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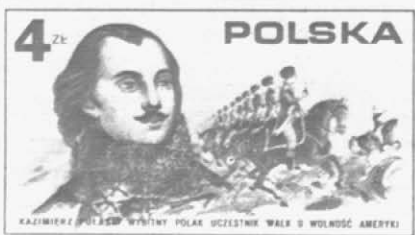
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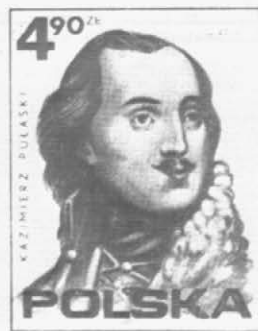
POLAND ISSUES U.S. BICENTENNIAL STAMPS



On September 24, 1975 the Polish Post issued a set of 5 commemoratives and a sheet honoring the bicentennial anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America. The stamps picture the

participation of Poles in American history.

1.00 zl.—Arrival of the first Poles on the American continent in the "Mary and Margaret" sailing vessel in 1608.



1.50 zł.—Glass factory built by Poles in Jamestown in 1608.

2.70 zł.—The great actress Helen Modrzejewska, 1840-1909. Famous the world over for her lead roles in the dramas of Shakespeare, Słowacki and Schiller.

4.00 zł.—Casimir Pulaski, 1747-1779, who fought with the Polish Legions for U.S. independence. Fell at the battle of Savannah.

6.40 zł.—Thaddeus Kosciuszko, 1748-1817, Polish national hero who took part in the U.S. war for independence.

On the three postage stamps printed in a sheet, each of 4.90 zł. value, are shown the U.S. Revolutionary War heroes: George Washington, Thaddeus Kosciusz-

ko, and Casimir Pulaski. Both Kosciuszko and Pulaski, fought "for your freedom and ours."

The stamps were offset printed on chalky paper at the State Printing Works of Securities (PWPW) in Warsaw, in sheets of 30 stamps each. Total quantities issued: 1.00 zł. - 10,000,000; 1.50 zł. 10,000,000; 2.70 zł. - 8,000,000; 4.00 zł. - 7,000,000; 6.40 zł. - 2,500,000. Designed by Thaddeus Michaluk.

—RUCH

MEMBERS MART

Town cancellations wanted for the German Occupation of Poland and Ober-Ost during W.W. I. Cancellations also desired for the Marienwerder Plebiscite. Please write to: Gerald O. Zedlitz, 4707 Kentfield Road #10, Stockton, California 95207.



Photos of artist Gorol's sculptored plaster models of Polonus U.S. Bicentennial Medallion just received from Warsaw.

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MEMBERS MART

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POLPEX 76 is shaping up to be the best show ever. The theme is great: participation of Poles in the U.S. War of Independence. The glorious deeds of Kosciuszko and Pulaski will be recalled with the displays of philatelic and numismatic material at the exhibition. Polonus will have a specially minted Bicentennial medallion for the occasion. We have booked the Grand Ballroom of the LaSalle Hotel in downtown Chicago. Our expenses will be the largest ever.

To foot this bill we are seeking Polpex Patrons. Your donation of \$50.00 or more will entitle you to receive this medallion in gilded form with your name and serial number engraved on it. Pay it in two installments if you wish, one now, the other before the show. Only 200 medallions to be minted, so you'll really get something worthwhile. Send in your check now to Chester J. Mikucki, 4704 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge, IL 60656.

POLONUS AWARDED CERTIFICATE BY ILLINOIS BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

POLPEX 76, which honors the U.S. Bicentennial, merited the awarding of a certificate of appreciation from the Illinois Bicentennial Commission. Official presentation of the certificate to Polonus will take place at the Beeba-Banquet on Saturday evening, March 20, 1976 at the LaSalle Hotel.



IN MEMORIAM
RAYMOND BIALOBRZESKI

PROPERLY POLISH?

