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CANADIAN FORGERIES OF POLISH MATERIAL

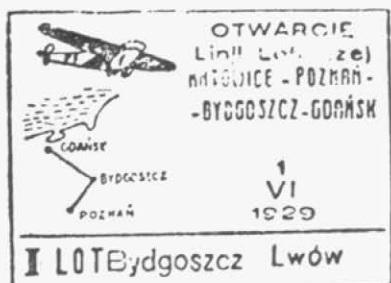
By T. J. GOBBY

Some months ago, Polonus learned of the existence of certain forged items of Polish philatelic material. The exact details and circumstances of this latest chapter in the scheme to de-

fraud the collector are not readily available. All that is known is the individual who was selling, and apparently manufacturing, this material was arrested, tried, and convicted in Toronto, Canada in June, 1975.



The above markings have been made from rubber devices seized by the police at Toronto from a person convicted of fraud, possession of instruments of forgery and forgery. Philatelic items bearing these marks have reached the philatelic market and collectors - especially of Poland and Aerophilately - are urged to check their purchases carefully. (Illustrations reprinted from THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST)



John Bartczak, Polonus Librarian, received a letter from Dr. F. Stulberg of Toronto which stated: "...the trial finished... and the person responsible was sentenced to 18 months for forgery, possession of tools of forgery, and fraud." It is not known what became of the rubber devices and material which were confiscated at the time of the individual's arrest. It is hoped that it has been destroyed at its most properly should be. Perhaps someone who has a more intimate knowledge of this case will be good enough to share it with our Society.

Dr. Stulberg also forwarded a copy of "The Canadian Philatelist", Vol. 25, No. 4, July-Aug., 1974. An article entitled: "Fake Postal Markings/A Special Feature", pp. 248-253, illustrates a number of forged cancellations, cachets and postal markings. It is not known if all of the forged material was illustrated.

The illustrated examples are primarily related to Polish aerophilately of the pre-W.W. II era (viz., first flights and balloon mail). Some of the original material which has been forged is relatively rare and hence, many collectors are not readily aware of the differences between the genuine and spurious material. Accordingly, we stress the old "caveat emptor": Check your material carefully **before** you buy!

Based on the material which was illustrated I have compiled a listing to which fellow collectors can refer. The first grouping is as per POLSKIE ZNAKI POCZTOWE, TOM III, and the numbers indicate which markings were forged:

27	222	333-5	551
31	224-6	391-2	552
32	227	470	698
178-191	305-6	548	779-780

Other illustrations:

Cancellations for AERO-TARG, Poznan, June 28, 1921. Numerous registry markings, cachets and slogans pertaining to Polish aerophilately.

German, Palestinian, French, Estonian and U.S.A. date stamps.

19th century circular date stamps of Warsaw in Russian and Polish. Also a German "Warschau" circular date stamp: May 21, 1916 (7-8N).

Also illustrated were the following Polish circular date stamps:

Chotynicz*	Aug. 31, 1936
Czarna k/Ustrzyk***	Aug. 16, '36
Katowice Urząd P.	June 1, 1929
Kraków 1 *2k*	Jan. 31, 1936
Lwów 1 *2k*	no date
Lwów 1 *i*	June 13, 1928
Lwów 1 *2i*	June 13, 1928
Lwów 1 *2i*	June 2, 1930
Lwów 1 *2k*	Jan. 31, 1936
Lwów a, Krajowa Wystawa	
Lotnicza	June 19, 1936
Peliszcz a	Aug. 30, 1936
Toruń a,	
Tele-Telegr.	June 3, 1938
Warszawa 1 *2k*	June 12, 1928
Warszawa 2	Apr. 30, 1934
Warszawa 19b, Port	
Lotniczy	May 1, 1934
	(2 types)
Wilno 10 **	Nov. 28, 1936

Author's note:

Special thanks are extended to John Bartczak and Dr. F. Stulberg, prominent Canadian Philatelist and editor of "The Canadian Philatelist", Journal of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. It is collectors such as Mr. Bartczak and Dr. Stulberg who help to further philately in ex-

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P.A.N.A. TO ISSUE BICENTENNIAL MEDALLION



The design for a Bicentennial medal to be issued by the Polish American Numismatic Association of Chicago, was selected from 170 entries in a contest and won a \$400.00 cash award for Zdzislaw Nowinski of Hamtramck, Michigan.

