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SLANIA ESSAY SHEET – A FIRST FOR POLONUS

Czeslaw Slania, world renowned artist and engraver to the Royal Court of Sweden, etched the illustrated essay sheet on the 50th anniversary of Polonus. The execution of the project met difficulties. Due to personal problems, Slania was unable to print the essay by himself. Because it is a complicated process, printing one at a time, it had to be done by the banknote printing shop in Sweden. This process is very costly with a high percentage of waste.



Early in February, upon his return from Poland, Slania signed a small quantity of the essay sheets and mailed them to Fred Szebel. They arrived on the last day, too late for distribution at the Polpex.

Members may purchase this rare and only engraving of Czeslaw Slania for Polonus. It was originally designed by Leon Szebel. Both are Polonus Honorary Members. A mint sheet signed by Slania costs \$25.00. A used sheet on cover with Polpex 89 cancel of Feb. 12th costs \$35.00. Only a limited amount available. Write to: Al Rybarski, Box 82, River Grove, Illinois 60171.

POLPEX 89 - OUR BIGGEST EVENT EVER

It was a cold, blustery week preceeding the show but when the POLPEX opened on Friday, the weather let up, the sun came out, and so did the people. About 3,000 attended this three-day event and contributed to the success of this, the largest ever, Polish stamp and coin show on the North American continent. Przybylo's House of the White Eagle in Niles, IL was bustling with activity February 10-11-12, during the 50th anniversary show.



Fred Szebel, Polpex Executive Chairman, cu's ribbon at official opening ceremony on Friday morning. Left to right: Walenty Poniecki, Nestor Jan Witkowski, Ryszard Szymanski, Romuald Odrowski, Roman Strzelecki, Dr. James Mazepa, Fred Szebel, Dr. Stanley Kronenberg, Art Walinski, Joseph Podejko, Dr. Miet Kamienski, Dr. Conrad Straub, Ted Kwiecinski, Piotr Madej, Chet Marcyn and Andrzej Roszkowski.

(Photo: Mark Dobrzycki)

The full scope of Poland's philately was covered in the 200 large frame showing of collections which came from Switzerland, Great Britain, Poland, Canada, and all parts of the U.S. The numismatic display was very attractive with six exhibits of members of the Polish American Numismatic Association.

Some of Poland's rarest items were shown in the Court of Honor exhibit of Polish Provisional Issues of 1918-21 of Zbigniew Mikulski. A splendid study and research collection of the Krakow Overprints of 1919 was also displayed by Dr. Miet A. Kamienski in the Court of Honor.

An outstanding exhibit of the Kingdom of Poland - 1858-1875, was selected for the Grand Award. Presentation was made to its owner, Dr. James Mazepa of Oak Park, IL at the Beeba held that Saturday.

The main speaker at the Beeba was Prof. Wenceslaus Wagner, who gave a humorous description of philatelists and philately. Guest speaker, Edward J. Moskal, President of the PNA and PAC, lauded Polonus and



PANA President, Arthur Marquart, received congratulations and Jagiello medal for his Copernicus exhibit from presenter, Louis Koncza.



Honorary Membership was awarded Dr. Stanley Kronenberg by Fred Szebel, for his countless literary contributions to the Polonus Bulletin.



Numismatists at bourse of Janusz Kubicki. His table was a collector's paradise.



A special award was given to Morris Rosen of Baltimore, MD for his Ghettos and Concentration Camps collection.



Wladyslaw Dziemianczuk of Canada receives a plaque from Polish Philat. Federation of Great Britain for his Danzig exhibit.



Marion Dudek of California received a special award from Polonus for compiling an index of the Polonus Bulletins from No. 1 to 400.

PANA for their promotion of Polish history and culture. Editor Chester Schafer told of the accomplishments of Polonus over the past fifty years.

Polonus received a plaque from the Chicago Philatelic Society on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee. The Polish Philatelic Union of Poland (Polski Związek Filatelistów) presented Polonus with a gold medal. The staff of the Polonus Bulletin received a silver medal for its contribution to Polish Philately as the oldest continuous publication of its kind.

