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The United States Information Agency, Washington, D.C. publishes a monthly magazine AMERYKA (America Illustrated) for distribution in Poland. Their April 1969 edition carries a full page article, entitled FILATELISCI SPOD ZNAKU POLONUSA (literal translation: "Philatelists Under the Stamp of Polonus") written by your president, Chester Schafer. The article is printed in the Polish language and illustrates the five United States postage stamp issues honoring Poles and Poland. The Pulaski, Kosciuszko, Poland Flag, I.J. Paderewski Champion of Liberty set and the Poland's Millennium commemoratives are reproduced in their natural colors.

It was a year ago at this time that your president was contacted by the U.S. Information Agency regarding an article describing POLPEX 1968. After they received the write-up their editor was impressed and wanted to know more about POLONUS and its activities, and requested an article of about 1500 words in length.

Such an article was submitted last July. It was written in the English language, as requested, and described the beginning of POLONUS, the publication of its Bulletin, the Polpex exhibitions and souvenir sheets, the participation of Polonus in First Day Stamp Ceremonies, the part the so-

ciety played in securing the issuance of the Paderewski Champion of Liberty and Poland's Millennium postage stamp issues, participation in POLSKA 60, the rise in popularity of Poland's stamps, and other contributions of POLONUS to Polish philately.

Some time later we were pleased to learn that the article was accepted for publication and that it was submitted for translating. Our efforts were finally rewarded in this month's edition of AMERYKA when the article appeared on page 62.

AMERYKA readers in Poland will now have a better understanding of POLONUS and its activities in promoting Polish philately.

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PRZEMYSŁ FLIGHTS IN POLISH PHILATELY

By DR. JOZEF KUDEREWICZ

The "Polonus Bulletin" reprinted in Nos. 215 and 216 (October and November, 1963) two articles from the Austrian Philatelic Society Bulletin giving most complete accounts of mail sent from besieged Przemyśl in 1915 by Airplanes and Balloons.

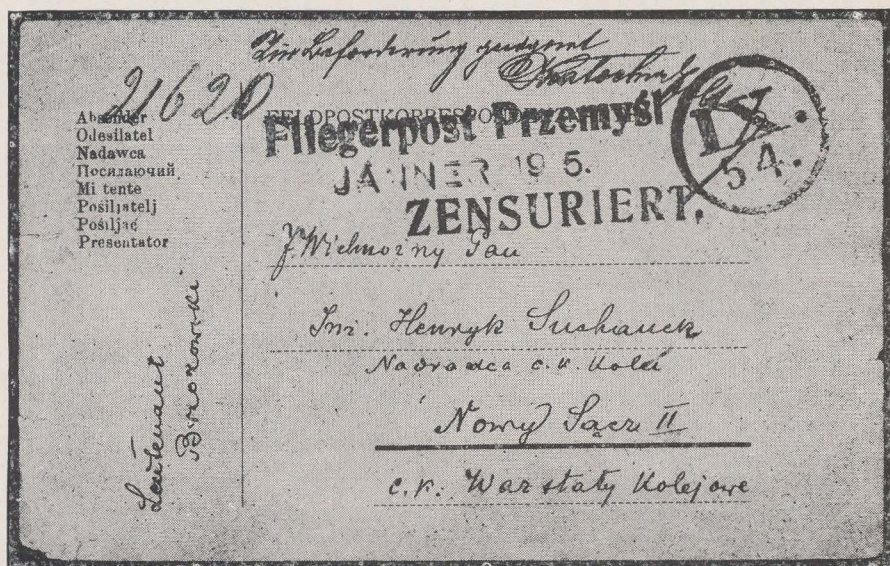
Both articles lacked a few important points —

1. Being written by an Austrian, the articles failed to mention that Przemyśl (40,000 population), although at that time Austrian (in Galicia) was and is Polish and is still within the borders of Poland.

From these few facts it is surprising that this interesting portion of philately is somehow "neglected" by Polish Philatelists.

