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MAKOWSKI TAKES POLPEX GRAND AWARD

Chester Makowski of Chicago, who won a novice award at a Polonus show just a few years ago, emerged as the Grand Award winner at Polpex 1958 with a fine presentation of highly specialized Polish Postal History of the late 18th and thru the 19th century.

The Best Poland Other Than Grand Award Trophy went to Jens Olesen for his Polish Post of the "Seven Years War". Emil Mrugacz won the Dr. Kozakiewicz Research Award Trophy and the S.P.A. Research Award. The second Award Trophy was given to Alfred Szebel for his Study of Polish Provisional Overprints of Groszy Stamps. An attractive topical collection on Mozart the composer, was shown by Mrs. Regina Zaremba of New Castle, Penna. and won her the Novice Award Trophy. Also — three special awards consisting of imported Polish hand-carved wood novelty boxes, made especially for Polpex 1958, were given to Myron Steczynski, Walter Szymlek and Chester Schafer.

Those who attended the show were fortunate in being able to see a fabulous display of Postal History from 1620 to 1860, Poland before the Partitions, Partitions Period, Duchy of Warsaw, Republic of Cracow and Kingdom of Poland. Many museum pieces were housed in this Court of Honor exhibit put up by Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz.

The original design of the Sobieski at Vienna stamp caught many eye in Myron Steczynski's exhibit. Stamps of the world honoring Marie Curie-

Skłodowska proved a very interesting display by Stefan Kochanski. Many were amazed at the large number of covers from Polish philatelic exhibitions assembled by Walter Szymlek in his exhibit. All in all, Polpex 1958 had an entirely different showing of Polish stamps and drew pleasing comments from the visitors.

For the first time at any show, Polonus had a special exhibit of stamps of wounded Veterans from the Hines and Vaughn Hospitals. The First Award plaque was given to Bernard Hill for his Czechoslovakia. Second Award went to Peter Kornacker for his Germany. The most outstanding event of the show was when Bernard Hill arrived at the show Saturday nite. The excitement and joy he showed as he sat in his wheel chair, when he received his award from Dr. Kozakiewicz, at the Beeba, meeting Polonus members, created an impression on everyone who saw him. He said this was his happiest day in many years since he's been at the hospital. Barney Fialkowski is very deserving for his work with Stamps for the Wounded.

The largest crowd ever at a Polpex was reported at around 7:00 p.m. Saturday. Space was not to be found anywhere. Falcons Hall is getting to be too small for the Polonus shows.

Among the out-of-towners attending were: A. Warot of Hammond, Ind.; Dr. Matt. A. Gajewski, Buffalo, N. Y.; J. Jakubecki, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. E. Borawski, East St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. S. Szyperski, Toledo, Ohio;

an eminent Scottish specialist, who sent along parts of his very fine collection of the 1918-20 period of Poland. As he lives nearly 400 miles from London, Mr. Penn's display was shown in his absence by our President, Mr. G.E. Mason.

A novel feature was the mounting method used, since each "variety" had an individual visible-edge card devoted to it. On this card, Mr. Penn mounts every specimen he finds and this makes up an invaluable reference collection of the stamp concerned, in which any variation from the normal can be found very quickly. All collectors of Polish stamps will appreciate the necessity for using a method like this to get some kind of order into the hundreds of different perforations, papers and shades which exist in these early issues. The clarity of the presentation was well worth noting and we had the chance to examine the Przedbórz locals, the Eastern Silesian (S.O. 1920) overprints and the "Small Eagle" definitive issues to their best advantage. After witnessing a display of such calibre, it is easy to realise why any student of this period has enough work on his hands to keep him busy for a lifetime.

On the wider London scene, we have recently had the "H. C. Goss" collection of Russia auctioned by Robson Lowe Ltd. This contained a section of pre-adhesive Polish covers and Poland No. 1 on cover, and I will give you more details and some specimen prices realised in my next column.

—Ron Negus

POLISH POSTAL MUSEUM RECEIVES VALUABLE GIFT

In 1957, the family of the late Prof. St. Mikstein gifted to the Postal Museum in Wrocław valuable items of the departed. The gift consisted of medals, diplomas from philatelic exhibitions, personal scientific instruments used by the scientist during long years of his studies on postage stamps, photographic negatives of pre-philatelic covers and an oil painting of Prof. St. Mikstein by Żurawski.

