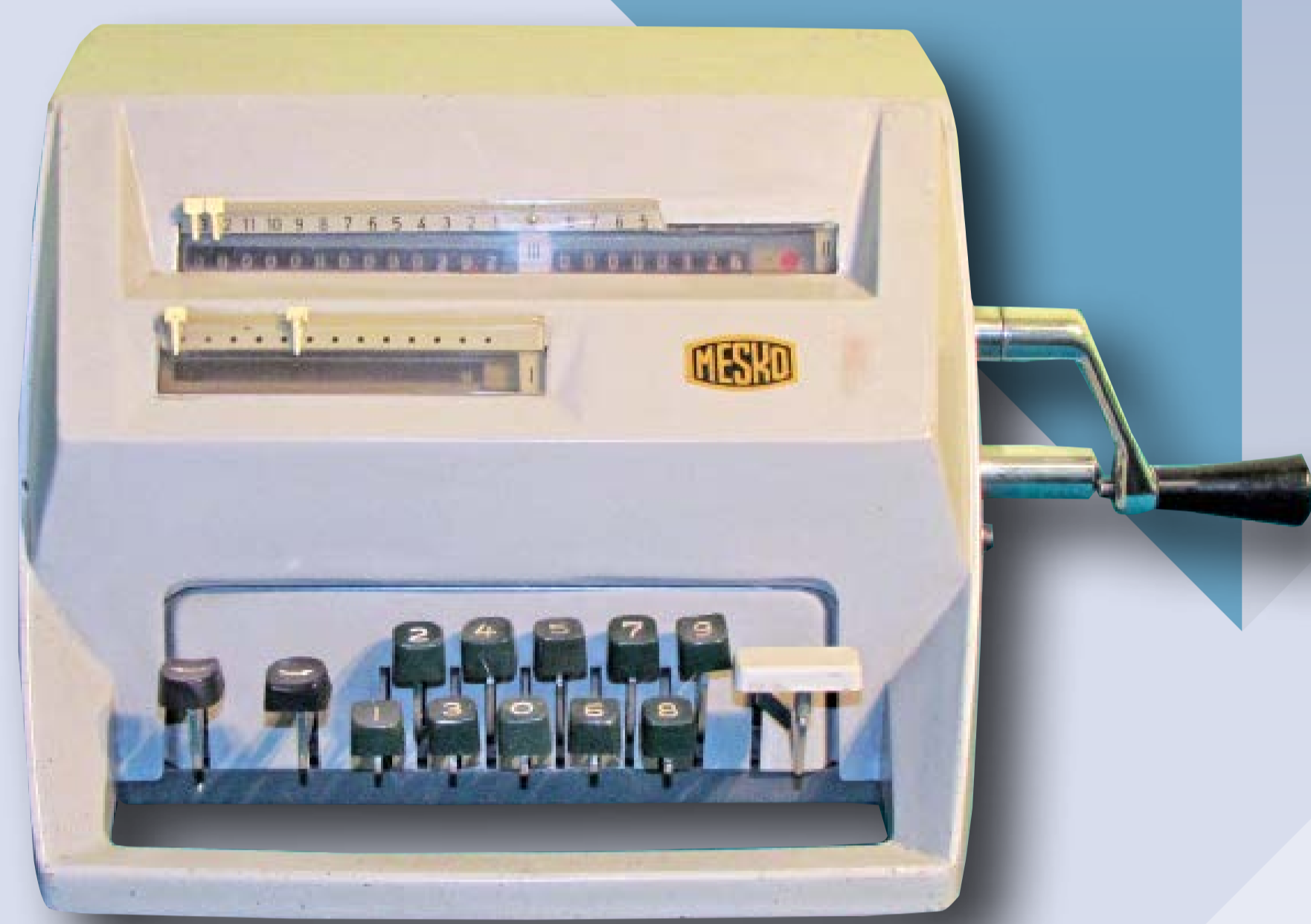




**Ceremonial presentation of diplomas and state awards for long service in the field of social insurance on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of social insurance activities in the Polish People's Republic, 22 July 1970.**  
ZUS collections, First Poznań Branch



