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In the midst of the Second World War, the Allies acknowledged Germany's ongoing programme of extermination. *In the Shadow of the Holocaust* examines the struggle to attain post-war justice and prosecution. Focusing on Poland's engagement with the United Nations War Crimes Commission, it analyses the different ways that the Polish Government in Exile (based in London from 1940) agitated for an Allied response to German atrocities. Michael Fleming shows that jurists associated with the Government in Exile made significant contributions to legal debates on war crimes and, along with others, paid attention to German crimes against Jews. By exploring the relationship between the UNWCC and the Polish War Crimes Office under the authority of the Polish Government in Exile and later, from the summer of 1945, the Polish Government in Warsaw, Fleming provides a new lens through which to examine the early stages of the Cold War.

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## Abbreviations

AALC	Archive of Adam and Lidia Ciołkosz
AAN	Archiwum Akt Nowych (New Documents Archive)
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
CAB	Cabinet Office
CAC	Churchill Archive Centre
CAME	Conference of Allied Ministers of Education
CIAD	Central Institute of Art and Design
CROWCASS	Central Register of War Criminals and Security
	Suspects
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council
FO	Foreign Office
FRPS	Foreign Research and Press Service
FRUS	Foreign Relations of the United States
FSUA	Florida State University Archives
GKBZN	Główna Komisja Badania Zbrodni Niemieckich
	w Polsce (Main Commission for the Investigation of
	German Crimes in Poland)
HIA	Hoover Institution Archives
IAIC	Inter-Allied Information Committee
ICPRD	International Commission for Penal Reconstruction
	and Development
IISH	International Institute of Social History
IMT	International Military Tribunal
IPN	Instytut Pamięci Narodowej (Institute of National
	Remembrance)
KRN	Krajowa Rada Narodowa (Homeland National
	Council)
LCWIO	Liaison Committee of Women's International
	Organisations
LIA	London International Assembly
LNU	League of Nations Union
LSE	London School of Economics and Political Science

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MBP	Ministerstwo Bezpieczeństwa Publicznego (Ministry of Public Security)
MID	Ministry of Information and Documentation
MSW	Ministerstwo Spraw Wewnetrznych (Ministry of the
	Interior)
MSZ	Ministerstwo Spraw Zagranicznych (Ministry of
	Foreign Affairs)
NA	National Archives (Kew)
NKVD	Narodnyi Kommissariat Vnutrennikh D'el (People's
	Commissariat for Internal Affairs)
NSZ	Narodowe Siły Zbrojne (National Armed Forces)
PISM	Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum
PKWN	Polski Komitet Wyzwolenia Narodowego (Polish
	Committee of National Liberation)
PPR	Polska Partia Robotnicza (Polish Workers' Party)
PPS	Polska Partia Socjalistyczna (Polish Socialist Party)
PSIB	Polish Social Information Bureau
PSL	Polskie Stronnictwo Ludowe (Polish Peasant (People's) Party)
PUMST	Polish Underground Movement (1939-1945) Study
DILA	Trust
RIIA	Royal Institute of International Affairs
SA	Sturmabteilung (Storm Detachment)
SS	Schutzstaffel (Protection Squadron)
UN	United Nations
UNIO	United Nations Information Organisation
UNWCC	United Nations War Crimes Commission
WHL	The Wiener Holocaust Library
WJC	World Jewish Congress
WRB	War Refugee Board
YVA	Yad Vashem Archive