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Poland and Famous Poles On Stamps of the World

By GEORGE S. BOBINSKI

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The most familiar stamps of this sort are the three United States issues. The first two honor two distinguished patriots who fought for both Polish and American independence, and the third honors Poland's fight against tyranny in World War II.

In 1931 a portrait of Gen. Kazimierz Pulaski appeared on a stamp commemorating the sesquicentennial of his death.



This Polish nobleman fled from his own native land after being involved in rebellion and came to this country with a letter of introduction from Benjamin Franklin to George Washington. Pulaski volunteered his services in the American Revolution and organized the first Cavalry Corps in the Continental Army. He was mortally wounded during the siege of Savannah in 1799.

A statue of Gen. Tadeusz Kosciuszko is depicted on a 1933 stamp commemorating the 150th anniversary of his admission to United States citizenship as a reward for services in the Revolutionary War including the fortification of West Point. Kosciuszko led continued efforts to gain freedom for his beloved Poland until his death in 1817.



During 1943-44 the United States issued thirteen stamps each showing the flag of a country overrun by Nazi, Fascist or Japanese aggressors. The Polish flag appears on the first stamp of this colorful series.



Maria Sklodowska Curie (1867-1934), famous Polish scientist awarded the 1911 Nobel Prize for Chemistry for her work on radium, is honored by two countries. She appears on a Turkish stamp of 1935 in a series of fifteen honoring women and commemorating the Twelfth Congress of the Women's International Alliance. Monaco has Madame Curie and her French husband Pierre, pictured on one of a set of two stamps of 1938, the surtax of

which was used for the International Union for the Control of Cancer. This husband and wife team shared the 1903 Nobel Prize for physics for their discovery of the elements of polonium and radium.



Frederic Chopin (1810-1849), illustrious Polish composer and pianist, is on a set of two Czechoslovakian stamps of 1949 issued to commemorate the centenary of his death. In the background is also seen the Conservatory in Warsaw.



Going back further into history we see King Jan III Sobieski on an Austrian stamp of 1933. This is a part of a set of six issued to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the deliverance of Vienna from the Turks and in connection also with the Pan-German Catholic Congress of September 6, 1933. King Jan III Sobieski (1624-1696) led 20,000 Polish troops and the Imperial Army against the Turks and was acclaimed as a hero of Christendom.

Hungary lauds another Polish military genius in the person of Josef Bem (1795-1950) in a set of three stamps and a souvenir sheet in 1950. After taking part in the Polish Revolution of

1830-31, Bem fled to Paris. He then took part in the insurrection in Vienna in 1848 and joined the Hungarian Army to become the commander of the army of Transylvania. He drove back the invading Russians and Austrians brilliantly until his small forces were engulfed, and he escaped to Turkey where he became a Moslem and a Pasha and is revered by Szeklers.



Two great Polish religious paintings are portrayed by the Vatican. The Madonna of the Gate of Dawn in the city of Wilno is shown on a set of three stamps issued in 1954 to mark the end



of the Marian Year. The miraculous Black Madonna of Czestochowa is pictured on a set of three stamps issued in 1956 to commemorate 300th anniversary of the proclamation of the Madonna of Czestochowa as the "Queen of Poland."

The German Democratic Republic in 1951 issued two stamps showing the then Communist President of Poland, Boleslaus Bierut, and President Wilhelm Pieck shaking hands across the new boundary between Germany and

Poland along the Oder and Neisse Rivers. The purpose here was to commemorate the visit of Bierut to the Russian Zone of Germany.



Russia showed its friendship in a set of four stamps in 1955 to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Polish-USSR Treaty of 1945. The first stamp illustrates the Russian poet Pushkin and probably the greatest of Polish poets, Adam Mickiewicz (1798-1855). (Russian 40 kon stamp.)



The second shows the Brothers in Arms statue in Warsaw.



The third pictures, between Russian and Polish flags, the Palace of Culture and Peace built in Warsaw as a gift of the Russian people. (Russia stamp with two flags.)



The fourth has portraits of the father of modern astronomy Copernicus (1473-1543), a Pole who established the theory that the earth rotates daily on its axis and that planets revolve in orbits around the sun, and of the renowned Polish historical painter Jan Matejko (1838-1893). It is Matejko's painting of Copernicus that is used on this particular stamp.



Thus ends our survey, unless readers can think of any issues of this sort that the writer has missed in his research.

TID BITS

At the June 26th meeting, Ed Hopps spoke on the Postal History of Danzing and illustrated his talk with his cover collection.

