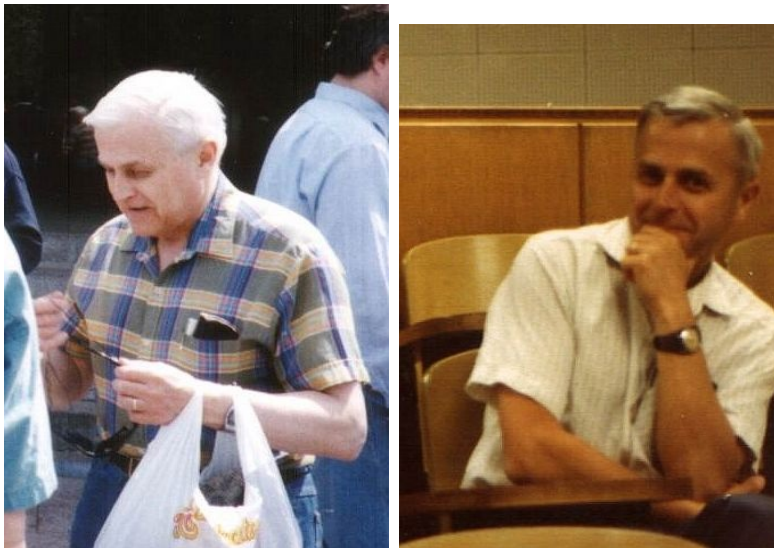


THE 1977 WARSAW CONFERENCE AND WIESLAW SZLENK

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Wieslaw Szlenk (1935–1996) was the prime mover and the principal organizer of the 1977 Warsaw conference in dynamical systems. It was a pivotal event in the development of modern dynamics and the formation of the world-wide community which still after 28 years keeps many of its principal features. It was the place, probably almost the only one possible under the Cold War conditions prevailing at the time, for “East” to meet “West”, for the leading researchers from the US and the Soviet Union in their prime (still mostly quite young) to meet each other in force and often for the first time, and to meet also with their up-and-coming European colleagues.



This is Wieslaw Szlenk on a Warsaw street and in the conference lecture room



And this is the famous (or infamous for some) Palace of Culture, the conference venue, where mathematicians are not present anymore

In the near future I hope to write a more detailed set of recollections on the conference and its influence on development of dynamics in the subsequent years.

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