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POLPEX ATTRACTS RECORD CROWD OF 5,000

The largest Polpex ever presented by the Polonus Philatelic Society in its 25 years of existence closed Sunday, March 1st at the Andrew House in Chicago. Over 5,000 viewers walked through the rows of the 272 frame exhibit. Most of these frames housed Polish stamp exhibits. The activity at U.S. Postal Station, set up at our Polpex, was so great that they sold out their stock of U.S. commemoratives Sunday morning.

Visitors came to view the three-day exhibition as early as Friday noon

and waited in the lobby. At six o'clock the opening ceremony took place with the cutting of the ribbon by the first Polonus president, Lester Jankowski.

The entire second floor of the spacious Andrew House was occupied by the exhibits and bourse tables. The first frame of the exhibition contained the Governor's Proclamation for "Polonus Philatelic Day in Illinois". The next three frames showed the various designs submitted in the Polpex souvenir sheet contest and congratulatory letters received on our jubilee.



Mrs. Bernice Uznanski presented the Polonus Society with the Dr. M. E. Uznanski Historical Award trophy in memory of her late husband who died as this society's president last year. The award is to be given for the best historical Polish stamp exhibit at the annual Polpex exhibition. (Left to right) Roman Reinowski, director; Stefan Kochanski, president; Chester Schafer, secretary; Mrs. Bernice Uznanski; Josef Bendkowski, vice-president; Lester Jankowski, treasurer; Stanley Kucharz, director and J. J. Domar, banquet toastmaster.

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The bourse was heavily patronized. It was the largest bourse ever held at a Polpex, with twenty dealers participating. Cut courtesy LINN'S

Then followed the exhibits of former Polpex grand award winning exhibits. Following this were ten frames of Polonus memorabilia and photos gathered together by Lester Jankowski and Roman Reinowski. The remaining frames were all of exhibits for competition.

What was exhibited in stamps of Poland? It would be better to ask, "What was not exhibited?" There were no Prisoner of War stamps and Offices Abroad like Odessa or London issues, but Port Gdańsk was shown. Several

historical exhibit were shown and most outstanding of these was the collection of documents and letters from the Polish Insurrection of 1863. Another exhibit had Polish Legion covers from Napoleon's Army to Field Post covers of World War II.

A most difficult job was that of the judges who deliberated over three hours in selecting the winners of 16 major awards. Without question the most powerful Poland exhibit was that of Myron Steczynski's Kraków issues which merited the Grand Award. The

Kozakiewicz Research Award went to Z. Wlodarski of London for his Overprints on General Government of 1918-19, and the Uznanski Historical Award was given to M. Bojanowicz of London for his documents and mail of the Polish Insurrection of 1863.

The culmination of the Silver Jubilee celebration was the banquet held on Saturday night. Over 200 members with their families and friends filled the Rose Room of the An-



A most difficult task was that of judging the show. Samuel Ray, Bernard A. Hennig and Richard Estka beamed as they received tokens for their work at the banquet.

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drew House. President St. Kochanski opened the banquet after which Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alfred Abramowicz said the invocation. Acting as the master of ceremonies was J. J. Domar.

After a most tasty Polish dinner, the program began with the presentation of a Polonus check for \$1,000.00 by treasurer Lester Jankowski to the Polish Museum of America for the purpose of establishing a philatelic library. The check was accepted by the museum president, Rt. Rev. Monsignor W. Karcz.

During the banquet program the 25 year Polonus members were honored by being presented with pen & pencil sets and special certificates. Past presidents were introduced and were applauded. Mrs. Bernice Uznanski, widow of the late Dr. Matthew E. Uznanski, former president of Polonus, presented the society with an enormous trophy—the Uznanski Historical Award, to be given for the best historical Polish stamp exhibit at Polpex.

Representing Governor Otto Kerner was the Honorable John Troike of the Illinois Youth Commission who read the Proclamation. Following this the Honorary Membership presentations were made. Engraved plaques were given to Dr. Edward C. Rozanski, noted Polish-American historian, and to Carl

P. Rueth of Sidney, Ohio, editor of "Linn's Weekly Stamp News." Not present to receive their plaques were Harry L. Lindquist of New York City, publisher of "Stamps", and William W. Wylie of Albany, Oregon, editor of "Western Stamp Collector."



The Honorary Membership plaque awarded "in recognition and reward to Carl P. Rueth for his support and understanding of Polish Culture and History through Polish Philately and Polonus activities in particular."

The master of ceremonies read some congratulatory telegrams including one from Postmaster-General J. Gronouski who expressed his regrets at not being able to attend.

