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The Year of Józef Mackiewicz – the IPN commemorated the writer in Munich

On Sunday, 16 October 2022, a plaque commemorating Józef Mackiewicz was unveiled by the building of the Polish Consulate General in Munich. A debate on his life and works was also held. The outstanding writer and publicist, while in exile, lived in this city from 1955 to 1985, and wrote his great novels there.































The plaque unveiling ceremony was attended, among others, by

representatives of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Munich, including Consul Jan M. Malkiewicz and Joanna Malkiewicz, as well as representatives of the Institute of National Remembrance - Deputy President of the IPN Prof. Karol Polejowski, the historical research advisor to the President of the IPN Sławomir Cenckiewicz, Ph.D., the Director of the IPN Historical Research Office Sebastian Pilarski, Ph.D., and Mirosław Supruniuk, Ph.D.

The plaque unveiling ceremony was preceded by a Mass in memory of Józef Mackiewicz at the Polish Parish of St. Joseph in Munich, concelebrated by Father Stanisław Pławecki. The plaque was financed by the IPN.

On the previous day, the consulate hosted a debate dedicated to Józef Mackiewicz. Mackiewicz's role as a writer and witness of 20th century history was discussed by Sebastian Pilarski, Ph.D., Sławomir Cenckiewicz, Ph.D., and Mirosław Supruniuk, Ph.D. The participants of the event were welcomed by Consul General Jan M. Malkiewicz, while the discussion was opened by IPN Deputy President Karol Polejowski. The debate provoked interest and a lively reaction from the Polish community in Munich participating in the event.

On the same day, the IPN delegation, together with Consul Jan M. Malkiewicz, commemorated the Polish victims of the Dachau German concentration camp. They lit candles and placed wreaths at the sites of mass burials - at the Dachau cemetery and the Perlacher Forst cemetery in Munich. Thanks to the cooperation of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Munich and the Institute of

National Remembrance, a renovated cross was erected at the Dachau Waldfriedhof cemetery, the renovation of which was financed by the Institute.

Year of Józef Mackiewicz

By the decision of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, 2022 has been established as the Year of Józef Mackiewicz - an acclaimed writer, one of the last witnesses of Katyn, a participant in the Polish-Bolshevik war. As we read in the resolution adopted on the 120th anniversary of the writer's birth, he was "a fierce enemy of totalitarianisms, especially communism, and sought everything that could unite the people of Central and Eastern Europe, including the anti-Bolshevik opposition in Russia, on the road to the freedom of nations."

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