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I would like to make a personal appeal for financial support of POLPEX 79. The treasury of Polonus Philatelic Society cannot take on an undertaking of such magnitude.

POLPEX 79, a National Stamp and Coin Exhibition, will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Polonus Philatelic Society, and the 200th anniversary of Gen. Pulaski's death at the Battle of Savannah during the American Revolution. The event will take place March 16-18, 1979 at Palmer House in downtown Chicago.

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—Alfred Szebel
Executive Chairman

POLPEX 79 THIS IS YOUR SHOW

The purpose of the Polonus Philatelic Society since 1939 has been the promotion of Polish philately. Our annual exhibitions presenting Polish heritage through philately are our greatest undertakings. The highlight of our 40th Anniversary next year will be POLPEX 79. We plan to show a wide range of Polish material in addition to other fine philatelic exhibits — and here is where your help is important.

As we are the oldest Polish philatelic society in the world, our POLPEX 79 should show the many years of our achievements. Polonus is considered abroad as an ambassador of Polish philately. In order not to disappoint the visitors to the show we need your exhibits.

To give our members here and abroad the opportunity to exhibit at our 40th Anniversary exhibition we have extended the deadline of our preliminary entries to December 20, 1978.

Send your entry application without delay to the Entry Chairman if you plan to exhibit. For more entry forms write immediately to: John S. Bobo, 1668 Sycamore St., Des Plaines, IL 60018.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHICAGOLAND MEMBERS

Last year the Christmas Party was such a huge success that the members decided at the October meeting to hold one this year. It will be combined with the Past Presidents Nite. Tasty Polish delicacies will be served at a Beeba Party on Friday, December 29th at our meeting place, the S.W.A.P. Polish Veterans Hall, 6005 West Irving Park Rd. in Chicago. This will be the regular Polonus meeting in December. Cocktails at 7 p.m., buffet dinner at 8 p.m. A toast of champagne will be served for the coming New Year.

In order to cover some of the expenses there will be a small charge of \$5.00 per person. Reservations are required. Please mail in the enclosed reservation card by December 20, 1978 to Roman H. Strzelecki, 1620 North Latrobe Ave., Chicago, IL 60639. Phone 237-7366.

PALMER HOUSE RATES

Space arrangements have been made for those person desiring overnight accommodations at the Palmer House Hotel, State & Madison St., downtown Chicago, during POLPEX 79 Stamp and Coin Exhibition, also hosting the Convention of Polish Philatelic Clubs of U.S.A. and Canada, on March 16-18, 1979.

The rates for accommodations at the Palmer House are:

Single	\$32.00	\$34.00	\$36.00
Twin	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$44.00

Reservations for the above may be made through: MATCO Travel, Inc., c/o Mrs. Wanda Szebel, 9041 Emerson Street, Des Plaines, Ill. 60016, Telephone: (312) 299-2580.

If reservations are required, kindly forward one night's deposit with your request.

USPS POSTAL CARD TO HONOR GEN. PULASKI



Left to right: Alfred Szebel, Polonus President; Dr. Edward C. Rozanski, Chairman of Pulaski Stamp Drive Committee; Gordon C. Morison, Special Assistant to the Postmaster General; Aloysius A. Mazewski, Polish American Congress and P.N.A. President; Walter Zachariasiewicz, organizer of the meeting.

In early October, William F. Bolger, the Postmaster General, invited representatives of the Polish National Alliance, Polish American Congress and Polonus Philatelci Society to take an active part in preparing an appropriate observance next year to honor Gen. Casimir Pulaski on the 200th anniversary of his heroic death at the Battle of Savannah.

Participating in this meeting were: Aloysius A. Mazewski, President of Polish American Congress and Polish National Alliance; Dr. Edward C. Rozanski, Chairman of the Polish American Congress Pulaski Observance Committee and also the Chairman of the National Committee for a Pulaski Commemorative Stamp; Walter Zachariasiewicz, Organizational Advisor; and Alfred Szebel, President of Polonus. All participants happened to be members of Polonus.

Representing the U.S. Postal Service were: Gordon C. Morison, first assistant to the Postmaster General, and W. L. Davidson, Jr., General Manager of commemorative stamps issues. At the conference the following topics were discussed: the place of the first day of issue, the date of the issuance, and the entire project itself. The concept of the Polonus artist Leon S. Kawecki from California, was presented for consideration.

The unveiling of the stamp will take place next year in Washington during the Polish National Alliance Convention, and the first day of issue will be in Savannah, on October 7-9, 1979. October 11th, the date of Pulaski's death, was not accepted as first day of issue, because it is the policy of the U.S. Postal Service not to observe the anniversary of a death, but rather to recognize the achieve-

ments of the hero in order to underline historical significance. The U.S. Postal Service does not usually consult with ethnic groups therefore the Polish organizations have a good reason to feel honored at being included in the framework of bringing the 200th Anniversary of America's Independence to a close.

