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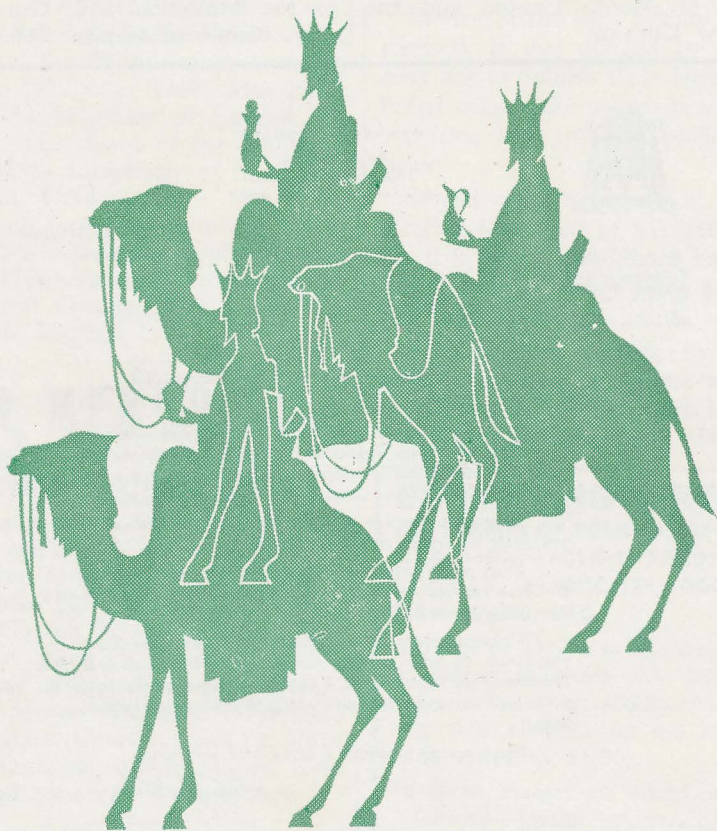
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Season's Greetings

BISHOP RUBIN HONORARY POLPEX CHAIRMAN

POLPEX 1969 will have His Excellency Wladyslaw Rubin, Delegate to the Primate of Poland Cardinal Wyszynski, as Honorary Chairman. His Excellency accepted the invitation extended to him by the Polpex Committee with the letter reproduced below.

POLPEX 1969 will be held March 1st and 2nd at Radio Halls, Belmont and Long Aves. in Chicago. It will honor the 25th Anniversaries of the Battle of Monte Cassino and the Warsaw Uprising.

In addition to the stamp exhibition, there will also be a small exhibit of actual photographs and documents connected with Monte Cassino. Chairman W. Poniecki, a veteran of the Polish 2nd Corps, which took part in this battle, is compiling this exhibit which will be mounted and displayed on the stage at Radio Halls.

Polonus will celebrate its thirtieth birthday at the Beeba which will take place on Saturday night, March 1st in the exhibition hall. Out-of-town

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Szanowny i Drogi Panie Kierowniku!

Otrzymałem list z dnia 10 bm z miłym zaproszeniem do przyjęcia Honorowego Protektoratu nad wystawą filatelistyczną jaką urządza Polonus Philatelic Society w Chicago w 25-letnią rocznicę bitwy o Monte Cassino 2-go Polskiego Korpusu.

Dziękuję uprzejmie za to zaproszenie i z wdzięcznością przyjmuję Honorowy Protektorat nad wystawą Polpex 1969.

Życzę serdecznie, aby ta wystawa wzbogaciła obchody 25-lecia zwycięstwa polskiego na Monte Cassino oraz 25-lecia Powstania Warszawskiego.

Z okazji świąt Bożego Narodzenia, uweselaających nas przyjściem na świat naszego Zbawcy Jezusa Chrystusa przesyłam Drogiemu Panu Kierownikowi i Związkowi Filatelistów Polskich w Chicago najlepsze życzenia wszelkiego błogosławieństwa Bożego.

