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## Summary of doctoral thesis

### *For the benefit of Polish and Polish ...*

#### ***The activities of the Committee of Captive Nations in Connecticut, the Central Bureau of the Polish American Congress in Chicago and Polish American Congress District of Connecticut in the years 1970-1990***

One of the most interesting and least known areas of activities undertaken by contemporary researchers are investigations of the activities of Polish political emigrants in the United States of America.

This work fits precisely into this area of research. It moves the problem of Polish independence activities in the United States of America on the example of Polish environment existing in Connecticut and functioning in the Chicago office of the central Polish American Congress. This assumption breaks, although the territorial unity of the narrative, as the present functioning of certain aspects of the political life of the Polish community in two different places, but it has been introduced deliberately. This combination allowed for tangible to show how the operation was as Polonia headquarters and the provinces, how they were identical, and how varied in their activities. Finally, it allows you to balance / determine the position / merit Poles from one of the states of New England.

The dissertation presents the activities „ independence "of the local Polish community on the example of Captive Nations Committee and the State Department of the Polish American Congress in Connecticut including the work of the central office the Polish American Congress in Chicago.

The aim of the hearing is to present the activities of these organizations in favor of Polish and Polish in the period since the establishment of the Committee of Captive Nations in Connecticut in 1960. To recognize that political changes in PRL by PAC 1989.

These dates provide a framework chronological development that only if there is such a need were exceeded. Such a step only if decisions were made when moving away from them, allowed for a more complete and understandable outline the causes or effects of the referenced actions or statements.

The basis of conducted considerations are the archival material stored in the Connecticut Polish American Archives – CPAA existing at Central Connecticut State University – CCSU.

The dissertation consists of three chapters, introduction, conclusions, bibliography and appendix. The first chapters of this work is devoted to the Captive Nations Committee on the state of Connecticut. Based on the collected documentation source undertook attempts to present circumstances and motive inception of the organization. In chronological order I discussed the activities of the committee, taking into account the importance of the annual celebration of Captive Nations Week.

In the second chapter I presented activities of pro-Polish central office Polish American Congress in Chicago. The study began with an analysis of events December 1970, which ended at 1989. Therefore, I discussed the period of presidency A. Mazewski and the beginning of the term E. Moskal. I tried to outline the tasks set by the PAC, and their implementation, in order to be able to answer questions about the relevance and effectiveness of the organization in the business for the benefit of the Polish nation. I analyzed the attitude of Polish Congress to authority Polish Republic. Much attention is devoted PAC reaction to the events in Poland and lobbying aimed at exerting pressure on the factors of the US government. Particular importance is fond of the events of 1980 with the intention of presenting the position of the PAC issues martial law, US sanctions or uprising in the Polish political scene „Trade Union Solidarity "headed by Lech Walesa. I introduced the scope of financial support for the democratic opposition in Poland by the Polish Congress, taking into account the help of the US Congress. In the following subsections I discussed with the Foundation Charitable PAC. In this section, I tried to present the biggest shares in the provision of medical assistance and food to the Polish society and demonstrate the commitment of the Polish community in this process. I moved initiative PAC on economic aid for the Polish and the problem of Polish-German border. He also referred to the plans for the reconstruction of the Royal Castle in Warsaw. On the issue of business Polish Congress

for Polonia I chose against discrimination against Americans of Polish origin. In this section, I have been looking for answers to the question, whether undertaken by A. Mazewski program to change the image of Polish ethnic group in the United States brought the desired effect and the role in this process played Defence Committee Name Polish.

The third chapter devoted activities of the Department of State of Connecticut PAC for the Polish nation. In this section, I tried to present how the decisions of the Board of the PAC in Chicago affect the provisions of the Department of the state of Connecticut. To this end, I chose similar issues to show the reaction between the two organizational structures. Starting from this assumption, I discussed at the local level to fight with the existing political system in Poland and the reactions to the events in Poland 1970-1990. He also referred to the activities of the Department of State Charitable Foundation of Connecticut. In the following subsections I presented the preparation of the Branch Connecticut to visit Lech Walesa in Hartford. I discussed support program Polish political candidates by the Department of PAC in Connecticut. For this purpose, I presented the work of the Government Action Committee, which promoted the Americans of Polish origin, but also fought with cases discrimination

. I chose to analyze these organizational structures which, in my opinion, played a most significant role in the activities of pro-Polish and therefore deserve discussion.