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WIKTOR SUKIENNICKI, 1901–1983

Wiktor Sukiennicki, scholar and publicist, died in Mountain View, California, on April 10, 1983. A native of Lithuania, Sukiennicki was educated in Poland and France, obtaining his doctorate in law from the University of Paris in 1926. From 1931 to 1939 Sukiennicki held the chair of theory and philosophy of law at the Stefan Batory University in Wilno, Poland. He was also a professor at the Wilno School of Political Sciences of the Institute for Research on Eastern Europe. His publications in the 1930s included two monographs on Prussian colonization policies in Poland and several studies of the Soviet political system. Shortly after the Soviets occupied eastern Poland in 1939, Sukiennicki was arrested and sent to a Siberian labor camp. Released in 1942, he first worked for the Polish government-in-exile and later taught at the Polish Faculty of Oxford University. Professor Sukiennicki came to the United States in 1959, eventually accepting a research position at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace at Stanford University. In his post-World War II years, he published books, studies and articles, mainly in Polish, dealing with political developments in East Central Europe during the first half of the twentieth century. Sukiennicki's death interrupted his work on the final editing of the text of his pioneering study on East Central Europe during World War I (*East Central Europe in World War I: From Foreign Domination to National Freedom*), a project to which he devoted over twenty years of research and writing. The two-volume work, in English, with a preface written by Sukiennicki's former student, Czesław Miłosz, will be released in late 1983.

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