P.A.N.A. TO PARTICIPATE IN MEDAL EXHIBIT

Medals of prominent Krakow artists will be displayed at a special showing starting January 2, 1979 at the Polish Museum of America, 984 Milwaukee Ave. in Chicago. Stanley Naj, a spokesman for the museum, announced that over 100 medals of contemporary artists will be shown. The Polish American Numismatic Association will also show coins and medals of various members.

IN OUR MAIL BOX

Dear Editor,

On the front page of the October "Bulletin" you reproduced a picture from the 10-28-39 edition of the "Polish Daily Zgoda" and asked the question "Was this our first stamp exhibition or did our members participate in another stamp club's exhibition?"

I have a copy of "The Polonus Progress" Volumn 1, No. 1 dated October 5, 1939. This was the mimeographed newsletter that preceded the magazine "POLONUS" which preceded the "Bulletin". On page three it states "CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY SHOW" At the show this month Polonus is planning on exhibiting 38 frames of Polish stamps exclusively. This will be far more Polish stamps than has been shown in Chicago and perhaps in the entire U.S."

So I believe the answer to your query is that the first exhibition of Polish material by our members was at the CPS show of 1939 and is pictured in the 10/28 Zgoda of that year.

—James Mazepa

Dear Editor:

I have been informed that the Polonus handbook on the subject of the Polish 18th Century postmarks planned for publication in the spring of 1979 was postponed by the Board.

Naturally I am disappointed; however, looking at it positively the delay may give us more time to obtain broader documentation and a better handbook.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the collectors and dealers who have kindly responded to my personal appeal for help and information, particularly Mr. Mirosław A. Bojanowicz, Mr. John P. Bartczak, Mr. Joseph M. Clary, Mr. Jerzy Dobrzeński, Dr. Józef Kuderewicz and Prof. Piotr Zaremba. They provided me with some invaluable information, photocopies and photographs of material from their collections as well as, in some cases, loaned me the originals for the purpose of detailed examination and the preparation of reproductions suitable for inclusion in the handbook.

I would like to ask them for their continued support and once again appeal to all other collectors who do have Polish 18th Century letters or documents related to the postal history as well as later publications covering this subject, to come forward and make the eventual publication of the handbook worthy of Polonus tradition.

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U.S. PULASKI STAMP WAS NOT CANCELLED OUT

U.S. Representative Ronald M. Mottl of Ohio (center) met with Postmaster General William Bolger (left) and Frank Aleksandrowicz



wicz in Washington DC to discuss their mutual interest in issuing a postage stamp commemorating General Pulaski. Aleksandrowicz has been instrumental in Rep. Mottl's legislative campaign to persuade the U.S. Postal Service to issue such a stamp on the 200th anniversary of Pulaski's death at the Battle of Savannah.

Aleksandrowicz used this opportunity to present a prototype of the proposed stamp which he prepared for this occasion. The prototype features Pulaski at Savannah as depicted in a painting by Stan. Batowski. The reverse side of this giant card contains the signatures of Rep. Mottl, local Cleveland officials, major American city mayors, and other national figures. Aleksandrowicz made an enlargement of the card originally printed and circulated by Polonus. He personally visited with 21 may-

ors and as many newspapers.

Earlier this year, Rep. Mottl introduced a bill to require the Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp. Eighty-eight Congressmen joined his legislative effort as cosponsors. In response to this action, the Postal Service announced it would print a postal card for 1979 instead.

"While we are pleased the Postal Service has agreed to print a post card honoring Gen. Pulaski next year, we will continue to press for our ultimate objective—the issuance of the commemorative postage stamp," Mottl promised.

NEW BOOK

"THE KINGDOM OF POLAND" TO BE PUBLISHED

From our member M. A. Bojanowicz we learn that his newest work will be a handbook on Poland No. 1 and associated Postal History entitled "The Kingdom of Poland". It will consist of some 150 pages with illustrations of 32 plates, some in full color. There will also be a large number of line drawings in the text. It will be bound in full buckram with gilt tops and the edition will be limited to 500 numbered copies for sale.

Prepublication orders at a substantial discount from the published price will be accepted by: The Secretary, Royal Philatelic Society, 41 Devonshire Place, London WIN 1PE England, provided they are received before December 1, 1978. Price to be announced.

SECRETARY'S NEW ADDRESS

Our Secretary has a new address: James Mazepa, P.O. Box 1217, Oak Park, IL 60304.

POLONUS PARTICIPATES IN 'PRAGA 1978'

Over 6,000 frames were shown at PRAGA 1978, probably the largest international exhibition ever staged. Over 250,000 admission tickets were sold before the show closed on September 17th in Prague, Czechoslovakia. The number of admission tickets does not represent the actual admission, however, for many purchased more than one ticket since the coupon on the ticket was required to purchase certain PRAGA new issues.

A large contingent of philatelists attended from America with a Chicago group of over 20 traveling on the same flight. Extremely long lines were evident everywhere. Delays of two or three hours to gain admission were not unusual. Long lines for the court of honor never abated.

