

„POLES AS TORIES”. OUTLINE OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF THE ANGLO-POLISH CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY IN 1967–1976

Summary

The aim of this article is to present selected areas of social and political activity of the Anglo-Polish Conservative Society. The Anglo-Polish Association was an affiliated structure of the British Conservative Party, which brought together selected Poles and Britons united by an ideological community. The Anglo Polish Conservative Society affirmed the British Conservative program, on the basis of which it emphasized its own political interpretations. The organization aimed at forming a community of people who, thanks to the initiatives undertaken, would gradually build a Polish-British agreement that would translate into a more visible participation of Poles in the social and political life of the country of their emigration settlement. According to the Anglo-Polish Conservative Society, the best way to achieve the above goal was to organize joint events and undertakings in the social, cultural, economic and political fields.

The areas of activity of the Anglo-Polish Conservative Society presented in the article include activities during individual election and referendum campaigns, organization of political meetings and social events and a series of activities in the sphere of economic emancipation of Poles living in Great Britain.

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