Award presentations were made by judges Dr. Miet Kamienski and Nestor Jan Witkowski with Dr. Stanley Kronenberg. Numismatic awards were presented by Louis Koncza.

A sumptuous meal was served at the Beeba, beginning with some delicious "krupnik." Entertainment was provided by the Polonez Dancers who performed a suite from the Opoczno region. After a change of costumes they treated us to a lively "Krakowiak."

Never have so many out-of-towners come out for Polpex. Besides Ryszard Szymanski and Nestor Jan Witkowski of Poland, there was the renown expert Zbigniew Mikulski of Switzerland, Andrzej Roszkowski and Marian Dabrowski from the Polish Philatelic Federation of Great Britain, President Jozef Podejko of the Polish Philatelic Society of Canada along with Dr. and Mrs. Miet Kamienski, Mieczyslaw Lubinski, W. Gruszczyk, E. Neumann, R. Poddubiuk, and P. Madej of Canada.

From different parts of the U.S., we saw Jan Niebrzydowski of Connecticut, Stanley King from Florida, Marion Dudek and Mrs. Pawlowski of California, E. Dreger of Michigan, Morris Rosen of Maryland, Dr. Conrad Straub of Minnesota, Mr. and Mrs. Orzechowski and Roger Szymanski of the Slania Study Group and Pol.-American Stamp Club of Milwaukee, Joseph and Henry Bieniecki of Southern Illinois and many more.

Saturday afternoon the Club Room at the White Eagle was busy with continuous lectures. Dr. Miet Kamienski gave an interesting slide presentation on Polish Postal History. Dr. Stanley Kronenberg gave us valuable information on preserving and storing Philatelic Material. Following was another slide lecture by Dr. Conrad Straub on Poland's I & II Provisional Issue after W.W. I. Numismatists were treated to speaker Louis Koncza's topic on Silver Coinage of Poland 1924-39.



FRED SZEDEL

On Sunday morning a busload of visitors left on a tour of Chicago's Sears Tower, Polish monuments on the lakefront, and a visit to the Polish Museum with PANAs Louis Koncza acting as guide.

Our bourse consisted of 30 tables with most of Chicago's dealers, including some from Iowa, Wisconsin, Colorado, Canada and one from Switzerland. Sales were good. Most dealers left well pleased with Polpex.

POLPEX 89 was the greatest undertaking of the Society to date. It was an enormous amount of work by its executive chairman, Fred Szebel, and his committee. Congratulations Fred, on a job well done!

POLONUS PHILATELIC SOCIETY GOLDEN POLPEX 89 JUBILEE



Polonus Philatelic Soc. is one of the oldest in the world. Its members participate in exhibitions throughout the world, representing our Polish culture by showing the world their beautiful and valuable collections.

On this, our Golden Jubilee, it is fitting to wish the Polonus Family, many happy returns with better years ahead and a "starepoluskie STO LAT!"



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\$100.00 Polpex 89 Patrons

A \$100.00 or more patronage of our Golden Jubilee is still welcome, since the expenses were very high and deficit is more than possible. Few of the special medals are still available for those members who would like to help us financially. Send your contributions to: Fred Szebel, 1615 E. Central Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. Make checks payable to: Polonus/Polpex 89. Thanks for your support!

In Our Mail Box

Szanowny Panie!

Z okazji Złotego Jubileuszu Waszej tak wielce dla sprawy polskiej filatelistyki zasłużonej organizacji, składam wszystkim Działaczom i Członkom w imieniu Polskiej Grupy AIJP oraz swoim własnym, serdeczne życzenia dalszej owocnej działalności.

Za Zarząd Polskiej Grupy AIJP

—J. Z. Piekut, Przewodniczący
Międzynarodowe Stow.
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Po pierwsze proszę pozwolić pogratulować Panu i podziękować za doskonale zorganizowaną wystawę. Wątpię czy w przyszłości nadarzy się wiele podobnych okazji oglądania tyle wspaniałych eksponatów filatelistyki polskiej na jednej wystawie. Niesamowicie miło było mi także wznowienie osobistego kontaktu z wieloma filatelistami i nawiązanie nowych kontaktów.