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NEW ISSUES

By J. J. Domar

A 2.50 zł. commemorative on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the Polish Post appeared in the latter part of February. Designed by Stefan Malecki, printed in bi-chrome offset; size 25.5 x 31.25 mm. It depicts a 16th century postillion on horseback blowing a post horn.

As mentioned last month, a great many special cancellations are being used every month, some very attractive. It is my personal opinion, a very interesting and attractive collection can be prepared showing these cancellations. There have been at least 30 issued during the past three months. This should make a fine article for the Bulletin—anyone wish to write it up?

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The Moose Lodge Stamp Club with which our Polpex Chairman Frank Rizzo is affiliated, was well represented. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Du Colo, John Stone, M. Lane, and J. Bell. Some fellows from the Crystal Lake, Ill. Stamp Club were also in attendance.

Among the notables were Lew Diamond, Ben Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. J. Elmer Zinnmeister, members of the clergy, Polish press, etc.

The large crowd in attendance was attributed to the large amount of publicity given Polpex 1958 by the national stamp publications and Polish press. LINN'S WEEKLY devoted their Feb 22nd Issue to articles by Polonus members Edw. Nowak, Jos. Borkowski, Stephen Rich, Marian Dunski, Zdzislaw Wagrowski and Chester Mikucki. — STAMPS magazine placed in their Feb. 22nd Issue articles by M. Dunski, Edw. Nowak and Jos. Borkowski. — MEEKEL'S carried one by E. Nowak. All the publications gave Polonus wonderful publicity and stress on the need of a United States Commemorative for the Anniversary of the Landing of the Poles at Jamestown. The Chicago Polish Daily News and the Polish Daily Zgoda both contributed much space to our show.

As in the past, the Beeba served as a climax to our show. Award presentations were made at the Beeba this year by Dr. L. Kozakiewicz. And then came the food — tasty imported Polish ham, fresh and smoked polish sausage, a variety of salads, etc. The Beeba Committee should be singled out for a job well done. Our thanks go to members John Bor, Stefan Kochanski, Zdzislaw Wagrowski, and to outsiders Tom and Mary Zoch, Mrs. John Bor, Mrs. Lottie Wagrowski, Mrs. Ursula Kochanski, and Mrs. Irene Vergiglio. Donations to the Beeba were received from Dr. Kozakiewicz, Leo Topolinski, Sid Shayman and John Bor. Polonus can be very proud of Polpex 1958 and for a job well done by its chairman Frank Rizzo.

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OUR SYMPATHY

Polonus members express their sincere sympathy to Chester Makowski, his wife Marie and mother, upon the loss of his dad, March 1st. We remember him as a kindly old gentleman who looked in on us at informal meetings and visits held at Chester's law office.

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First Polish Flight to the Stratosphere

By MARIAN DUNSKI

(Reprinted from STAMPS of Feb. 22, 1958)

The twentieth Anniversary of the first attempt to the stratosphere, that was to take place in October 1938, occurs in 1958. It is therefore timely and proper to recall and relate to our readers some of the highlights of that event.

The idea of the flight was born in 1935. During the years 1935-36 the Balloon and Parachute Mfg. Plant in Legionowo began the research work for the proposed construction of a balloon for Prof. Piccard. After his successful flight in 1934, (57,979 ft.) the Professor planned another flight and for this purpose he announced a contest for the best woven textile. While in Poland, the Professor familiarized himself with their textiles and acknowledged them as the strongest, lightest and the best in the world. He stated that his next flight would be only with a balloon of Polish construction. For this purpose numerous and tedious studies and preparations were made.

Construction designs were finally completed and a series of technical tests made. In the end, when the Legionowo plant was all set to produce the balloon, Prof. Picard informed them that — alas — he can not order it, because of lack of funds for another flight.

In April 1937, during a session of the Executive Council of the "L.O.-P.P." (League for National Air Defense.) senator Jagrym Maleszewski stated:

— "We have a balloon manufacturing plant, which is the best in the world;

— We have capable staff of construction mechanics; —

— We have intelligent and brave pilots; —

— What are we waiting for?" — And thus the idea of the Polish flight to the stratosphere was born. In short order a Committee was formed, a Scientific Council organized and the realization of a Polish flight to the stratosphere was on its way.

