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POLPEX 77 HELD IN AN ELEGANT SETTING

The Polish Army Veterans Building turned out to be a most elegant setting for POLPEX 77. The former bank building with its high ceiling, majestic balcony, chandeliers, and marble pillars added greatly to the presentation of the annual exhibition of the Polonus Philatelic Society held March 19-20 at 6005 W. Irving Park Rd. in Chicago.

An exhibit of over 130 frames treated viewers to a broad range of philatelic material which in-

cluded postal history, fieldpost, locals, perfins, balloon mail and Bicentennial exhibits. This range of material began with a Warsaw folded envelope from 1733 up to the present.

Twenty dealers reported a brisk business. A strong interest in U.S. as well as Polish material was evident as collectors moved from table to table. Space and Copernicus topicals are still alive as several dealers sold out their entire stock of these popular issues.



View of the exhibition from balcony above. (All photos by Expo Photography)

The United States Postal Service was on hand to service the needs of collectors with all the stamps and other philatelic materials still available.

The judges for the show did an outstanding job. They were on hand first thing Saturday morning and remained throughout the day until the difficult task was completed. The Chairman, Bernard Hennig, was assisted by John Ross and Myron Steczynski. Myron replaced Chester Makowski who because of illness was unable to attend.

Bernard Hennig presented the awards at the Beeba-Banquet on Saturday evening. Over 75 people attended the banquet and feasted on traditional Polish foods. The Polpex Chairman, Edward Link, acted as Master of Ceremonies. He extended his and the Society's thanks to the various committee chairmen for the show: Roman

Strzelecki, Entries and Bourse; John Bor, Sales and Program Book Ads; John Bartczak, Exhibit Set-up; Leon Kawecki, Artwork; Alfred Szebel, Awards; Chester Mikucki, Well Wishers; Al Rybarski, Finance; Walenty Poniecki, Beeba; James Mazepa and Chester Schafer, Publicity.

Out of town guests included the artist who designed our Polpex souvenir sheets, Leon Kawecki of California, and Mieczysław Lubinski from Canada. A group headed by Mr. and Mrs. J. Orzechowski from Milwaukee also was present.

Souvenir sheets are still available at 50¢ a set with descriptive folder. Also available are the two cacheted Polpex covers (two different) at 40¢ of both for 75¢. The special souvenir card showing the 1608 landing of Poles in America, actress Helen Modrzejewska, and the Haym Salomon commemorative and Paderewski Champion of



The official opening ceremony took place at noon Saturday with the famous Polish radio "Sunshine Lady" Lydia Pucinska and Aurelia Pucinska officiating. Mr. Roman Pucinski was debating with other mayoral candidates at the time and sent his mother and daughter in his place. Left to right: John Bor, Ed Link, Roman Strzelecki, Alfred Szebel, Stefan Czarnecki, Leon Kawecki, Walenty Poniecki and Chester Schafer.



Judges and Polpex Committee members (left to right): John Ross, Bernard Hennig, Ed Link, James Mazepa, Myron Steczynski, Leon Kawecki, Roman Strzelecki and Alfred Szebel.

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Dealer Mr. Kubicki studies postal stationery to establish a price for customer.

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The theme of POLPEX 77, the "Polish Legacy in the U.S.A. provided a fitting conclusion to the Bicentennial year.

POLPEX 77 AWARDS

Grand Award

James Mazepa, ACSW: Postal History of Warsaw 1733-1918

Gold Medals

John Bartczak: Stampless Era in Galicia. Also Dr. Kozakiewicz Research Award

William Juszcak: German Occupation of Poland 1918-1919

Z. Wagrowski: Poland Balloon Mail

James Mazepa: Fieldpost of the I Polish Corps

Alfred Szebel: Polish Fieldpost and Military Mail of the 20th Century. Also SPA Research Award and President's Award



James Mazepa receives Grand Award plaque from Polpex Chairman Edward Link for his Postal History of Warsaw.