—Ryszard Z. Poddubiuk



Collectors had many stock books to browse through. Dealers reported most activity on Sunday.



The Polonez Dancers performed during the Beebe. They did a suite of the Krakowiak and another with dances from Opoczno.



Al and Frances Rybarski manned the Polonus table, selling Polpex covers, souvenir cards and sheets.



Dr. James Mazepa presented Polonus with a plaque on behalf of the Chicago Philatelic Society.



Twenty three dealers made up the bourse coming in from such distances as Colorado, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Canada and Switzerland.



Secretary Ted Kwiecinski bought some souvenirs at the Polonus table from Al Rybarski. His duties at the Polpex included setting up and taking down the frames, which Ted did very well.



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10. Guest speaker at the Beeba was Edward J. Moskal, President of the Polish National Alliance and Polish American Congress.



Polpex 89 had the largest amount of frames with exhibits ever. The Victoria Room of the House of the White Eagle was an ideal exhibition hall.



alf? Marian Dabrowski, President of the Polish Philatelic Federation in Great Britain, made a presentation to Polonus.



The U.S. Postal Service accommodated visitors to the Polpex with the latest commemoratives and special Polpex cancels on their letters.



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g Prof. Wenceslaus J. Wagner was the main speaker and gave a humorous talk on philately and philatelists.



A numismatic showing of six exhibits made up the presentation of the Polish American Numismatic Association. This also was the largest showing ever.

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMISSION

By DR. MIET KAMIENSKI

At the outset, I wish to make it perfectly clear, that POLPEX '89 is not a competitive exhibition — rather it is, what in Europe would be classed as a STAMP SALON.

In a salon, all exhibits are only by invitation, they all receive the same award for participating. There is no competition for the usual gold, vermeil, silver, silver/bronze and bronze awards.

I may say that ALL the exhibits here are of exceptionally high caliber.

The organizing committee of POLPEX '89 called together a commission made up of Dr. Kronenberg, Jan Witkowski and myself to distribute the eleven additional awards which were very kindly donated by various people and organizations. The donors are listed in the Catalog.

As you will see from your Catalog, the organizing committee deleted two exhibits, namely that of Zbigniew Mikulski (at his own request), his outstanding collection entitled: "Polish Provisional Issues 1919-1921". The second was my own: "The Krakow Overprints 1919", as I am the Chairman of the Awards Commission.

I assure you that we had a very difficult task in making these special awards. They are being given out not in any order of merit, but strictly by the exhibit number as listed to the left of each title in the catalog.

Exhibit No.:

1. "The Kingdom of Poland: 1770-1870" — A. A. Roszkowski.
Crystal Vase Award - Polish Philatelic Federation of Poland.
3. "Kingdom of Poland: 1858-1875" — Dr. J. Mazepa.
Special Plate Award - Polonus Grand Award.
4. "R. R. Post Office in Warsaw: 1858-1939" — S. Glowinski.
Award: 3 Medals donated by Mr. Podejko.
5. "Municipal P.O. of Warsaw: 1915-1918" — J. Kaprowski
Award: Mikucki Memorial Award.
6. "1st Polish Corps of W.W. I" — Dr. J. Kuderewicz.
Award: Chopin Wood Carving donated by J. Witkowski of Poland.
7. "W.W. I Formation of the Polish Armed Forces" — Lech Popielowski
Award: President's Award - Clock donated by R. Strzelecki
11. "Danzig 1757-1945" — W. Dziemianczuk
Award: Plaque by Polska Federacja Filatelistyczna w W. Brytanii
13. "Postal History of Katowice to 1939" — P. S. Madej.
Award: Plaster Plaque by Dr. Ozimek of Poland.
16. "150 Years of Polish Fieldpost" — J. Niebrzydowski.
Award: Statue of Marshal Pilsudski donated by Mrs. W. Pawlowski
20. "Ghettos in German Occupied Poland: 1939-1945" — M. Rosen
Award: Icon donated by A. Roszkowski of England.
23. "Polish Field Post in Middle East & Italy 1940-46" — J. Kucharski
Award: Goblet donated by R. Szynowski of Poland.

