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Solidarity Medal Awards To Be Given at Polpex 90

You still have time to send in your entry for Polpex 90 to be held March 23-24-25 at Przybylo's House of the White Eagle in Niles, Illinois. The Polpex Committee plans to award special Solidarity medals to winning exhibits. Arrangements are made to have them shipped from Europe in time for the exhibition. This year's show is limited to only 100 frames. So don't delay! For your Polpex entry application, write to Arkadiusz Walinski, Entries Chrm., at 7353 West Estes, Chicago, IL 60631.

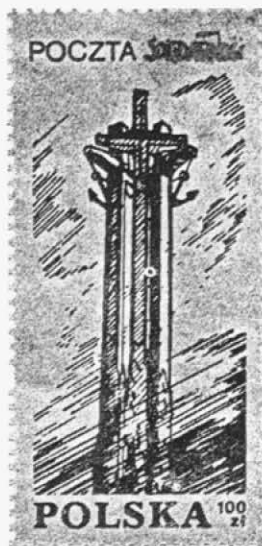


As in previous exhibitions, the U.S. Postal Service will have a postal station using a special cancellation for the three days. Shown here is the design submitted for their approval. The idea and art work was furnished by Edward Link, Arts Chrm.,

who is busy preparing designs for the cachets, souvenir card and souvenir sheets.

The rental cost of Przybylo's House of the White Eagle is \$2000. It is large, with plenty of parking space, located close to O'Hare airport. This expense is what we must overcome. Please support us when we ask you to be Polpex Patron for \$5 or more, a Well Wisher for \$2 or an Advertiser in the Program Book at the cost of \$60 for a page, \$40 for a half, or \$25 for a quarter page. Send your check with copy to Al Rybarski, Treas., P.O. Box 82, River Grove, IL 60171. The annual Polpex is our biggest undertaking of the year. Let's make a go of it!

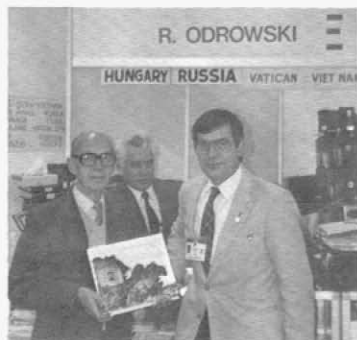
Cinderella stamp showing the monument erected in 1970 at Gdansk to honor the memory of the many striking shipyard workers who lost their lives when Communist authorities used soldiers and tanks to quell the demonstration.



WORLD STAMP EXPO 89

By ROMUALD ODROWSKI

The trip to the event in Washington D.C. Nov. 17th to Dec. 3rd was worth the effort. Post offices from all over the world were represented. In the early days, the crowds were small and I feared for the success of the



Czeslaw Slania presents book to R. Odrowski; J. Rudnicki of Canada watching.

show. But right after Thanksgiving Day, the attendance began picking up and kept increasing til the final days. It was the first such event sponsored by the United States Postal Service. The USPS reported that 19,000 people attended the show on Space Day, Nov. 24th.

A large youth area was alive with activity. Children operated touch-screen computer games and quizzes related to stamps. Most popular among the youth was the stamp bingo.

There was no Polish material on exhibit. I had the only Polish dealer booth on the premises and had very few calls for Polish material. Fortunately, I had a large stock of Pope John Paul II of various countries and it turned out well for me.

The highlight of this event was the visit I had with Czeslaw Slania, the world renowned stamp engraver who spent much time at my booth. He presented me with

a book just published by Lennart Bernadotte, Czeslaw Slania's Life's Work. It has 221 pages, including full color reproductions of all the stamps engraved by Slania with color negatives. Slania's works include stamps from Sweden, Poland, San Marino, Monaco, US, Great Britain, France, UN, Iceland, Greenland, Denmark, Ireland, Jamaica and Faroe Islands. Included are some current banknotes he made for Argentina, Israel, Brazil and Venezuela. The book is an outstanding example of what can be done with modern photography and printing.



Printed in five languages, 1500 of these have the foreword printed in English, and the same amount each in French, Italian, Spanish and German. The price of the book is \$80.00 and is available in my stamp shop. For more information contact: R. Odrowski, 5327 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL 60641 — Tel. (312) 545-2089.