Lester Jankowski then took over and presented the awards with the exception of one award from London given to Dr. Leon P. Kozakiewicz for his collection and study of Poland No. 1. This award was presented by Myron Steczynski who received it the previous year.

Following is a complete listing of awards given at POLPEX '64: Grand Award: Myron Steczynski, Krakow Issues of 1919.

Kozakiewicz Research Award: Zbigniew Wlo-



Honorary Membership was bestowed on Carl P. Rueth, editor of "Linn's Weekly Stamp News". A suitable engraved plaque was presented to him. Frank Las Photo

darski, Second Polish Provisional issue 1918-19.
 Uznanski Historical Award: M. A. Bojanowicz, Postal History of the Polish Insurrection of 1863.
 First Award: Chester A. Schafer. First Issue of Independent Poland 1918.
 Second Award: Roman H. Strzelecki, Poland 1923-24.
 Third Award: F. E. Wolosewick: Uncataloged Varieties of Poland.
 Historical A.P.L. and S.P.A. Research Award: H. Geo. Wolfe, Poznan and Bydgoszcz Cancellations.
 Best Airmail: Zdzislaw Wagrowski, Poland First Flights.
 Best Locals: Zbigniew Bokiewicz, Przedbórz.
 Best Plebescite: Dr. M. Lipinski, Upper Silesia.
 Best Polonia: Lester Jankowski, Józef Pilsudski.
 Best Postal Stationery: Stanley Kucharz, Early Polish Postal Stationery.
 Best Topicals: M. A. Bojanowicz, Scout Collection.
 Best Other Than Poland: John S. Bobo, Tobacco Revenue Stamps of U.S.
 Best Field Post: Thaddeus Gryzewski, Polish Armies—1808-1945.
 Afelbaum Award for Best Printed Pages: Geo. C. Kobylka, Madonnas.
 Novice Award: Jos. M. Jakubecki, Szczecin Postal Markings.

Silver Medal Certificates

Second Award: Dr. Józef Kuderewicz, Western Polish Territories.
 Second Award: Alfred Szebel, Groszy Overprints.
 Second Award: Alfred Szebel: Pilsudski's Polish Legions.
 Second Award: Chester A. Schafer, Central Lithuania.
 Second Award: Leonard Zeller, Polish Air Mails and Covers.
 Second Award: Dr. Leon P. Kozakiewicz, Polish Army Postal History.
 Second Award: Jos. M. Pirog, AMG Bari Provisionals.

Bronze Medal Certificates

Third Award: C. J. Mikucki, Ten Liberated Cities.
 Third Award: Sebastian Styczynski, Port Gdańsk.
 Third Award: Stanley Kucharz, Polish Corps Field Post Cancellations.

Third Award: Derek Palmer: Provisional Polish Postmarks, 1945-46.
 Third Award: Roman H. Strzelecki, Masterpiece of Wit Stwosz.
 Third Award: Walter C. Scholl, Polish Balloon Covers.
 Third Award: Emil R. Mrugacz, Air-mails.
 Third Award: John T. Patalon, Nicholas Copernicus.
 Third Award: Ludwik Pieczara, Project Telstar.
 Third Award: Jos. Z. Rycaj, Football Soccer.
 Third Award: Chester J. Mikucki, War Covers.
 Junior Silver Medal: Barbara Strzelecki, Poland Cacheted Post Cards.
 A most distinguished award, the Adam Kloskowski Award of Achievement was presented to president Stefan Kochanski for his efforts towards Polonus and POLPEX 1964.

In Our Mail Box . . .

Dear Sirs:

You have accomplished much and it is a matter of published record. Too few organizations among our own strive to have unselfish interests as Polonus had shown. We live in a period of self expression and recognition of individuals or groups. The Polonus Philatelic Society has contributed tremendously to making all conscious of a heritage no one need place second or be ashamed of. From our city of Buffalo, our people, our philatelists, our own group—we wish you greatest success on your anniversary, and many more of the same in many, many more years to come!

—Matt A. Gajewski, president
 Plewacki Post Stamp Society
 Buffalo, N. Y.

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Congratulations on your 25th Anniversary.

—S. A. Sikorski
 Euclid, Ohio

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"Congratulations on your Birthday and success in the next twenty-five."

—Marian and Elmer
 Zinnsmeister



Visitors to the Polpex were greeted at the entrance by (left to right) Chester Mikucki Jr., Barbara and Roman Strzelecki who sold souvenir sheets, covers, philatelic literature and mementos. Chester holds a "take home" item, "Linn's" Polonus Special Edition while Roman displays the attractive Polpex Program Catalog.

