of certain individual parts of the program and the high level of its implementation. It was one of the most moving meetings organized in the past few years.

Congratulatory telegrams were received, among others, from: Gen. Kazimierz Sosnkowski, Gen. Władysław Bortnowski, Prof. Oskar Halecki and poet, Kazimierz Wierzynski.

In addition to those mentioned above, other honored guests in the beautiful hall of the Soldier's Home included the President of the New York Chapter of the Polish-American Congress, Francis J. Wazeter, Father G. Makowicz from the Holy Cross Parish in South Brooklyn, members of the SPK Executive Council: Maj. St. Gierat, J. Krzyzanowski and St. Kruk, almost the entire

Council of the New York Chapter of the Home Army in the U.S., with Chairman St. Wolinski and Mr. St. Gordon in the lead. Present also were B. Gajewicz of the Roman Dmowski Institute, Maj. Nowobilski of PSZ, former legionnaire K. Kolodziejczyk, members of the Board of the J. Pilsudski Institute, as well as a number of outstanding political and national leaders. The 'Nowy Świat' publishers were represented by Dr. Leopold Obierek, and the editors by Editor Leon Dąbrowski."

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE & ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On March 19, 1964, the annual General Meeting of the Jozef Pilsudski Institute was held at the Kosciuszko Foundation in New York.

In the absence of the Institute's President, H. Korab-Janiewicz, Vice-President Col. Adam Koc opened the meeting. Minister Jan Librach was chosen Chairman, and Mrs. A. Romanowski, Secretary. The Nominating Committee was composed of Messrs. Bohdan Kawecki, Jerzy Braynack and Col. Juliusz Walla.

The Chairman led those present in paying tribute to the deceased members of the Institute: Widow of the Marshal, Mrs. Aleksandra Pilsudska (London), Stefania Januszewska (Detroit), Henryk Landau (Los Angeles) and Kazimierz Jarzebowski (New York).

Reports on the activities of the Institute, demonstrating its further expansion, were presented by Col. Koc and Institute Director W. Jedrzejewicz; Secretary Januszewska (Detroit), Henryk Landau (Los Angeles) Jan Kowalski presented the financial report, which showed expenditures of \$17,632.00 during 1963. Chairman of the Auditing Committee Col. W. Kolaczowski presented the report of the outgoing Board. The reports were adopted by the membership. Also, the budget for 1964 in the amount of \$15,100.00 and — following a discussion — the Board's plan for the statute changes, were approved.

On the motion of the Nominating Committee, it was agreed to elect new officers of the Institute for 1964, in the persons of: President, H. Korab-Janiewicz; Vice-President, Dr. A. Korczynski; Treasurer, I. Nurkiewicz; Secretary, Jan Kowalski; Members of the Board: Gen. Wl. Bortnowski, Leon Dabrowski, Dr. Jan Fryling, Wieslaw Domaniewski, Prof. O. Halecki, Prof. W. Jedrzejewicz, Juliusz Kanarek, Edward Kleszczynski, Col. A. Koc, Gen. W. Kowalski, L. A. Kupferwasser, Prof. E. Kusielewicz, Jan Librach, Prof. J. Nakaszdyze, T. Pawlowicz, J. Pulaska; Committee of Auditors: Chairman C. Zbieranski; Members: A. Lipska, K. Bazanowski; Alternate Members of the Auditing Committee: Fr. Szczygielska and Capt. Stefan Wesolowski.

This ended the meeting, and then the Institute Council coopted Mr. Bohdan Kawecki. Prof. O. Halecki was named Educational Chairman, and Prof. W. Jedrzejewicz, Director.

#### THE LIBRARY AND THE ARCHIVES.

The Institute's Library contains a large collection of books, many thousands of brochures, leaflets, press material and archives of original documents.

Cataloging of the books goes on all the time because of the constant expansion of the Institute Library. Work on a catalogue has been undertaken, modeled on the Library of Congress in Washington, based on subject headings. Names of the sections will be uniform for all historical sources constituting a homogeneous whole. This will enable researchers to see the entirety of the subject under study. The Library is growing through the purchase of books sought by historians applying to the Institute, through donations from affiliated institutions, and private donations. In the report period the Institute Council named a Book Purchasing Committee, consisting of: Chairman: Mrs. Jadwiga Pulaska; Members: Mr. Jan Librach and Col. Adam Koc.

The Archives comprise an exceptionally valuable collection of original documents, on which many outstanding historians, Polish, American and English, have worked — Prof. M. K. Dziewanowski, Prof. Piotr Wandycz, Prof. W. Jedrzejewicz, Prof. Z. Nagorski, Prof. Bradley and Prof. Erickson (both history professors at the University of Manchester in England), Prof. Taras Hunczak (Rutgers University, New Jersey), and others. University students also call on the Institute for material and bibliographical data for their theses or academic degrees, doctorates and masters degrees. Scholars have received exhaustive data on existing historical sources and necessary aid in their field of research from the Director of the Institute's research center. In academic circles, the reputation of the wealth of the Institute Archives is constantly enhanced. It is considered by historians a most helpful outpost for scholars devoting themselves to the study of the contemporary history of East and Central Europe, and the role played by Poland in this part of the world.

