

Alfred And Janina Borowicz In Milan



On this picture you can see me and my wife Janina Borowicz (nee Bargiel). It was taken in Milan, Italy, in the 1950s. We didn't travel much, but we had some nice trips then. For example we were in Paris even before we got married. We went there to arrange repatriation for Polish miners working in France to return to Poland. We desperately needed miners, engineers. Many of our miners in France were willing to go back. Things were arranged with the French embassy, in fact, the French were happy to let them go because many of them were communists, and here they

wanted communists. The minister of industry, Minc oversaw the whole thing. It was a long trip. We had all the visas, of course, but we didn't receive a permit to go through western Germany but had to go to the tip of southern Germany and only from there through Alsace and Lorraine, but the French didn't agree to that. And it turned out to our advantage because we went to France through Germany and Switzerland.