By T. J. GOBBY

In the closing days of World War I the Russian Empire, like the Hapsburg Empire, crumbled. A whole host of new countries, asserting a new-found independence and finding themselves free of occupying shackles, declared their autonomy. A national assembly met in Kiev and formed the Ukrainian National Republic in 1918.

During its brief five year tenure the Ukraine managed to issue a number of stamps. Most of these issues were overprints and surcharges on Russian and Russian Offices in the Turkish Empire stamps of the period of 1900-1910. However, the Ukraine managed to put out several issues which were solely "Ukrainian" products. Among these were a set of five values (shagiv as the monetary unit: 200 shagiv = 100 kopecks = 1 ruble) issued in 1918 and listed in Scott as #62-66. This set was typographed, printed on thin paper and exists perforated or pin-perforated unofficially.

Apparently Ukraine Scott #62 in Scott 66, was issued in a relatively large printing. Catalog values list the set, both mint and used, for less than \$1.00 USA. Somehow, somewhere, someone obtained a stock of this issue applying an overprint. The Scott catalog has the following note: Nos. 62-66 surcharged "a" and "b" are of private origin. (See illustrations).

"Polskie Znaki Pocztowe" Vol. IV, states the following:

Ukrainian stamps (Zumstein #1-5) with machine made ovpt.: Eagle, new value in black, violet, or red.



Enlargement of overprint. This overprint was the same for all stamps, the only difference being the value (2 gr., 5 gr., 10 gr.)

According to the Polish catalog these stamps are usually found with the following cancellation (all of which are fictitious):

PLKAHAOSK POL. KOR.
BLAHAOSK POL. KOR.
BEKAHALOSK POL. KOR.
Always with date: 6.9.19.

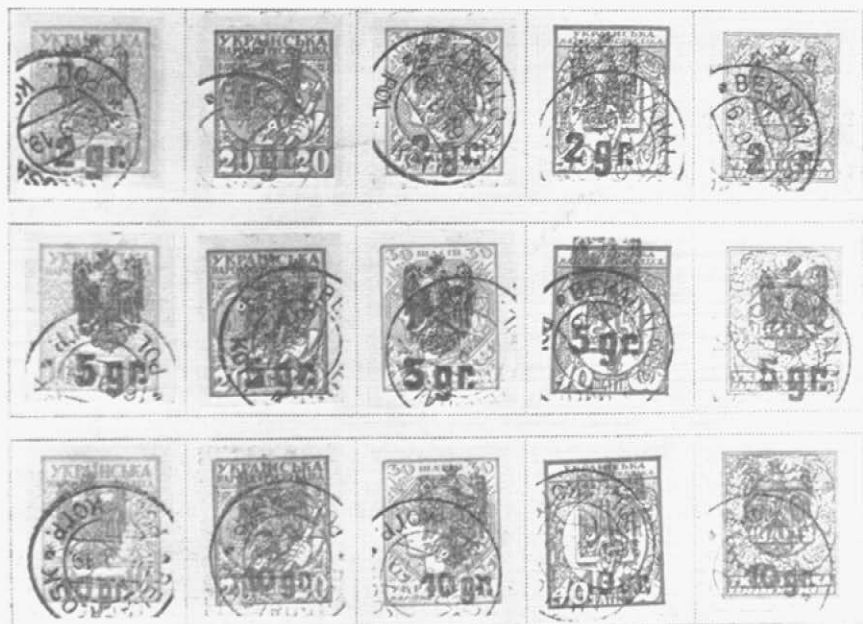
Also known are cancellations with "Winnica".

Illustrated in this article is the cancellation "Bekahaalosk".

This issue frequently appears on the market in complete sets of 15, or cancelled to order on cover. Some prices noted: complete sets (15), used: \$15-25; on cover (complete set of 15): \$35-\$50.

The overprint which was applied was fairly simple. It consists of a stylized Polish Eagle and new value expressed in Polish groszy: 2 gr, 5 gr or 10 gr.

There are five values in the basic Ukrainian issue: 10 sh, 20 sh, 30 sh, 40 sh and 50 sh.



