

1956 (March)	Elected to CC Secretariat.
1956 (July)	Elected full member of Politburo.
1956 (November)	Failed to be re-elected to Politburo.
1957 (March)	Elected First Secretary of Katowice Voivodship Party Committee; relinquished chairmanship of parliamentary Committee on Industry, named Chairman of Committee on National Defense.
1959 (March)	Re-elected to Politburo.
1964 (June)	Dropped from CC Secretariat.
1970 (December)	Elected First Secretary of PUWP.
1971 (December)	Re-elected First Secretary of PUWP and member of Politburo.

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EDWARD BABIUCH

Present Positions:

Party: Member of the Politburo; Secretary of the Central Committee

Other: Sejm Deputy; Chairman, PUWP Parliamentary Club

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Edward Babiuch was born on 28 December 1927 to a miner's family in the district of Bedzin, in Katowice Voivodship. At the age of 14 he began working in a coal mine, and after the war, he studied at a Silesian technical research institute and became active in youth organizations. In 1948 he joined the Polish Workers' Party, the predecessor of the PUWP. In 1949 and thereafter he occupied various responsible positions in the Katowice Voivodship branch of the Polish Youth Union (ZMP) and in the ZMP main board in Warsaw. After completing studies at the Central Party School in 1955 he worked on the staff of the PUWP CC, and from November 1959 until October 1963 he was a secretary of the Warsaw Voivodship Party Committee. During these years he also managed to complete his studies at the Main School of Planning and Statistics in Warsaw, from which he graduated with a master's degree in economics.

In October 1963 Babiuch returned to work in the PUWP CC, where he was appointed deputy head of the Organization Department; he became its head in December 1965, a post he held until December 1970. For some time (1964-1965), he was also editor-in-chief of Zycie Partii, a monthly organ for activists issued by the party CC.

A CC member since the fourth party congress in June 1964, Babiuch was elected a full member of the Politburo and a CC Secretary at the seventh plenum in December 1970. His elevation to the higher echelons of the PUWP may be explained by his support of Gierek -- a friend and fellow Silesian -- at the time of the leadership crisis. Since then, this tough and talented apparatchik has been responsible for organizational and cadre matters, presiding over the purge that thinned the party's ranks in 1971. He was re-elected to the Politburo and the CC Secretariat at the sixth congress in December 1971.

Babiuch has been a Sejm deputy since 1969. In April 1971 he replaced Gierek as Chairman of the Sejm's Committee on National Defense, a post he held until the end of March 1972, when he became Chairman of the PUWP Parliamentary Club.

Babiuch has made a number of trips abroad, both to Western countries and within the bloc. In March 1962 he went to Budapest as a member of a PUWP CC delegation; in December 1966 he went to Belgium to attend the 17th congress of the Belgian CP; in June 1967 he accompanied Zenon Kliszko to Hanoi; in February 1968 he went to Denmark with Boleslaw Jaszczuk. His last trip abroad before the December 1970 crisis was to France in October of that year, as a member of a party delegation. In February 1971 he visited Moscow, where he met Mikhail Suslov, a CPSU Secretary, and in April of that year he attended the 10th congress of the Bulgarian party. He also spent a week in Cuba in May of 1971.

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Political Career

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| 1948 (early) | Joined Polish Workers' Party. |
| 1949-1955 | Occupied various posts in Katowice Voivodship branch of Polish Youth Union and on the Union's main board in Warsaw; studied at Central Party School. |
| 1955 | Joined staff of PUWP CC. |
| 1959 (November) | Became secretary of Warsaw Voivodship Party Committee. |
| 1963 (October) | Appointed deputy head of CC Organization Department, left Warsaw Voivodship Party Committee post. |
| 1964-1965 | Editor-in-chief of <u>Zycie Partii</u> . |
| 1964 (June) | Elected full CC member. |
| 1965 (December) | Became head of CC Organization Department. |
| 1969 (June) | Elected deputy to the <u>Sejm</u> . |
| 1970 (December) | Elected full member of Politburo and CC Secretary; relinquished post of Chairman of CC Organization Department. |

1971 (April)	Named Chairman of <u>Sejm</u> Committee on National Defense.
1971 (December)	Re-elected Politburo member and CC Secretary.
1972 (March)	Relinquished chairmanship of parliamentary Committee on National Defense, became Chairman of PUWP Parliamentary Club.

