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THE DISCOVERY OF DISCOVERIES

For several years students of Polish stamps were plagued with the appearance of frequent discoveries of great rarities in one form or another on the philatelic market. There were imperfs, missing colors, inverted centers and what not. All were "miracle discoveries" of the month; all priced, whatever the market would bear . . .

The Philatelic Exhibition, held for the occasion of the 400th Anniversary of the Polish Post created one more sensation in the line of miracle discoveries, with the appearance of the souvenir sheet on white paper only with the light-brown color missing. This sensational discovery was made in only a few days after the opening of the Exhibition. It was followed promptly with an Official Communique from the Scientific Research Commission, acting by the PZF, warning against its purchase. It was philatelically worthless because these sheets were bleached by chemical reactors, according to the findings of the Scientific Research Commission.

Recently, the 400th Anniversary set and the 60 gr International Letter Writing Week issue for 1958 were "discovered" imperforated. All these stamps emanated from illegal sources—the maiden spring being the State Printery in Warsaw, P.W.P.W. (Państwowa Wytwórnia Papierów Wartościowych).

The relentless and energetic efforts of the present Minister of Communications, Mr. Moskwa, to solve the

mystery of various "miracles" discoveries" of great rarities, imperfs, with some color missing, etc., illegally appearing on the marked Polish postage stamps, were crowned with complete success when police investigations discovered and liquidated the source of these corrupt practices.

In the process of investigation it was discovered that the so called "white sheets" of the 400th Anniversary of the Polish Posts Souvenir Sheet, were not only the work of counterfeiters, as the Scientific Research Commission asserted, but also were supplied in that form straight from the State Printery of P.W.P.W. (Państwowa Wytwórnia Papierów Wartościowych) being printed directly on white paper without the light brown tint, by enterprising, but dishonest employees.

The investigation affirmed the fact, (known to us collectors) that there is an easily detectable difference between the "bleached" copies of the white sheet and the ones originally printed on white paper.

During the same investigation thorough inquiry was made as to the illegally appearing varieties of imperforated stamps, stamps with various errors, like one color missing, etc. This investigation also was crowned with complete success. The guilty ones were arrested and with this the whole atmosphere in the P.W.P.W. was purified. For us collectors this means: No more curiosities will emanate from there.

POLONUS PICNIC BIGGEST YET!

By ROMAN STRZELECKI

They cried, they cheered, they waved and everyone seemed to be enjoying himself. This happened on August 2nd at Powers Lake, Wisconsin. The weather was most perfect; the water in the lake was warm. And this picnic was the biggest success ever in Polonus history. Close to 200 people attended. Most of the crowd arrived between ten and eleven A.M. but there were some early birds who by nine o'clock took a dip in the lake. By noon everyone got acquainted with a "Howdy" and "Hi" and breathed out the last of the Chicago dust from their lungs.

In the meantime our Picnic Chairman Roman Reinowski together with Doc Kozy had started the fires under the big kettles in the kitchen and taking care of last details in the dining room. Shortly after twelve the boys at the beach could smell the fried chicken and beef. And when Roman appeared on the veranda of the Aquilla Resort and shouted "Come and get it!", boy did they storm the dining room. The dinner was really worth the short wait because it was delicious and tasty. And all the extras like the watermelon, coffee, cookies for the kiddies, etc, these must have been extras from Doc. Needless to say the feast took us more than an hour and a half as the philatelic talk between the salad and the main dish extended it. At two o'clock the dining room was empty and mostly everyone took it easy.

We had quite a few guests from the Central Federation of Stamp Clubs who attended for their first time.

The oldsters took off for the shade for a nap or philatelic talk while the younger members headed for the beach with their children for some swimming and wading. The wives of the philatelically minded kept busy chatting.

The happy strains of polka music filled the air when member Bill Jusack and his band struck up the music.

At three P.M. games of all sorts began. Roman brought a big box of prizes and everyone was interested. We began with a race for toddlers of both sexes, with their mothers watchfully behind them. The next two races were for boys and girls ages 3 to 6 and then for the 6 to 12. All of the kiddies received prizes, winners and losers alike. We tried to get the names of the winners but the excitement and confusion of the crowd prevented us from doing so.

Next was the competition for young ladies ages 6 to 12 and the secretary conducted himself more calmly and got the names of the winners. Winner of the 50 yard dash was Miss Steczynski, followed by Miss B. Strzelecki. All competitors received prizes.