Complete set of 15 of Polish eagle overprinted Ukraine stamps. The Ukrainian set was overprinted in three colors: 2 gr. (black); 5 gr. (violet); and 10 gr. (red).

In overprinting this issue each value received an overprint of the Polish Eagle and new value in Polish groszy:

- 2 gr—black overprint
- 5 gr—violet overprint
- 10 gr—red (carmine) ovpt.

Of the various overprints the clearest or most distinct overprint seems to be the black (2 gr) overprint. The violet and red overprints appear smudged or blurred somewhat. Perhaps this can be attributed to the quality and consistency of the inks used.

At best there seems to be some connection to this issue with the Polish-Soviet War of 1920-21. Who was responsible for this set is not known, and may never be known in the course of more than half a century since the appearance of this set in the year 1921.

The author respectfully requests and welcomes any information that our members and readers may have regarding this

issue. Those who know anything about this issue or other similar type emissions are asked to write to the author.

YOUR LAST CHANCE TO EXHIBIT AT POLPEX 76

The amount of frames to be set up at POLPEX 76 is limited. A large number of entries of exhibits are anticipated as this is the greatest POLPEX ever. Deadline for your preliminary entry form is November 18, 1975. So if you intend to exhibit and have not sent in your preliminary entry, do so immediately. Remember, the minimum amount of frames that you can show is four. Every exhibitor whose entry will qualify for showing at POLPEX 76 will receive the special Polonus U.S. Bicentennial Commemorative medallion. Mail in that preliminary entry to: Edward Link, 4952 No. Nordica Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60656.

Some Interesting Polish Weeds

By T. J. GOBBY



Section XIX, Vol. IV of "Polskie Znaki Pocztowe", lists a rather interesting set of "stamps". This particular set is labelled as a fantasy issue. While the Postal History of Poland, 1914-1945, is my main interest I never miss an opportunity to pick up collateral material for this time period. Recently I had the good fortune to come across a set of five interesting "stamps."

This set has the same design for all values. Printed in a 21 x 32.5 mm. format a lady in a Phrygian Cap is illustrated in a double line oval frame within a double line vertical rectangle. The wording "Poczta Polska" appears in the top box and the values, in Fennigs, appear in the lower boxes. Ornamental designs grace the UL and UR edges of the oval and posthorns grace the LL and LR edges of the oval. Colors of the 5 values are:

5 fen.		light green
10 fen.		light red
20 fen.		light rose
25 fen.		light blue
50 fen.		light brown

Printed on white paper with yellow gum they are listed as perforated as 11½. The set illustrated is imperforate. The catalog lists the cancellation as "Siedce, 3.6.19". The set illustrated bears a cancellation: "Siedce, 27.5.19".

Not much is known of the origin of this set other than that it was introduced in 1919 in several European countries by a private individual. Information as to how many were printed or distributed is lacking. This particular set was purchased in Buenos Aires, Argentina in the early 1950's by its present owner.

Previous mentions of this issue are in: "Fil. Pol. 2, 1920, No. 1, p. 7" and "Polskie Znaki Pocztowe 1935 p. 336". I have only seen this set once before and it was offered by a local dealer at a rather healthy price.

Especially appreciated would be any information our members could furnish relative to this issue. Of particular interest would be any covers with this issue. Does such material exist?

J. J. BIALY TO PUBLISH

Dr. J. J. Bialy of New York has responded to the call to contribute articles on Polish Philately to the Philatelic Press. His plans call for articles with the A.P.S. "American Philatelist", Linn's, & Polonus. Our thanks go to Dr. Bialy. It is sincerely hoped that our other members will follow Dr. Bialy's lead. Remember — it is up to us to promote Polish philately. Who else will do it?

—T. J. G.

DR. KAMIENSKI GIVES US FIRST HAND REPORT ON FORGER

Our Canadian member and good friend, Dr. M. A. Kamienski, with the aid of numerous color slides, gave a most informative lecture regarding a recent Canadian case involving extensive forgery of Polish philatelic material.

