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oraz tym wszystkim, którzy okazali tyle serca i pomocy w założeniu i poparciu „Lucjan Latała Memorial Appeal” serdeczne Bóg zapłać.

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LUCJAN LATAŁA

Polish seaman, member of the 'Solidarność' Union,
member of 'Solidarity With Solidarity'
died tragically on 2nd September 1982 in London.

Funeral will take place at the Polish Catholic
Church of St. Andrew Bobola, 1 Leysfield Rd., W12.
on Friday 15 October 1982 followed by cremation
at the Mortlake Crematorium.

Friends, sympathisers and supporters of 'Solidarność'
are asked to attend in a gesture of solidarity with
a brave and a proud man and his family in Poland.

A collection will be made to cover funeral expences.

Solidarity With Solidarity
in conjunction with

British Solidarity With Poland Campaign

Polish Solidarity Campaign

Solidarity Trade Union Working Group in Gt. Britain.

LUCJAN LATAŁA MEMORIAL APPEAL

On the 2nd September 1982 one of the most active members of Solidarity with Solidarity, Lucjan Latala, was found hanging from a tree in a London park with his hands tied behind his back.

Lucjan, a sailor in the Polish Merchant Navy, jumped ship when he heard of the military coup in Poland because he was afraid he might be forced to shoot at his Solidarity colleagues. He was an active member of Solidarity. He had been beaten by the police in Poland for his political opposition, and he believed the Polish authorities would try to take revenge on him in this country for his outspoken opposition to martial law. We know that his letters to his family in Poland were confiscated. We know his wife had difficulty obtaining ration cards.

An inquest took place on the 16th September, and recorded a verdict of suicide. Solidarity with Solidarity believe that suicide was by no means proven, that evidence was not properly considered, and that the coroner's summing up was tendentious. An open verdict should have been recorded. Labeling Lucjan a "suicide case" has caused distress to his family, and is hampering our efforts to give Lucjan a proper funeral in accordance with Polish national and religious traditions.

Whilst some of those who knew Lucjan well, believe he committed suicide, others are far less certain, and point to the strange circumstances of his death; - why did he leave no suicide note? Why should he kill himself just before he was expecting news from his wife? Why were his hands clean and free from traces of bark when the policeman who had to climb the tree to cut him down had to wash his hands afterwards? Why did he make arrangements with us the day before his death?

Whatever the cause of his death, one thing is certain; - Lucjan was a victim of martial law as much as if his body had been found riddled with bullets in Gdynia, his home town.

Lucjan is now dead, and nothing we can do can help him now. But his wife and two small sons remain. We must show our solidarity with his family in a practical way by making sure that they don't have to suffer hunger because of their father's courage in standing up for what he believed in.

Solidarity with Solidarity have set up a special memorial appeal for this purpose. Several eminent people have been invited to become sponsors. We are glad to announce that the Solidarity Trade Union Working Group in the U.K. have already offered to contribute £50, and the Polish Solidarity Campaign have offered £200 towards legal costs associated with the inquest.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

Cheques should be made payable to; LUCJAN LATALA MEMORIAL APPEAL,
and addressed to Solidarity with Solidarity, 7 Quintin Avenue, London SW20 8LD