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## PILSUDSKI, MARSHAL JOZEF (1867–1935)

Right-wing dictator of Poland, 1926–1935. Pilsudski started his political activity as a leader of the underground Polish Socialist Party (Polska Partia Socjalistyczna; PPS) in the 1890s and became the commander of a Polish legion during World War I. From 1918 till 1922, Pilsudski was the head of the Polish state and commander-in-chief during the war against the Bolsheviks in 1920. Disillusioned with parliamentary democracy, he staged a military coup d'état with the support of the Left in 1926 and established an authoritarian regime. A lifelong opponent of Roman Dmowski and his *endecja* movement, Pilsudski denounced fascism.

*Rafal Pankowski*

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