The case began in 1974 at "STAMPEX 74" held in Toronto, but Dr. Kamienski related events as early as 1972 involving the individual central to this forgery case. Involved in these early incidents were the "Kraków" and "Warwiszki" issues.

A dealer at "STAMPEX 74" to whom this individual sold forged material caused the arrest and confiscation of both the forged material and forgery devices. Through the perseverance of a HY TURKIN, the responsible stamp dealer, the forger was successfully prosecuted.

Illustrated were the molds, numerous handstamps and examples of the forged material.

Much Polish material, primarily aerophilatelic, was illustrated. Dr. Kamienski stated that this forged material has appeared not only in Canada, but also in Buffalo, N.Y., N.Y.C., Chicago, and Los Angeles.

After thorough examination of the material, special dossiers of examples of this forged material will be sent to various U.S. and foreign expertization committees. The remainder of the material will then be destroyed.

It is Dr. Kamienski's intention to publish a study of this case in the philatelic press.

Polonus thanks Dr. Kamienski for sharing this valuable information with our membership.

—T.J.G.

NEW ISSUES

National Fund For Health Protection

In order to publicize the activities of the National Fund For Health Protection, a 1.50 zł. stamp was issued in July, 1975 showing a symbolic emblem. Rotogravure printed on chalky paper in sheets of 50 by PWPW Warsaw in a quantity of ten million. Designed by Krystyna Tarkowska.

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Security Conference

To commemorate the third stage of the Security Conference and co-operation in Europe, the Polish post issued a 4.00 zł. adhesive showing the symbolic letter "E" with the Polish national flag. Offset printed on chalky paper in sheets of 30 by PWPW Warsaw in a quantity of three million. Designed by Henryk Chylinski.

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UNO Thirtieth Anniversary

On the 30th anniversary of the United Nations Organization a 4.00 zł. stamp was issued on July 25, 1975, showing a symbolic drawing of the U.N. emblem. Offset printed on chalky paper in sheets of 30 by PWPW Warsaw in a quantity of three million. Designed by Andrzej Heidrich.

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50th Anniversary of First Polish Airmail Stamp

On September 25, 1975 the Polish Post issued two commemoratives on the 50th anniversary of the first Polish airmail stamp. 2.40 zł.—"Albatross" biplane of 1918-1925. Quantity issued: 7,000,000.

4.90 zł.—Jet liner. 2,500,000 issd. Offset printed on chalky paper in sheets of 50 stamps by PWPW Warsaw. Designed by Jacek Brodowski.

Friday, November 14th:

TRADING NIGHT — Bring in your duplicates to trade or sell. Nomination of Officers for 1976 will be accepted at this meeting.

Friday, November 28th:

Election of New Officers — This will be followed by a talk on "Polish Legion Mail" by Alfred Szebel.

Friday, December 12th:

CHRISTMAS PARTY at Krakus Restaurant, Chicago, by advance reservation only.

NEW ISSUES

Children's TV Programs

In August of 1975 a set of four stamps were issued showing the most popular figures of TV programs for children. Each stamp bears the symbol of the children health center.

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10,000,000 issued

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1.00 zl.—Jacek and Agatka
10,000,000 issued

1.50 zl.—Reksio
10,000,000 issued

4.00 zl.—Telesfor
900,000 issued

Multicolor printed in rotogravure on chalky paper in sheets of 50 by PWPW Warsaw. Design by H. Matuszewska.

International Women's Year

A 1.50 zl. was issued in September, 1975 on the occasion of International Women's Year. The stamp shows a drawing of three women of the three races and official emblem. Multicolor printed in rotogravure on chalky paper in sheets of 60 by PWPW Warsaw. Quantity: 15,000,000 issued. Designer: Stefan Małecki

Int. Institute of Statistics Session

Issued September 1, 1975 on the opening of the 40th Session of the International Institute of Statistics in Warsaw. The 1.50 zl. stamp shows the IIS emblem. Offset printed on chalky paper in sheets of 30 stamps at PWPW Warsaw. 6,000,000 issued. Design by Krystyna Rogaczewska.

—RUCH

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