With 86 exhibit entries, the United States led all foreign countries with West Germany in second place with 77 collections on exhibit. In addition, the U.S. accounted for 31 literature entries. Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr. of Chicago, did a tremendous job of producing the large number of entries.

Familiar names on the International Jury were: Herbert Bloch of New York, Bernard Hennig of Chicago and Antoni Laszkiewicz of Poland. The Grand Prix d'Honneur went to Ryokei Ishikawa of Japan for his Hawaii exhibit. Dr. James J. Matejka was presented the Prix d'Honneur for his Newfoundland airmails.

A large gold medal went to Stan. Dolinski of Poland for his Poland exhibit 1858-1870. Gold medals were awarded to Bru-

non Kruszczyński of Poland for his Poland, and Czechna Witkowska of Poland for her Poland to 1939.

Polonus members receiving silver medals were: Miet A. Kamiński for Krakow Overprints 1919; Zbigniew Włodarski of Great Britain for Poland 1918-1919; Jozef Kuderewicz for Galicia Pre-Philately 1773-1851; Conrad Straub for Poland Second Provisional Issue; James Mazepa for Ukraine 1918-20; Julius Kaposta for Hungary Airmails 1898-1939.

Silver bronze medals went to: Miet A. Kamiński for Poland to 1923; Chester Schafer for Kingdom of Poland 1815-1870; John Bartczak for Galicia Pre-Stamp Period; Janet S. Kohn for Concentration Camps Post.

Bronze medals were given to: Joseph Janecka for Bohemoslovenica; W. Z. J. Nowicki of England for Philatelic Tribute to Copernicus; Richard L. Kaposta for U.N. Airletters and Aerogrammes.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Members who change their address are asked to notify us immediately. Failure to do so is costing the Society unnecessary expense. Please mail the notice to Al Rybarski, P.O. Box 82, River Grove, IL 60171.

A REMINDER

Last month we enclosed a membership directory card with your Polonus Bulletin. If you have not as yet filled it out and would like to be listed in the directory, kindly do so and mail it out immediately.

THE MYSTERY OF THE 2nd PROVISIONAL ISSUE OF POSTAL STATIONERY FOR CITY OF WARSAW

By M. A. BOJANOWICZ, R.D.P.

It was with pleasure that I have read Mr. Mazepa's article regarding the above in the *Polonus Bulletin*, May 1978.

This problem has been in my mind for a long time but I decided to leave it open to deal with in my book about Poland No. 1, now finally in print by the Royal Philatelic Society, London.



I agree with all Mr. Mazepa's theories and have described this "reprint" in my book as a "proof" or "essay". In some philatelic literature it has been considered, up till now as a "reprint". Mr. Mazepa mentions that he knows of two copies in America, Mr. Rich quotes three, both of these figures are probable as in my collection I have one of the three recorded. But there remains two questions:

1. Are all these covers made from the same paper? According to Harmers (London) auction catalogue of October 9-10th 1939 Lot 495 they mention two reprints on different papers.

2. What is the shape of the flap of the three recorded envelopes?

The reproduction of Mr. Mazepa's cover is slightly different from that reproduced in Polanski's and Rachmanow book, plate XXIB on which is faintly pencilled "21st (month illegible) 1958" which could confirm that it was more a "proof" than a "reprint". On the other hand the flap of my cover has a different shape than the illustration has, but with the same measurements as the one described by Mr. Mazepa.

Never-the-less in spite of all this, the mystery of the envelope still remains.

IN OUR MAIL BOX

Dear Editor:

I note in the *Bulletin* in the article by Dr. Lipinski that Poland, ME is named after Poland, Europe, by early Polish settlers. In my investigation of this matter I came up only with the explanation that Poland was named after an Indian chief. Since that Poland in Maine is in Androscoggin County, also named after the Indian word for "spear fishing". Nowhere in the **History of Androscoggin County**, George Drew Merrill, Editor, Published by W.A. Ferguson & Co., Boston, 1891. **A Guide To The Origin Of Place Names In US: American Names** by Henry Ganett, formerly geographer of the US Geological Survey, lists Poland as a town in Androscoggin County and said to have been named for a noted Indian chief. Settlers of that area listed no Polish names or anything resembling a Polish name. Not even a Muskie . . . thru whose office I obtained the information from the Library of Congress.

Please note that there are many

people whose names are **Poland**, too. Poland, Ohio was named after George Poland, its original proprietor (village, that is). Sandusky, Ohio was named after an Indian and not Sadowski, so often wrongly stated in Polish orientated publications. I personally drove down there and checked this out with the town historian.

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NEXT MEETING

Friday, November 24, 1978:

Joint Meeting with the German Philatelic Society at the Collectors Club of Chicago, 1029 N. Dearborn St., starting at 7:30 PM. Tour of Library, plus two speakers: James Mazepa on the First Polish Corps in relation to the German Occupation; John Bartczak on Galicia. Refreshments served.

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