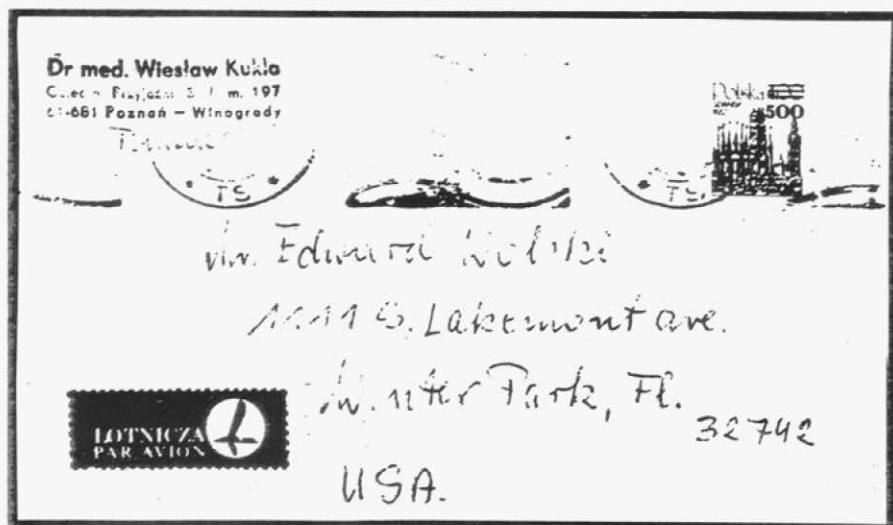
INFLATION COVERS

By E. D. WOLSKI

I received a somewhat delayed report about the current change in postal rates introduced by the Polish Post Office. Last summer the newspaper, "Gazeta Wyborcza" published details of the postal program in an article entitled, "Four Digit Stamps." The author, Stanislaw Remuszko, noted that new values were badly needed, since foreign mail at the new inflated rates required so many stamps that there was no place for them on the envelopes. For instance, a book sent by airmail to the U.S. cost 12,000 zlotys, which meant that 60 stamps of the highest denomination had to be used.

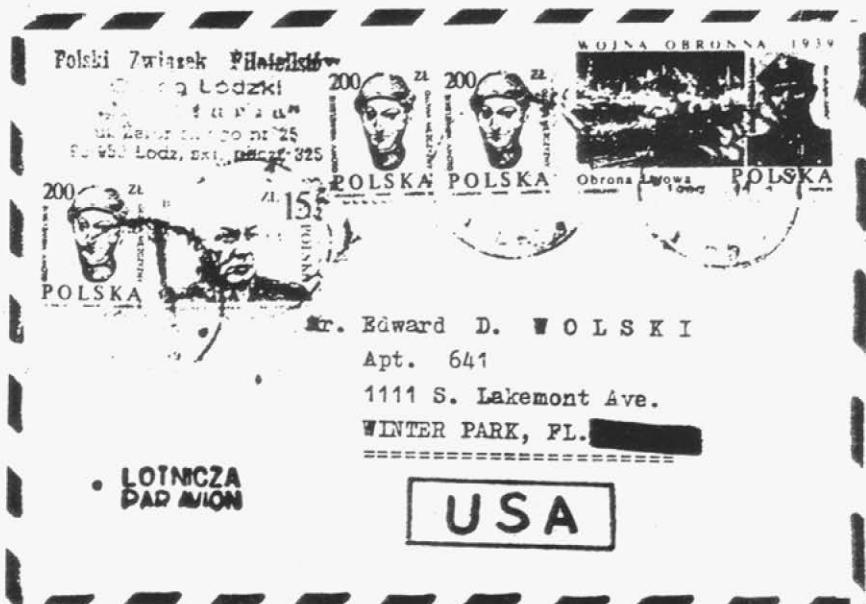
Remuszko suggested that the Post Office print nondenominational stamps for specific services to be sold at current rates.

The office for Postal Supplies furnished the following information:
— 500 zl. stamps will be issued in November, 1989. Stamp remnants will be used for overprinting with new values to save the cost of printing.



This letter was mailed on December 15, 1989. An earlier 400 zl stamp was overprinted with the new value of 500 zl.

