

THE KARTA CENTER

Achievements
and funding
requirements



KARTA'S MISSION

We discover, safeguard and popularise history as seen from the perspective of the individual. We thus ensure that the past becomes a basis for understanding, for building a civic community and encouraging reconciliation. And that is how we repair the future.



DOCUMENTARY ACHIEVEMENTS:

1) Creation of 1500 metres of archives – thanks to gifts and the work of several thousand people

2) Iconographic collections: 400,000 photographs; audio: 6,000 biographic recordings of people who were witnesses to history

3) 350,000 people use the archive collections in the Digital Library annually

4) 10 internet sites use the latest technology to ensure the continuity of historical memory

5) 28 competitions run throughout Poland, including 21 editions of “History at Hand” for young people

6) More than 60 historical exhibitions organised, including many on an international scale

7) Devising and setting up a name-based system, documenting victims of repressions at the hands of both totalitarian movements.

8) Our collection entitled “*Solidarność*” – the birth of a Movement” entered on the UNESCO “Memory of the World” Register





Collections
documenting repressions during World War 2





Photographs of social life



PUBLICATIONS:

- 1) 100 issues of the quarterly “KARTA” (previously – 26 issues of underground “Karta”)
- 2) more than 250 books and other publications
- 3) 38 lavishly illustrated books on historical subjects, including commemorative editions such as “200 Years of Insurance”, “Our native energy”, “Mercedes – the Polish Connection”
- 4) Series: “Testimonies”, “Polish Jewry” etc., mainly dealing with accounts from the 20th Century
- 5) Documental series: “Index of the Repressed” and “Poland-Ukraine: Difficult Matters”, multi-volume editions of diaries, including those of Michał Römer and Wiktor Woroszyński
- 6) record of non-conformist traditions: international “Dictionary of Dissidents”, “Dictionary of the Opposition in the Polish People’s Republic”
- 7) “The Big Book of One Hundred Years of Independence”, summing up Poland in the period 1918-2018

THE EVOLUTION OF KARTA:

- 1 underground (1982-89): “Karta”, books, Eastern Archives (documentation of Soviet repression)
- 2 legally recognised (since 1990): registered Foundation, the KARTA Center, publishing, archives, data-bases, digitalisation of collections
- 3 international (since 1992): cooperation with Russian “Memorial” and with centres in 24 countries
- 4 educational (since 1996): nationwide programme for young people: “History at Hands”, educational websites e.g. uczysiehistorii.pl [literally: learninghistory], edukacja.wojnaipamiec.pl [education.warandmemory], polska1926.pl
- 5 building social archivism as an aspect of public life (since 2012)

WHAT IS KARTA:

- 1) a charitable body; an independent, apolitical foundation
- 2) a centre for research into the historical memory of Poland and Central and Eastern Europe
- 3) a pioneer in social archivism and the largest social archive in Poland
- 4) publisher of factual historical literature of the 19th – 20th Centuries
initiator and organiser of historical dialogue with each of Poland's neighbours

KARTA'S IMPACT:

- 1 Popularised the concept of the individual's perspective of history
- 2 Initiated the involvement of various communities and generations in the pursuit of historical memory
- 3 Published historical testimonies ranked as masterpieces in "Karta" and in books, incl. *"Spowiedź"* [Confession] by Calel Perechodnik ("Polish Jewry" serie)
- 4 Established practical methods of implementing the concept of out-of-school historical education for young people
- 5 Launched social archivism as an official charitable foundation

Karta

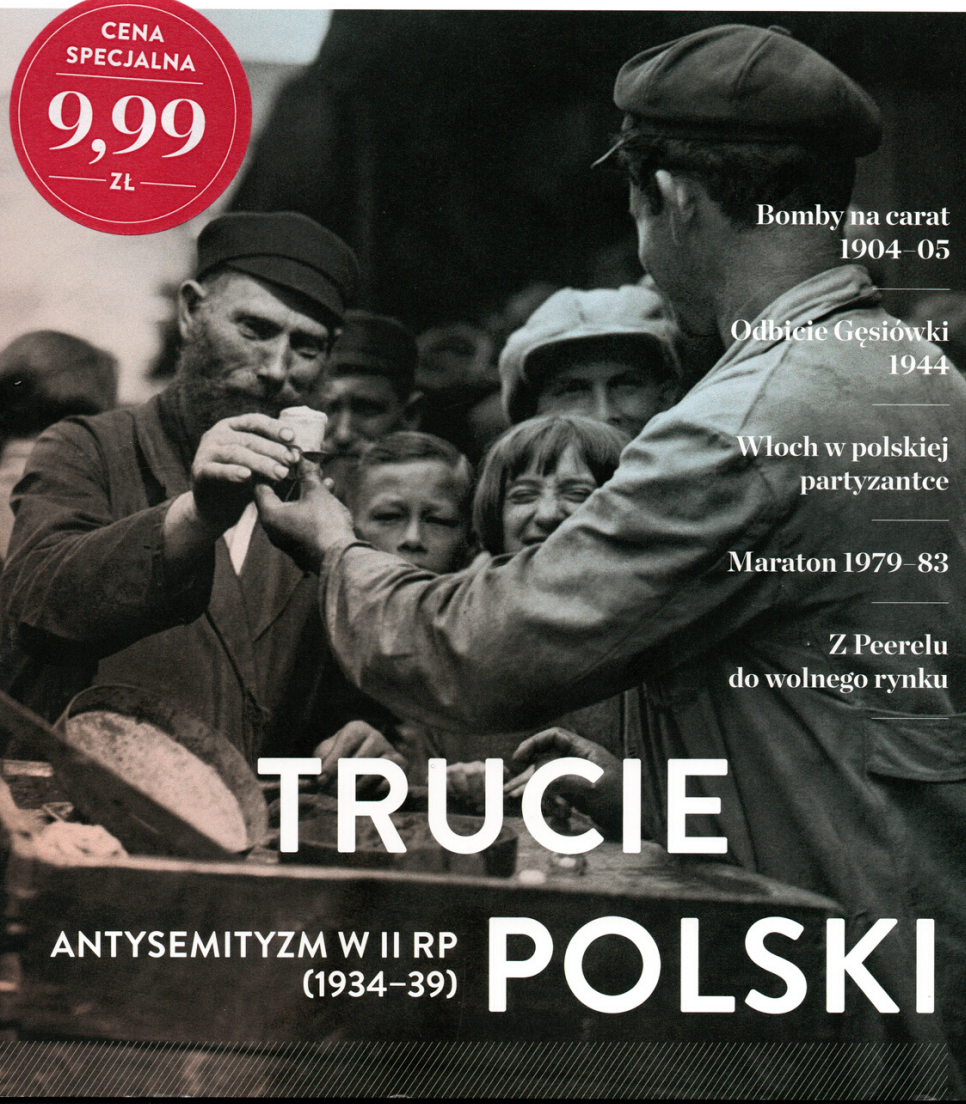
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TRUCIE POLSKI

