

„The Office of Public Security in Legnica in the years 1945–1956”

This dissertation provides a detailed analysis of the activities of the Public Security Bureau (Urząd Bezpieczeństwa Publicznego, UB) in Legnica between 1945 and 1956, with particular focus on its role in establishing and maintaining the communist regime in post-war Poland. The study examines the organizational structure, methods of operation, and the interactions of the UB with the local community, as well as its influence on the region's political and social life. The paper also explores political repression, including the persecution of political opponents, members of anti-communist organizations, and various forms of surveillance and information manipulation. Additionally, the mechanisms of cooperation between the UB and other governmental structures, both central and local, are analyzed, highlighting their role in maintaining public order. The research utilizes archival materials, court documents, and witness testimonies, offering a comprehensive understanding of the UB's influence on the political and social landscape of post-war Legnica. The objective is to present the complexity and controversial nature of the UB's activities in the context of Poland's transformation after World War II.