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POLPEX 78 PREPARATIONS UNDER WAY



One of the two souvenir sheets designed by Leon Kawecki to be printed in 4-colors.

The weekend of March 18-19 promises to be a colorful highlight for Polonus as they host their annual exhibition. For the second consecutive year the site will be the Great Hall of the Polish Army Veteran's Building, 6005 West Irving Park Road, in Chicago.

The exhibition will pay special tribute to International Folklore. Poland, a country which has an especially rich folk heritage, will be the focus of the folklore exhibits, and invitations are extended to folklore enthusiasts of all nationalities to portray the beauty

of their culture through the medium of philately. In keeping with the theme the traditional medals will not be presented, but rather replaced by special awards of hand-carved folk art objects from Poland. A total of 140 frames, each accomodating nine 8½ x 11 inch pages, will be available. In addition to the folklore topicals, exhibits of Poland, United States, foreign, airpost and other topicals are welcome.

Twenty-two dealers will be on hand to offer a wide range of philatelic material. As usual, the

U.S. Postal Service will operate a sub-station at the POLPEX and a special show cancellation will be available with a folklore theme

Polonus artist Leon Kawecki designed two 4-color souvenir sheets featuring traditional Polish art designs and regional costumes. Souvenir cards and envelopes with commemorative cachets have also been designed to complement the colorful souvenir sheet. These souvenirs can be ordered from Mr. John Bor, 1810 N. Richmond St., Chicago, IL 60647. The souvenir sheets are 75c each, the souvenir cards \$1.25 each or \$2.00 with the special show cancel. The cacheted envelopes are 60c each or \$1.00 for a set of two with the special exhibition cancel of both days. All orders should include return postage.

Prospective exhibitors should contact entries chairman Mr. Ted Resner, 416 Illinois Av., Glenwood, IL 60425 immediately as space is limited and will be awarded by the exhibit committee on an availability basis. Interested dealers can contact the bourse chairman, Mr. Roman Strzelecki, 1620 North Latrobe Ave., Chicago, IL 60639. Other chairmen include: Mr. Alfred Szebel, General Chairman; Mr. Chester Mikucki, Well Wishers; Mr. John Bor, Ads & Sales; Mr. Chester Schafer and Mr. James Mazepa, Publicity; and Mr. John Bartczak, Set-up.

—J. Mazepa

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PLEWACKI POST EXHIBITION

The Plewacki Post Stamp Society's 22nd annual stamp and coin show will be held March 17 to 19 at the Post Auditorium, 385 Paderewski Drive, Buffalo, N.Y.

A stamp auction will be held at 1:30 p.m., March 18, and a coin auction will be held at 1:30 p.m., March 19.

Show hours will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., March 17-18, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 19. There will be no charge for admission.

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A New Discovery of a Poland No. 1 Multiple

By MIROSLAW A. BOJANOWICZ, RDP

Mint multiples of the first stamp of Poland are extremely rare. Before the war only one vertical pair was known and that was in the famous Tislowitz collection together with the largest recorded unit of Poland No. 1, a block of six. Both these multiples had sheet margins so that their position in the sheet could be established (fig. 1).

Both of these multiples disappeared during World War II, much to the despair of the owner. The block of six appeared in America, where it came into the possession of the well-known Polish collector, the late Dr. Leon P. Kozakiewicz of Chicago. The collection of Dr. L. Kozakiewicz was recently dispersed through Mercury Auctions, and the block of six was sold by private treaty to the Dutch collector Mrs. Poulie, now living in Switzerland.

The vertical marginal pair reappeared in Germany in 1971 in the salesroom of Salomon auctioneers, Berlin. It was purchased by the author by private treaty after the pre-war owner, Dr. Tislowitz, had agreed to the sale.

No other mint pair was known until 1969, when another pair, this time horizontal with part sheet margins (fig. 2), was auctioned



Fig. 2. Horizontal mint pair belonged to the famous French collection of Duke Polignac.

