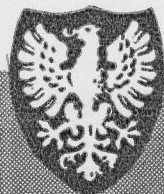


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POLPEX 1963 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

With the end of 1962 we draw closer to our big event, POLPEX 1963, scheduled for March 1st, 2nd and 3rd at the Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The Prospectus, or Entry Application, to be used by those members who want to exhibit at POLPEX 1963, is enclosed with this issue of the Bulletin. Please fill it out at your earliest convenience and mail it to Polpex Chairman Joseph J. Bendkowski, 6223 So. Damen Ave., Chicago 36, Ill. Entries close February 8, 1963.

In the past, most of the Polpex exhibits were those of Chicago and members. This year we appeal to you out-of-town members to exhibit. Let's see what your collections look like. You may just as well win any of these eight awards:

1. The Polonus Philatelic Society Grand Award
2. The Kozakiewicz Research Award
3. First Award Trophy
4. Second Award Trophy
5. Third Award Trophy
6. Novice Award
7. Other Than Poland Trophy
8. Junior Award Cup

We have learned that two of our members in England are planning to attend the exhibition. We hope that many more of you out-of-towners can make it. In this age of jet travel the distance to Chicago is no big obstacle. And if you do happen to come — you will be most welcome. You'll be able to visit the Polish Museum, attend our Beebe on Saturday night, trade at our stamp bourse and meet a lot of us who share the same interest in a great hobby.

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**MORE ON
TOO MUCH IS TOO MUCH!**

The philatelic press has recently reported that at the 1962 Congress in Prague, the Federation International de Philatelie defined eight categories of what it regards as objectionable stamp issues.

The first three categories are of particular interest, in that they were discussed in the statement entitled "Too Much Is Too Much" in the November issue of the Bulletin. They are as follows:

1. Stamps or miniature sheets issued by advance subscription and which cannot be purchased direct over the post office counter.
2. Stamps or miniature sheets in restricted supply from the moment of the issue, and thus offered for sale at a price appreciably above face value.
3. Imperforate vignettes of issues consisting normally of perforated values (this includes miniature sheets).

It is particularly ironical that the F.I.P. miniature sheet (60,000 copies) condemned in the November statement was issued by Poland to commemorate

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this international philatelic meeting. Of course Poland had its philatelic representatives present but then how could we expect the right hand to know what the left was doing?

Lester Jankowski, President
Polonus Philatelic Society

**ISRAEL'S TRIBUTE TO
DR. JANUSZ KORCZAK**

On December 26 Israel will issue a 30 agorot commemorative honoring Dr. Janusz Korczak, according to the Israel Philatelic Agency in America, New York City.

The Korczak commemorative bears the portrait of the subject. In the background (left) he is shown behind barbed wire with the children he protected; on the right, he is surrounded by his students.

Dr. Korczak, born in 1879, was a Polish physician, writer and educator. As a writer, he dealt with the problems of youth. He created both memorable works of children's fiction and important pedagogical treatises which have been translated into many languages. As an educator, he organized a home and school for the children of the Warsaw ghetto.