AIRPLANE FLIGHT POSTCARD

1. Yellow paper
Number handwritten
Two censor markings
Rubberstamped **Fliegerpost Przemyśl** — type IV and control marking type V
Addressed and written in Polish by Lieutenant Brzozowski



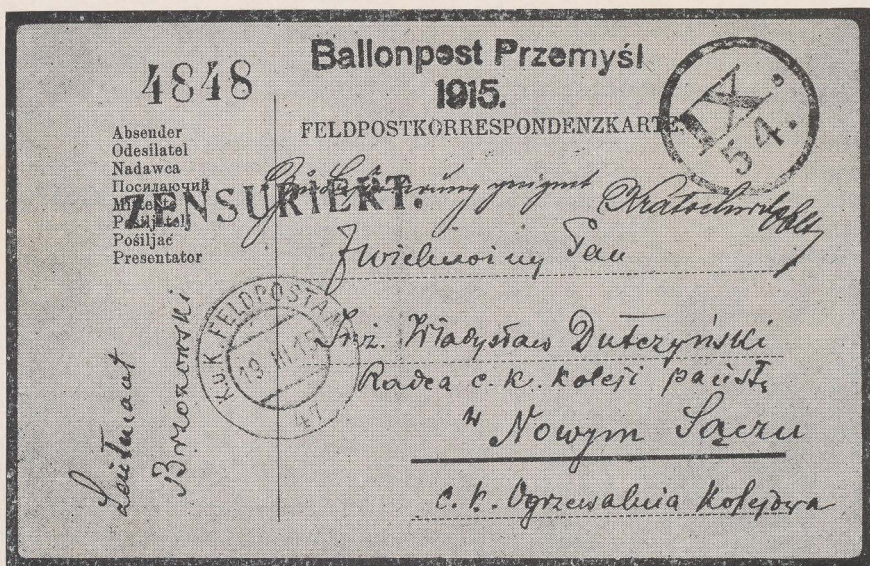
Airplane Flight Postcard rubberstamped "Fliegerpost Przemyśl"

2. That although most of the Austrian Army in besieged Przemyśl was Hungarian — but from the available Flight Postcards some other nationalities are recognized and among them Polish.
3. It should be noted that the use of Aeroplanes as a means of transporting mail from besieged Przemyśl is considered to be the first actual airmail in the world.

Sent from Przemyśl by one of three airplanes (flights 6, 7 and 8) on January 18, 1915, all three planes landing safely in Brzesko.

BALLOON FLIGHT POSTCARD

2. Blue paper
Number printed
Two censor markings
Rubberstamped **Ballonpost Przemyśl**



Balloon Flight Postcard rubberstamped "Ballonpost Przemysł"

Control marking type V
Addressed and written in Polish
by Lieutenant Brzozowski
Sent by unmanned Balloon
Released on March 7, 1915 and
found near Turja-Remete and

was cancelled by the "K.U.K.
Feldpostamt 47" on March 19,
1915.

ZMIANA TERMINU OPŁATY ROCZNEJ CZŁONKÓW POLONUSA

Ponieważ dużo naszych członków mylnie odezytuje daty opłaconych składek na karcie członkowskiej — postanowiliśmy zmienić termin opłat. Dotychczas nasz rok kończył się z dniem 31-go stycznia. Obecnie nasz rok płatniczy będzie kończył się z rokiem kalendarzowym t.j. z dniem 31-go grudnia.

Równocześnie chcemy zaznaczyć aby członkowie nasi dokładnie czytali **nasze** biuletyny, w których znajdują się przypomnienia. Wysyłanie bowiem upomnień, ze względu na chroniczny brak czasu (każdy z nas pracuje zawodowo) i wzrastające koszty przesyłki jest w dalszym ciągu niemożliwe — a nasza składka od wielu lat pozostaje ta sama. Przeto wdzięczni będziemy za przysyłanie zaadresowanych i ofrankowanych kopert, a jeżeli kogoś stać — prosimy o opłacenie składki członkowskiej za okres dwóch lat.

