

At the invitation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Polish People's Republic, His Excellency Stefan Olszowski, the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, paid an official visit to Poland from September 29 to October 4, 1975.

During his visit Mr. MacEachen was received by the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party, Mr. Edward Gierek, the Chairman of the Council of State, Mr. Henryk Jablonski and by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Mr. Piotr Jaroszewicz.

During his stay in Warsaw, External Affairs Minister MacEachen laid a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier and was shown the progress made in the reconstruction and development of Poland's capital. Mr. MacEachen also visited Gdansk, Krakow and Katowice, acquainting himself with the history, monuments of the past, and with the present development of these regions.

Mr. MacEachen went to the site of the Nazi concentration camp at Oswiecim (Auschwitz), where he paid tribute to the memory of those who perished there, by laying a wreath at the International Monument.

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Canada and Poland reviewed the present state of Canadian-Polish relations and discussed areas where opportunities lay for their further development. They also discussed international questions of interest to both sides.

On the Canadian side the plenary talks were attended by the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, the Secretary of State for External Affairs; Mr. A.F. Hart, Canadian Ambassador to Poland; Mr. E.P. Black, Director General, Bureau of European Affairs; Mr. C.F.W. Hooper, Director of Eastern European Division of the Department of External Affairs and other officials.

On the Polish side they were attended by His Excellency, Stefan Olszowski, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Romuald Spasowski, Under-Secretary of State,