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- March '68, 50th Anniversary Spot (English) / 68 'mars 50-årsjubileumspot (Svenska)**
IPNtv (You Tube): March 1968 Poland Communists Against Citizens / IPNtv: Mars 1968 Polen Kommunister Mot Medborgare
- Jerzy Eisler - March '68 From the Perspective of a Half Century**
The fiftieth anniversary of March '68 prompts us to several reflections of a general nature. Firstly, in spite of the publication of roughly 70 books and brochures (of varying value and usefulness to a researcher) dedicated to the events at that time in Poland, we are still unable to provide answers to many important questions that are satisfactory from a scholarly point of view.
- Włodzimierz Suleja, March '68 - rebellion against communist dictatorship**
March has a special place among all "Polish" months. It was for the first time, not counting the student anti-communist conspiracy of the early fifties, that young people reacted against the imposed system. This authentic generational rebellion included not only students, although they were the most visible group.
- Genesis**
The events of March 1968 were multi-faceted; in the space of a few weeks, several completely different and often unrelated incidents dovetailed with each other. In that light, when talking about the genesis of the March 1968 events, it is necessary to mention a series of diverse proceedings.
- 'Dziady' ('Forefathers' Eve)**
The fiftieth anniversary of the outbreak of the October Revolution fell in November 1967. A wide range of propagandist, cultural and scientific events were prepared throughout the entire country in order to mark the occasion... The National Theatre in Warsaw also had a part to play in the planned commemorations. The theatre's director, Kazimierz Dejmek, was determined to stage Adam Mickiewicz's play 'Dziady' (The Forefathers) in a more contemporary way.
- Student Protests**
The spark that incited the fire was the decision to remove Michnik and Szafler from the University of Warsaw. Prof. Henryk Jabłoński, the Minister of Education, made the decision on March 4th; the formal pretext being that the two had given information to foreign journalists regarding the "Dziady" (Forefather's Eve) case (an investigation had been conducted into their involvement in the matter). In reply, Komandos (The Commandos), a student political activity group) organized a mass meeting on 8 March.
- The Anti-Semitic Campaign**
fueling a sense of threat, creating the image of an enemy, and inciting hatred were abiding elements of communist propaganda machine had... since 1944 it... from the armed... activists, on... church, peasants opposing collectivization.
- Repression**
According to data from the Ministry of the Interior, throughout the entire country 2,549 people were arrested up to 25 March 1968. This number includes people arrested during street demonstrations, for the... and distribution of leaflets, and as... sent to other academic centres, it is necessary to remember how... that in later periods, those who had been confirmed as...
- Prague Spring**
Czechoslovakia was one of the countries that did not go through the process of de-Stalinization in 1966. It started with a significant delay, in the beginning of the 1960s. However, the... cadre proved to be insufficient. The... suppression of the... on 3... more unpopular sectors of...

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