ZORSKI (ŻORSKI) Gustaw (1899–1943), political activist, lawyer, Częstochowa municipal administrator. He was born on 25th June 1899 in Częstochowa, the son of → Henryk Dawid and Ernestyna née Nirenberg, the brother of → Jan.

Zorski attended the government Boys Gimnazjum in Częstochowa and, from the academic year 1910/11 to Grade 2, the Gustaw Kośmiński No.1 Polish Gimnazjum. In 1917, he matriculated from the H. Sienkiewicz School Care Association Gimnazjum in Częstochowa.

From the 1917/1918 academic year, he studied in the Law Faculty of the Jagiellonian University. In the 1922/1923 semester, he attended classes in the Philosophy Faculty. In 1923, he completed his studies in the Law Faculty. He then passed his law examinations - in historical-legal and court (1921) and in political science (1925).

In 1922, as part of the Communist Workers’ Party of Poland, he took part in a rally of the Independent Socialists Party, called in connection with the parliamentary elections. He was arrested on 11th March 1926, on the order of the investigating judge of the District Court in Piotrków Trybunalski, on charges of conducting anti-state agitation and for belonging to the Communist Party.

In 1927, he was conditionally admitted into the doctorate examination (on the condition that he was not ultimately convicted). At the end of the 1920s, he headed the Municipal Statistics Bureau and then the Health Department of the Częstochowa municipal authorities.

He belonged to the Polish Socialist Party (PPS). On 14th October 1930, as a member of that party, he was beaten by participants at a rally organised by the PPS’s former Revolutionary Faction.

Presumably, during the German invasion of Poland in 1939, he found himself in the Soviet Union. In 1941 or 1942, he joined the Polish Army there. As a Polish Army private in the East, he died on 18th December 1943 in Palestine and was buried in the military cemetery in Ramle [near Tel Aviv], grave No. 3–L-15).

In his marriage with Małka (1902–), he had a son, Henryk (1927–).

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