John Bartczak got a gold medal and the Kozakiewicz Research Award for his Galicia.



Beeba participants sat at round tables. Left to right: Joseph Mistarz, Roman Burkiewicz, Mieczyslaw Lubinski, Jan Haniewicz, Stefan Kochanski & Zdzislaw Wagrowski.



Poland 1923-24 Provisionals rated a silver medal for Roman Strzelecki.



The U.S.P.S. with four workers manned the special Polpex postoffice.



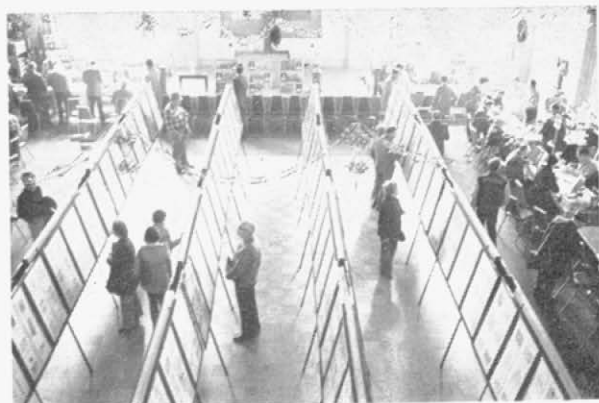
Mieczyslaw Lubinski accepted silver medals for W. Gruszczyk and J. Winstanley of Canada.



Before entering the exhibition hall everyone stopped at the Polpex table with John Bor and nephews in charge.



Marian Ciurus (left) ponders over what food to eat as the buffet table was amply filled with a wide selection for the Beeba.



Four rows of frames span the exhibition hall in this view from the balcony.



Gold Medal winner Zdzislaw Wagrowski accepts congratulations for his Poland Balloon Mail.



Alfred Szebel got three awards: President's Award, S.P.A. Research and a gold medal.



Ludwik Pieczara accepted a bronze medal for his Millennium of Poland

Silver Medals

W. Gruszczyk: Perfin in Poland
J. Winstanley: Local Mail of Poland
Roman Strzelecki: Poland 1923-24 Provisional Issue—Research
Edward Link: Polish Heroes in the U.S. Bicentennial

Bronze Medals

Ted Resner: The Polish White Eagle on Stamps
M. Harthartz: Nicolaus Copernicus
G. Miscek: Monaco — Royal Wedding
L. Pieczara: Poland Millennium

Novice Award

J. Zielke: 50 American Flags

Numismatic Award

Chet Schafer: Commemorative Medallions in Poland's History

IN OUR MAIL BOX

Szanowna Redakcjo!

Jestem zaawansowanym filatelista-sportowcem. Chcę za Waszym pośrednictwem nawiązać korespondencję z filatelistami amerykańskiego kontynentu. Zbieram materiały filatelistyczne całego świata, do tematu "Dyscypliny sportowe". Jestem członkiem kilku klubów filatelistów w swoim mieście a także klubu "Polonica" w Poznaniu i "Olimpijczyka" w Warszawie. Ponieważ znam tylko języki polski i rosyjski, poszukuję korespondenta z USA lub Canady, najchętniej z grona Polonii.

Z USA i Canady liczę na stemple sportowe i wydawnictwa polonijne w zamian za wszelki dostępny mi materiał Polski, innych państw socjalistycznych i europejskich.

Z filatelistycznym pozdrowieniem,

Henryk Kowalczyk
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POWEX II

The Polish POW Study Group will hold its Second Annual Stamp Exhibition "POWEX II" in conjunction with STAMPEX at the Sheraton-Centre in Toronto, Canada, June 10-12, 1977. The Study Group will display a section of frames containing Polish POW, DP and Concentration Camps postal issues and related material in use during World War II.

