

By a Decree of 2 February 1955, ZUS was liquidated and following the example of Soviet comrades' its tasks were taken over by the trade unions and the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare. Journal of Laws of 15 February 1955 with a Decree on the liquidation of ZUS.  
Rządowe Centrum Legislacji (Government Legislation Centre)



ZUS employees in the May 1 march. After the war, employees of state offices and enterprises had to compulsorily take part in demonstrations in support of the new authorities.  
ZUS collections, Zielona Góra Branch



Insurance card from the 1950s.  
ZUS collections, Częstochowa Branch



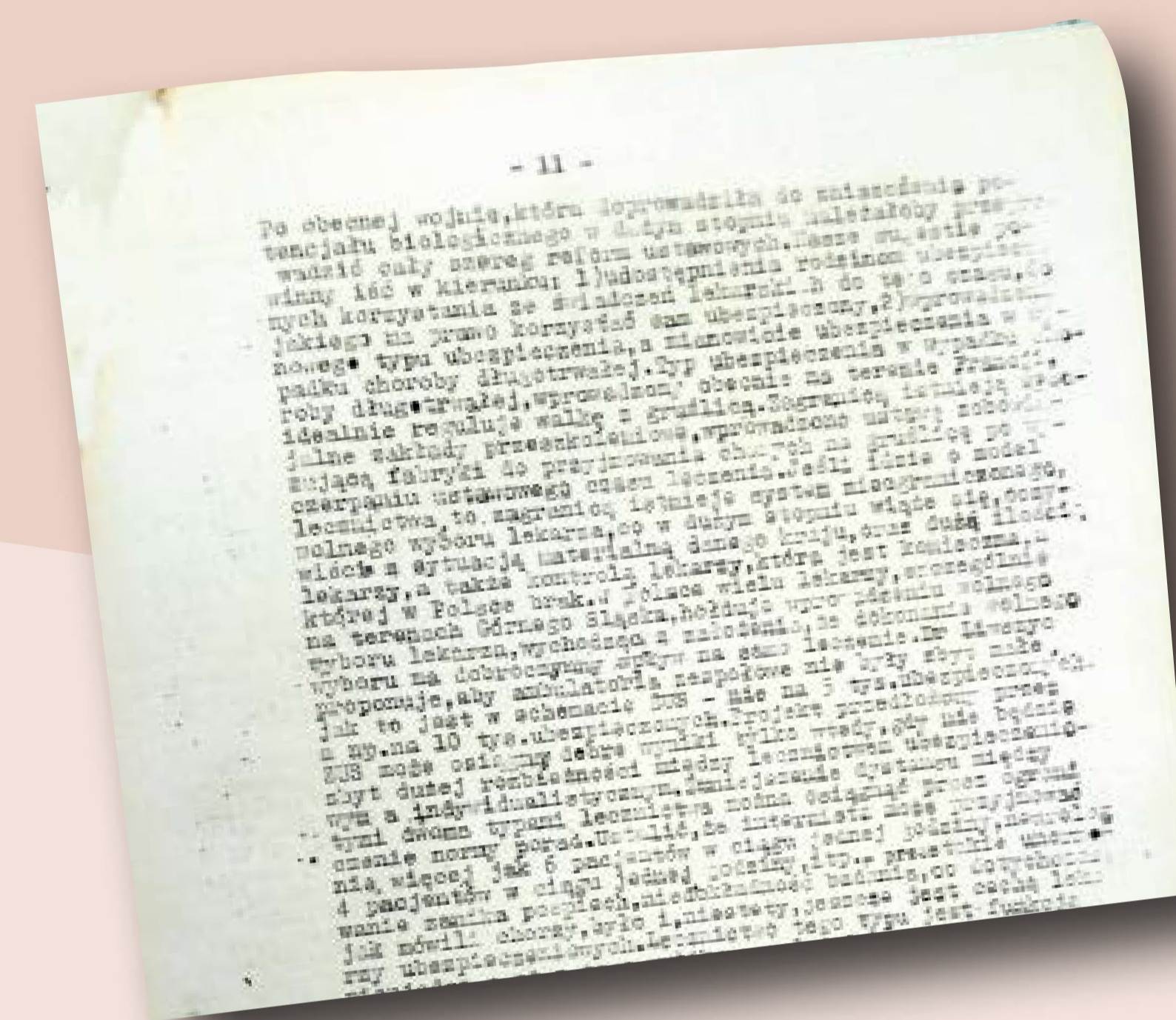
Employees of ZUS branch in Opole, mid-1940s.  
ZUS collections, Opole Branch

After the end of the war, ZUS had to face many problems - huge human losses, material losses, changed national borders. Nevertheless, immediately after the end of the hostilities, ZUS returns to its pre-war activities, starting to cooperate with scientific and research institutions, resuming its popularisation activities in the field of social insurance, and assuming the role of coordinator of the social insurance system. Unfortunately, the new political system of the state did not allow for the independence of the institution, so it was being limited from year to year. In 1950, the Social Insurance Fund is closed down, and in 1955, as part of the centralisation of the economy and state administration, ZUS itself is liquidated. Its tasks in the field of long-term benefits (pensions) are taken over by the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, and in the field of short-term benefits (allowances) by the trade unions.