At one of the Press conferences Dr. Jodko-Narkiewicz defined its purpose:

"For Science, for Sport, for Prestige."

The aim in sport was to beat the record held by American, Capt. Orvil Anderson and Capt. Albert Stevens, U. S. Army (72,394,795 ft. — 1935).

The Polish Press in the early days of September wrote:

"We are standing almost on the eve of this year's greatest sporting event in the world, which will be the First Polish Flight to the stratosphere. This flight will take place in the second part of September or in the first days of October. The exact date of the start of this Polish balloon, named "Gwiazda Polski" (The Star of Poland) cannot be set in advance, since it entirely depends on stratospheric conditions. The flight can take place only on a sunny day with completely cloudless skies, because only under such conditions could the stratosphere technicians fulfill all their assignments.

The balloon cover was designed to the smallest details by Construction Engineer Paczora. The covering required 14,000 square meters of the lightest textile material in the world. Total weight of the cover was 1,300 kilograms.

On the 10th of September, 1938 a camp was set up at the Chocholow Valley, selected as the starting place. Some details, as to the cost of this enterprise were revealed at a press conference in Legionowo. The "LOPP" was NOT charged with the expense if this flight.

Here is the preliminary budget estimate in this undertaking:

The cost of the stratospheric balloon, complete with material and labor — 200,00 zloty (40,00 U.S. dollars). The gondola — 40,000 zł.; For navigation and scientific instruments — 90,000 zł.; Hydrogen and all expenses incidental with this first attempt 30,000 zł.

Grand total: 360,000 zł. (\$72,000). INCOME:

From Industry, Commerce

and private contributions 150,00 zł.

The Ministry of Posts and



Cacheted official postal card for the stratosphere flight at Dolina Chocholowska, with registry mark and all flight cancellations. (From Walter Szymlek collection).



Reverse side of official stratosphere cover bearing the souvenir sheet described by Mr. Duński. The front side carries all the flight cancellations and cachet identical to that of postal card. (From Walter Szymlek collection).

—Cuts courtesy STAMPS

Telegraphs — through the issuance of special Commemorative Souvenir Sheet . 100,000 zł.
 Polonia in the United States 30,000 zł.
 The balloon will carry a transport of mail that will receive a special cancellation.
 The income from this was estimated at 20,000 zł.
 A number of special trains will be scheduled to bring visitors to Zakopane. Entrance fees will be charged for admission to the Chocholow Valley.
 Income from this was estimated at 100,000 zł.

Grand total 400,000 zł.

Present will be the holder of the latest world record, Capt. Albert Stevens, U.S. Army. As related by Capt. Buczyński, the Americans were very wellwishing, without a shadow of envy, but in a true sportmanship way, helpful in every way to the Poles, who intended to beat his own record! The instruments, purchased in the U. S. by Capt. Buczynski were crated and shipped to Poland in one box, but on arrival in Gdynia ten boxes of equipment were unloaded — this, thanks to Capt. A. Stevens initiative, United States furnished without cost.

STRATOSPHERIC MAIL

The Organizing Committee of the First Polish Stratospheric Flight had the consent of the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs to take abroad a limited amount of mail.

The following conditions were set for the acceptance of mail:

1. The weight of a single mail piece, together with postage (Souvenir sheet) should not exceed 5 grams.
2. For reason of limitations, priority will be given to letters mailed in special envelopes (and postcards) issued by the Organizing Committee and franked with the Souvenir Sheet, issued for this occasion.
3. The price of the envelope is 1.50 zloty; of the postcard 1 zł. Envelopes and postcards will be available from September 17th, 1938 in all "LOPP" posts throughout the whole contry. Should the submitted mail exceed the

limited number of letters allowed for acceptance, priority will be given to the earliest mail received at the Chocholow Valley — according to the date of the postmark on arrival.

Mail destined for the stratospheric flight and not posted at the Chocholow Valley may be sent there by ordinary mail, and sent to: Komenda Obozu Startowego, Zakopane I — "Dolina Chochołowska."