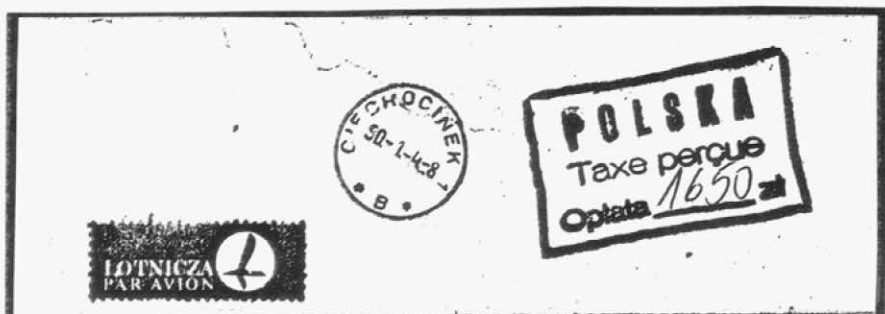
- 1500 zl stamps (for out of town mail) and the 1000 zl stamps promised for November or in the first half of December at the latest.
- 400 zl stamps were planned for the pre-holiday season as an in-house printing operation on self-adhesive paper. The Post Office resorted to this measure because the Banknote Paper Plant (Wytwórnia Papierów Wartościowych) offered delivery of stamps only at a much later date.
- 2000 zl and 5000 zl stamps are in the design stage but will be issued in the first half of 1990 at the earliest depending on when the decision will be made to print them.



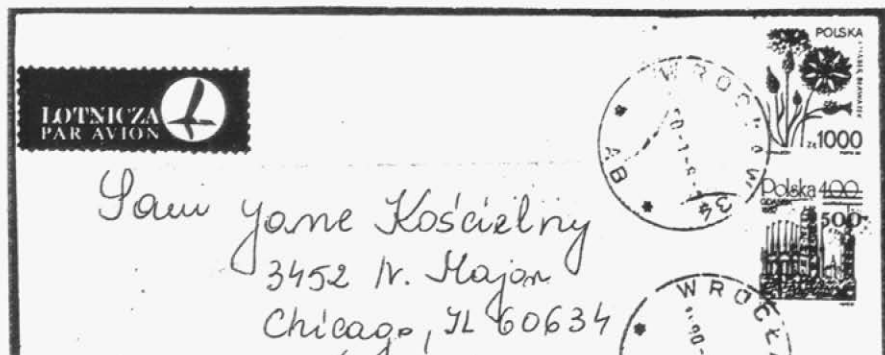
The existing 200 zł stamps were in great demand for foreign postage. The above letter was mailed on December 11, 1989 at the cost of 650 zł.



The total postage on this letter was 1105.50 zł which required 21 stamps. The letter was mailed Nov. 17, 1989 and evidently, the Post Office in Poznań was not supplied with higher denominations. The 500 zł appeared in Dec.



The lack of postage stamps resorted some post offices to use rubber stamps with the clerks filling in the amount of postage paid. Mailed January 4, 1990.



This cover was mailed January 8, 1990 with a rate of 1500 zlotys.



The rate of postage would change from month to month, week to week, and even sometimes from day to day. Total amount of postage on this letter is 1950 zlotys. Mailed January 16, 1990.

Imperforate and Partially Imperforate Poland No. 1

By STANLEY KRONENBERG

Figure 1 shows a folded letter franked with Poland No. 1 sent from Lublin to Warsaw. The black cancellation has the number 73, the red mailing postmark of Lublin is dated 4/1, and the red arrival postmark of Warsaw has the date 6/1. The text of this letter is dated January 4, 1865.

The left and bottom sides of the stamp on this cover are imperforate, the perforated top and right sides were not separated from the sheet by tearing but show signs of having been cut off with scissors as may be visible in Figure 2.



FIGURE 1.



FIGURE 2.

This stamp contributes to the understanding of the origin of the so called imperforate & rare partially imperforate varieties of Poland No. 1. The perforating machine was primitive; perforations in some sheets were poor, incomplete or even partially missing. Instead of struggling with the tearing off of the stamps, postmasters used occasionally scissors to separate them from sheets even in cases where perforations were present.

It appears that real imperforate Poland No. 1 stamps were never issued either intentionally or erroneously.

WINNERS' CIRCLE

At a recent CHICAGOPEX 89 held in November at O'Hare Expo Center in Rosemont, IL, Chicago Philatelic Society hosted the Germany Philatelic Society 40th Anniversary Convention. The GPS participated with at least 25 different exhibits and a dozen seminars and get-togethers.

Polonus Honorary Member, Bernard A. Hennig chaired the Jury. Two Silver Awards were presented to Wladyslaw Dziemanczuk for "Dan-zig" by CPS and GPS. Two Silver-Bronze Awards went to Roger Szymanski for "Rhein Main Pioneer Airpost 1912" by CPS and GPS. A Silver-Bronze CPS Award was given to Vito S. Lukosevicius for "Lithuania Postage Stamps and Covers 1918-1941".

HONORARY MEMBER FRAN RYBARSKI

At a past Polpex, Frances Rybarski was awarded Honorary Membership in Polonus and we failed to report it in our Bulletin. Fran



Fran Rybarski with her collection at the first POLPEX held in 1940 at Oaza Hall, 1250 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago.