For the next event the ladies 80 yd. dash, we had difficulty finding participants as the ladies seemed shy. "Always ask a lady twice" and we did and we had to make two heats. Winners of Heat 1 were: 1. Mrs. Obara, 2. Mrs. Kochanski, 3. Mrs. Steczynski. Heat 2 Winners were: 1. Mrs. Estell, 2. Mrs. Strzelecki, 3. Mrs. Miners. There was much excitement among the ladies but there was more excitement among the husbands at the finishing line. But the reward was well worth the extra effort as we saw the ladies smile when they opened their prizes.

Next the men took part in a 100 yd. dash. The Picnic Committee put aside the Olympic rules and since the turnout was so great a one 100 yards final was arranged. This brought up the excitement to the highest point. Imagine twenty lazy, slow moving philatelists coming up the starting line. Doc Kozy who acted as starting referee, lined them up and yelled loud and clear: "A-one, a-two and a-three, go!" And they really did, like the wind. Some of the guests thought they were at the Pan-American Games Preliminaries. We can say this much that some stamp collectors really have the go when it



Top Photo:

Doc Kozy proved an able chef on the barbecue grill as he roasted wienies and Polish sausage to order — brown, medium, both sides, small or large.

Center Photo:

Couples lining up for the toughest contest of the day, the Egg Throwing Contest.

Bottom Photo:

Winners of the Egg Throwing Contest, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Obara, with the whole egg, receive prizes and congratulations from Picnic Chairman **Roman Reinowski**.

comes to stamps and when it comes to running. Final results were: 1. Mr. Obara. 2. Mr. Steczynski, 3. Mr. Rux. No it wasn't J. P. Rux—but a younger member of the same family.

The next event was a ladies balloon

blowing contest. Here everyone gathered in a circle. We would need half a dozen camera men to get pictures of all the funny faces. Balloons were blown and blown until "Bang" went the first one of Mrs. Kloskowski, then

Mrs. Klos. With some coaxing from the onlookers and a little more blow, "Bang" went that of Mrs. Rux.

The next contest was shoe kicking for ladies and gents. Shoes flew in all directions—even in reverse. The judges stated that only the longest flight forward will be counted regardless of how high. Results were as follows: Ladies Division: 1. Mrs. Reeves, 2. Mrs. Helverson, 3. Mrs. Strzelecki. Men's Division: 1. Mr. Fr. Gatz, 2. Mr. Zd. Wargowski. Some of the men kicked as high as a ten story building but the judges rejected height and based their decision on the length. After a short rest and when everyone cooled off the toughest contest was yet to be held—the fresh egg throwing contest. As you can see from the photo, about a dozen couples lined up, facing each other. At close range the egg-throwing was easy, nothing to it. But as the distance between the couples widened, things got rougher. You could hear dissapointing cries and roaring laughs. A familiar noise was "Clatch", which occurred when something yellow splashed. But in every competition there is usually a winner and the lucky and unsplattered were Mr. and Mrs. Obara. Mrs. Obara received a prize for throwing and Zdzislaw for catching, or was it vice-versa?

After the games we seemed hungry from the country air and excitement. But things functioned properly as Doc Kozy prepared a three-legged grill for roasting weinies and Polish sausage. Doc Kozy as an expert chef, roasted them to order, brown, medium, both sides, small or large. Two large three-foot high bags loaded with buns went fast, with pickles, mustard and relish. Doc Kozy kept on the job for an hour and a half and everyone had one or more. It fact some fellows ate a wienie, went in the lake and came back for more. Roman held a free raffle for those participating in the wienie roast and one big prize went to the holder of the lucky number.

We must not forget the bridge party on the veranda. Right after dinner they sat down with bottles of Schlitz and got into a hot game. Only the excitement of the games brought them

down for a while but right after the contests they got a fresh bottle and went back to the bridge tables.

Towards evening most of the boys went for a dip in the lake, then back to the bar to have one for the road. As there was a 1½ to 2 hour drive back to Chicago, most of the cars were gone by seven P.M. But a few of the more romantic philatelists stayed behind for a moonlight swim.

MEMORIAL PROGRAM FOR STEPHEN G. RICH

On Sept. 16, 1959 a special program in honor of our late member Stephen G. Rich was presented by The Collectors Club of New York City. Several of Mr. Rich's friends, each a prominent philatelist, reminisced briefly on their association with him. Each touched on a different facet of his philatelic career.