TRANSPORTING THE MAIL ON THE BALLOON

The crew of the balloon on "The First Flight" will take aboard a limited number of letters and cards. The postage and conditions for the transportation of this mail is established by the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs — September 5, 1938 "Dziennik Taryf" Nr. 9. Pos. 14. Special light weight envelopes and cards were available for this purpose at the Main and all Regional Posts of the "LOPP", at the Bureau for the promotion of tourist travel in Zakopane, and at the starting place in Dolina Chochołowska. Letters and cards to be transported on this flight were to be mailed to: Komenda Obozu Startowego — Zakopane I. "Dolina Chochołowska", in separate envelopes as ordinary or registered mail and franked according to weight. A Substation, set up as Zakopane 1 in Dolina Choccolowska from September 15 till the start of the balloon flight, was to apply a special commemorative cancellation to the letters and postcards. After the landing of the balloon, the crew would deliver the carried mail to the nearest post office, which was to apply the date cancellation and dispatch it in regular manner to the addressee.

POSTAL REGULATION

"The Ministry of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones, September 5, 1938 —

On the subject of conditions and fees for the transportation of letters and postcards on the stratospheric balloon. Based on Article No. 18 of the Statute of June 3, 1924 on P. T. T. — Dziennik U.R.P. No. 63, pos. 481, of 1933, — I hereby order the following:

1. The admission of letters and postcards for transportation on the balloon, making the first Polish flight to the stratosphere. Accepted will be



Only letters and cards franked with the Souvenir Sheet were admitted to the stratospheric mail. Other mail, like the above letter, received the cancel by the P.O. Dolina Chochołowska and was returned to the addressees.

only letters and postcards of weight not exceeding 5 grams and issued specially for this purpose by the Organizing Committee of the 'First Polish Flight to the Stratosphere.'

2. The uniform postage tariff for letters and postcards, enumerated under No. 1. and weighing up to 5 grams, will be 75 groszy.

3. This Regulation will become effective September 15, 1938."

Minister of Posts and Telegraphs
(Signed) E. Kalinski

**Postal Regulation of September 5, 1938,
Regarding the Issuance of the
75 Groszy Stamp.**

"1. There will be issued and introduced for use, a postage stamp of 75 groszy nominal value in a separate sheet, for the occasion of the First Polish Flight to the Stratosphere. The above named stamp features the stratosphere with a balloon mountain as the background. On the stamp, measuring 25.5 x 62.5 mm. in the upper part is placed the inscription "POLSKA" in dark lettering. To the left of the balloon, also in dark lettering, arranged vertically, is the wording "LOT DO STRATOSFERY 1938." In the left

and right corners is shown the value "75" and between the numerals is in dark lettering "GROSZY."

The sheet containing the above described, perforated stamp measures 76 x 125 mm. and the impression is made on white, pregummed paper. On the surface of the sheet to the left is placed vertically the inscription — "Pierwszy lot do stratosfery"; to the right "Dolina Chochołowska, Wrzesien 1938". At the bottom of the sheet is the inscription "Cena 2 zł."

The color of the stamp and the inscription is violet.

The sale price of the stamp in the sheet is 2 zł., and the difference between the nominal value of the stamp and the sale price will go towards the project of the Committee organizing the "First Polish Flight to the Stratosphere."

The stamps will be on sale at post offices, designated by the Ministry of Posts in a separate Regulation. This Regulation will be effective on September 15, 1938."

Minister of Posts and Telegraphs,
(Signed) E. Kalinski

The stamp in the Souvenir Sheet

for the First Flight to the Stratosphere was of nominal value 75 groszy, and was sold at 2 zł. per sheet. The surcharge was applied to the raising fund of the Organizing Committee of the First Flight. They were on sale from September 15, 1938 at the following post offices:

Białystok — 1, Bielsko — 1, Brześć nad Bugiem — 1, Bydgoszcz — 1, Cieszyn — 1, Gdansk — 1, Gdynia — 1, Katowice — 1, Kraków — 1, Lublin — 1, Lwów — 1, Łódź — 1, Łuk 1, Nowogródek — 1, Poznań — 1, Stanisławów — 1, Tarnopol — 1, Warszawa — 1, Wilno — 1, Zakopane — 1, "Dolina Chochołowska." The post office at the Dolina Chochołowska received the largest amount — 5000 sheets. The stamp, of violet color, was designed by L. Sowinski and printed by the State Printery of Valuable Papers "Państwowa Wytwórnia Papierów Wartościowych."

Public interest in the flight was tremendous, as attested by the frequent articles in the Press, both in Poland and abroad. The total printing of the Souvenir sheet amounted to 60,000 — according to press reports.