Each exhibition also received a diploma of participation and the specially prepared Presentation Award, The Polonus Medal on a walnut base.

Signed this 11th day of February, 1989 by the Awards Commission:
Mieczyslaw Kamienski, Chairman - Jan Witkowski - Stanley Kronenberg

Text of Letter from P. Z. F. President, Henryk Bialek

Following is a translation of the letter read by Ryszard Szymanski at the Polpex 89 Beeba on February 11th:

"Last year we celebrated the 70th anniversary of Polish independence. This of course permitted philately to flourish and led to the First Polish Philatelic Exhibition in Warsaw in 1919. The brutal tragedy of 1939 interrupted our planning for the national exhibition in Lodz in 1940 and halted philatelic activity. Despite our situation in Poland, the Polonus Philatelic Society carried on the tradition of philately. After World War II, the Polish Philatelic Union established contact with Polonus and pledged their cooperation. We participated in your Polpex shows.



"Your fiftieth anniversary created much interest among the thousands of philatelists in Poland. We are honored to have received an invitation to attend your celebration at Polpex 89. In return, the

Polish Philatelic Union is organizing a POLONIA 89 exhibition in July of this year to honor Polonus' Golden Jubilee. You are invited to show your collections at Warsaw. Come, meet, and socialize with us.

"In the name of the 340,000 members of the Polish Philatelic Union, I send you greetings, extending their best wishes to you for good health, long life, happiness, and success in your philatelic ventures. We await your visit to our country.

"With best regards,"

Henryk Bialek, President
Main Administration
Polish Philatelic Union (P.Z.F.)

Translation by Chester Schafer

In Our Mail Box

Cała eskapada do Chicago była pełna wrażeń tak jak do, tak i w drodze powrotnej.

Sama impreza Złoto Jubileuszowa była udana bez zastrzeżeń. Z ubocznych obserwacji podkreślam, sam sukces całości, musimy zawdzięczać szczególnie Tobie Fredziu. Nie ma najmniejszej wątpliwości, że wiele, wiele miesięcy musiałeś skrupulatnie planować, aby zrealizować na takim poziomie te Złote Gody Polonusa. Echa tej wystawy często będą powracać a w historii Polskiego Ruchu Filatelistycznego będą pisać i czytać

nie jeden raz.

Możesz śmiało podnieść głowę do góry i powiedzieć sobie: zrobiłem wszystko co było możliwe w ludzkiej doskonałości i szczerze mówiąc zasługujesz na specjalne wyróżnienie.

—Marian Dąbrowski

Raz jeszcze dziękuję Tobie za zorganizowanie tak świetnej Wystawy, minusów nie zauważyłem, może tylko to, że miałeś tak mało pomocy. Zdziwiła mnie duża frekwencja, to cieszy. Miejsce na wystawę wybrałeś najlepsze z najlepszych.

—J. Niebrzydowski



President Roman Strzelecki accepted three awards from Ryszard Szymanski and Jan Witkowski given to Polonus on its 50th by the Polish Philatelic Union in Poland.



A. Roszkowski's Kingdom of Poland exhibit netted him a crystal vase award from PZF in Poland.



Jerzy Kucharski's Polish Fieldpost in the Middle East and Italy got him a goblet donated by R. Szynowski, Poland.



Piotr Madej of Canada receives a plaque award from Poland from Jan Witkowski.



Editor Chester Schafer being presented with a Silver Medal award given to the Polonus Bulletin, the longest running such publication in the world.



Entries Chairman Art Walinski accepting silver award for Dr. Jozef Kuderecz for his First Polish Corps, World War I.

ANOTHER POLONUS 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION . . . POLONIA 89 EXHIBITION at WARSAW, POLAND

Ryszard Szymanski, a delegate of the PZF of Poland, announced at our Polpex 89 Beeba that our Golden Jubilee will be recognized and celebrated at POLONIA 89 in Warsaw, July 14-20, 1989.

