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FIGHTING AUSCHWITZ: The Resistance Movement in the Concentration Camp

by Józef Garliński

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When the Germans opened Auschwitz in June 1940, it was a concentration camp for political prisoners, who were told on arrival that they would live no longer than three months. Two years later, the Germans expanded Auschwitz to also become a death camp for Jews.

Underground resistance appeared at Auschwitz very quickly, spearheaded in 1940 by one of the bravest men ever to live, Polish army officer Captain Witold Pilecki.

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In parallel, he documents the growth and evolution of Auschwitz itself, and the horrors of the industrialized death factory for Jews created by the Germans.

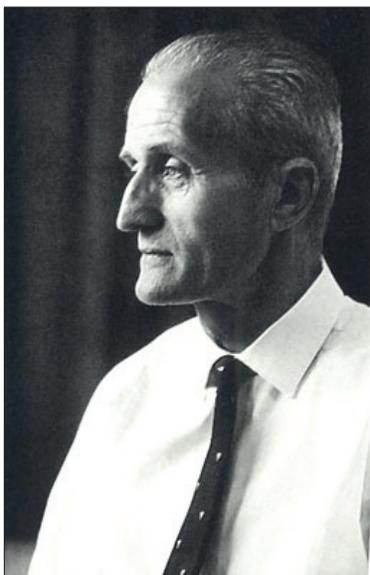
Garliński, a member of the Polish underground during World War II, was himself a prisoner at Auschwitz.

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