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1. Wladyslaw Raczkiwicz, former President of the Polish Government-in-Exile, who died in a sanitarium in Wales on 7 June 1947, is regarded as the symbol of free Poland by a large number of Poles and persons of Polish origin. The anti-Warsaw Poles maintain that the Yalta decisions (recognition of the Provisional Warsaw Government by the Allied Powers) are illegal and continue to consider Poland's free institutions, as represented by the late President Raczkiwicz and their government in London, as her legal institutions. A number of countries (Ireland, Spain, Portugal, Cuba, Bolivia, Paraguay, Syria, Lebanon and the Vatican) maintain diplomatic relations with the Polish London Government whose envoys continue to be accredited in the capitals of these countries. After the death of Raczkiwicz, his close friend, August Zaleski, Polish Foreign Minister from 1926 to 1932 and again from 1939 to 1941, assumed the post of President of the Government-in-Exile of the Republic of Poland.
2. Polish exiles and refugees in the free world represent a certain moral force; they are backed by millions of persons of Polish origin in both North and South America, as well as in Western Europe. Most of them pay little heed to the London Poles, but they regarded Raczkiwicz as a symbol of free Poland and wish to preserve this symbol, even posthumously. In view of the general instability of the international situation and a possible future rupture of relations between the American and the Warsaw governments, Zaleski's role may still prove to be important.

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