The winner of a Bicentennial medal design contest conducted by the Polish American Numismatic Association of Chicago, Ill., is Zdzislaw Nowinski of Hamtramck, Mich.

Nowinski received a \$400 cash award for his prize-winning design, one of 170 submitted by artists in the U.S., Canada, Poland, Brazil, Austria and Australia. Other prize winners were: Seweryn Jasinski of Warsaw, Poland, second, \$200; Roman Loza of Chicago, third, \$100; Władysław Piórko & Henry Pracz, both of Gdańsk, Poland, fourth, \$50; and Ryszard Dudzicki of Warsaw, Poland, fifth, \$50.

Cash for the awards was donated by Emil E. Wencel, Dr. and Mrs. Tadeusz Niedzielski, Dr. Alexander Rytel & an unnamed member of the sponsoring club.

Honorable mention was awarded to Stanisław Goldyn, Złoty Stok, Poland; Wanda Goslawska and Józef Markiewicz, both of Warsaw, Poland; Eveline Grabben, John Markut and Tadeusz Pawlak, all of Chicago; Seth Huntington of Minneapolis, Min.;

M. Owczar-Iwaniuk (two entries) and Kazimierz Was (two entries), both of Łódź, Poland; Joseph Koscinski, Elliot City, Ill.; Stan Mekicki, Gliwice, Poland; Ceslau Romasko of Sao Paulo, Brazil and Marion Wisniowolski of Brooklyn, N.Y. Piórko and Pracz, who received the fourth prize, also received honorable mention for another entry.

The winning design features two bells, the U.S.A. Liberty Bell and Sigismund's Bell of Poland, above an emblem linking the two nations across the ocean and the identification "Polish-American Numismatic Assoc. Chicago"

On the other side, George Washington is portrayed between Thaddeus Kosciuszko and Casimir Pulaski, beneath 13 stars and above the Bicentennial slogan "200 years of USA 1776-1976."

Medals, 2½ inches in diameter, will be struck in silver & bronze by the end of this year. Inquiries about them should be addressed to the Polish American Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 1873, Chicago, Ill. 60690.

FROM SOUTH AFRICA

I recently received a letter from our member in So. Africa, Paul Keller, which described a rather interesting item.

Mr. Keller writes:

"Being under the impression that most of the local delivery stamps on postal entries, especially those of Czeszochowa and Łódź, are philatelic in origin, I thought it might be of interest to give some publicity to an item I acquired recently, a postcard from Czeszochowa to Łódź, photograph of which I am enclosing.

The text of the card is non-philatelic and deals with family matters. The card was delivered in Łódź by the L.F.F., and the relevant delivery stamp was applied. However, the addressee was not to be found ("Nicht zu ermitteln", in faulty German, on the right bottom margin of the card), and the card was returned to the sender in Czeszochowa. It was delivered to him by the local delivery service, as indicated by at least one of the Czeszochowa delivery marks, but he appar-

ently refused acceptance ("Annahme verweigert Zurück", on the left margin of the card), and the card was returned to the "dead letter" office where it was marked with a further Czeszochowa delivery stamp on August 8, 1916 (?)."

The story could be different, but my interpretation seems to be reasonable and logical. Of one point I am fully convinced: that the postcard shows the genuine use of both delivery stamps, and that it is in no way philatelic.

Inasmuch as I collect material from this period I can state that I have yet to see an obvious non-philatelic item such as Mr. Keller possesses. It is especially intriguing to see a piece that bears both the Łódź "L.F.F." stamp, and the Czeszochowa delivery stamps.

If any of our readers can shed further light on the subject it would be most appreciated. You may write either to me or: Paul Keller, 7 Vredenburg Circus, Rosebank, Cape 7700, So. Africa.