POLAND 1860-1939 ALBUM PAGES

Next month Kobylka Album Publications will release album pages for Poland 1860 to 1949. These will fit a three-ring binder and they are round-cornered loose-leaf sheets.

At the time of our Bulletin going to press, Mr. Kobylka told us that rough sketches were made up and this section of Poland will take up about 72 pages. Type was being set on them and the pages would be printed in early October.

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POLAND IN THE 1960 SCOTT'S CATALOG

By ROMAN J. BURKIEWICZ

Almost a year ago (October 1958 Bulletin) I had written about Scott's price changes and commented on the marked situation of the early issues of Poland. I had intended to write a series of articles on the rest of the issues as I received many favorable comments on the first one. Being a full time stamp dealer and because of an increase in the amount of correspondence and work in my business I could not find the time to do it. A year has passed and the new 1960 edition of Scott's Catalog is here. Even more than last year I feel that its price changes requires some comments.

I will quickly go over the 1860-1919 issues on which I wrote before, and try to write more about the following issues. Later, if my time permits, I will cover the highlights on the Post-War material.

Number One continues to rise. There is a \$5.00 increase on the mint copy and \$2.50 on the used. With the centennial of this stamp just around the corner (1960), practically no copies are available at the auctions. This stamp will probably rise the full catalog price again by next year. This prediction was made in "Stamp Market Tips" by Leo Eaton in "Stamps" magazine.

The inverted overprints, Scott's 11-14, have advanced from .50 to \$1.00 per copy and even at the new catalog price of \$24.25 per set, they are not available in dealer's stocks.

Nos. 15-17 have advanced again, indicating the lack of these issues on the market. The "Karlonds" Issue, Scott's 27-29, have again gone up a nickel and the inverts .50 more on each value.

Lublin stamps Nos. 30-40 continue to advance right along with the Krakow issues, showing a continuous demand for these stamps not only among specialists but also among general collectors. Watch the varieties and er-

rors of this issue—year after year they keep jumping at least 25%.

The Krakow Issues, Scotts 41-60, J1-12 and P1-5, again show 10 to 15% increases except for the 25 heller No. 58 and postage due J11 (15/36 surcharge.) These top all other issues with a \$20.00 increase per copy, wow! There is still time to invest in these issues—if you can find them for sale. The lack of these two stamps on the market is pathetic and therefore they may still double their present value in the near future. The mint copy of the 6 Heller of the PKL issue (Scott's 64) got a 25% increase, bringing it up to the value of the used one—well it's about time!

No. 72 is up again .25 and is short in every dealer's stock. The "Gniezno" issue (Scott's 77-78) got another \$4.00 per set, totalling \$35.00 catalog for the two values. The first one the 5 fen., is very scarce either mint or used. Collectors of Germany have practically bought out the market and very few dealers have it in stock. And watch out for forgeries! I recently had about ten sets offered me by different parties and none of them had a genuine overprint. If your set is not expertised, send it to Mr. Rachmanoff, our member in New York. Just a warning: These stamps appear with W. H. (Wilhelm Heinze) or "Richter" (German expert) signatures. Nine out of ten these prove to be forgeries!

Next on the list are the imperforate sets of Northern and Southern Poland (Scott's 81-92 and 109-120) and particularly the high values of these sets. (Should any member have duplicates of these, I would gladly purchase them or exchange them for any other material they might need). There is one value in the perforated set of Northern Poland which deserves a special mention although it is neglected by Scott's. This is the 1 mark "dark-grey" or rather a grey-violet (Scott's

104). I think every dealer would gladly purchase any quantity of mint copies at full catalog price just to complete some sets.

The National Assembly (Scott's 133-139) and in particular the small Trampczyński stamp (Scott's 136) is worth mentioning. This is a good stamp and although worth only .12 in the catalog, every year it is increased by the Scott people. Used copies are scarce.

Out of the inflationary issues there are only the inverts and double surcharges that are worth mentioning. They are only cataloged at \$2.00 but the net market prices bring full or little over the catalog value. Only a few copies of these are available on the market.