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KAZIMIERZ BARCIKOWSKI

Present Positions:

Party: Candidate Member of the Politburo; Secretary of the Central Committee

Other: Sejm Deputy; Member of the Presidium of the PUWP Parliamentary Club

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Born in Zglechow (central Poland) to a peasant family on 22 March 1927, Kazimierz Barcikowski finished high school in Minsk Mazowiecki in 1946 and graduated from a higher agricultural school with the degree of an engineer-agronomist in 1950. Ten years later he took up studies at the Higher School of Social Sciences attached to the PUWP CC, from which he obtained a doctorate in economics at the end of 1965.

In 1946 he joined the youth movement, and occupied leading posts in the Rural Youth Union (Wici) and the Polish Youth Union (ZMP). From 1954 to 1956 he served as deputy editor-in-chief of the Iskry State Publishing House, and in 1957 he became Deputy Chairman of the (new) Rural Youth Union (ZMW). He became that organization's chairman in July 1963, and in December was also co-opted to the presidium of the Central Board of the Agricultural Circles.

Barcikowski was elected a deputy CC member at the fourth party congress in June 1964, but his rise in the party hierarchy dates from December 1965, when he was appointed deputy head of the CC Organization Department and editor-in-chief of the party monthly Zycie Partii. At this point, he relinquished his youth union and agricultural circle positions, but remained a member of the CC Committee on Agricultural Affairs. At the fifth congress in November 1968 he was advanced to full CC membership, and on November 27 he was elected First Secretary of the Poznan Voivodship Party Committee and relieved of the editorship of Zycie Partii and his CC Organization Department post.

At the memorable seventh plenum on 20 December 1970 Barcikowski was elected a CC Secretary; later in the month he was

released from his regional party position. During the tense period in late 1970-early 1971 he displayed a considerable degree of personal courage; for example, he did not hesitate to enter the grounds around the Cegielski factory in Poznan and engage in direct discussion with the excited workers. Within the CC Secretariat, Barcikowski assumed responsibility for agricultural matters and played an important role in shaping the reforms introduced in this sector in 1971. At the sixth congress in December 1971 he was re-elected a CC Secretary and joined the Politburo for the first time, in the capacity of a candidate member.

He has been a Sejm deputy since 1965.

In addition to frequent trips to the bloc countries, he has visited France (1957) and Finland (1965). In 1971, as CC Secretary, he went to Italy and India (to attend the Indian CP congress), and in January 1972 he headed a party delegation to Chile.

Barcikowski belongs to the new group of high party officials in their forties, most of whom began their careers in the youth organizations after World War II, progressed steadily under Gomulka's leadership, and advanced quickly to top party positions after Gierek came to power. During the Gomulka era he is said to have "played it safe" by keeping in the party leader's good graces and resisting the efforts of Moczar's Partisans to gain his cooperation. He did, however, adopt a hardline stand toward the student demonstrations in March of 1968, as can be seen from an article he wrote for Zycie Partii (May 1968), in which he attacked the "traditional political Right," "revisionist party renegades," and "fighting Zionists" and "imperialist forces."

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Political Career

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| 1946-1954 | Occupied leading posts in youth movement organizations. |
| 1954-1956 | Deputy editor-in-chief of Iskry State Publishing House. |
| 1957 (February) | Became Deputy Chairman of Rural Youth Union. |
| 1963 (July) | Became Chairman of Rural Youth Union. |