

Summary „»Patriot priests« movement in the Gdańsk voivodeship in the years 1950-1956”

„Patriot priests” regarded by the state as so called „positive” or „loyal”, participated in campaigns and activities inspired and prepared by the communist authorities. The „suitable” course of events was controlled both by functionaries of the Security Office and Department of Religion. One of those „patriot priests” activities were the propagation of the idea of peace, 6-year economic plan, elections to national councils, liquidation of „state of temporariness” in the Western Territories. However, the fundamental task of „patriot priests” was to destroy the institutional Church from within (on a national scale and in particular regions), creating divisions among the clergy, direct influence on the policy of curia and clergy seminars, selection of „loyal” bishops from the group of „patriot priests”.