Here is another mystery—Scott's 208 mint. It catalogs only .10 but has anyone a quantity of these? We have seen this set sold for packet material in sheets, never however was the 50,000 mk. stamp included, either in mint or used condition. What is the true or actual value of this stamp on the market? (If you have any among your duplicates, sell them to me at full catalog price and I'll see that they get into circulation!)

There are quite a few increases of mint copies of issues between Scott's 227-305, as well as most of the early Post-War (regular and semi-postal) issues. The early Post-War issues deserve much attention as the quantities printed were only 50,000 to 500,000 each, which is comparatively very small to satisfy the demand for them in Europe and elsewhere.

More about Poland in 1960 Scott's Catalog in the near future, when my time permits.

INSURANCE FOR "POLSKA 60" EXHIBITS

At the request of the P. Z. F. (Federation of Polish Philatelists) the State Insurance Institute ("Państwowy Zakład Ubezpieczeń w Warszawie") has set the conditions and premiums for insurance on stamp collections during the Exhibition POLSKA 60.

A was copy sent by the PZF to the

POLONUS BULLETIN. Following is a free translation from the original copy in Polish:

Warszawa, Feb. 25, 1959

Polski Związek Filatelistyczny
Zarząd Główny
Warszawa

In answering your letter of the 4th of this month, we are listing below the conditions and premiums on the basis which we are ready to accept for insurance postage stamps in transport and while they are on display at the Exhibition that will take place in 1960.

In the case of postage stamps insurance in transport, we bear responsibility only if as a result of a catastrophe of the means of transportation damage occurred.

The scope of responsibility of the State Insurance Institute ("Państwowy Zakład Ubezpieczeń") is set forth as follows:

1. In land and air transport the insurance covers normal risks, including complete theft and soakage.

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Following are the premium rates in transport (premiums are in promills):

Geographical Zone:	By Air	By Sea, Rail and/or Auto
Europe	1,5	2,5
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America, South	2,25	4,5
Australia	2,5	5,0
China, Japan, Malaya and India	2,5	5,0
Near East (Asia, Egypt), Sudan and No. Africa	2,25	4,5
Central Africa	2,5	5,0
South Africa	2,25	4,5

During the Exhibition in Warszawa the premium will amount to 1,5 promills under conditions that non-breakable glass will be used in the frames. With breakable glass the premium will be 2,0 promills. We understand, that special protection will be provided for the exhibits. During the Exhibition the PZU is responsible for the risks of

fire and theft with burglary from the moment of official acceptance of the exhibits by the Organizing Committee.

The value of exhibited stamps should be declared in foreign currency as also are the premiums payable in foreign currency at International Exchange rates.

(The insurance is optional with the exhibitor, who pays the premiums, of course. The frames at the exhibition are free of charge to the exhibitor.)

CHANGE OF EXHIBITION DATE FOR "POLSKA 60"

As a result of an agreement with the President of the International Philatelic Federation (FIP), Mr. Luicen Berthelot, the initially planned date of the Exhibition is going to be shifted. The Exhibition is to be opened on September 3rd, and will last up to September 11th, 1960.

414 days before the opening of the International Philatelic Exhibition "POLSKA 60" a lot of exhibits were already announced. The largest number of entries has been received from Great Britain. Besides there have been announcements made from Switzerland, the Federal German Republic, the USSR, Japan, Belgium, the Netherlands and Italy.

The most outstanding exhibit will undoubtedly be a part of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II's collection. Her Majesty has graciously consented to show at the "POLSKA 60" Exhibition those stamps of the British Empire that were in circulation in 1860, i.e. in the year of issuance of the first Polish postage stamp. Primarily the Executive Committee intended asking for an exhibit containing all the stamps issued prior to that date, i.e. from 1840 till 1860. But it has been established that an exhibit of that size would take almost half of the disposable exhibition area.

Sir John Wilson, the Keeper of the Royal Collection has expressed his wish to show a specialized collection of Wenden stamps. Besides, Sir John was so kind as to promise to prepare another exhibit the title of which is kept secret for the time being.

Two exhibits are to show Polish Forces stamps in the period of World War II. A British exhibit contains the stamps of Polish Army Camps in France and a Belgian one—Polish Army issues in Italy and Great Britain, in the USSR; war prisoner camp issues in Germany and interment camp issues in Switzerland, local issues in Poland.

There are two exhibits dealing with specialized collections of a particular country within a limited period; a British exhibitor has announced to show a George V specialized collection, and a Soviet exhibitor—a specialized collection of the USSR from 1921—1940.