— To upraszcza pracę —

Sądzymy, że nasi członkowie ustosunkują się do powyższego przychylnie, za co z góry dziękujemy.

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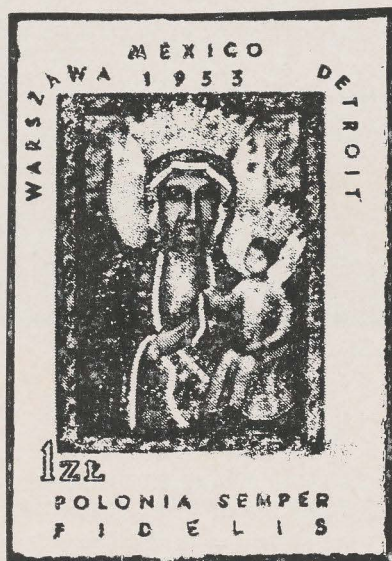
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POLAND AND MEXICO

Last November the writer was in Mexico City at the international philatelic exhibition and enjoyed the tour and the hospitality of numerous hosts as well as the Elmhurst Philatelic Society, an international organization devoted to Mexican philately.



A question that suggests itself is: "Well, Myron, what does Mexican philately have to do with Polish philately which is your prime interest?" Good question. It is precisely what I would like to know and am seeking an answer from readers of the *Polonus Bulletin*.

The Elmhurst Philatelic Society has a cover with a brown and black label as illustrated herewith. What is it? Who issued it? What was the purpose of occasion of the issue? To whom and how was it distributed? In what quantity? Are others available?

What was the occasion in 1953? What is the significance of Warszawa, Mexico, Detroit? The value 1 zł. infers that the issue originated in Poland. Do you have facts or concrete information? No guessing, please.

Share your information with Myron E. Steczynski, 3555 N. Neva Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60634, who will pass it on both to our Elmhurst friends and to *Polonus* members.

FROM THE TREASURER

In order to avoid further confusion and misunderstanding, we have decided to change the expiration date of your membership from January 31st to December 31st so that it will be identical to the calendar year. In other words, your 1969 membership card will loose its validity as of December 31st, 1969 and not January 31st, 1970.

At the same time, we would ask our members to watch for reminders in our "Bulletin". Mailing individual reminders is both time consuming and costly. Please consider that:

1. Our officers work at a full time job and the time they donate to the society is limited.
2. In spite of rising mail costs and printing, the amount of our dues has remained the same for many years.

May we suggest that wherever possible, members who can, send in two years' dues and include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

We sincerely hope and trust that our members will show us understanding and cooperation.

— Stanley Dobrzycki

OUR APPRECIATION

Our thanks to Mrs. Bernice Uznanski for the gift of her late husband's Polish philatelic literature to the *Polonus* library.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, May 9, 1969 —

Program Meeting. Guest speaker:



JOHN G. ROSS

John G. Ross, editor of "Stamp Market Tips" column appearing in STAMPS weekly. Mr. Ross also owns and operates "Chicago's Friendly Stamp & Coin Store" at 12 W. Madison St., downtown Chicago. His topic: "Stamp Market Tips For Poland Collectors."

This meeting will be held at the Bagatela Club Hall, 2nd floor, 1122 Milwaukee Ave., starting at 8:00 p.m. A Beeba will follow.

Thursday, May 15, 1969 —

Joint Meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society and POLONUS at the Sherman House, Clark and Randolph Streets, first floor, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Leon P. Kozakiewicz has been invited to speak and his topic will be "Pre-Philatelic Covers of Poland."

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— Annual Dues are \$2.50 —

No Meeting on May 23rd.

Friday, May 30, 1969 —

Meeting at COMPEX 69, LaSalle Hotel, LaSalle and Madison Sts., at 8:00 p.m. The Room Number will be announced later.

HANDBOOK OF UPPER SILESIA

The "Handbook of Upper Silesia" article by Dr. M. A. Rayall de Ragan will be continued in the May issue of the "Polonus Bulletin".

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