

Historic Reflections Continued • April / May

April 9, 1241 - Henry II the Pious (Died)

Henry II the Pious (Polish: Henryk II Pobożny), was a Piast Duke of Silesia (Wroclaw), Krakow and Southern Greater Poland from 1238 until his death. During 1238 - 1239 he served as a regent of two Piast Duchies: Sandomierz and Opole-Raciborz.



April 10, 1943 - Andrzej Badenski (Born)

Andrzej Badenski won a bronze medal in the 400 meter race in the Tokyo Olympics.

April 11, 1877 - Tomasz Arciszewski (Born)

In 1944, Tomasz Arciszewski became the Prime Minister of the Polish Government-in-Exile in London, England. In this position he was adamantly opposed to having new boundaries and a new Communist government imposed on Poland.

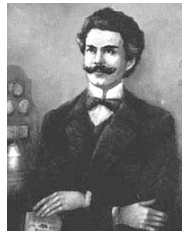


April 12, 1973 - Krzysztof Oliwa (Born)

Krzysztof Oliwa, born in Tychy, Poland, was an NHL hockey player for the NJ Devils, Pittsburgh Penguins, NY Rangers, Boston Bruins and Calgary Flames. Krzysztof Oliwa, known as the "Polish Hammer", always played a very physical game of hockey. He is currently involved with the Polish National Hockey Program.

April 13, 1872 - Jan Szczepanik (Born)

Jan Szczepanik was a Polish inventor who held several hundred patents and made over 50 discoveries, many of which are still used today in the motion picture industry, photography and television. Jan Szczepanik also worked on airplanes, helicopters and submarines.



April 14, 1895 - Wiktor Labunski (Born)

Wiktor Labunski, a Polish pianist and composer, was the director of the Kansas City Conservatory in Missouri from 1941 to 1958. Among his many musical accomplishments, Wiktor Labunski received an honorary Doctorate Degree from the Curtis Music Institute

of Philadelphia and was also a guest conductor of the Warsaw Philharmonic.

April 15, 1865 - Olga Boznanska (Born)

Olga Boznanska was a prominent Polish painter who was awarded the Order of Polonia Restituta in 1938. She is known for her famous portrait called Girl with Chrysanthemums.



April 16, 1935 - Bobby Vinton (Born)

Bobby Vinton is the popular singer and entertainer, who proudly celebrates his Polish American heritage. My Melody of Love is one of the many recordings associated with Bobby Vinton.

April 17, 1025 - Boleslaw Chrobry (Crowned)

Boleslaw Chrobry was King of Poland in 1025. He is known as Boleslaw the Brave for uniting and protecting the territories of Poland. He was a member of the Piast Dynasty.



April 18, 1988 - Mary Angela Truszkowska (Beatified)

Mary Angela Truszkowska founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice, the Felicians. Today the Sisters are engaged in education, health care, social service and pastoral services. Blessed Mary Angela was beatified April 18, 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

April 19, 1943 - Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was another major resistance against the Nazi troops who brutally occupied Poland during World War II.



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