—Thomas J. Gobby



Photograph of the card described in this article. Note the "L.F.F." stamp and the two Czeszochowa stamps.

GRUSZKA WINS "BEST OF SHOW"

While a number of Polonus members were winning awards at STAMPEX 75 in Toronto, another of our Canadian members, John Gruszka (#626) of Woodstock, Ontario won the "Best of Show Award" at the Oxford Philatelic Soc. Exhibition. John's entry was "Polish Forces Abroad".

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If your number is not included but did mail, please write requesting another form.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS**Friday, October 10, 1975 —**

Regular business meeting, at Polish Veterans Home, 6005 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago. Starting at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 24, 1975 —

No meeting. Postponed to following week.

Friday, October 31, 1975 —

Program meeting. Dr. Miet Kamienski will journey in from Canada to give us a talk on "The Toronto Forgeries of First Flights and Balloon Mail of 1922-29". Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m. Beeba to follow.

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Location: Weisz Stamp & Coin Hall

Vice President Alfred Szebel opened the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

No treasurer's report was available — Al Rybarski being on vacation.

Librarian John Bartczak had nothing new to report pending ideas from the membership concerning lending policy.

Journal editor Jim Mazepa reported the next problem to overcome was the cost and quality of plates to illustrate the articles to be used.

Bill Jusack mentioned at this point that the Board of Directors is beginning to revise the Society By-Laws.

A committee was selected comprised of Walenty Poniecki, John Bartczak and Alfred Szebel to negotiate with the responsible persons for Polonus rental of a meeting room, frame storage, and future exhibit hall at the Polish Army Veterans building, 6000 West Irving Park Road. Also to be discussed would be kitchen facilities and lockers to house the library.

Mr. Frank Wolosewick volunteered to become the Polonus translator & also accepted to index our Bulletins from #200—300.

Frank held the floor and reported on the correspondence concerning the English language Polish catalog, Polonus is hopeful will be published in Poland. The idea has hit a snag somewhere along the line but as Frank went on to say, those he has been in contact with feel chances are excellent that it can be done and to continue in our efforts.

A motion was presented by Mr. Strzelecki, that post card notification of meetings be done while Polonus is under extraordinary circumstances. (Possible change in permanent meeting place, joint meeting with other clubs, one meeting a month during the summer). Mr. Wolosewick seconded the motion which was passed by voice vote.

Mr. Mazepa asked for the floor and introduced the thought that Polonus needs a Program Chairman. Presently the chore is being done by various officers in an uncoordinated fashion. After a short discussion Jim consented to take on the responsibility.

As the meeting progressed Bill Jusack presented a motion that Polonus apply for membership in A.P.S. in order to take advantage of benefits such as program material and stamp circuits. John Bor seconded the motion with voice vote acceptance.

With all old and new business disposed of, Mr. Szebel called for adjournment. John Bartczak presented the motion, seconded by John Bor and carried by voice vote. Adjournment at 9:50 P.M.

—William R. Jusack, Secretary

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

As you all know, preparation for the membership directory is under way. Classifications added will be #26 Polonica and #27 Polish D.P. and Internment Camps. These new numbers will be shown along side members names who have mentioned them. Should others wish these 2 new numbers included along side their names, having already returned the form, please write and advise.

It will be necessary to be paid up for 1975 to be included in the directory.

The Chicagoland membership has a new meeting site. Included will be an exhibit hall for 1977, use of a kitchen, storage space, and space to house our proposed library. Our hope is to lend the material in this library to out of town members. Before we proceed in forming rules and publishing lists, we would like to know how many members would make use of this facility. Write, and also give us your thoughts on how to go about this.

A few of you have written and asked about stamp circuits. — Polonus is applying for membership in A.P.S., who has a fine circuit program that will be made available to all members.

We have not forgotten the ideas of "Expert Committee", "Chapters" and please don't you forget to get your exhibit entry forms in for "Polpex 76".

—Bill Jusack, Sec'y

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Would like to get some information or literature on Lithuanian Castles. Write: Robert J. Konowicz, 3 Spring Ct., Grange Road, Guildford, Surrey, England.

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