Because of unfavorable weather conditions, the flight was postponed from day to day. In the meantime the flight spectacle was promulgated to the utmost, with the Press pitching in.

Philatelists were hurrying their orders in, to secure this valuable and rare Souvenir for their collection. With the arrival of foreign correspondents, some 150 representatives of the Press were present to report from the scene of the launching which also was to be filmed. Engineer Walter constructed a small radio station, to be taken abroad the "Star of Poland". "Ilustrowany Kurier Krakowski" wrote:

"The Flight to the Stratosphere, for which there is a special postage stamp issued, had created great interest among stamp collectors abroad, Philatelic Houses throughout the world are placing orders, now amounting to 10,000, for this stamp." The "Goniec Warszawski" (No. 163) informed its readers "Philatelists are sending 100,000 letters and cards to the stratosphere." The "Wielkopolanin" informed: "The special post office in Chochołow Valley

is receiving thousands of letters daily from philatelists of the world, for the special cancellation. The largest philatelic firms in the world are sending in orders for the special stratospheric stamp. An order also arrived from King George VI."

And in meantime the "halny" winds were sweeping the Chochołow Valley causing further postponment of the start. On October 1 the atmospheric conditions were still unfavorable. When the winds finally subsided, sporadic rainfalls hindered the take-off. The meteorologists concluded that October 14th will be a windless day. The balloon was readied and almost filled with Hydrogen. Only 600 cubic meters more were needed for the take-off. The crew, Capt. Buczyński and Dr. Jodko-Narkiewicz had a light supper on the eve of October 13th and retired for a short nap. In spite of the weathermen predictions, it was windy. On the 14th of October it was announced that the flight will be postponed because it was impossible to complete the filling of the balloon with Hydrogen, the prevailing winds were threatening with a catastrophe.

At 4:15 during the removal of the Hydrogen from the balloon, a sudden burst of strong wind caused an explosion of the remnants of Hydrogen in the balloon and destroyed the upper part of the cover.

On October 15, 1938 the Press reported the sequence of events, that lead to the catastrophe and had a reference for philatelists that it was not known at that time how the matter of stamps and letters, that have enjoyed such popularity, will be settled.

On October 25, 1938 an announcement was made in a radio communique: — "Mail sent by philatelists to the Camp for the Stratospheric Flight in the Chochołow Valley — due to damage of the balloon and postponment of the flight will be forwarded to Warszawa — 1, from where, after receiving the date cancellation and a special stamp-marker, indicating that the flight failed to take place, will be delivered to addressees.

The text of the special stamp-marker, impressed on letters and cards in red ink, read:

Lot do stratosfery z powodu
pożaru balonu nie doszedł do skutku.
Dolina Chochołowska, (Zakopane)
14. X. 1938.

On October 15, 1938 in the Warszawa Ski Club's shelter, the post office in Chochołow Valley, Zakopane I, "Dolina Chochołowska" was installed. In accordance with the Postal Regulations, only letters and cards franked with the stamp in the Souvenir Sheet issued for this occasion were admitted to the stratospheric mail. Other mail, was cancelled by the P.O. "Dolina Chochołowska" and returned to addressees, without admission to the stratospheric flight.

RARE ITEMS that were admitted to the flight and received all cancellations are:

Three commemorative Souvenir Sheets — from the visit of King Carol of Roumania in 1937 — 4 x 25 gr.; 4 x 50 gr.; and 4 x 1 zł. Letters franked with these Souvenir Sheets were mailed as registered. Two such sets exist: — 2 x 3 blocks on 6 covers, (Two complete sets.)

A unique item is a cover franked with the Stratosphere Souvenir Sheet plus 30 gr. stamp with Pres. I. Mościcki and autographed by Capt. Buczynski, Dr. Jodko-Narkiewicz and Capt. A. Stevens. There was no mention in the Press of any other autographs made, so it is assumed to be a unique item.

The remnants of the balloon cover were eagerly sought by the soldiers on duty and cut up into souvenir postcards, on which they had the commemorative date cancellation impressed.

The stratospheric mail was loaded into two bags, sealed and marked:

- I. POLOGNE — PAR AVION —
N. 222, Warszawa — 2.
- II. POLOGNE — PAR AVION —
N. 223, Warszawa — 19.