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Dr. Edward Rozanski, noted Polish-American historian receiving his Honorary Membership certificate and plaque with the approval of president Stefan Kochanski, the Hon. John Troike and master of ceremonies J. J. Domar.

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POLPEX 1964 IN REVIEW . . .



Official opening ceremony at 6:00 p.m. Friday, February 28th. The ribbon is being cut by Lester Jankowski, the first president of Polonus, assisted by Stefan Kochanski (right) the present president.



The U.S. Post Office Department set up a special Polpex Postal Station where they cancelled mail with a special Polpex cancellation and sold recent commemoratives at face. (Left to right) Postal Service representatives George R. Meyer and Francis M. Shigley are ready to serve their first customer, Stefan Kochanski while Felix Walat waits his turn.

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Major awards were given at POLPEX 1964, over. Junior member Barbara Sorzelecki examines display at the entrance to the exhibition.



The dealers in the bourse was Zbigniew Bokiewicz of Continental Stamp Supplies Ltd., London. Mr. Bokiewicz (center) is shown with some of the dealers at his table Chester Schafer (left) and Gilne (right) of Indianapolis, Ind.



Jankowski (right) smiles as he receives framed Grand Award trophy and medal for the best of the show. Award presentations were made by Jankowski.



The invocation at the banquet given by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Alfred Abramowicz. At his right are master of ceremonies J. J. Dómar, Carl P. Rueth, editor of "Linn's", and Dr. Leon P. Kozakiewicz.



Representing Governor Otto Kerner was the Hon. John Troike of the Illinois Youth Commission who read the Proclamation for "Polonus Philatelic Day in Illinois".



Polonus presented the Polish Museum of America with a check for \$1,000.00. Treasurer Lester Jankowski hands the check to the museum's president Rt. Rev. Msgr. W. Karcz.



This cartoon by Walter Krawiec, appeared on the front page of the Polish Daily News ("Dziennik Chicagoski") on February 29th, 1964.

Cut courtesy "Dziennik Chicagoski"

TELEGRAMS RECEIVED AT THE POLPEX

"I am sorry my schedule will not permit me to be with you during your Annual Stamp Show Polpex. I would like to take this opportunity to extend greetings to the members of your Organization and I hope your show will be successful in every way."

—John A. Gronouski,
Postmaster General
Washington, D.C.

"Congratulations on the Silver Jubilee Dinner of Polonus Philatelic Society. Regret very much that I cannot be with you."

—Harry L. Lindquist

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"We extend our sincere congratulations on your Silver Anniversary and wish you utmost success in every endeavor you pursue in the future."

—Pulaski Philatelic Club
Detroit, Mich.

OUT OF TOWN MEMBERS AT THE POLPEX

This year we had the largest group of out of town members ever to attend a Polpex. (There were:

Rev. Edw. A. Chmielewski of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. George Pokrzywinski and Leo Topolinski of Milwaukee, Wis., Daniel Dohm, University City, Mo., Leonard Zeller of Cleveland, Ohio, S. A. Sikorski of Euclid, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Franck of Bay Village, Ohio, H. George Wolfe of Jackson Heights, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. Jan Haniewicz, Brooklyn, N.Y., Roman Wojcieki of Lexington, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Samuels, Michigan City, Ind., John T. Patalon, Buffalo, N.Y., Joseph M. Pirog, Chicopee, Mass., Witold Jurgilewicz, Staughton, Mass., W. E. Bendkowski and Walter and Mrs. Kolankowski of Detroit, Mich., Z. Bokiewicz of London, Joseph and Mrs. Bieniecki of Granite City, Ill., plus members from Chicagoland like Alex Warot of Hammond, Ind., Dr. and Mrs. Mroczynski from St. Charles, Ill. At the banquet we enjoyed the company of Mr. Poznanski of Detroit, Robert Warpinski of Green Bay, Wis., Robt. Moore of Claudsville, Va., Mr. Wertman of Minneapolis, Minn. and a group of guests from Stevens Point, Wis. The largest representation of Chicagoland clubs at the dinner was from Ravenswood Stamp Club — 15 persons.

If we have omitted someone, please let us know.

—Stefan Kochanski

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"Please convey my sincerest best wishes to everyone on this Polonus Anniversary. This old beebea boy wishes he was with you. Miss you all. I know POLPEX will be excellent and that good health and spirits will prevail."

—David Lidman

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Best of Luck on POLPEX.

—Helen Cunningham,

Bellwood, Illinois

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My sincerest wishes for a successful Anniversary Show.