The exhibits will be evaluated by a qualified and knowledgeable jury in this area of philately, as well as by the STAMPEX judges. Special awards will be presented to winners in each class, as well as a viewers choice award.

Show cachets, souvenir cards and special cancellations will be available during this event. The program will include lectures, slides and meetings. A reunion of former Polish POWs will take place at the Polish Combatants Building. The POW Study Group's social activities are also planned at this location.

For further information about the exhibition and convention write Mieczysław Lubinski, POWEX II Chairman, 8 Attercliff Court, Rexdale, Ont., Canada M9V 1H7.

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POLONUS PHILATELIC SOCIETY MEETING of MARCH 25, 1977

Polish Veterans Hall, 6005 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, Ill.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Szebel, the president, at 8:30 with 16 members and one guest in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. M/S/C, Messrs. Bor, Steczynski: to accept the minutes as read. The treasurer reported so far for Polpex 77 we have had \$2,300.00 in expenses and receipts of \$2,367.00. But there is still more coming in and possibly more going out. The secretary then read the names of new applicants: Mr. Edward Rochniak, Bridgeport, Conn.; Walter Filipek, North Dartmouth, Mass.; Scott Adams, Louisville, Kentucky; Dorothy Michno, Chicago, Illinois; Casimir Oliszewski, Ukiah, Oregon; David Pyka, Anaheim, California; and Joseph Cary, San Francisco, California. In accordance with the revised by-laws, these names will be published in the Bulletin. If no unfavorable response is received from the membership concerning the new applicants, they will be voted into the Society at the last meeting of April.

Old Business: The **audit committee** will report at the April meeting on the financial state of the Society during 1976. **Polpex 77** was a great success and the members thanked Mr. Link for a splendid job.

New Business: Mr. Schafer read a letter from Mrs. Dolores Banzhaf thanking the Society for the remembrance of her late father, John Gapinski, given in the "Polonus Bulletin" and at the funeral home. She kindly enclosed a \$25 donation to Polonus in his name. Mr. Mazepa then read a letter informing the society of the death of our South African member, Dr. Paul Keller. With the election of officers coming up in May, Mrs. Szebel appointed a nominating committee comprising of Messrs. Schafer, Strzelecki, and Gobby. Mr. Mazepa reported that the ad in Linn's Stamp News soliciting new members has drawn over 20 responses so far. M/S/C, Messrs. Gobby, Bor: to adjourn.

PHILATELIC PRESENTATION: As announced the Grand Award and Gold Medal winners discussed their exhibits. It was unusual that the three speakers' exhibits covered the territories of the three partitions of Poland: Russian, Austrian and Prussian. Mr. Mazepa discussed just one frame of his exhibit, namely, the stationery of 1859-60 issued for the city of Warsaw. This included one of three recorded proofs of the second issue and all the different plate impressions of the 3 kopeck blue envelope. The exhibit concluded with a rare 10 kopeck envelope used from Warsaw to Russia. Mr. Bartczak then described his collection of pre-stamp material from Galicia. He showed us a number of rare postmarks from the 18th century and amazed all with his knowledge of rates, routes, how many horses carried mail on various wagons, and when post marks were used and when they were not. We also learned that there was a postal strike which lasted about 25 years in the early pre-stamp period. Mr. Juszczak then gave us a fast 100 year tour through the Prussian occupied part of Poland from 1818 to 1918. Here also was a wealth of postmarks, rates, and monkey-business. It was a grand evening of postal history! Kolacki and coffee closed the event.

Respectfully submitted,

James Mazepa, ACSW, Secretary

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, April 22nd, 1977 —

Alfred Szebel will speak on the Polish Legion Fieldpost. A belated Easter Beeba to follow.

April 23-24 — Park Forest Stamp Show at the Westwood Recreation Center

Friday, May 13th, 1977 —

Chester Schafer to speak. Topic to be announced. Nominations of officers for the coming year. Refreshments to be served.

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