Łączę wyrazy szacunku i serdecznie pozdrawiam

+ Władysław Rubin

Bottom border imperforate (about ten sheets exist).

Break in plate between M and E of GOUVERNEMENT (plate N 5012 6/) — field 137.

Line above second N in GOUVERNEMENT — field 147.

1 mark

Imperforate top border (three sheets known).

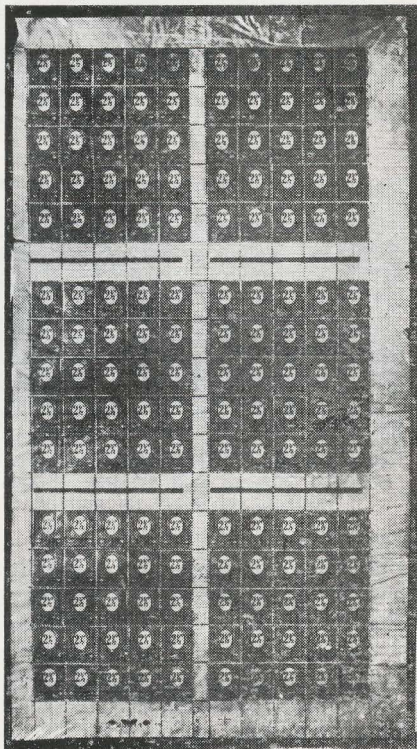
5 mark

COMMISSION (U instead of O) — field 96.

COMMISSI N (O missing) — field 96.

Sheet Construction

Since these stamps were prepared in France they were printed in much the same manner as the French stamps of that period and the sheet format closely resembles the French "sowing woman" stamp. The plates



Full Sheet Format of First Definitive Issue



Horizontal Pair with Gutter Tab Between

were constructed of six clichés of 25 stamps each (5 x 5), separated by gutters. The vertical gutters measure half of the width of the stamp and the horizontal gutters are the same size as the stamp. Each sheet consists of 150 stamps, 20 stamp size gutter tabs and 17 half size gutter tabs. Two of these sheets were printed together in counter sheets of 300 stamps and then cut in half to form the separate sheets as issued.

The sheet margins of this issue as well as those of all subsequent plebiscite area stamps printed in France, contain



Vertical Pair with Gutter Tab Between markings characteristic of the French sheets, such as, alignment crosses and dots, single letter printer's marks, ma-



Cross Gutter Block



Plate Number and Alignment Cross

chine number, date of printing and half moon shaped punched holes used to hold the sheet during perforating.

The locations of the various markings vary on the different printings and are often the only distinguishing features by which these printings can be told from one another.

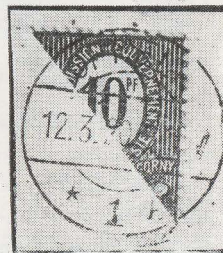
Numerous small colorless holes can be found on the right sheet margin and, again, are for holding the sheet in the perforation machine.

Provisional Bisects

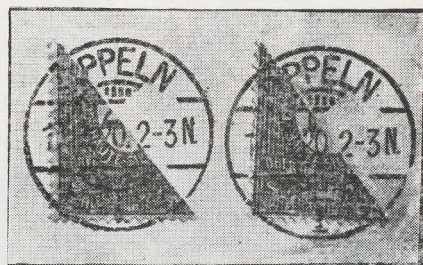
The number of stamps of the first definitive issue sent to Upper Silesia did not nearly cover the needs of the over 2,200,000 population of the plebiscite territory and toward the end of February, 1920 stocks of the most necessary values were depleted. The first stamps to be used up were the 5 pf. value required for printed matter, the 10 pf. value used for local postcards and the 50 pf. value necessary for registered letters. When these values were gone other measures had to be found to provide frankings for these most commonly used rates.