Work on stock-taking and safeguarding the Institute's collections goes on all the time. In the report period, as in previous years, the Institute's collections have been in the care of Mrs. Jadwiga Pulaska, a professional librarian, who gives her technical organizational advice and watches over the development of these departments. This ensures that the Institute's work in this field is carried out in accordance with the demands of up-to-date library science.

The Library, Archives and research center have remained under the direction of Col. Adam Koc.

#### RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC WORK.

Prof. M. K. Dziewanowski continued to work on a book entitled "A European Federalist: Joseph Pilsudski (1918-1929)." He spent last summer in the "Hoover Institution" in Stamford, Calif., working on material available there, and at present this important work is close to completion.

**Prof. Wacław Jędrzejewicz** has begun work on archive material of the late Ambassador **Józef Lipski**, which is to be found at the J. Pilsudski Institute in New York. He is preparing a book for publication (in English) on the mission of **Józef Lipski**, Polish Ambassador in Berlin in the years 1933-1939. This book will cover reports, memoirs and articles by **J. Lipski**. As a collection of documents, it will be a valuable contribution to the history in this period.

**Prof. Dr. Michał Sokolnicki**: "Ankara Diary, 1939-1943." Published by the Józef Pilsudski Institute in London and New York. The "Diary" is composed of notes made by the Ambassador of the Polish Republic in Turkey at the time of the Second World War. They are supplemented by telegrams and excerpts from reports. The author of the book, a veteran diplomat and outstanding historian, gives a penetrating and colorful insight into the mechanism of war activities and into the role of Turkey — located as it was in the center of conflicting interests and hostilities in the region of the Eastern basin of the Mediterranean.

#### **DELEGATES OF POLISH CULTURAL CLUBS AT THE INSTITUTE.**

Delegates of Polish Cultural Clubs, attending a meeting in New York, visited the Institute — about one hundred strong — to acquaint themselves with the collections and activities of the Institute. The especially prepared exhibit of precious historical documents and rare printed matter was viewed with particular interest. The Institute extended a warm welcome to these nice visitors, representatives of the young generation of Polish-Americans.

#### **LECTURES.**

After the General Membership Meeting of the Institute of March 19, 1964, there was a lecture at the Kosciuszko Foundation by **Col. Adam Koc** entitled "The Marshal's Widow, **Aleksandra Pilsudska**."

In connection with the 50th anniversary of the onset of the battles of the Polish Legions, a lecture by **Dr. Jan Fryling** entitled "Polish Poets on the Legions" took place on May 8, 1964 at the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences. Poetry was recited by **Mrs. Karin Falencka** and **Mrs. Aleksandra Janta**.

In commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the birth of **Stefan Żeromski**, a lecture by **Dr. Jan Fryling** entitled "Stefan Żeromski, Harbinger of Armed Conflict" was held on December 11, 1964 at the Kosciuszko Foundation. **Mrs. Karin Falencka** and **Mrs. Aleksandra Janta** read excerpts from the works of **Żeromski**.

The above-mentioned lectures organized by the Pilsudski Institute were very well attended, and were written out in detail by the Polish press in the United States.

On February 20, 1964, a lecture by **Prof. Dr. Eugeniusz Kusielewicz** in English, entitled "Poland in the Works of American Historians" was held at the Kosciuszko Foundation.

#### **PUBLICATIONS.**

On the 50th Anniversary of the Start of the Polish Legions, a commemorative book entitled "Beautiful Yesterday" came out, containing a collection of articles by former participants in the battles. It was published simultaneously by the Józef Pilsudski Institutes in London and New York. It was created in order to find its way into Polish minds and hearts, particularly the hearts of the young generation, for whom Marshal Pilsudski's words should be an admonition: "He who does not respect nor value his past is not worthy of respect in the present, and has no right to the future." The book is written in a simple style by those who were the first in many years to take up arms, declaring to the world that Poland lives — so the book is all the more precious, since it reflects the truth of the events of this epoch.

There are two books in print: "Ankara Diary" by **M. Sokolnicki** and "Diary, Speeches and Orders" by **Gen. K. Sosnkowski**. They will be for sale at the Pilsudski Institute in New York, along with many other books mentioned in the special announcements sent out by the Institute.

Recently a book in English has appeared in the bookshops entitled "The Rise of the Soviet Empire" by **Jan Librach**. It is a study of Soviet foreign policy. (**Frederic A. Praeger, Publishers.**)

**Minister Librach's** book may be purchased at the Institute. Its price is \$7.50 per copy.

#### **MASSSES.**

On April 11, 1964, the Institute arranged for a requiem mass at the Church of **St. Stanislaw** in New York for the souls of deceased founders and presidents of the Institute: **Franciszek Januszewski**, **Stefania Januszewska**, **Stefan Łodziński**, **Ignacy Matuszewski**, **Henryk Floyer-Rajchman**, **Maksymilian Węgrzynek**, and for the souls of the late members of the Institute.