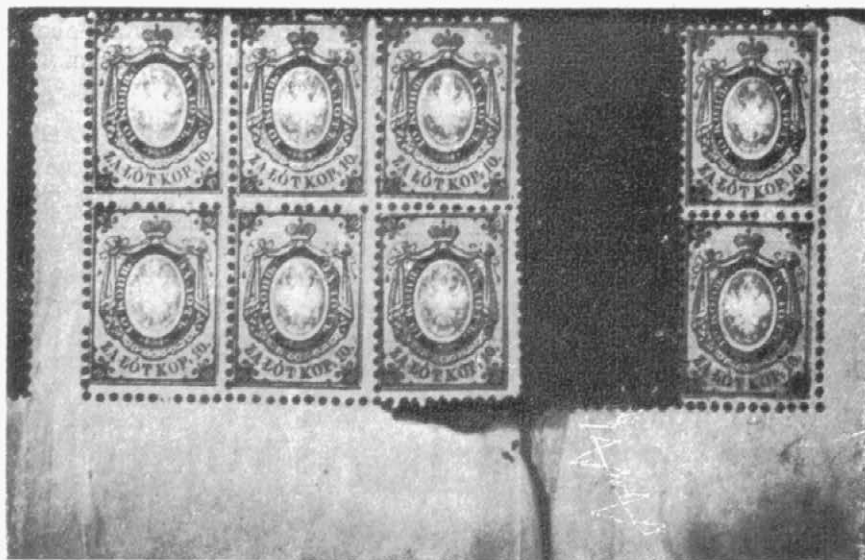


Fig. 1. Mint block of six and vertical pair from the pre-war Dr. Tislowitz collection. Pane IV, pos. 91/93 and 96/98. Pane IV, pos. 95 and 100.



Fig. 3. Newly discovered block of four broken into two pairs.

in Switzerland. It subsequently found its way to London and was purchased by the author.

Only recently the London auctioneers Phillips Ltd. discovered two vertical pairs with full original gum in the very dark shade of the first printing in an old-time

collection and offered them for sale. The pairs originally formed a block of four (fig. 3) but broke into two pairs through rough handling. A mint block of four had been unknown until then and this discovery, after so many years, is a sensation.

Not having full margins it is impossible to fix the pair's exact position in the sheet but as the left side of the stamp is undamaged it can be placed in pane II pos. 26/27 or pane IV pos. 76/77.

As with fig. 2 this mint multiple cannot be plated since it has no margins, but the discovery of another mint multiple is without doubt of importance to Polish philately.

Used pairs are scarce but not as elusive as the mint ones.

A used block of four (fig. 4) was known on cover in the pre-war collection of Rachmanoff but since his death the whereabouts of his collection is unknown.



Fig. 4. Used block of four on cover from pre-war collection of Rachmanoff.

IN OUR MAIL BOX

Chester A. Schafer, Editor
864 N. Ashland Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60622
Dear Mr. Schafer:

Have been doing some work for the issuance of a Pulaski stamp in 1979.

Writing to the Postal Service has produced a letter from Mr. Jack Williams, coordinator, Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, Administration Group, U.S. Postal Service, Washington, D.C. 20260. "it is not likely another will be issued in the near future". (He states there was a Pulaski stamp issued in 1931). I also wrote to Senators Glenn and Metzenbaum of Ohio. Senator Metzenbaum answered and has some of his staff following it up. I also called his Cleveland office and talked to Ladd Anthony, an aide who is Polish, and filled him in on this. He will also follow up.

A letter to my Congressman Ronald M. Mottl produced a reply. He forwarded my letter to the Postmaster General's Office and wrote that I would hear from that office. Today I received a letter from Mr. Paul Van Coverden, Senior Representative, Government Relations Department, Office of the Postmaster General, Washington, DC 20260. He advises me that a similar proposal as mine was received by the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee and is scheduled to be acted upon at the next meeting. His letter is dated December 19th 1977 and received here today, Dec. 22nd 1977.

The enclosed prototype of a stamp is taken from the Washington at Princeton 1777 issue of last summer. The painting is photographed from a reproduction in POLAND magazine 1966. The ori-



ginal is in the Polish Museum in Chicago. I will be sending a prototype to Mr. Paul Van Coverden and a xerox of it to Congressman Mottl. My game plan is this: Let's aim for issuance of a **bicentennial series stamp** honoring Pulaski at Savannah . . . just like Washington at Princeton, or Gen. Herkimer at Oskanay . . . both with the Bicentennial appendage similar or same as the one I worked up. We have a better chance this way than asking for a Pulaski stamp.

Frank Aleksandrowicz
Bay Village, Ohio

POLISH MADONNAS IN 'COROS'

"Beautiful Gothic Madonnas in Poland" is the subject of an article by Jozef L. Brodowski appearing in the August COROS **Chronicle**, bimonthly journal of the Collectors of Religion on Stamps. Brodowski is a regular contributor of Polish philatelic studies to the magazine.

Information on COROS is available for an SASE to Viola Esau, Secretary, 600 W. Orange Grove Rd., G-184, Tucson, Arizona 85704. Send \$1 for a copy of the August COROS **Chronicle**.

DR. LIPINSKI'S TALK IN HUNGARY

Each year the Hungarian people, as well as the Poles living in Hungary, celebrate Polish Army Day on October 12th. The Polish and Hungarian brotherhood in fighting their aggressors has been a tradition for the last thousand years. Poland and Hungary became known in history about the same time, in the Tenth Century. They fought together against aggressors from the West: the Holy Roman German Empire, later German and the Hapsburgian Empire; and aggressors from the East: Tartars and Ottoman Turks.