Dr. Uznanski exhibited at the INTERPOSTA in Hamburg, Germany and received a Bronze Medal for his Allenstein and Marienwerder collections.

Chester Makowski served as a Judge at the Hawthorne Stamp Club Show June 11th.

WHAT GOES ON AT POLONUS . . .

By **ROMAN STRZELECKI**, Secretary

MEETING OF JUNE 13, 1959

The meeting was opened by the President with a rather large attendance — thirty members and three visitors present. Considering the hot weather, the turnout was great. Our meetings have been very interesting lately and I believe this is what attracted them. Soon our hall will be too small for this purpose.

Although this was a business meeting Roman Reinowski, the Picnic Chairman, suggested we hold an auction after the meeting to help the picnic fund.

Walter Szymlek reported a few details on the Warsaw 1960 exhibition. He received the first announcement regarding advertising in the exhibition booklet and program. Mr. Gryżewski, who is the Commissioner on Foreign Affairs, welcomes all Polonus members to participate. Further details will be made available as they are received. The "Stamp Wholesaler" carried an article on the 1960 Show.

The New Issues Committee reported the issue of a new souvenir sheet of the Semi-Postal of six stamps and six labels

The matter of a special issue of the "Bulletin" for the 1960 Show in Poland was discussed.

We were honored with the presence of Ben Reeves who had lately been the victim of a burglary in his stamp store. He warned the members to be on the lookout for any suspicious offers of his highly specialized material. President Roman Burkiewicz expressed his and our sympathy for this misfortune.

Roman Reinowski reported that the attendance at our Picnic August 2nd is estimated between 300 and 500 persons. Because of the large crowd, there will definitely have to be reservations for dinners made two weeks in advance. Make plans to attend now and when you receive your reservation card in the mail, fill it out properly and send it in immediately.

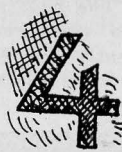
Several members who requested co-

pies of our Resolution for a Paderewski stamp in the Champions of Liberty series, received them from our supply in the library cabinet. Let's not forget to keep punching and get more signatures and mail to the Postmaster in Washington D.C.

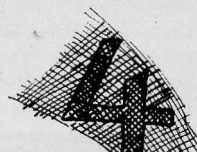
Here we finished our regular business and proceeded with the auction. Roman Reinowski had material prepared and as usual the first bids warmed up the members. Spirited bidding took place and the auction wound up with \$21.30 profit which was put into the Picnic fund.

VARIETIES NOT SHOWN BY SCOTT

Reported by Dr. H. Fenigstein



Type No. I



Type II

Scott's No. 507A

25
GR

Solid

Scott's Nos. 649 and 652

25
GR

Gross Hatched

"POCZTA POLSKA" of Scott's 289 also was issued solid and cross hatched.

If any members have similar information on other stamps, we will gladly list them. Proper credit will be given.

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PROSPECTUS TO BE AVAILABLE SOON FOR WARSAW "POLSKA '60"

The Executive Committee of the International Philatelic Exhibition "POLSKA '60" and the Polish Philatelic Federation through the American Philatelic Society have appointed Jacques Minkus, President of Minkus Publications, to act as their United States Commissioner for the International Stamp Show. This exhibition is called "POLSKA '60" and is scheduled to take place August 27 to September 9, 1960. It will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first Polish stamps.

Representing Polonus on the judging committee will be Myron Steczynski.

Entries accepted by the executive committee of the exhibition will be shown without charge to the exhibitor. He will be required to pay only the cost of sending the exhibit to Warsaw. At the close of the show all exhibits will be returned to the senders with the cost being borne by the Committee.

Frames are 3' x 3' and will accommodate three rows of four pages in each row. Size of pages — $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 or 9 x $11\frac{1}{2}$. Other sizes of pages will be accepted.

Preliminary applications for entering exhibits should be in the hands of the executive committee not later than Oct. 31. Copies of the prospectus and the provisional entry forms will be available shortly from Jacques Minkus, 115 W. 30th St., New York, N. Y. Commissioner for POLSKA '60. Final entry forms must be received by April 24, 1960.

Ads are being accepted for the prospectus-bulletins which will be printed in six languages as well as in the Catalogue of the Exhibition (all in $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{3}{4}$ " size). These publications will be sent to philatelists all over the world. Rates for ads as follows:

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Mail copy and payment to International Stamp Exhibition, "Polska 60", Warszawa, Pałac Kultury i Nauki.