We encourage our members and friends to exhibit and attend this event in Poland. Exhibitors should immediately contact the Organizing Committee of Polonia 89, Aleje 3 Maja 12, 00-391 Warszawa, Poland. Telephone 26-25-01; Telex 817104 PL.

Some of our members expressed a desire to visit Poland and take part in the Polonia 89 Exhibition. The cost of a direct flight by PAN-AM from Chicago to Warsaw (July is the peak season) Mid-week \$1099.00 round trip; week-end \$50.00 additional. A flight from New York is about \$180.00 less; from Los Angeles \$180.00 more. Polish LOT flights are a little less.

Various land tours of Poland are available from seven days for \$410 and up to \$950 for 13 days. Also possible are side tours of Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Austria and Lithuania. Or you may just stay at the hotel in Warsaw.

For more information write to Wanda Szebel, c/o Matco Travel, 6136 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60646 or call 312 - 763-4406.

More detailed information will appear in the next Polonus Bulletin.

—Fred Szebel

In Our Mail Box

Dear Fred,

I was traveling a lot and therefore could not write earlier.

I'd like to congratulate you most sincerely on the excellent job you did in organizing POLPEX '89. It takes much more than talent, knowledge, skill, diligence & dedication to arrange everything in detail as well as you did.

The show was excellent and I enjoyed it very much. Thank you!

The best to you and yours,

—Stanley Kronenberg

I am very sorry and feel very bad that I will not be able to attend the special program of celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Polonus.

I wanted to attend but I am unable, because of poor health.

I wish all of you a very successful

exhibition and event. Your organization has done a great contribution not only of philatelic history of Poland, but encouraging an activity that is constructive, instructive, enjoyable and beneficial. It gives the citizens of U.S. a knowledge of the history of Poland.

Keep up the good work.

Matt A. Gajewski, M.D.

Now let me say how nice it was to meet and talk with you at the show. Also, what's to say about the exhibits, etc. It was just One Great Show. I'm sorry I just couldn't stay longer, but at least I did get to be there.

That's it for now and I hope to hear from you again soon.

Thanks again,

—Casey Sadowski

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CORRECTION

In the article on "Catalogue of Polpex Souvenir Sheets" by R. H. Strzelecki and A. Klosowski, which appeared in the POLPEX 89 Souvenir Program, we mistakenly gave credit to some wrong souvenir sheet designers. On the Polpex 85 souvenir sheet the designer was Edward Link and not the Polish Scout Organization. On the Polpex 88 souvenir sheets the designer was Art Walinski and not Polonus.

A thousand pardons!

BUFFALO STAMP SHOWS

Polkapex 89 honored the 50th anniversary of transatlantic airmail. It was hosted by the Polish Cadet Stamp Club, March 4-5 at the Polish Cadet Hall in Buffalo, NY. A cacheted cover noted the show theme and included a pictorial cancel.

Covers are \$1.00 each with a stamped, addressed envelope are available from Edward Falkowski, 33 Airview Dr. Depew, NY 14043.

The Plewacki Post Stamp Club hosted ALPEX 799, March 17-19, at the Adam Plewacki Post Auditorium in Buffalo, NY. The show theme honored Pierce Arrow cars built in Buffalo. A cacheted cover & pictorial cancellation depict the theme.

Covers are \$1.25 each, with a stamped, addressed envelope. Send orders to: Michael Battaglia, 385 Paderewski Dr. Buffalo, NY 14212.

KOSCIUSZKO EXHIBIT AT POLISH MUSEUM

The Polish Museum of America 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Chicago, opened a new exhibit, "Kosciuszko, a Hero of Two Continents." A huge collection of Kosciuszko letters, documents, engravings & other memorabilia will be displayed, showing his public service, military achievements and fight for freedom on two continents. The exhibit will last till April 27th.

IN OUR MAIL BOX

I'm sorry that I missed the Polpex Affair. I was in a very serious car accident, hit by a man passing a red light.

Just wanted you to know that I am living — but don't remember much regarding the accident. Please say hello to the membership. God love you and God keep you safe.

With fraternal greetings. I am.

—Dr. Edward C. Rozanski