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Val	Colour	Printings			
		Basic German Stamp	German overprint		
		Rotary	Flatplate	Booking Number	Under nos
2½	GREY (light, dark, greenish)		H2169.16 "- "- "-	H5442.17 "- H4314.18 H4489.18	98 93/100 99/100 98/99
3	YELLOW-BROWN OLIVE-BROWN	II-1915 II-1915	H2343.18 "- "-	H3123.15 "- H2886.18 H3695.18 H3975.18	I II 93/94 93/94 98 98/99 99/100
5	GREEN, met. glossy GREEN, matt	I-1917 I-1917 II-1918	H2614.15	2H3123.15 H5443.17 H5443.17 H4413.18	92/93 98 99/100 98/99
7½	ORANGE (red-orange)	I-1917 I-1917	H3802.17 H1799.18 "- "-	H4544.17 H5444.17 "- H2722.18 H3091.18	97/98 98 99/100 98 99/100
10	CARMINE, met. glossy RED (rose) DEEP RED		H2705.15 "- H2700.17 "- H4396.18 "-	2H3123.15 H3123.15.I H4310.17 "- H5445.17 "-	98/99 98/99 91/92 93/94 98 99/100
15	VIOLET DEEP VIOLET BLACK-VIOLET		H3621.17 "- "- H1798.18 "-	H4311.17 H4822.17 "- H2723.18 H3092.18	91/92 97/98 99/100 98/99 98/99
20	ULTRAMARINE PRUSSIAN-BLUE SAPPHIRE (shades) LIGHT BLUE VIOLET-BLUE	I-1915 II-1917	H3593.17 H4513.17 "- H1807.18	H3123.15 H3930.17 H4312.17 H4821.17 "- H3093.18	93/94 93/94 91/92 97/98 99/100 98
30	ORANGE/BLACK, gloss ORANGE/BLACK, matt	III-1915 II-1917 II-1917 II-1917		H3123.15 H1762.17 H1762.17.I H2293.17.I	93/94 92/93 98 98
40	CARMINE/BLACK	II-1917 II-1918 II-1918		H2447.17 H3364.18 H4414.18	99/100 99/100 98/99
60	DULL MAUVE PALE MAUVE DEEP MAUVE	I-1915 I- I- I-	H4150.16 "-	H3123.15 H1761.17.I H2295.17.I H5903.17 "- H2724.18	93/94 98 98 98 99/100 98/99

b - blueish black;
d - deep black;
r - reddish black;

G - high glossy;
g - glossy;
s - semi-glossy;

m - matt;
v - velvet.

Tone and gloss	A		C		A					B	C	D	E
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through prussian blue
up to bright-blue.

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700-YEAR HISTORY RECALLED BY STAMP FOR POLISH CITY

By Edward Nowak, Sr.

Reprinted from LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS

The city of Toruń commemorative stamp honoring the 700th anniversary of this ancient Polish city was issued January 2, 1933. The adhesive pictures Toruń's City Hall and is listed as No. 275 in the Scott Catalogue.



The 60 groszy blue stamp was printed from engraved plates on yellow paper with watermarks showing postilion trumpets, the mouthpiece upright. It is perforated $11\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$. A few hundred counterparts are known with mouthpiece on the watermarked trumpet turned down; they are considered now an elusive philatelic item.

The proofs of the issue — according to philatelic research—were struck on creme tinted, laid paper; imperforated. Some proofs exist on white paper perforated $12\frac{1}{2} \times 13$. The list of proofs in inks other than blue, is: violet, green, brick red, brown, dark brown and ultramarine.

This philatelic resume of facts should satisfy the larger percentage of the collectors but this dry elucidation lacks the important 'story behind the stamp' that is in demand by the fast growing organization of topical collectors. This story must also be considered, if the

background of Poland Scott No. 275 is to be complete and serve the collector, philatelist and topicalist alike.

Toruń is the centrum of import and railroad lines leading to Warsaw, Bydgoszcz, Gdańsk, Szczecin, Berlin, Poznań, Olsztyn and Leningrad. A busy riverport, airport and five railway stations serve the bustling city.

The very first traces of Toruń's history can be found in the early XIII century, but much earlier history mentions Toruń as a village or township. In the medieval times it belonged to the Prince of Mazovia. In 1226, Toruń together with the State of Chelmno, was relinquished by Prince Konrad of Mazovia to a Teutonic Order of Crusaders who settled in that part of Poland.

The Teutonic Crusaders soon erected fortified strongholds and in 1231 established in Toruń a base for their advances into pagan Prussia, presumably to Christianize it. In 1233, the village of Toruń, because of its strategic and business position and growth, was chartered a city. Because of Wisła's flooding the city, Toruń was transferred in 1236 to its present position on a higher ground.

In 1250-1280, the city was encircled with formidable protective walls, strengthened with battle towers every 50 meters and surrounded by deep moats. The Crusaders had turned Toruń into a formidable fort in which a castle was erected to house the steel-clad knights of the Order.

The flow of colonists into Toruń was so great, that after only 25 years the moat that surrounded the city made it too small to accommodate all with dwellings. The Crusaders refused to increase the circumference of the bastion-like site.

