

## CHRONICLE OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC HISTORY IN POLAND (APRIL 1977 — MAY 1978)

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20 - 22 April 1977

Session on the forced labour in the Third Reich during the Second World War was held in Kikity near Biskupiec, Olsztyn Province. It was organized by the Wojciech Kętrzyński Research Center in Olsztyn and Olsztyn Commission for Investigation of Nazi Crimes in Poland. Papers and reports delivered during the Session dealt with, among others, recruitment of labour force by the Third Reich during the Second World War, various aspects of the situation of foreign workers in Germany and their resistance against extermination and discrimination.

26 - 30 August 1977

International Session on the interconnection of theory and interpretation in economic history was held in Białowieża, Białystok Province. It was prepared in co-operation with the Board of International Society of Economic History and it was organized by the Białystok branch of Warsaw University. The Session was planned in preparation for VIIIth International Congress of Economic History in Edinburgh in 1978. Subjects of the papers and discussions centered on the following problems:

- 1) analysis of theory and interpretation in terms of their general methodological characteristics and connections of interpretation with such related procedures as verification and construction of models,
- 2) analysis of concrete reconstructions of historical processes,
- 3) effects of new techniques and heuristic methods on the procedure of interpretation and structure of theory.

The papers submitted for the Session have been included in the 15th volume of *Studies*.  
10 - 11 November 1977

Session of Polish historians on monographic studies of towns and regions was held in Karpacz. It was organized by the Institute of History, Wrocław University in co-operation with Commission of Regional History of Main Board of Polish Historical Society. Discussion centered on the following subjects:

Wapiński, R.: Regional and national history; Topolski, J.: Regional monography and its place in the contemporary research and popularization of science; Michalkiewicz, St.: Historical elements in monographies of towns and regions; Dziewoński, K.: Contemporary regional monographies.

23 - 24 January 1978

Conference on social and political structures was held in Gdańsk on the initiative of Commission of Social Movements and Structures of Committee of Historical Science of Polish Academy of Science. Subjects of some of the delivered papers were: Żarnowski, J.: Analysis of political movements in the three sectors of partitioned Poland in terms of responsibility to social bases; Tych, E.: Formation of structures of political parties at an early stage of their history; Holzer, I.: Developed structures of workers' parties

as exemplified by KPP (Polish Communist Party), PPS (Polish Socialist Party) and NPR (National Workers' Party). At the conclusion of the Conference Roman Wapiński presented an attempt to formulate a catalogue of problems for investigation dealing with political parties in social history.

21 - 24 February 1978

International Symposium on the wartime economy of the Axis countries in 1939 - 1945 with special emphasis on the role of occupied and dependent countries was held in Jaszowiec near Katowice. It was organized by the Institute of History of Silesian University in co-operation with the Institute of History of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań and Historical Commission of the Second World War, Committee of Social Sciences of Polish Academy of Science. Besides its basic scholarly purpose the Symposium aimed at preparation of research subjects for Section C 13 for International Congress of Economic History in Edinburgh.

The Symposium was attended by, besides Polish scholars, the specialists from Czechoslovakia, DDR, Yugoslavia, Luxemburg, Sweden, Switzerland, USA and West Germany. The papers submitted for the Symposium have been published in this number of Studies.

16 - 18 May 1978

Polish-Soviet Symposium on the role of towns in historical development of Poland and Russia in 16 - 18 centuries was held in Lublin. It was organized by Polish-Soviet Commission of Polish Academy of Science in co-operation with Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin.

Papers were concerned mainly with problems of economic, social and cultural life of Polish and Russian towns over 16 - 18 centuries and their contribution to overall economic development of both countries.

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