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s/c Ignatius i Valerie

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FRANCISZEK JARECKI

Bohater pierwszej sensacyjnej ucieczki powietrznej z Polski na Zachód, Franciszek Jarecki, który w roku 1953 wylądował na odrzutowym myśliwcu typu MIG na duńskiej wyspie Bornholm jest dziś dyrektorem zakładów przemysłowych "Jarecki Industries". Do firmy tej należą fabryki w miejscowościach Fairview i Franklin w stanie Pennsylvania. Ostatnio rozeszła się pogłoska, że Jarecki zamierza poświęcić się karierze politycznej i w roku 1978 ubiegać się o wybór do Kongresu.


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Frank E. Jarecki, age 79, of Erie, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, October 24, 2010, at his residence. He was born in Poland on September 7, 1931, the son of the late Ignatius and Valerie Wnek Jarecki. He graduated from High School in Poland and the Jablonski Academy in Krakow and then went on to attend UCLA University and then graduated from Alliance College where he received his Doctorate with honors in Engineering In 1953, Frank escaped from Poland piloting a MiG-15 fighter. He landed in Denmark and after a brief stop in London came to the United States. While in London he was recognized for his courage by the Free Polish Government. In the U.S. Frank was welcomed by President Eisenhower and granted American citizenship by a special Act of Congress. The MiG 15 was an intelligence prize of enormous value to the Free World and especially to the USAF. Frank's flight suit was inducted into the Smithsonian Museum in December of 2003. Frank opened and operated Jarecki Industries in Fairview for over 40 years. He was a skilled engineer and designer of custom valves. He was a member of the Kahkwa Club, the Erie Maennerchor Club, and the Erie Yacht Club. Frank was an avid boater and was very dedicated to his work. One of his greatest joys was being a grandpa. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a daughter, Valerie M. Jarecki. Frank is survived by his wife of 39 years, Sandra Hollenbaugh Jarecki; three daughters, Alison Edfors and her husband, Eric, of Middletown, Md., Erika Jarecki and her fiancé, Kevin Sovey, of Leesburg, Va., and Johanna Lyudmirsky and her husband, Ilya, of Santa Monica, Calif.; three sons, Frank E. Jarecki Jr. and his wife, Kim, Peter A. Jarecki and his wife, Kristen, all of Fairview, and John F. Jarecki and his wife, Barbara, of Mich. He is further survived by eight grandchildren, J.P and Michael Jarecki, Johanna, Vanessa, Alexandra, and Greta Edfors, and Steven and Thomas Jarecki. Friends may call at the Burton Westlake Funeral Home, 3801 W 26th Street (at Powell Ave.) on Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. and on Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and are invited to attend services there on Friday at 10:30 a.m. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association -NW Pa., 1128 State St. # 301, Erie, PA 16501 or to the charity of ones choice. Send flowers and condolences at www.Burtonfuneralhome.com.

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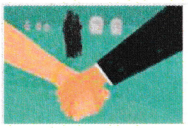
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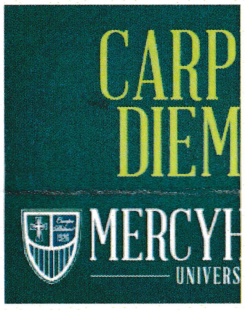
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Franciszek Jarecki

Franciszek Jarecki (born September 7, 1931 – died October 24, 2010[1]) was a pilot in the Polish Air Force, who became famous in early 1953 when he escaped Soviet-controlled Poland in a Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-15 jet, one of the best Soviet planes at that time.



Jarecki (detail from propaganda leaflet)

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Early life

Jarecki was born in 1931 in Gdów, a town near Kraków. His family soon moved to Stanisławów, where his father died in 1939, and in 1945 was deported by the soviets to Bytom, Upper Silesia. He was a graduate of a prestigious Polish Air Force Academy in Dęblin. Some time in the early 1950s he was moved to Słupsk in northern Poland, near the Baltic Sea. There he flew MiG-15s as a few of them were operated by the Polish Air Force.

Defection

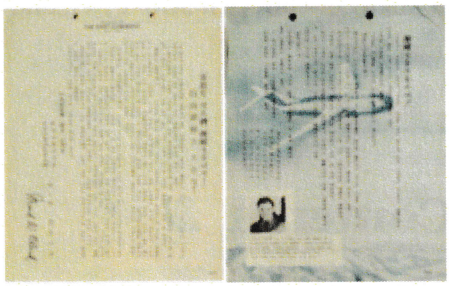
On the morning of March 5, 1953 (coincidentally, the day of Joseph Stalin's death), Jarecki escaped Poland in the SB Lim-2, a licenced-production version of the MiG-15UTI trainer. The decision was a very risky one, as the People's Army of Poland had previously shot those who tried to escape. For example, Edward Pytko, an instructor at Dęblin, tried to escape to Western Germany in 1952, but was stopped by Soviet aircraft over Eastern Germany and handed back to the Poles; Pytko was charged with high treason and executed.[2] Jarecki flew from Slupsk to the field airport at Rønne on the Danish island of Bornholm. The whole trip took him only a few minutes. There, specialists from the United States, called by Danish authorities, thoroughly checked the plane. According to international regulations, they returned it by ship to Poland a few weeks later.



Frank Jarecki's flightsuit on display at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum

Jarecki remained in the West. From Denmark he moved to London, where General Władysław Anders awarded him the Cross of Merit, and then to the U.S.A., where he provided crucial information about modern Soviet aircraft and air tactics. Among those who shook his hand was President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Jarecki received a $50,000 prize for the person who was first to present a MiG-15 to the Americans and became a U.S. citizen.[3]

A few months later, another Polish pilot, Zdzisław Jazwinski escaped with a MiG-15 to Bornholm. Three years later, four students of Dęblin's school escaped in two Yakovlev Yak-18 planes, crossing Czechoslovakia to land near Vienna in neutral Austria. The leaflets used in Operation Moolah during the Korean War carried a photo of Jarecki.[4]



A propaganda leaflet featuring Jarecki's story, produced shortly after his defection, encouraging North Korean pilots to defect with their jet fighters. The first to do so would get $100,000 as a reward. North Korean pilot No Kum-Sok eventually claimed the $100,000 reward for doing so in Operation Moolah

Later life

Jarecki lived in Pennsylvania until his death on October 24, 2010. He owned a factory in Fairview, Pennsylvania, called Jarecki Valves and Commodore Downs a local horse racing track.[5] The uniform in which he escaped can be seen at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. In 2006, Polish TV Station TVN made a film, *Jarecki*, which is part of the "Great Escapes" series. The series shows stories about Poles who escaped the country between 1944–1989 and chose freedom in the West.[6]

See also

- List of Cold War pilot defections
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