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(1934-39)

WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT KARTA:

ANDRZEJ STASIUK:

History is never ending. See for
yourselves, read “Karta”.

MAŁGORZATA SZEJNERT:

[paraphrasing the popular slogan
“Candy’s dandy but liquor’s better”]:
Forget sugar, “Karta” will raise your
spirits

ANNE APPLEBAUM:

I am not sure whether Poles appreciate the unique nature of the people who work both in the KARTA Archives, and in the “Karta” publication; whether they are aware of the degree of respect which these professional and yet independent researchers arouse in Europe. Their achievements are virtually unequaled.

ZBIGNIEW BRZEZIŃSKI:

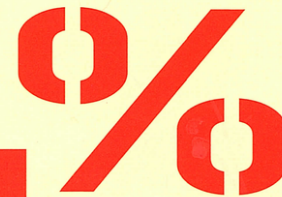
A nation without memory has no future. Not only does the independent KARTA Center, which I have admired for years, preserve what has happened in history, it also provides important input into a better future for Poland – and that is why it deserves the widest possible social support .



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Naród bez pamięci nie ma własnej przyszłości. Niezależny Ośrodek KARTA, który cenię od lat, nie tylko utrwała w historii co kiedyś było, ale jest ważnym wkładem w lepsze jutro Polski — i dlatego zasługuje na jak najszersze wsparcie społeczne.

Zbigniew Brzeziński



na rzecz Pamięci

Fundacja Ośrodka KARTA

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JAN NOWAK -JEZIORAŃSKI:

Their promotion of social initiatives is something I would describe as 'social diplomacy'. Their war on damaging stereotypes, antisemitism and xenophobia in all their aspects, the battle with sources of conflict and hatred which inevitably lead to human tragedy – it is here that “Karta” has its place. It is a publication which reached me here, in Washington, even when it was part of the underground press. It gave me ammunition which I could put to use. Every issue carried an enormous load of the latest information relating to both the recent past and to the present.



KARTA's Income (in PLN) for the whole of 2018:

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- donations from the central budget	2229 838	43%
- grants from foreign foundations	955 006	18%
- sale of archival and publishing services	839 828	16 %
- sale of publications	243 567	5%
- gifts from firms and institutions	117 499	2%
- donations from local government sources	74 550	1%
- grants from Polish foundations	68 000	1%
- European donations	44 051	1%
- income from 1% of tax	40 960	1%
- other	33 896	1%
total	5191 866	100%

Outgoings in 2018 (in PLN):

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- costs relating to KARTA <u>Center</u> archives and the Social <u>Archivism</u> Observatory	2063 450	18%
- costs of educational activities	725 638	14%
- publishing costs and costs of documentary-editorial projects	3 385 008	64%
- general administrative costs	37 026	1%
- operational and financial costs	181 193	1%
total	5307 493	100%
salaries of permanent staff	2063 450	39%
- salaries of directors, administrative services, book-keeping, IT	632 731	18%
- costs of premises, communications, office equipment and operating costs	326 541	6%
- costs relating to the realisation of projects	2066 522	39%
- remaining costs	218 219	4%
total	530 7493	4%

Operational results: -115,627 PLN net (about \$30,030), and with Corporate Income Tax: -116,641 PLN (about \$30,300)

MEASURES TAKEN:

- we are negotiating with the Department of Culture with a view to assignment of permanent sums from State funds for social archivism purposes
- we are working on a marketing programme for publishing activities
- we are developing the KARTA Club (Club members declare regular financial support)



PROBLEMS:

- 1 activities are of a long-term nature, whilst income is short-term and often one-off
- 2 donations finance the costs of concrete projects, funds are lacking for permanent, institutional costs and for running and development of the archives
- 3 the Center is unable to avail itself of turnover credit, nor does it have the means to service any kind of credit
- 4 increasing salary levels in Poland deprive KARTA of its professional staff
- 5 mounting liquidity problems and cumulation of annual deficits

In 2018, the average salary of management staff in the Center wavered around the national average wage.

FINANCIAL NEEDS:

- 1) recovery and maintenance of financial liquidity
- 2) assuring regular pay-out of staff salaries and successive rises in salaries commensurate with official market levels
- 3) acquisition of 300,000 PLN (about \$ 77,900) to cover current deficit
- 4) acquiring permanent and regular donations of 20,000 PLN (about \$ 5,200) monthly from new donations



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