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40th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The highlight of our POLPEX 79 celebrations will be the Gala Banquet on Saturday evening, March 17th at the Palmer House's Monroe Ballroom at seven o'clock. Polonus members and friends are invited to join us for this festive Fortieth Anniversary dinner and program. The main speaker will be Aloysius A. Mazewski, a long time member of Polonus, President of the Polish National Alliance and the Polish American Congress. Guest speakers will be Dr. Edward C. Rozanski, an honorary member of Polonus and President of the Polish American Congress Ill. Div.; and Louis Koncza, Chief Engineer of the City of Chicago representing the Polish American Numismatic Association. Romuald Matuszczak will act as Master of Ceremonies.

Many prominent personalities make up the Honorary Committee of our Fortieth Anniversary POLPEX 79. Among them are: John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia; Dr. L. Krzyzanowski of New York; Prof. W. Wagner of Detroit; Prof. J. Gronouski of Austin, Tex.; Senator Chas. Percy of Ill.; Congressman C. Zablocki of Wisc.; Congressman Frank Annunzio of Ill.; Congressman Edw. Derwinski of Ill. Col. F. Krajencki of El Paso, Tex.; H. Bialek, Pres. Polish Philatelic Federation of Warsaw; Prof. A. Laszkiewicz of Warsaw; and others.

Robert Lewandowski will grant us time on his Chicagoland television program Sunday, March 11th at 5:00 p.m. on Channel 26. Your president Alfred Szebel and Dr. Różański will be interviewed.



POLONUS 40th ANNIVERSARY

Special Polpex Cancellation and Commemorative Medallion (shown at right in reduced size).

Chicagoland members and out-of-towners planning on attending the Beeba-Banquet are urged to make reservations with Roman H. Strzelecki, 1620 N. Latrobe Ave., Chicago, IL 60639, telephone (312) 237-7366. Tickets are \$15.00. Reservation envelopes are enclosed in the Bulletin. Please respond by March 5th.

—Alfred Szebel, Chairman

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NEW ISSUES

Two commemoratives will be issued in 1979 by the Polish post to honor the Polish American heroes Thaddeus Kosciuszko and Casimir Pulaski.

On the 40th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II in September 1939, a 8.40 zloty value will be released showing the Kosciuszko Memorial in Detroit. This value is the rate for air letters to USA.

On October 9, 1979 a 6 zloty will appear on the 200th anniversary of the death of Casimir Pulaski at the Battle of Savannah. The 6 zt. rate is on surface mail to foreign countries.

Our president Alfred Szebel was contacted by the Polish post to obtain permission from the Polish Museum of America for the use of their Batowski painting as the design for the Pulaski stamp.

— Dr. M. A. Lipinski

VISITING POLPEX 79?

POLPEX 79 will be a wonderful opportunity for out-of-town members and friends of Polonus to come to Chicago and meet with fellow members from our continent and abroad. Please notify us if you are planning to come so we know what to expect.

Space arrangements have been made for those persons 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.

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A New Forgery of 1.50 zł/25 gr Overprint Confirmed

By DR. JERZY J. BIALY

A recent article by Wiktor Kurkiewicz in the August 1978 issue of *FILATELISTA* describes a newly discovered forgery of the 1.50 zł overprint on 25 gr red Poland stamp Scott No. 346a. The forgery is done by typography, the same process by which the genuine stamps were overprinted. Even distribution of the overprinting ink suggest that the overprinting was done by a single modular form assembly. The color of the overprinting ink matches very closely the color of the ink used with the first overprinting form on genuine stamps and dimensions of the overprint vary only minutely from the dimension given in the literature. Moreover, the reverse side of the stamp duly bears a guarantee signature of the late T. Gryzewski which resembles very closely his genuine signature. The combination of the above features indicates that whoever created this forgery was a master printer and therefore makes it very difficult to detect by an uninitiated collector. Since the stamp described by Mr. Kurkiewicz is in mint condition, it is assumed that he came to the conclusion that it was a forgery solely on the basis of comparison of dimensions and characteristic features of this overprint against many similar overprints listed in the literature for genuine overprints. He duly lists several characteristic features by which this overprint differs from the genuine ones but due to the fact that the overprinting form was made of soft metal and wore out during the process of printing, the dimensions and characteristic features of the overprint have changed during this



process so it is difficult to conclude solely on this basis that the overprint is genuine or not. For example, of the six features pointed out by him as being different from the genuine overprint only two could not be identified in any genuine overprint listed in the literature and even those two are questionable if one takes into account previously mentioned wear of the overprinting form.

Fortunately for the hobby and the trade, within the last three months a "twin" stamp has been offered at an auction by a leading firm specializing in stamps of Poland. Fortunately also, this stamp, shown above, was cancelled. The skill with which the work was done by the forger is attested to by the fact that even a knowledgeable describer of the auction catalog failed to recognize it as a forgery! But as skillful as the forger was he committed a major and an inexcusable blunder! By concen-

trating solely on the printing details he failed to check the date when the genuine stamps were overprinted and used a cancelled stamp as a base for his masterpiece. How else can one explain an existence of a stamp which was postally used in October, 1944, when genuine stamps were not overprinted till almost one year later, in August-September, 1945? Once this fact became obvious, the stamp was subjected to a much closer scrutiny. Observation under stereo microscope (30x) with oblique illumination revealed that the overprint was **on top** of the cancellation instead of underneath it as it should have been if the stamp were genuine and by some chance the date of the cancelling device was set by error to a wrong date. Finally, X-ray fluorescence analysis revealed that the chemical composition of the overprinting ink differed significantly from that of the ink used on genuine stamps although to the naked eye the colors appeared identical. The same held true for the ink used in producing the guarantee signature which was also different even when illuminated with ultraviolet light.

So, existence of another type of forgery of this stamp has been confirmed. This is designated as number six. Its most distinguishing characteristics are lowered number "1" in relation to the rest of the numbers and smudged (downward and left) dot between "1" and "50". These features are the only ones in common in this stamp and the one described by Mr. Kurkiewicz and do not appear in any other overprint mentioned to date in philatelic literature describing this stamp.

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NEXT MEETING

Friday, February 23, 1979:

This is a most important meeting. Progress on POLPEX and reports of the various committees will be given. Please make an effort to attend. We need you! Beginning 8 p.m. at Veterans Hall.

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SORRY MR. BOJANOWICZ!

We neglected to mention that among Polonus members participating in PRAGA 1978 was M. A. Bojanowicz of London whose "Russia Used In Kingdom of Poland" was shown in the Court of Honor and the exhibit merited him a beautiful crystal vase.

In the article, "The Mystery of the 2nd Provisional Issue of Postal Stationery" in our November Polonus Bulletin, at the end of the article the date "1958" should read "1858".