On August 8, 1964, the Institute arranged for a requiem mass for the souls of the slain and deceased Legionnaires and P.O.W. members, held at the **St. Stanislaw Church** in New York.

#### **PASSING OF INSTITUTE MEMBERS.**

During the course of the past year, the following Institute members have died: **Marian Kozielowski**, **Dr. Antoni Mallek**, **Dr. Zygmunt Rucker**, **Consul Jan Ślawinski**.

Let us honor their memory!

**GENERAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1964.**

**a) Revenue**

Balance as of Jan. 1, 1964 .....	\$4,608.78
Membership fees .....	3,184.43
Donations from members and friends .....	7,136.33
Books and publications .....	3,557.57
Lectures, meetings and miscellaneous .....	417.27
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	\$18,904.38

**b) Expenditures**

Administration .....	\$3,870.22
Annual Appeal .....	1,302.38
Archives and Library .....	1,389.70
Research and Scientific Studies .....	509.95
Lectures, meetings and miscellaneous .....	632.89
Books and publications .....	5,067.74
Miscellaneous .....	2,387.91
Balance as of Jan. 1, 1965 .....	3,743.68
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	\$18,904.38

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The past year was marked by a rise in contributions; the number of members paying regular annual fees increased; also, there has been an increase in the donations of members and friends. This is an encouraging sign which offers the Institute a financial basis for its existence, and bears witness to the increasing confidence of the public enjoyed by the Institute.

There is also an increased income from the sale of books, coupled with a decrease in the indebtedness connected with the Institute publications.

As in the past years, all work is done for the Institute on a voluntary basis. In particular, Col. A. Koc, Sen. Edward Kleszczynski, Secretary Jan Kowalski and Kazimierz Bazanowski devote a great deal of their time unselfishly every day. The Institute offers its thanks to them.

The number of letters and circulars mailed out -- 47,000 -- indicates how active the office has been.

The following people have been particularly generous in their contributions to the Institute:

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Polish Veterans Grand Military Ball of Chicago	40.00
Polish Cultural Club of America .....	31.00
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Total ..... \$2,866.00

**FUND IN MEMORY OF THE MARSHAL'S WIDOW, ALEKSANDRA PILSUDSKA.**

To honor the memory of the Marshal's widow, Aleksandra Pilsudska, who died on March 31, 1963, The Jozef Pilsudski Institute in London, on the initiative of Gen. Kazimierz Sosnkowski, and with permission from the family of the late Marshal's widow, began a collection for a fund to honor her name.

After the General Membership Meeting, Dr. Jan Fryling brought up the matter of the Publication Fund of A. Pilsudska, and the collection taken up for this purpose by the Pilsudski Institute in New York has so far yielded the sum of \$827.51.

**DONATIONS AND LEGACIES.**

We would like to impart a very auspicious and encouraging piece of information.

One of our members, who always respond to our holiday appeal, informed us that in his will he left his farm to the Pilsudski Institute. Let us hope that this beautiful and noble deed will mind many imitators!

The work of our Institute is made possible only thanks to material and moral support of Patriotic Poles. The existence of the Institute and its projects would be greatly strengthened by donations and legacies. Many American institutions base their existence on such grants. However, many Poles fail to make their last will and testament, with the result that the fruit of their labors will not aid Polish institutions in America which have to struggle with numerous material difficulties.

So we hope that our Countrymen will follow the example of the above mentioned kind donor, and will offer donations to our Institute, and remember it in their wills.

**APPEAL REQUESTING THAT YOU FORWARD BOOKS, BROCHURES AND OTHER PRINTED MATERIAL TO THE INSTITUTE LIBRARY.**

The Jozef Pilsudski Institute fervently asks for donations of books and other printed matter. In many cases, accumulated publications take up a great deal of room in private homes and constitute a burden to their owners. The J. Pilsudski Institute will accept them gratefully, since they will enlarge its library. We ask you to please inform us of these donations by letter (or by telephone) to the address of the Institute..

**CHANGE IN THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE PILSUDSKI INSTITUTE.**

On September 10, 1964 the Council of the J. Pilsudski Institute elected a new Director and Vice-Director, in view of the resignation of Prof. W. Jedrzejewicz from the position of Director.

The Institute expressed its thanks to Prof. Jedrzejewicz, who resigned to devote his entire time to scientific research, for his activities of the past one-and-a-half years, hoping for his further cooperation.

The Council unanimously elected Dr. Jan Fryling, long-time member of the Institute Council, as Director, and Mr. Bohdan Kawecki as Vice-Director.

**BULLETIN FUND** — Correction Note: A. N. Korzeniowski, M.D., Ladd, Illinois, donated \$110.00 each year for the past 2 years towards the Bulletin Fund which was omitted in the Polish Bulletin.

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