When the Polish "Spring of Nations" fell, many Polish soldiers and officers fled to Hungary where they fought with the Hungarian Independence Forces against the Hapsburgian Empire. The names of General Jozef Bem, known as "Daddy Bem"; General Jozef Wysocki, the founder of the Polish Legion in Hungary; both Counts Woronieckis; Edward Dembowski — leader of the "Polish Spring of Nations"; and many others as Mikowski — known under the pen name of Tomasz Jez, author of many historical novels, described the fight of freedom in Serbia — and many other names here in Hungary are well known.

The above talk, entitled "2077 Days of the Fight and Martyrdom of the Polish People", was made by Dr. Mieczyslaw Lipinski, of Poland, an Honorary Polonus member, on October 12th during the observance of Polish Army Day in Hungary. The talk was illustrated with slides of original postal documentation of postcards and letters from the POW. Interned and Concentration Camps and

Polish Field Posts of all areas where Polish soldiers fought.

IN OUR MAILBOX

Polonus Philatelic Society
To All Members:

You are of course familiar with the Polonus Handbook which is gaining wide recognition and numerous awards at various stamp exhibitions. I have the honor and pleasure of contributing to one of the forthcoming Handbooks, the theme of which will be "Polish Postmarks and Postmarks on the Occupied Polish Territories prior to the year 1801".

To make this a successful publication the assistance of all collectors interested in that period of Polish philately is needed. Information is sought with regard to all the literature related to this period as well as information about the postmarks themselves. A lot of this information exists at the moment in the Polish language only and it is hoped to make most of it available to the English reader. Finally, an attempt will be made to list all existing covers, illustrating all or at least the best of them, in the Handbook.

For this reason I am appealing to all readers of the Polonus Bulletin who can contribute any information, particularly those who own 18th century or earlier Polish covers or other postal history material, to write to me personally so that terms under which this information can be used or reproduced in the Polonus Handbook can be discussed.

Sincerely yours,

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PHILATELIC LITERATURE REVIEW

VADEMECUM FILATELISTY by Włodzimierz Goszczyński. Published by Ludowa Spółdzielnia Wydawnicza Warszawa, 1977, 292 pages. Price 90 zł.

An extensive compendium on philately for beginners and for advanced collectors. Richly illustrated handbook, many color tables. Covers the printing processes of stamps, the building of stamp collections, exhibitions, and history of the world philatelic movement.

CZESŁAW SŁANIA, HIS LIFE AND WORK by Dr. Mięczyński. Printed by Ator Tryk, Copenhagen, Denmark, 1977. 500 copies. 24 pages, 72 illustrations.

A complete "curriculum vitae" of the world's most reknown stamp designer and engraver who made over 500 postage stamps, stamp posters for nine countries, as well as other posters of movie stars, boxers, world statesmen, etc. Price \$3.00 (see ad).

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A monograph of the philatelic movement in Lodz. History of philately in Poland; development of the postal service; Ghetto Mail in Lodz; complete lists of meter postmarks, provisional cancellations after WWII, and commemorative cancellations since 1923.

—Dr. M. A. Lipinski

NEW ISSUES

Polish Engineers Congress.

A 1.50 zł commemorativ was issued on June 16, 1977 on the occasion of the 7th Congress of Polish Engineers. The bicolored stamp shows the emblem of the Chief Technical Organization. It is offset printed by PWPW Warsaw in sheets of 30 stamps on chalky paper. Total printing was 8,000,000. Designer: Karol Śliwka.

FOR SALE BREAKING UP POLAND MINT COLLECTION (No Used)

Many nice items, Most of Krakow issues signed and with A.P.S. Certificates (no J numbers on Krakows). Almost all sets, all Scott listed souvenir sheets, German Occupation complete and NH. Some inverted overprints signed by Mikulski, etc.

Please send wants or request detailed list. Only one of everything, no duplicates.

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UPCOMING PHILATELIC EVENTS

Friday, January 27, 1978:

"Frame-Fix Up Party" — Bring hammers, screw drivers and yourself. Refreshments will be served! Party starts 8:00 p.m.

Friday, February 27, 1978:

Joint Meeting with the German Philatelic Society, they will provide speakers. Beeba to follow.

Saturday & Sunday, February

ASDA Stamp Fair at the Hyatt O'Hare. Watch for date.

Sat. & Sun., March 3-4, 1978:

MILCOPEX Annual Exhibition and Bourse, Ramada Inn Airport, Milwaukee, Wisc.

Fri. & Sat., March 18-19, 1978:

POLPEX 78!!!

Fri. & Sat., April 1-2, 1978:

Rockford Stamp Club Annual Exhibition, now a National Show, at Clock Tower Inn, Rockford, Ill.

1978 DUES REMINDER

Just a note to let you know that dues for 1978 are payable

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May we suggest that members who can afford it, send two years dues. Include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you want to receive a membership card. If no stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed, it will indicate that you do not care to receive a membership card. Mail dues to: Roman H. Strzelecki, 1620 North Latrobe, Chicago, IL 60639.

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