However, in order to care for the colonists arriving from Germany and Prussia, the Crusaders erected homes beyond the protective walls and in

1264 the new addition was named "The New City". Separating the Old from the New City was the river Mokra.

The "New City" was characteristically one of business and industry; its streets testify to the fact by their names — Carpenter St., Brewery St., Shoemaker St., and so on—unchanged even today.

Most of the colonists who settled in the "New City" of Toruń came from Silesia, Luzitia, Westphalia, and Flandria. Toruń grew until the XIV century. Then, during the second half of this century — the city started its downward trend.

After the Grunwald Battle (also known as Tannenberg) in which the Teutonic Order was badly beaten by Polish Forces under King Jagiełło (July 15, 1410) the Crusaders vacated the walled Toruń and the fortified castle. Polish forces took over the battlements.

It was in 1473 that Toruń became the birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus, the famous Polish priest and astronomer. The street where stood the house in which Copernicus was born, was named Copernicus Street, the name retained to the present day.

The arrival of Jesuits in Toruń in 1596 gave the start to religious uprisings. These, because of colonists from Prussia, lasted nearly a century. Toruń distinguished itself by dependance on its own fortifications and armed citizens to withstand, victoriously, the siege by Swedes who invaded Poland.

In 1629, during the second invasion and siege by strong Swedish Armies, Toruń capitulated after a long battle. Not until 1658, after a furious siege by Poles, was Toruń recaptured—only to be once more taken by Swedes in 1703.

The Toruń City Hall and many other medieval structures were destroyed by fire during the Swedish attack.

During the Second Partition of Poland in 1793, Prussians were forced to batter down the gates of Toruń and to subdue the protesting citizens who disliked the new Prussian masters.

During 1807-1812, Toruń was a part of the Duchy of Warsaw. The city be-

came the capitol of Pomerania and the city of Podgorz was ceded to Toruń in 1920 forming one great city of 90,000 dwellers.

The martyrology of Toruń was exemplified during Hitler's occupation of the city — the "Szmalcówka"; "Fort III" and the nearby "Barbarka" flowed with the blood of Toruń's citizens and the graves of thousands of innocent victims of Nazi monstrosity are on the outskirts of "Barbarka".

The Allied victory freed Toruń in 1945 and prevented further calculated destruction of the city.

Today, under the Polish banner, Toruń has grown to the size of a city of 97,000 inhabitants. It has in its new museums priceless articles, dating to the earliest history.

It has erected several schools of higher education. In 1945 the Copernicus University was established in Toruń. Under Poland's reconstruction, the ancient battlements and bastions were rebuilt. The "Old City" was restored in large part to its medieval glory—the ancient market place intact, and the old City Hall in its early Gothic style. This is one of the finest examples of medieval architecture in Europe.

The oldest part of the ancient City Hall is its tower erected in 1250. This tower in the early years of its history stood alone; the present City Hall was added a century later to house the administrators of the city and the many offices in charge of Toruń's transactions with the business world.

In the vicinity of the City Hall are the three oldest churches in the early Slavic-Gothic architecture. The Church of St. John dates back to 1250-1473; and the Church of St. Mary (also known as the Maryacki Church), dates to the year 1397. The Church of St. Jacob, a fine example of early basilica style erected in 1309-1410, was completely restored only recently.

Seven kilometers from Toruń, where the river Drwienca joins the waters of Wisła in Złotoria, the ruins of a castle from the XIV century can be visited by land or by a river boat sailing up and down the stream.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 28, 1962—Christmas and New Year's Party.

Want to have fun? Come to this meeting. Your officers have planned a special program with a Beeba. Bring the ladies.

January 11, 1963—Business Meeting

At this meeting the most important business is the nomination of officers for the next year. Members' Bourse as usual.

January 25, 1963—Election

This is probably the most important meeting of the whole year. 1964 is our 25th year. We must elect the men who will prepare for this important anniversary. Please attend. Another Bert Powell Auction.

February 8, 1963—Business Meeting

Induction of the Officers. This is always a colorful ceremony. Members' Bourse.

NEW ISSUES

By J. J. Domar

On November 26, a stamp was issued for the Fifth Convention of the Trade Unions which took place at Warsaw, November 26th, thru Dec. 1, 1962.

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