**Arithmometer (a mechanical calculator for four operations) by Mesko company.**  
ZUS collections, Poznań Branch



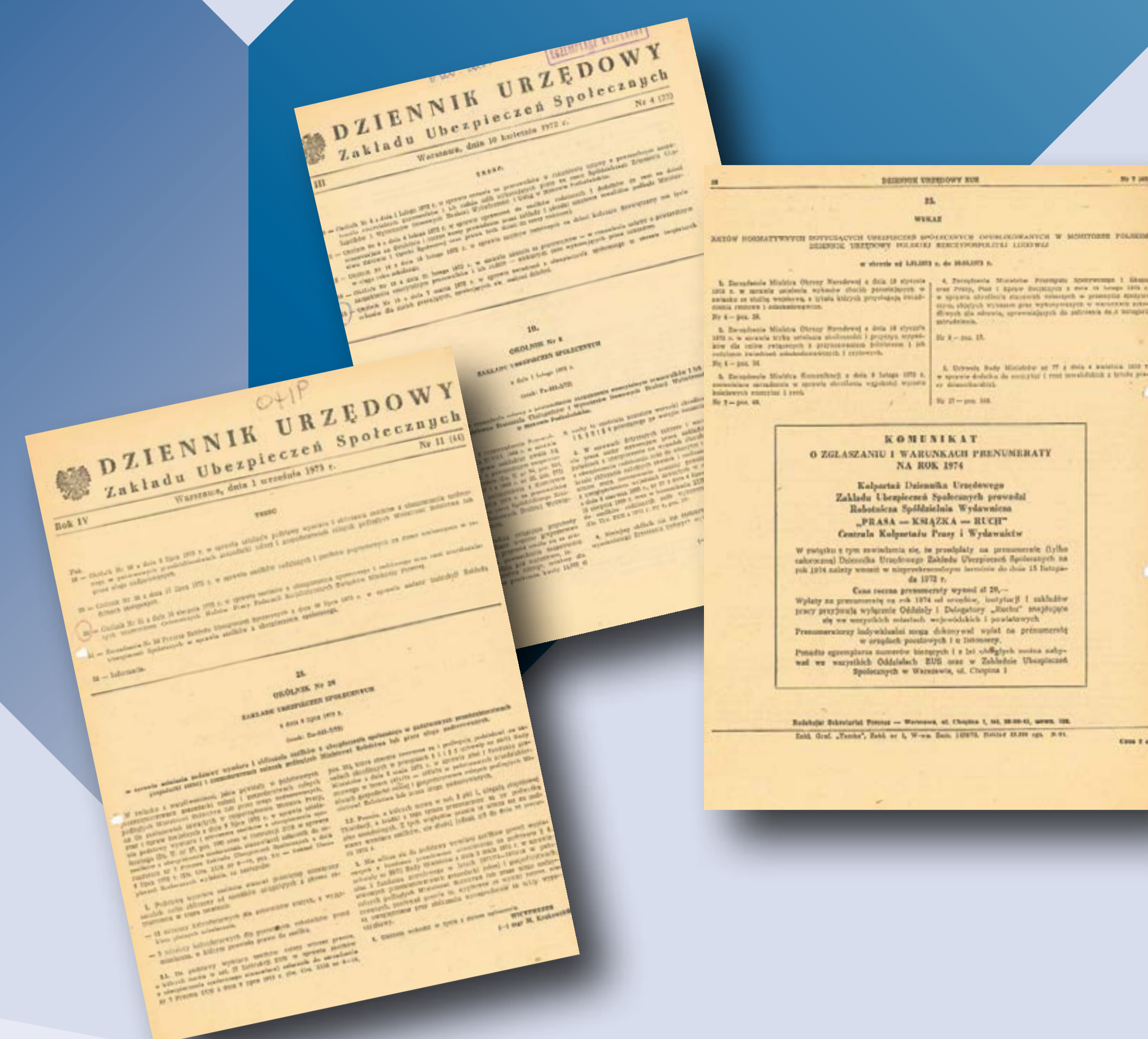
**Ascot's accounting machine. ZUS employees in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s calculated the contributions and benefits due using such machines.**  
ZUS collections, Poznań Branch



**In the 1970s, first electronic computing machines appeared at ZUS. The photo shows the interior of the Department of Electronic Computing Technology.**  
Private collection of Krzysztof Gajzler

It soon became apparent that without a governing body, the social insurance system was not functioning properly. Therefore, already on 13 April 1960, ZUS is reactivated and resumes its tasks in the field of insurance system administration. In the next decade, more social groups are being covered by the universal insurance system, and ZUS is also entering into cooperation in the field of insurance with many countries around the world. At the beginning of the 1980s, the Independent Self-Governing Trade Union 'Solidarity' is established, appealing to social justice in terms of the benefits provided by the state. Martial law, imposed on 13 December 1981, halts all manifestations of democratisation and blocks the implementation of 'Solidarity's' demands. The economic crisis of the late 1980s forces systemic changes in the state. In order to ensure the rational financing of benefits, a Social Insurance Fund is created and is managed by ZUS.

## ZUS reactivation and its activities until the end of the 1980s



**At the turn of the 1960s and 70s, ZUS resumed its activities related to promoting knowledge about social insurance. It prepared radio broadcasts, published information brochures and official journals.**  
ZUS Collection



**NSZZ Solidarity armband and stamps. After martial law had been imposed, the Independent Self-Governing Trade Union 'Solidarność' was banned and the state authorities forbade the wearing of emblems bearing its name.**  
Private collection of Magdalena Lewandowska PhD



**ZUS employee at one of the first computers, 1987.**  
ZUS collections, Tomaszów Mazowiecki Branch



**In the late 1980s ZUS makes its first attempt at the insurance system computerisation. The photo shows a computer room in the ZUS Insurance Information Technology Centre.**  
ZUS collections