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Czasopismo „Problemy” w polskim życiu intelektualnym po drugiej wojnie światowej

The journal “Problemy” in Poland’s intellectual life after the second World War

SUMMARY

The popular science monthly “Problemy” was published in Warsaw from 1945 until 1994. The subject-matter discussed in the monthly related mainly to the mathematical-natural sciences, but social science and the humanities also received quite a lot of coverage. The history of science was quite well represented among the latter. The journal’s readers were assumed to have at least a secondary education. The articles were written by specialists, and among them by eminent scientists and scholars. The editors of the monthly insisted that difficult issues be presented in a way accessible to the lay readership, however without making compromises with regard to their scientific character and accuracy. Apart from articles, the journal also carried information on scientific and scholarly life. The journal was open to polemics. At one point in the journal’s history, its circulation exceeded one hundred thousand copies. “Problemy” can well be said to have played an important role in shaping the minds of the Polish intelligentsia in the after-war period. Many current university professors in Poland openly admit that it was their reading of “Problemy” that encouraged them to follow a career in research.

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