## From the post-war reconstruction to ZUS liquidation



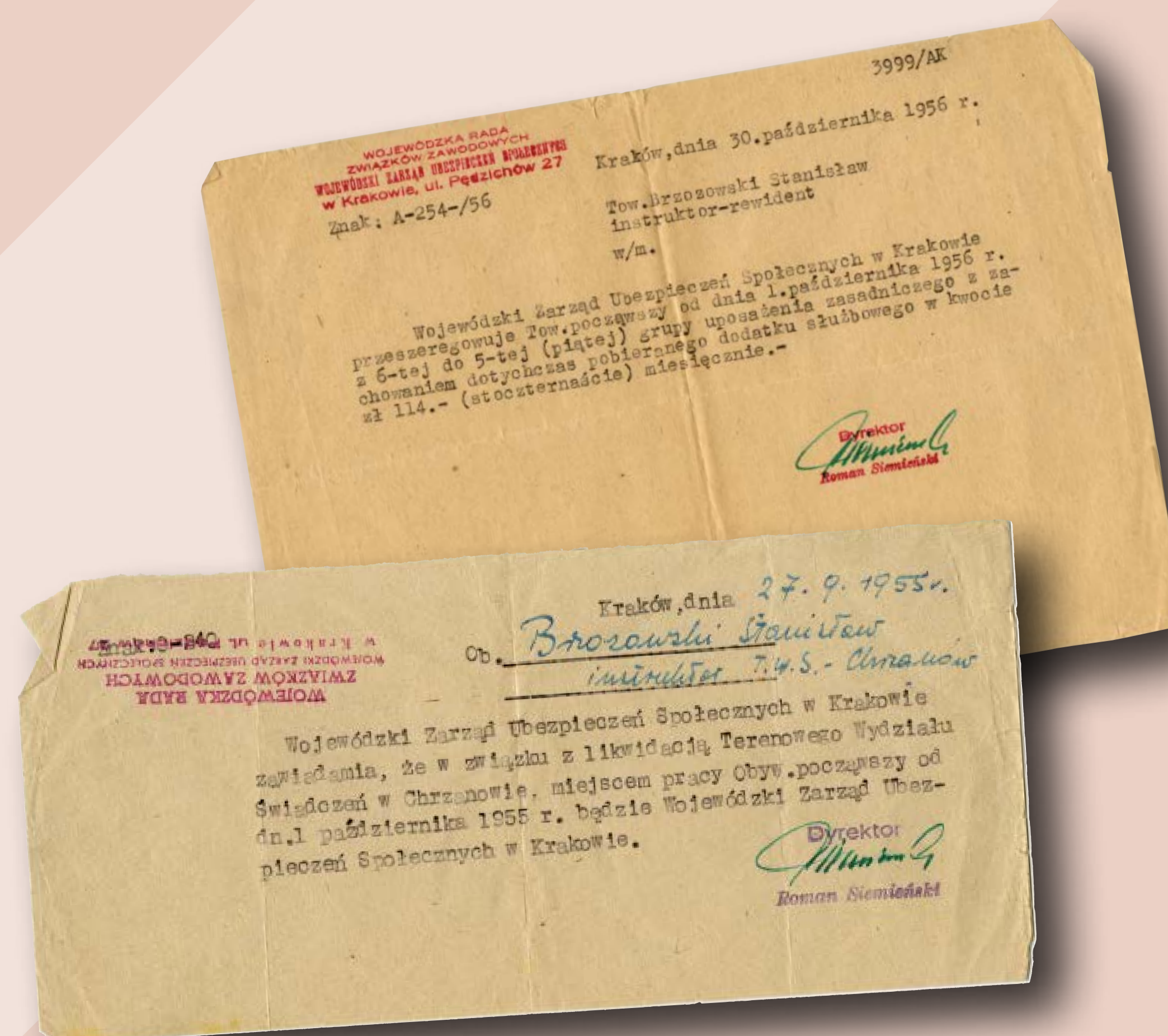
ZUS employees help in removal of the ruins and in reconstruction of Warsaw.  
ZUS collections, Zielona Góra Branch



Until the end of the 1940s, ZUS, as before the war, carried out extensive activities in areas close to insurance, including financing and co-producing films on occupational health and safety, organising hygiene exhibitions and information campaigns, and cooperating with scientific institutions. There was also a Historical Commission at ZUS, which collected material on the activities of ZUS and social insurance companies during the war. The photo shows an excerpt from an account for the Historical Commission.  
Archiwum Akt Nowych (Archive of New Files)



Arithmometer (mechanical computing machine) by Triumphator, Electric computing machine by Supermetall. ZUS employees in the 1940s and 1950s calculated the contributions and benefits due using such machines.  
ZUS collections, Poznań Branch



In connection with ZUS liquidation, ZUS employees were transferred to work in trade unions operating in state-owned enterprises. The photo shows a document confirming the transfer of a ZUS employee.  
ZUS collections, Chranzów Branch