

Summary of Ph.D. dissertation

Wanda Łuczak, *Between Autonomy and Dependence. Preparations for the 600th anniversary of the Jagiellonian University*

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The doctoral dissertation pertains to preparations for the jubilee of the 600th anniversary of establishment of the Jagiellonian University in 1964. The dissertation covers the period from 1956, when several years' preparations for the ceremony began – initiated in the atmosphere of a thaw, till 1964 – the year of the jubilee celebrations. The main preparations took place just within these years, when the question of the jubilee became one of the most important issues, which had absorbed the university authorities for a decade.

First, situation of the University after the Second World War till 1956 is presented, i.e. a disarray of the University due to separation of several faculties from its structure, investments till 1956, the very first ideas about the jubilee, and the unsuccessful attempt of merging the Cracow Higher School of Pedagogy with the Jagiellonian University in 1956. Then, the time when Zygmunt Grodziński was the Rector is presented: commencement of works of the jubilee commission and striving for a return of the separated faculties. Next, the term, for which the Rector's office was held by Stefan Grzybowski is presented along with preparations for the jubilee and legislative changes introduced by the state authorities, which gradually limited autonomy of the University. Constraints faced by the university authorities at the time of the preparations are indicated: loss of autonomy, the ever stronger position of the party, and imposition of solutions by the state authorities. Then, the time when Kazimierz Lepszy was the Rector is presented, which started with efforts to approve the jubilee program. Ideas of particular persons and institutions about the jubilee are reviewed. Organizational matters are also discussed: involvement of the students and preparations for the celebration by the Security Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. There are also mentioned two cases, which disrupted the course of preparations: the arrest of Julian Haraschin and the Letter 34. The main jubilee celebrations are discussed: the course of celebrations, exhibitions and scientific seminars, participation of foreign guests and representatives of the Polish community abroad. Related publications and jubilee investments are discussed.

The dissertation is an attempt to present efforts of the academic community aimed at preserving autonomy from the totalitarian, communist power wanting to control all kinds of social activity. Preparations for the celebrations are a good illustration of problems faced by the society within the period of a so-called 'small stabilization'.

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