In the class of thematic and topical collections the following titles have already been announced; 1. International Geophysical Year. 2. Postal History of Falkland Islands. 3. Pioneer Flights of All the World. 4. Air Mail of the South Atlantic. 5. United Nations Organization. 6. Peace Cycle Race Warszawa - Berlin - Prague.

In the class of literature there are some interesting entries, too. A circle of juvenile stamp collectors in the Federal German Republic will show some philatelic literature for the young collectors. The Chairman of the Japanese-Polish Friendship Society, Baron Takaharu Mitsui, has announced an exhibit consisting of Japanese books on philately. The exhibit has already been received by the Executive Committee. The display of the following books has been announced; "There Hundred Years of Dutch Postal Services", "A Catalogue of Lundy Island Stamps", "Zeppelin Air Mail".

Thematic diversity of the first batch of announced entries gives hope that the number of entries will be considerable, and their scope interesting.

—Executive Committee,
"POLSKA 60"

GUEST SPEAKER

On October 23rd, Bert Powell will speak on "Collecting—Or Accumulating" at the Polonus program meeting. He will illustrate his talk with some portions of his "Waste Basket Collection".

THE EXHIBITION (Continued)

by Roman Strzelecki

Exhibit No. 24 — Chester Mikucki — This collection was a unique one. Unusual type of material was shown—Polish Revenues. An exhibit of this sort is not often seen. Other countries' revenues are more plentiful where Poland's revenues are scarcer because of the many war periods. Items of Revenue paper from the Kingdom of Poland in 1863 as we saw here belong to past history. Revenues from the Russian and Austrian Occupation, Upper Silesia issues showing inflation varieties, high values of the Zloty types and Post War issues were shown. Perhaps the most unusual rare items were covers showing the use of Revenue stamps for regular postage with an interesting history attached. This display had it's own history of origin of many of these revenues. The owner was awarded the First Poland Award.

Exhibit No. 25 — Adam Kloskowski — Here was an exhibit which qualified as not only a specialized but as a research exhibit. A little different from most of the exhibits, this one was of United States, a study from the period 1911 to 1938. We saw the one cent green Washington Scott's 408 imperf. in all possible varieties like strips, center line, paste up pairs, etc. Also in the same varieties the 2c carmine as well as the 1c green Scott's 575 of 1923-25. There was the 1½c Harding yellow-brown of 1923-25. These few stamps, nicely arranged and fully described, all shown in mint condition different imperfs and coils, line pairs with various spacings. And to top such material a more intriguing shade variety was shown. All were mint with some shades unknown to specialists. Here was a handfull of different stamps but they represented hours of hard work put into them, bringing the owner a well earned award.

Exhibit No. 26 — Dr. M. E. Uznanski — This exhibit, although it contains only a few selected pages from the collection, impressed the many collectors and visitors as being a collection of a higher class. The Papal State was arranged on colorful pages, showed

stampless covers from before 1850, covers of 1867-8, items not seen often. Here was postal history, many unique items. Following these and many more interesting old stamps and covers of the late 19th century we come to nearer present times. Here was pleasant viewing. Stamps, postal cards and covers of the late 1930's. More modern philatelic items, pairs, blocks and souvenir sheets. It is really difficult to describe this exhibit without going into many details. Nevertheless, the best I can say in a few words is that the exhibit was thoroughly enjoyed and created much discussion among more advanced collectors. This part of a comprehensive collection was awarded Best Other Than Poland.

Exhibit No. 27 — Jens Olesen — This thematic exhibit showed a topic which is known and liked by many—Horses On The Stamps of Poland. It surprised quite a few of the visitors. Collectors of Poland were aware of horses on Polish stamps but did not dream that there were so many of them. The collection started with Scott's 14, went through the 1919 issue, then 1925 and the 1939 period. The General Gouvernement period was shown as well as issues like the famous "Dojdzieny." Then came the 1945 Kraków issue with the Post War period right up to the latest issues. Besides stamps, covers were also shown, all mounted chronologically. It received the Best Topical Award.

(Continued next month)

REMEMBER THE DATE: OCT. 31

Your preliminary application for exhibiting in POLSKA 60 must be in the hands of the Exhibition Committee by October 31, 1959 at the latest!