(Photo: Henry A. Scheafer)

was one of the early officers in the Society as she served as Secretary in the first administration back in 1939. For many years now, those who attended the Polpex shows saw Fran and her husband, Al, at the Polonus table selling souvenir sheets, covers, and other Polonus material. She was active in earlier Polpex exhibitions and was known for her Kosciuszko - Pulaski collection which was prepared with the help of hubby Al. She collects Poland, U.S. and Ladies on stamps. She also collects post cards, among which is a collection of pictures of post offices on one side and its cancellation on the other side.

Fran has worked for Polonus incessantly. For many years now she and Al have been handling the mailing of the Bulletin. Her husband, who is presently our Treasurer and has continued Board meeting accompanied by Fran.

Stamp Market Tips

By JOHN ROSS

Danzig became a free city and state in 1919 under the protection of the League of Nations. Poland received part of Danzig's territory in 1925 and established the Port Gdansk post office there. Poland issued special stamps for use in the Port Gdansk zone. Most of them are scarce and worthwhile owning.

One of the most difficult Port Gdansk issues is the 1 zł. stamp with a portrait of President Ignacy Moscicki, Scott 1K24.

The stamp, surcharged vertically "Port Gdansk", had a printing of 108,600. It was good for postage until September 15, 1936.

It seems that very few 1 zloty values were sold at the post office. Remainders were destroyed. Today the stamp is scarce and difficult to find. The 1990 Scott catalog prices it hinged for \$82.50, down \$27.50 from 1989 catalog value.

Dealers in Europe are usually looking for this stamp and are willing to pay approximately \$50 for it. Scott catalog warns of counterfeit surcharges, but I have never seen any mint counterfeits.

Buy the stamp in used condition only with an expert's certificate.

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Pope John Paul II in Philately

By: ARKADIUSZ WALINSKI



POPE JOHN PAUL II IN SCANDINAVIA

The 42nd Apostolic journey of Pope John Paul II took place June 1-10, 1989, when the Pope visited five Scandinavian countries: Norway, Iceland, Finland, Denmark and Sweden.

The region's Christian roots go back to the Middle Ages, when Catholicism was firmly established in four of the countries by the beginning of the 11th century and in Finland during the 12th century.

Currently, Lutheranism is either the state religion or the favored one throughout the five countries. It swept away Catholicism in the aftermath of the 16th century Protestant Reformation, when it was accepted by the region's kings who as rulers imposed it on their subjects.

The principal purposes of the trip were to visit and encourage the 200,000 Catholics, a small minority, in Scandinavia; to seek better relations with Lutherans; to emphasize the relevance and need for Christian moral norms in the highly secularized society of the region.

Dates and places of the Pope's itinerary were as follows:

- June 1-3: Norway - Oslo, Trondheim and Tromsø (above Arctic Circle)
- June 3-4: Iceland - Reykjavik and Thingvellir
- June 4-6: Finland - Helsinki and Turku.
- June 6-8: Denmark - Copenhagen, Roskilde and Om.
- June 8-10: Sweden - Stockholm, Uppsala, Vadstena and Linköping.

VATICAN:

Postmark in Latin commemorating the beginning of the 42nd Apostolic journey of Pope John Paul II to Scandinavia:

- + 10. PAULUS II NORVEGIAM ISLANDIAM +
- + FINNIAM DANIAM SVEBIAM VISIT +
- + POSTE VATICANE - 1-10.VI.1989 +

Portrait of Pope John Paul II.

There is an error in the Latin text. Instead of Svebiam it should read Svetiam (Svebiam in Latin means Swabia a district in Southern Bavaria).



NORWAY:

Commemorative postmark used in Tromsø:

- + PAVEN BESOKER VERDENS TAK +
- + 9000 TROMSØ 3.6.1989 +

Portrait of Pope John Paul II above the Arctic Circle with 70 and 80 latitudes. Translation of text: "Pope visits top of the world."



ICELAND:

Commemorative postmark used in Reykjavik:

- + REYKJAVIK +
- + HEIMSKON JOHANNESAR PALS II. PAFA +
- + 3 Juni 1989 +



In center is a statue of Saint Thorlak, Icelandic bishop, patron of Iceland. Translation of text: Visit of Pope John Paul II."

FINLAND:

Commemorative postmark used in Helsinki:

- + HELSINKI / HELSINKFORS +
- + JOANNES PAULUS PP. II IN FINLANDIA +
- 4.6.89 (also used on 6.6.89).

Crossed papal keys. Translation of text: "Visit of Pope John Paul II in Finland".



