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Conference and Exhibition "The Prague Spring. Poland and Czechoslovakia in 1968"

On September 4th-5th, 2003 in Warsaw, in the premises of the Institute of National Remembrance (the conference room at 28 Towarowa street) an international conference entitled "The Prague Spring. Poland and Czechoslovakia in 1968" will take place. The conference will be accompanied by an exhibition devoted to the same topic which has been prepared by the Branch Public Education Office in Wrocław. Contact: Anna Piekarska (+48 22 581 89 18).

Conference Programme
"The Prague Spring. Poland and Czechoslovakia in 1968"
Warsaw, September 4th-5th

Thursday, September 4th

10.00 opening of the conference and exhibition

10.10 – 10.25 addresses by Czech Ambassador Bedřich Kopecký and the representative of the Slovak Embassy in Poland

10.25 – 10.45 Czechoslovakia and Poland before 1068 by Jan Rychlik

- 10.45 11.05 Impact of the Prague Spring on the Polish March'68 by Jerzy Eisler
- 11.05 11.25 Impact of the Polish March'68 on the Prague Spring by Petr Blažek
- 11.25 11.45 Eastern Block vis-à-vis the Prague Spring by Jitka Vondrová
- 11.45 12. 30 discussion
- 12.30 14.15 break
- 14.15 14.35 Władysław Gomułka and the Prague Spring by Paweł Machcewicz
- 14.35 14.55 The Polish United Workers' Party and the Prague Spring by Łukasz Kamiński
- 14.55 15.15 Attitude of the Polish Catholic Church towards the Pargue Spring and the Military Intervention of the Warsaw Pact in Czechoslovakia by Rudolf Vevoda
- 15.15 15.45 discussion
- 15.45 16.00 break
- 16.00 18.00 panel discussion on The Crisis of the Communist System in 1953-1989
- Andrzej Paczkowski, Andrzej Friszke, Andrzej Krawczyk, Irenej Kratochvíl, Oldřich Tůma, Jan Rychlik

Friday, September 5th

- 10.00 10.20 Participation of the Polish Army in the Intervention in Czechoslovakia by Paweł Piotrowski
- 10.20 10.40 Czechoslovak Society vis-à-vis the Polish Participation in

the Intervention by Jan Kalous

10.40 – 11.00 Resistance of the Czechoslovak Society against the Intervention by Jiři Pernes

11.00 - 11.15 break

11.15 - 11.35 "Podhale" Action by Grzegorz Majchrzak

11.35 - 11.55 Normalization 1969-1971 by Oldřich Tůma

11.55 - 12.40 discussion

12.40 - 14.15 break

14.15 - 16.00 closing discussion - summing up of the conference

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