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## The 75th anniversary of the death of Wincenty Witos

On 31 October 1945, Wincenty Witos, a long-time leader of the peasant movement, one of the founders of the Second Polish Republic and three times its Prime Minister, died in Cracow.



The Archive of the Institute of National Remembrance include a collection of nearly a thousand photographs from the private archive of

Stanisław Mierzwa, depicting the history of the peasant movement in Poland from the 1920s to the 1980s.



Stanisław  
Mierzwa,  
Wincenty Witos  
and Józef  
Marcinkiewicz,  
Cracow 1939



Stanisław  
Mierzwa, Jan

Witaszek and  
Józef  
Marcinkowski  
during an  
interview with  
Prof. Stanisław  
Kot, Cracow 1937



Wincenty Witos  
during the  
celebrations of the  
People's Day in  
Mościska, 1939



Funeral ceremony  
of the former  
Speaker of the  
Sejm Maciej  
Rataj, Palmiry  
1946



Władysław  
Reymont (in the  
middle), 1925



Stanisław  
Mikołajczyk in  
Copenhagen,  
1956



Jan Mazurek,  
Franciszek  
Kamiński and  
Stanisław Mierzwa  
on the bus to  
Wierzchosławice,  
1968

In 2015-2018, these photos were gradually transferred to the Krakow Branch of the Institute of National Remembrance by Stanisław Mierzwa's son, Wojciech Mierzwa, Ph.D. The collection of photographs collected at the Institute of National Remembrance as the "Personal Archive: Stanisław Mierzwa" (file reference: IPN Kr 662) will certainly be of interest to every researcher of the history of the Polish peasant movement. In the photos one can find, among others, Wincenty Witos, Stanisław Mierzwa, Stanisław Mikołajczyk, Kazimierz Bagiński, Prof. Stanisław Kot, General Franciszek Kamiński, and writer Władysław Reymont, Nobel Prize laureate.

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