Entry forms may be secured from the U.S. Commissioners of POLSKA 60:

Jacques Minkus Dr. A. Gajewski
115 W. 30th St. 791 Filmore Ave.
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The Exhibit. Committee address is:
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44 10 Heller mint or used...	15.00
45 12 Heller mint or used...	1.50
46 40 Heller mint or used..	.90
47 50 Heller mint or used..	.50
48 60 Heller mint or used..	.40
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50 90 Heller used	65.00
51 1 Krone mint or used...	.60
52 2 Krone mint or used...	.50
53 3 Krone mint or used...	4.00
54 4 Krone mint or used...	8.50
56 15 Heller mint or used..	.75

57 20 Heller mint or used..	5.50
58 25 Heller used	60.00
59 30 Heller mint or used..	9.00
60 25/80 Heller mint or used	.35
60a 25/80 invert used	10.00
J1 mint or used	\$.75
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J8 used	135.00
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NEW ISSUES

by J. J. Domar

After an unusual long delay, official notice has been received on:

A set of three perforated stamps released on July 21, 1959 upon the 15th Anniversary of the Peoples Poland.

40 gr. green—sheaf of corn on a map of Poland. Symbolic of Agriculture.

60 gr. red—a crane on a map of Poland. Symbolic of Building.

1.50 zł. blue—a Korynth column and a book on a map of Poland. Symbolic of Culture & Science.

Across the top is the value, Polska; across the bottom: "XV Lat P.R.L." printed in black. Size of stamp is 21.25 x 25.5 mm. and printed by offset. Designed by Stefan Malecki. Printed in the State Printing Office in Warsaw.

A set of two stamps were issued on July 24th to commemorate the Esperanto International Congress in Warsaw.

60 gr. light-green, dark-grey & black shows the portrait of Dr. Zamenhof and the Esperanto star, as well as the inscription "L.L. Zamenhof Outuro De Esperanto."

The 1.50 zł. represents the white-red flag in a form of a triangle. The star symbolizing Esperanto and the globe—both are seen in the upper part of the drawing.

An inscription "1959 Jubilee — Jaro De Zamenhof" vertically along the left side and horizontally across the top. Size 25.5 mm x 31.25 mm. Printed by offset. The 60 gr. value is designed by Bogusław Brandt and the 1.50 zł. by Ryszard Dudzinski. Printed by the State Printing Office in Warsaw.

On July 27th, a set of two stamps, perforated, was released to commemorate the "7th International Congress of Youth and Students in Vienna." The design is the same for both values, 60 gr. and 2.50 zł. It depicts a pink flower which forms the map of Austria, across which is the word "WIEN." Also indicated is the inscription "Światowy Festiwal Młodzieży i Studentów" (International Congress of Youth and Students). The four words are inscribed

vertically to form the numeral VII.

The color of the 60 gr. is light yellow, brown, red, green, grey blue.

The 2.50 zł. is grey, dark green, green, red and violet. Size 25.5x31.25 mm., printed in offset. Designed by Edward Koniecki and printed by the State Printing Office, Warsaw.

On Aug. 24th, one stamp was issued to commemorate the 30 years of the Polish Air Lines Company "LOT". The design illustrated a stylized silhouette of a rushing plane. The inscription "Polska" is at the bottom of the stamp and "30 Lat Polskich Linii Lotniczych LOT" on its upper part. The value is 60 gr. light-blue, violet and black. Size 31.25 x 25.5 mm, printed in offset. Designed by Józef Koneczak. Printed by the State Printing Office in Warsaw.

On Aug. 27th a set of two stamps were released in recognition of the 48th Inter-Parliamentary Conference in Warsaw, a 60 gr. green, black and red; and a 2.50 zł. violet, black and red. The design shows the Polish Parliament Building in Warsaw. Size is 43 x 25.5 mm. Offset printed at the State Printing Office, Warsaw. Designed by Seweryn Jasinski.

On Aug. 30th on the occasion of the International Exhibition of the Baltic States "BALPEX I" at Gdansk, one stamp Scotts No. 640 was overprinted "BALPEX I Gdańsk 1959". The stamp is steel engraved and the overprint is typographed. This stamp appears different from the original No. 640 and may have been reprinted especially for this issue.

The mark above the "N" in "Gdańsk" is omitted on pos. 1 and 7 according to R. Burkiewicz.

