

WOLAŃSKI Tadeusz Jan, originally Izaak BÄCKER (circa 1910-1959), pseudonym "Janek", doctor, communist activist, Mayor of Częstochowa.

Prior to 1939, he was an activist in the Communist Party of Western Ukraine. During the German occupation, from 1942, he belonged to the Gwardia Ludowa [People's Guard] of the Polish Workers' Party (PPR). He was the Guard's doctor in Warsaw. During the Warsaw Uprising in 1944, he was head of the sanitary department and quartermaster of the People's Army Headquarters. After the fall of the Uprising, he found himself in the area of the People's Army's Częstochowa-Piotrków region.

He was active in the PPR in Częstochowa. In December 1944, he took part in a meeting of the PPR's Municipal Committee. At the end of January, he participated in a meeting of the heads of local PPS and PPR organisations. He belonged to the Conciliation Committee. From the end of 1944, together with Roman Grzywnowicz and Karol Zajda, he was on the editorial team of the *Biuletyn Rady Narodowej miasta Częstochowy*.

At the end of January 1945, he was appointed to the position of Deputy Mayor of Częstochowa. At a session of the Municipal National Council, on 28th April 1945, he was elected Mayor, replacing Stanisław Langner. He held that position until 18th June 1947. In that same year, he left for Warsaw, where he held the position of Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare.

He died in August 1959 in Warsaw.

He was decorated with the Gold Cross of Merit and Grunwald Cross 3rd Class.

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