Some post offices, such as Opole (Oppeln), Bytom (Beuthen), Zabrze

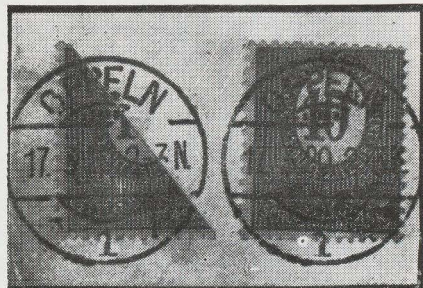
(Hindenburg), Gliwice (Gleiwitz) and a few others managed to do without these values until the new stamps arrived by bisecting other values that were on hand.



Bisected 10 Pfg. Value



**Bisected 10 and 20 Pfg. Values
Totalling 15 Pfg.**



**Bisected 10 and Full 5 Pfg. Values
Values Totalling 15 Pfg.**

Most common are bisections of the 10 pf. values to create the 5 pf. rate and bisections of the 20 pf. to create the 10 pf. rate. From about March 3 to 7, 1920 some post offices ran out of the 15 pf. stamps and created provisionals by using a bisected 10 pf. stamp and a bisected 20 pf. stamp together.



**Bisected 10/20 and Full 10/20 Pfg.
Totaling 15 Pfg.**

FIRST PROVISIONAL ISSUE

When the available supply of stamps of the most used values were exhausted, the Erdmann Raabe's Printing House at Opole was authorized to print new face values of the needed denominations on the stamps of the less used values. This issue consists of the following provisional values:

- 10 pfg. on 20 pfg.
- 50 pfg. on 5 mark
- 5 pfg. on 20 pfg.
- 5 pfg. on 15 pfg.

The first provisional issue is especially interesting to collectors in that all values can be found with a wide variety of flaws, types, varieties, misprints and errors which are, for the most part, actual production flaws that slipped by unnoticed due to the short notice and hurried production of these stamps. This is in contrast to the many flaws which can be found on the later stamps of the so-called Plebiscite Issue and the Second Provisional Issue which were mostly printers waste and do not represent any special value.

10 Pfg. on 20 Pfg. Overprint

The first value to be prepared was the 10 pfg. overprint on the basic 20 pfg. stamp. Since the printing house where these were produced did not have enough type of an identical style to set up the required plate of 150 samp fields, they used other similar styles that they had on hand and a number of differences in the

design of the denomination overprint exist on each sheet.

The overprinting of this value was made in three separate printing runs between March 2 and March 9, 1920 and were first offered to the public on March 3, 1920.

Quantity of Stamps Overprinted

The total printing of the 10 pfg. on 20 pfg. value consisted of 20,000 sheets of 150, totaling 3,000,000 stamps. The issue was almost completely sold out within a week of its appearance, from March 12 to March 18. It was used up even faster than usual as these stamps were often bisected and used to fill the shortage of 5 pfg. values before the 5 pfg. overprints were prepared.

The three printing runs for this issue consisted of the following quantities:

First Printing — 1500 sheets, totaling 225,000 copies, were printed on March 2, 1920. This run consisted of plates X23011 6, X24011 6, X25011 6 (rare) and X27011 6 (the most common).

—8500 sheets, totaling 1,275,000 copies, were printed on March 3, consisting primarily of plate number X27011 6.

Second Printing — 2000 sheets, totaling 300,000 copies, were printed on March 4.

—1600 sheets, totaling 240,000 copies, were printed on March 5.

—3400 sheets, totaling 510,000 copies, were printed on March 6. This second printing consted primarily of plate number N5012 6 on gray paper.

Third Printing — 3000 sheets, totaling 450,000 copies, were printed on March 8 and 9 consisting primarily of plates number X2012 6 and X3012 6.

Only a few minor printing errors and irregularities occured during the

first printing but a number can be found in the third printing. The third printing was overprinted in a red to brick red color in contrast to the carmine of the first two printings.