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PLEWACKI POST SHOW TO HONOR 1608 POLES

The Plewacki Post Stamp Society, Buffalo N. Y. will hold its second stamp show March 28-30 in the Adam Plewacki American Legion Hall there. The theme of the occasion is two-fold: to honor the memory of the first Polish settlers in America (Jamestown, Va., October 1, 1608) and to note the 15th anniversary of the deaths of the four chaplains who went down with the "Dorchester" February 3, 1943.

The Post Office Department is co-operating by setting up a substation with a special cancellation to be used during the period. To help defray operating costs, the society will issue a set of two souvenir seals in red and green a descriptive folder and a cacheted envelope with the seal imprinted in black. The seals with folder are 25c, and the cacheted envelope with stamp and special cancellation 10c, 3 for 25c

Seals, folders and envelopes as well as pertinent information about the exhibition, are obtainable from Stanley Arnstein, 11 Frontenac Ave., Buffalo 16, N. Y.

POLISH PHILATELIC LITERATURE IN REVIEW

"STANISŁAW MIKSTEIN, NESTOR
POLSKIEJ FILATELISTYKI" by
Aleksander Śnieżko.

One volume of 32 pages, with 13 illustrations. Contains a biography in Polish and English, of the late Prof. St. Mikstein; index of his bibliographical works articles; Literature on Prof. Mikstein.

Also has a full-page reproduction of the title page from the first work of Prof. Mikstein; guarantee stamps used by him and illustrations of prephilatelic postal markers — the subject of many years of his studies.

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• NOTES FROM LONDON •

No. 2

Feb. 1958

Since sitting down to write my last column, the Polish Philatelic Society has met three times. The most important happening during this time was our decision to affiliate to the British Philatelic Association. The B.P.A. acts as "watchdog" to collectors' interests in England and offers advice to members of affiliated societies on any problem of a philatelic nature, from expertising to insuring your collection. Our members will certainly benefit from this liaison and future publication of

our activities and programme in the annual "Philatelic Societies' Year Book"—the 'bible' of British societies—will ensure that we are better known to every active philatelist in the country.

Another interesting event during the period under review was a broadcast direct to Poland in the B.B.C. European Service. This was arranged by one of our members giving details of our Society and is probably the first time a British philatelic society has been featured in this way on radio.

Meetings have been well attended and in December a small Xmas auction was held. The January and February displays were given by Mr. Alex S. Penn,



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Year	Gryzewski Cat. No.		Val.	Cat. Price	\$
1914	W.1/W.2	Polish Legions—Cancel Field Post Jędrzejów on pieces	2	3,000.—	10.00
1914	W. 1	Polish Legions 5 h. cancel Strzelecka Komp. Etap.	1	1,500.—	5.00
1914	W.1n.	Polish Legions 5 h + 10 h imperf. mint (Mikstein)	2	20,000.—	25.00
1918	2.0	5f/2gr. ovpt. inverted mint (Rachmanoff)	1		10.00
1918	2	ditto, figures "5 fen 5" omitted	1		10.00
1918	5	50 f/20 gr. vertical pair, ovpt. misplaced to the top	2		20.00
1918	4m.	25 f/2 gr. brown error, used on piece (Rachmanoff)	1	20,000.—	50.00
1919	Z 38.	Odessa, 1 m. mint (Rachmanoff)	1		15.00
1919	73	50 imperf. proof in red	1		5.00
1934	2101	1 zl./1.20 ovpt. inverted, mint	1	12,000.—	30.00
1937	340A	1 zl. Moscicki, imperf. corner copy unused	1		5.00
1937		Variety 1 zl. Moscicki, Min. Sheet, imperf. without gum	4		10.00
GENERAL GOUVERNEMENT					
1940	0.232	Official 10 gr., figures misplaced to left, mint	1		10.00
1940	0.255	Ditto, 8 gr. inverted on figure only ..			50.00
1940	0.246	Ditto, 8 gr., imperf. figures omitted, mint	1		5.00
1940	0.250	Ditto, 24 gr. figures omitted, mint, imperf.	1		5.00
1940	0.252	Ditto, 40 gr. figures omitted, mint, imperf.	1		5.00
1940	0.250	Ditto, 24 gr., figures omitted, perforated, mint	1		30.00

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