On Sept. 1st, a single stamp was issued commemorating ten years of the World Peace Movement, a 60 gr. light-blue and dark-blue. The design illustrates a stylized dove and fragment of the globe. In the lower right corner is the value. An inscription runs along the left and top. Size 31.25 x 25.5 mm. Rotogravure printing at the State printing Office, Warsaw.

—ARS Polona

WHAT GOES ON AT POLONUS . . .

By ROMAN STRZELECKI

MEETING OF JULY 24, 1959

The meeting was called to order by Vice President John Bor as the President was out-of-town vacationing. The attendance was 22 members and three visitors in spite of the heat wave. I believe that some of the fellows came down to look for summer bargain specials from the dealers in attendance. Only more important business matters were discussed and the rest of the time was given over to stamp dealing. For you out-of-town members I want to say that at our meetings, dealer-members bring all sorts of material. Some members bring duplicates for trading.

A busy man at Polonus is our Treasurer Adam Kloskowski with bills to pay, dues to collect plus his extra work of selling seals and back issues of Bulletins. His report was followed by discussions on some latest discoveries and on articles in the philatelic press. Roman Reinowski gave us last minute developments on the Picnic. There was the problem of transportation of members who do not have cars, but here you could see real friendship and cooperation as this matter was cleared up in minutes. New Issues were reported on which you can read about elsewhere in this issue. A letter from Compex was read with a request for the loan of our frames for their show. It was agreed to loan the frames and charge the usual fee. The Publicity chairman announced that a major publication carried a special issue devoted to Poland's Philately. Here some members brought to light and pointed out a few discrepancies in historical text and some geographical errors. The main purpose of Polonus is to promote Poland's Philately and criticism of individual members does not represent the Society's feelings.

MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 1959

At this meeting we got back our President who returned from his vacation, but the attendance at this meeting indicated that either our meetings are getting dull or a lot of our mem-

bers were on vacation. There were only 16 members and two visitors present.

Mr. Szymlek reported much correspondence and activity with prominent philatelists in Poland in regard to the different color on the 400th anniversary stamp. It is supposed to be bleached. (See article on front page in this issue.) He informed us also that Polonus Bulletins and Polpex Seals were exhibited at the Bytom Philatelic Exhibition in Poland.

We welcomed an old-timer, a very active member, former officer Bert Powell. He purposely came down to the meeting to make a presentation. When he was active in the early years of Polonus, he started an album of Polonus history together with that of other Polish philatelic clubs in America. Here Bert made a worthy gesture by presenting this album to the Society. It was a beautiful collection of early seals, commemorative covers, photos, clippings, autographs and many other items with sentimental value to Polonus. The monetary value of this album perhaps is not great but for our Society at this time to build up such an album would be practically impossible. The album will be brought up to date and continued by the newly formed Historian Committee. At the end of the meeting Mr. Powell showed the Album to all members present explaining each item. A lot of memories came back to all the old-timers and a lot of events, and past history came to life for the younger members.

I would like to add a comment myself regarding the history of Polonus. I say here and there that the history of the Society is made at every meeting, at every exhibit, by every letter written by all the Committees, in every piece of publicity, and all these things should be very carefully recorded, collected and more carefully kept, so that after 10 or 20 years there will be a visible trace of our doings and our actions. Why am I emphasizing this matter.—Just because Polonus after

20 years of its existence did not have its own history, neither written nor illustrated.

Many things happened and a lot of work has been done, but that is about all. What will we say to all the hundreds of new members who will join our Society in the future? Right now we have a wonderful record of the Society given us by Bert Powell. Let's keep it up, not only the officers of the Society, not only the constantly attending Chicagoland members, but all of us from all corners of the States and the world, should help make this history. Every member can help the Society, maybe with a small piece of news with a long article, with a cut from a newspaper or a long and tiresome research. But these news should be exchanged.

So I really appeal to you, wherever you are and who ever you are, let's make history for Polonus!

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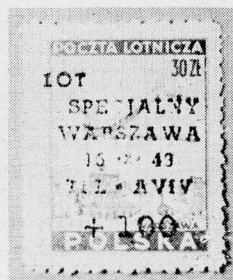
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WHAT IS IT?

The folowing illustration was furnished by Mr. Derek Palmer who informed us that these were purchased in Buenos Aires about ten years ago. It apparently was for a First Flight from Warsaw to Tel-Aviv.



Do any of our members know if these are legitimate or somebody's pipe dream?
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