—Stephen A. Jarzyna

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Dear Mr. Kochanski:

In behalf of myself and the North Shore Philatelic Society, I extend my congratulations to POLONUS on their 25th Jubilee.

I also extend my good wishes to the success of your exhibition and I am quite sure that the Polonus Philatelic Society will continue to be among Chicagoland's leading stamp clubs.

—Joseph H. Spiegel, president
North Shore Philatelic Soc.

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From Stevens Point, Wisconsin, two nuns journeyed by bus on Saturday morning to attend the Polpex. Sister M. Adelpha and Sister M. Margaret of the Sisters of St. Joseph received special permission to come to Chicago to learn something about Polish philately. As they explained it, they were assembling a Polish stamp collection for a postal museum at their provincial home. Since theirs is a Polish order of nuns, they felt that this would instill the younger nuns with a bit of Polish culture. As they have taken the vows of poverty, they have no funds for this purpose. They asked that if any Polonus members had duplicates of Polish stamps and philatelic literature which they would care to donate, to send them to Sister M. Adelpha, River Pines Sanitorium, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, 54481.

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NEW ISSUES

By J. J. Domar

On Oct. 23, 1963 on the occasion of the visit of the Soviet Cosmonauts W. Bykovsky and W. Tereshkova, three stamps were issued — a 40 gr., 60 gr. and 6.50 zl. Overprints were made on the previous issue of the second team space flight.

The 40 gr. was overprinted "23-28.X. 1963 W. F. Bykovsky in Poland"

The 60 gr. was overprinted "23-28.X. 1963 W. W. Tereshkova in Poland"

The 6.50 zl. denomination was overprinted "23-28.X.1963 W. F. Bykovsky and W. W. Tereshkova in Poland."

800 thousand of each value were printed.

In recognition of the Winter Olympic Games being held at Innsbruck, Austria Jan. 29 to Feb. 9, 1964 eight stamps were issued as follows: 20 gr. Ice Hockey; 30 gr. Slalom; 40 gr. Ski Descent; 60 gr. Women's Speed Skating; 1 zl. Ski Jump; 2.50 zl. Tobogganing; 5.60 zl. Ski Run; 6.50 Figure Skating.

All were designed by Winiarski.

—Stamps

The second part of Poland's definitive set of Sailing Ships will be released in mid-March. These ships represent those used from the 15th to the 20th century. One of Columbus' ships — a caravel — is featured on the blue 1.35 Zloty. The dark gray 1.50 Zl. re-

presents a four-mast man-of-war galleon from the 16th century. This type of vessel was favored until steamships came into use.

A Polish battleship built in Gdansk is shown on the purple 1.55 Zl. She was one of the fleet to win the battle of Oliwa in 1627 against the Swedish navy. The maroon 2 Zl. depicts a flent — a Dutch merchant vessel type of the 17th century. An 18th century line battleship is found on the green 2.10 Zl., and a 19th century frigate on the red 2.50 Zl. It was popular in European fleets because of its high speed and efficiency.

A 19th century merchant clipper ship can be seen on the olive 3 Zl., while the brown 3.40 Zl. shows the Polish school ship "Dar Pomorza". The designs by Stefan Malecki are being steel engraved printed in one color by the State Printing Works of Securities of Warsaw, in sheets of 100 stamps. Repeated printings will be made of the issue.

—Linn's

Postcards

On Nov. 18, 1963, two illustrated multicolored postcards will be released to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Polish Air Line LOT. One is for inland Post the other for Foreign use. 25,000 of each were issued. Stamps and illustrations were designed by St. Malecki.



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On Dec. 2nd — two postcards designed by St. Malecki are to be released for exclusive use by the Savings & Loan Cooperative office. Some will be made available to subscribers of Ruch. 500,000 of each will be issued.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, March 27th, 1964

Business Meeting. Postponed from March 13th because of sudden visit of European philatelists. Reports of various Polpex Committees to be given. After meeting a tape recording of a special interview on Polonus that was broadcast to Poland via "Voice of America" will be played for the members to hear.

Friday, April 10th, 1964

Business Meeting.

Friday, April 24th, 1964

Program Meeting. Speaker to be announced.

DOC KOZY GUEST SPEAKER AT CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

On March 5th, Dr. Leon P. Kozakiewicz gave a talk on "Pre-Philately and Poland No. 1" at the Chicago Philatelic Society meeting at the Sherman House. He spoke of Polish history and showed items from his collection. The oldest cover he had was 409 years old, sent from Poland to Venice in 1555. He especially had a good showing of the Kingdom of Poland period.

After a question and answer period, Polonus members were served with a Birthday Cake inscribed "Happy Birthday Polonus" and a large "25".

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