



IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR WLADYSLAW BARTOSZEWSKI

With great sorrow and regret we received the news of the death of the outstanding representative of modern Polish history, professor Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, who died on the 24th of April this year.

He was a unique person whose life was morally exemplary. As a scientist and politician he was not only a witness of history but was also able to come to correct conclusions and pass them on to others.

Professor Bartoszewski lived through the terrible time of the second world war. He was also a prisoner of Auschwitz-Birkenau from which he was released. As a result of his help to Jews through the Zegota organization during WWII he was honored with the medal “The Righteous among the Nations of the World”. He also took part in the Warsaw uprising.

He lived through the time of communism and, as a patriot, fought for freedom and independence for our country. He was put into prison many times during this period.

As a result of his own difficult life experiences he was someone who was able to rise above the evil he experienced. For this reason he was a great, persistent agent and initiator of dialog about reconciliation, in the areas of religion, society and politics, between Poles and Germans as well as between Poles and Jews.

Professor Wladyslaw Bartoszewski has passed into history. History which he himself has helped form during the last 25 years.

The funeral for the former professor will take place on May 4 at Powazki Cemetery in Warsaw.