A number of misplaced overprints occurred due to the position of the sheet during the printing operation. On the correctly positioned overprint the overprint numeral should exactly cover the numeral on the basic stamp and the Pf. figure should fall completely within the white background of the oval. Such perfectly centered overprints are, however, seldom found and are the exception rather than the rule.

Overprint Types

Four types of numeral exist of the 10 pfg. value.

Type I — Both figures 5.75 mm. high.

Space between numerals 2.05 to 2.25 mm.

Figure 1 has flattened head and slightly hooked nose.

Base projects at right angle from body.

Figure 0 is fat and regular.



Type I

Type II — Both figures 5.25 mm. high.

Figure 1 has pointed head and face of nose is curved.

Base same as type I.

Figure 0 is wide.



Type II

Type III — Figure 1 is 5.75 mm. high.

Figure 0 is 6.00 mm. high.

Otherwise same as type I.



Type III

Type IV — Both figures 5.75 mm. high and fat.

Space between numerals 1.52 mm.

Figure 1 has flattened head and straight, hooked nose.

Base tapers from body.

Figure 0 is narrow.



Type IV

POLPEX 1969 (Continued)

members are especially urged to attend and we have already received mail from distant members stating that they plan to come to Chicago for the show and beebea.

With this issue of the "Bulletin" a Polpex Entry Application is enclosed. Kindly fill it out and send it in promptly. Remember that we are asking for exhibits of World War II material.

POLPHILEX 1969

The Polish Philatelic Society in Gr. Britain will hold its annual stamp exhibition "Polphilex 1969" May 14-18 under the patronage of General W. Anders. The theme of the exhibition is the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino.

Polonus members are invited to exhibit. Write for entry applications to Polish Philatelists in Great Britain, 30 Greencroft Gardens, Flat J, London, N.W. 6, England.

IN MEMORIAM

ANTHONY SCHWANDERLA

Passed away on November 21, 1968 at the age of 72. He was organist at his home town church, St. Joseph's, at Jamaica, N.Y. and also at St. Stanislaus Church in Ozone Park, N.Y. He was also a choir director and a composer of church music.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow Genevieve, son Dr. Edw. A. Schwanderla, daughter-in-law Cynthia and grandson Edward.

POLONUS VOTES TO PLACE CROWN ON EAGLE EMBLEM

At the last society meeting the old subject of "why the Polonus eagle does not have a crown on its head" was brought up. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made and passed that the eagle on our emblem gets a crown on its head.

WANT TO EXCHANGE WITH COLLECTORS IN POLAND?

In a recent issue of *FILATELISTA* there appeared a write-up on the Polonus Philatelic Society listing your editor's name and address. As a result, we were flooded with mail from collectors in Warsaw, Poznan, Przemysl, Katowice, Czestochowa, Kutno, Olaszyn, etc. They wrote asking us to publish their name, address and collecting wants in our "Polonus Bulletin."

In view of the large amount of mail received, it was decided by the society not to publish these letters. The letters would take up too much room and leave little space for philatelic articles.

Several members present at the last meeting took some of the letters, but we still have many more letters of collectors in Poland wishing to establish contacts here.

Any members wishing to receive such letters from us, please write to our Secretary, Alfred Szebel, 9041 Emerson, Des Plaines, Ill. 60016.

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- 20 gr.—Departing For The Hunt
by Wojciech Kossak
6,000,000 issued
- 40 gr.—Hunting With a Falcon
by Juliusz Kossak
6,000,000 issued
- 60 gr.—Attacked By Wolves
by A. Wierusz-Kowalski
5,000,000 issued
- 1.50 zl.—Return From a Bear Hunt
by Julian Falat
3,000,000 issued
- 2.50 zl.—The Fox Hunt
by T. Sutherland
3,500,000 issued
- 3.40 zl.—The Boar Hunt
by F. Snyders
3,500,000 issued
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