DENMARK:

Postage meter used by St. Ansgar Foundation of the Catholic Bishop Curia in Copenhagen. It shows the monogram JP2 with cross. Text: "FORKYND EVANGELIST" translates to "Preacher of the Gospel."



Commemorative postmark used in RY:

- + RY + 7. JUNI 1989 +
- + PAVENS BESØG PA-OMBORGEN +

Monogram JP2 with cross. Translation of text: Pope Visits PA-OMBORGEN + Catholic Center and Pilgrimage site.



SWEDEN:

Commemorative postmark used in Stockholm on June 8, 1989:

- + 8.6 STOCKHOLM GLOBEN 1989 +
- + JOHANNES PAULUS II I SVERIGE +

Three crowns and papal crossed keys. GLOBEN — name of stadium where the Pope celebrated Mass.



Commemorative postmark used in Uppsala on June

- 9, 1989: + 9.6 UPPSALA 1989 +
- + JOHANNES PAULUS II I SVERIGE +
- Three crowns and papal crossed keys.



Commemorative postmark used in Vadstena June 10, 1989: + VADSTENA / 10.6.1989 +
+ JOHANNES PAULUS II +

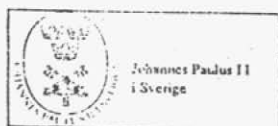


Three crowns, papal crossed keys and statue of St. Bridget, patroness of Sweden.

Non postal postmark used in Linköping with regular postal cancellation on June 10, 1989.



Postage meter used in Stockholm publicizing visit of Pope John Paul II.
+ STOCKHOLM 31.5.1989 + JOHANNES PAULUS II I SVERIGE
Three crowns and papal crossed keys.



POPE JOHN PAUL II IN SPAIN

Pope John Paul II, on the 43rd foreign trip of his pontificate, visited Spain, August 19 thru 21, 1989, to take part in events connected with celebrations of the World Youth Day on August 20, 1989 held in Santiago de Compostela in Northwest Spain. The city, site of the tomb of St. James the Apostle and one of the principal places of pilgrimages in Europe. The high point of the Pope's pilgrimage was a morning Mass celebrated at the esplanade of Monte del Gozo before a throng of four hundred thousand young people from fifty countries.

VATICAN:

Postmark in Latin commemorating the beginning of the 43rd Apostolic journey of Pope John Paul II to Spain:

- + IOANNES PAULUS II CAMPUM STELLAE +
- + ADIT IUVENES CONVENTURUS +
- + 19-21, VIII. 1989 +
- + POSTE CITTA DEL VATICANO +



Portrait of Pope John Paul II in mitre and with pastoral cross. Translation of text: John Paul II in Compostela — Meeting with young people.

SPAIN:

One postage stamp, 80 peseta depicts Pope John Paul II and faces of four young people. Inscription on lower side of stamps: PAPA Y JUVENTUD "Pope and Young People". First Day of Issue: August 19, 1989.



First Day of Issue postmark used in Santiago de Compostela:

- + EL PAPA y LA JUVENTUD +
- + JORNADA MUNDIAL +
- + PRIMER DIA DE CIRCULACION +
- + 19 Agosto 1989 + Santiago de Compostela +



Portrait of Pope John Paul II. Translation of text: "Pope and Young People – World Youth Rally, First Day of Issue.

First Day of Issue postmark used in Madrid:

- + EL PAPA Y LA JUVENTUD + 19 Agosto 1989 / MADRID +
- + PRIMER DIA DE CIRCULACION +

Pope John Paul II with raised hand. Translation of text: Pope and Young People". First Day of Issue.



First Day of Issue postmark used in Barcelona. Same as used in Madrid.



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NEW ISSUES

By ROMUALD ODROWSKI

First Moon Landing 20th Anniversary



A 100 zloty commemorative was issued July 21, 1989. Rotogravure printed at PWPW, Warsaw. Perf. 11 x 11½. Pictured is an astronaut and the Eagle module. Designed by Z. Stasik. This stamp also appears in a souvenir sheet with a multi-colored margin and exists perf. and imperf.

Philex France 89



In conjunction with the 1989 International Exhibition PHILEX-FRANCE 89 a 100 zł. value with se-tenant label was issued July 3, 1989. Perf. 11½ x 11. Designed by J. Wysocki, rotogravure printed at PWPW, Warsaw. Shown is an allegorical figure of France and the years 1789-1989, the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution. The label shows the exhibition logo. Also exists in souvenir sheet form. The sheets sold for 270 zloty with a surcharge to benefit the Polish Philatelic Alliance.

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