KOBYLKA ALBUM RELEASES

Member George Kobylka announces that the Poland Supplement No. 3 for 1958 is now available at \$1.00 plus 15c postage. It consists of ten sheets—starting with the Old Town Halls issued March 29th. The attractive Fish set is shown plus all the issues of the 400 years of Polish Postal Service. It ends up with the Airmail Issue of Dec. 15, 1958.

Due to the many requests for Part I of Poland, 1860 to 1939, work has begun on these pages and they should be ready in early Fall.

There has also been a demand for binders for these pages, and to satisfy this demand, George is working on a Du Pont Fabrikoid binder. He had a sample at the last meeting and it appears to be black with a grey grain, gold stamped with the word "Poland" in front and at the side. It is hand made, with sheet lifters. This heavy duty three ring binder will accommodate all the Poland pages from 1860 to the present day. It will cost \$5.00. Your name gold-stamped on the cover for \$1.00 extra. Order yours now from George Kobylka, 1433 S. Cuyler Ave., Berwyn, Ill.

In his other line of albums George has published a Champions of Liberty set of pages for these popular United States issues. These are printed in four colors and each Champion of Liberty stamp is shown with a biography of the man. May be had for single stamps or for blocks. Each set runs 50c plus 15c postage.

MONTE CASSINO CACHET

Last May was the 15th Anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino. The Philatelic Society of Swiebodzice, Poland commemorated this event with a special cacheted cover—according to Walter Szymlek.

• NOTES FROM LONDON •

No. 15

April-May, 1959

At our last meeting members were entertained to a fine display by Mr. Arthur Blair, the editor of one of England's leading philatelic papers "Stamp Magazine." Mr. Blair is a noted philatelic journalist and editor in this country, and is particularly well-known for his very wide range of collecting interests.

He called his display "An Editor's Reference Collection," and this title embraced a number of topics. Amongst the items shown were pages of U.S. Revenues, Japanese fiscals, Belgian Congo, Reply Coupons, South Moluccas, Herm Island, Shuna, Egyptian interpostals, Easter Seals, Chinese locals and German propaganda stamps of the second World War. In addition we saw specimens of the advance publicity material sent out to the philatelic press by many different postal administrations of the world.

After this mouth-watering miscellany, Mr. Blair turned to a more conventional type of display—topicals. He brought along two examples. The first showed the Two Princesses of England on Stamps (Princess Elizabeth, our present Queen, and her sister, Princess Margaret), while the other dealt in great detail with "Journalism and the Press on Stamps."

All present had their eyes opened by the vast range of material they saw, and much of the display included stamps they had never seen before. Very few Polish items were included, and yet the interest of all was maintained until the end, proving beyond a doubt that there is always something to learn in philately.

Turning to other news: our monthly duplicated bulletin of notes and news, called "P.P.S. Newsletter," which I started a year ago, has now been taken over by Mr. Jerzy Kwiatkowski of Edinburgh, Scotland. This follows my recent resignation as Editor, for personal reasons.

RON NEGUS

No. 16

June, 1959

The A.G.M. was held at the end of May, the following officers being elected: President Mr. A. Deal; Vice President Mr. S. J. Capes; Hon. Secretary Mr. R. Golaszewski; Hon. Treasurer Mr. R. Czekanski; Packet Supt. Mr. E. Mason; Magazine Editor Mr. R. Wagner; Press Officer Mr. S. J. Capes; Newsletter Mr. T. Kwiatkowski; Committee Mem. Mrs. K. Horowicz, Dr. L. Bieberstein; Hon. Auditor Mr. A. Droar.

In her valedictory remarks Mrs. K. Horowitz, the retiring President, spoke of the society's very satisfactory financial position. She drew attention also to the magazine which, through the valuable work of Mr. Wagner, would bear comparison with the finest produced anywhere in the philatelic world. Mrs. Horowitz included in her remarks reference to the displays given by members during the past year. These displays were of the highest class and showed that much valuable work was being done in the interest of Polish philately.

You will, no doubt, have heard that Mr. Bojanowicz (member) received an award at Hamburg for his entry of Poland No. 1 and those who have been privileged to see this wonderful collection will not be surprised. The P.P.S. Newsletter has had a change of Editorship as Mr. R. Negus feels that with his newly acquired married status he cannot spare the time. The job has been undertaken by Mr. I. Kwiatkowski of Edinburgh and his first issue—April/May 1959 shows the practised hand. We look forward to future issues. All credit to Mr. R. Negus for starting this valuable service for members and setting the formula for future productions.

— P. T. O.

