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On 12 July 1951, a commemorative plate was unveiled on the house where BARBOSA Rui lived during his exile in 1895. This former home of the well known Brazilian politician and great friend of Poland is at No. 17, Holland Park Gardens in LONDON. Because of BARBOSA's activities for the Polish cause before and during World War I, a delegation of Polish soldiers living in Britain took part in the unveiling ceremony and placed before the plate a bouquet of flowers with white and red ribbons bearing the inscription: "To the great statesman and friend of Poland, Rui BARBOSA, the Polish soldier in exile, whose country is under Soviet occupation." This token was greatly appreciated by the assembled Brazilians.

The ceremony was organized by the Anglo-Brazilian Society. The speakers were SIR EYANS Arthur, who represented the Society, and the British Ambassador to Brazil, SIR BUXTLER Neville, who was staying in LONDON at the time.

On behalf of the Polish Government in Exile, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, SOKOLOWSKI sent to the Brazilian Ambassador, José JOAQUIM DE LIMA e SILVA MINIZ DE ARAGAO, a letter in which he reminded him that 1907, at the international conference in DEN HAAG, BARBOSA branded the partition of Poland and insisted on giving that country back her freedom. During World War I, as president of the Brazilian senate, BARBOSA warmly supported the 13th point of President WILSON's declaration concerning the Polish question, concluded SOKOLOWSKI in his letter.

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