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THE EXHIBITION (Continued)
by Roman Strzelecki
FOURTH INSTALLMENT

Exh. No. 15 — Dr. M. E. Uznanski — Here was a highly specialized exhibit. The famous and much-debated "Dojdzieny" stamp of the Polish Field Post issued in 1942 in Russia was shown in singles, blocks, strips and covers. Mixed-franked postally-used covers had stamps of India, Iraq and Russia. The collection represented a philatelic study, some of Poland's history and some postal history as well. There have been many conflicting opinions on the status of the "Dojdzieny" stamp. The exhibitor of this collection went through much trouble and effort to gather all possible material to prove the validity of the stamp. (A special issue of our Polonus Bulletin—No. 150 was devoted to this stamp. The work was later reprinted with additions as a booklet. They described both the historical and philatelic aspects of this issue.) Many viewers commented on this exhibit "This one I do not have." The exhibit brought the owner the Best Field Post Award.

Exhibit No. 16 — Stanley Kucharz— The official description of the exhibit was II Polish Corps in Italy, Field Post Cancellations. Very interesting covers all postally used. Covers with stamps of the U.S., New Zealand and England with various types of Field Post Cancellations. Also air mail covers. And here in this exhibit history again shows how and where Poles were fighting in the big battle for your and our freedom. The exhibit was well arranged. One could overhear visitors who enthusiastically recognized the Field Post No. which was attached to their former unit. These were the men who helped make this history and this philately.

Exh. No. 17 — Lester Jankowski. — The short description in the program did not fully describe this exhibit. It illustrated philatelically the highlights of our former Polish chief of staff, Marshal Pilsudski. The pages, clearly arranged, showed stamps, covers and souvenir sheets with Pilsudski. It begins with the 1927 20 gr. and the souvenir sheet of the 1928 Warsaw

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Exhibition through all the pre-war stamps of Poland both on covers and stamps.

Actually there is only a handful of Pilsudski stamps but with a little ingenuity and imagination, Attorney Jankowski compiled a classic collection. History in pre-war Poland was covered philatelically. The development of stamp making between the late 20s and up to 1939 was shown. An excellent exhibit!

Exh. No. 18 — Chester A. Schafer— Central Lithuania is a period in Philately regarded as old history. Although the stamps are not too high priced in the catalog a complete collection is not easy to obtain. The exhibit was part of a specialized collection showing all types of material: mint, used, blocks, all possible varieties of paper, color, printing, and proofs. A lot of effort was put into arranging. The rare errors of the Surcharged 1920 Issue topped them all. These rare items are very hard to find on the market. Here is an example of a not too common country presented in an interesting and attractive manner.

(Continued next month)

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NEW ISSUES

By J. Domar

As mentioned in issue No. 170, May '59, the Polish Fungi Issue of 8 stamps were released on May 8th, 1959.

Values: 20 gr., yellow, Muchomor/Amanita Phalloides; 30 gr., orange, Maślak/Boletus Luteus; 40 gr., lilac, Borowik/Boktus Edulis; 60 gr., green, Rydz/Lactarius Deliciosus; 1 zł., blue, Kurka/Cantharellus Cibarius; 2.50 zł. blue, Pieczarka/Psalliota Campestris; 3.40 zł., greyish br., Muchomór Czerwony/Amanita Muscaria; 5.60 zł., yellow-br., Koźlarz/Boletus Scaber.

The stamps are issued as triangulars, measurement, 57 mm x 40.5 mm x 40.5 mm. Printed in four color rotogravure. Designed by Czesław Borowczyk. Printed at the State Printing Office, Warsaw.

On May 23rd a sheet of 6 stamps and 6 tabs was issued during the 6th Congress of the Polish Philatelic Association, Warsaw.

The nominal value of the tab is 5 zł. and the stamp 10 zł. The stamp is the same as that issued in Dec. '58—"Liva Castle" Air Mail set. There are three different slogans and three inscriptions on the tabs.

Printed in offset engraving. The

dimension of the sheet is 134 x 185 mm. Designed by J. Miller to commemorate sixty-five years of Philatelic activity in Poland. —ARS Polona, J. Bieniecki

THE POLISH PHILATELIC REVIEW

by Roman Strzelecki, Secretary

A few months ago at a Polonus meeting, I introduced an excellent magazine issued in London. This magazine Society in London. This magazine the "Polish Philatelic Review" is the official publication of the London society. It is edited by Mr. Wagner who himself is a great enthusiast of Polish Philately. The publication is one of the finest specialist magazines. Articles appearing in it are of a high caliber and will help any Polish collector — be he a beginner or an advanced specialist. It is printed in the English language and deals with all phases of Poland's Philately, from the classics to issues of today.

This publication belongs on the bookshelf of any serious Poland collector and is a must for the specialist.

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