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LATEST POLPEX 76 DEVELOPMENTS

Polpex Chairman Fred Szebel announced the judges for POLPEX 76 to be held March 19-21, at LaSalle Hotel in downtown Chicago. They are Fred Blau, Dr. Miet Kamienski, Theodore Light, Dr. James J. Matejka and Bud Hennig, chairman.

Word has been received from Poland that three collections are on their way here to be shown at Polpex. Among them is the Polonica collection of honorary member Antoni Laszkiewicz.

Publicity on our coming exhibition is appearing in the philatelic publications. Chicagoland members are urged to watch the

Bob Lewandowski TV show on Sunday, February 15th at 5:00 P.M. on Channel 26. Fred Szebel and Roman Strzelecki will be interviewed on the Polpex.

The Milwaukee Philatelic Society plans to visit our show with a busload of their members. The Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs Research Committee are to hold a meeting during the show. The Polish American Numismatic Association will participate also.

Our biggest event ever is but a month away. Let's do what we can to make it as successful as possible.

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TO COMMEMORATE THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL

POLPEX 76 souvenir sheets were just printed in three colors, after a design by artist Leon Kawecki of California. A pair of sheets with different color combinations with the traditional folder, will comprise a set.

The souvenir sheets (pictured on front page) are hot off the press. A set of two with folder are priced at 50c. (postage extra). Polpex sheets of five labels are priced at 4 for \$1.00 (postage extra). Available from John Bor, 1810 N. Richmond St., Chicago, IL 60647.

A limited edition of 100 specially minted Polonus Bicentennial medallions are available to financial sponsors of POLPEX '76. The patron's name and serial number will be engraved on the medal. The cost is \$50.00 and checks should be sent to: Chester J. Mikucki, 4704 No. Overhill Ave., Norridge, IL 60656.

POLKAPEX MARCH 6-7

The Polish Cadets Stamp Club will sponsor POLKAPEX '76 on March 6-7 at the Polish Cadets Exhibition Hall, 927 Grant St., Buffalo, N.Y. Chairman of the show is Theo. Skotnicki.

In addition to the exhibits and bourse, a U.S. Postal Service station will be featured.

A cacheted cover honoring the show's theme of "The American Dream" will be offered for 35 cents or three for \$1.00. It will be cancelled with the show postmark. Orders should be sent with a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope to Matthew Fuszara, 195 Howell Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14207.

MILCOPEX PULASKI CACHET

Gen. Casimir Pulaski will be subject of one of the three cachets for MILCOPEX, March 5-7, 1976, printed in three-color offset and with gold stamping. The other two will depict Von Steuben and Lafayette. Available at 75c each (set of three \$2) from Milw. Phil. Soc., Box 1980, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

PLEWACKI POST SETS ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND EVENT

American Heritage will be the theme of the 20th annual Stamp and Coin Show sponsored by the Plewacki Post Stamp Society of Buffalo, N.Y., announces publicity chairman, John Nash.

The show will be held at the Post Auditorium, Bicentennial Circle, Buffalo. In keeping with the tradition of conducting the show on Palm Sunday weekend, the Society has set the show for April 9-11.

Two hundred frames of exhibits will be divided into such categories as U.S. stamps, U.S. postal history, U.S. patriotic post cards, Americana, juniors and numismatics. Because of the theme, displays are limited to U.S. material, Nash points out.

A prospectus may be obtained from the Show Committee, Plewacki Post Stamp Society, 385 Paderewski Drive, Buffalo, N.Y. 14212.

The United States, the United Nations and Sweden will operate post offices at the show, Nash says. An application has been made to the Philatelic Bureau in Washington, D.C., for a bicentennial show cancellation. The U.N. Postal Administration will supply a show imprint, while the Swedish post office exhibit will be supervised by Phillip Robbins.

The exhibition is part of the Americanism and child welfare programs of the Adam Plewacki American Legion Post 799, which has a membership of 3,000.

Admission to the show will be free, and the accompanying bourse will feature 19 stamp and 11 coin dealers. Packets of stamps will be given to each child who attends.

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STAMP MARKET TIPS

By JOHN G. ROSS

(Reprinted from STAMPS of 1/24/76)

When President Roosevelt died in office, practically the whole world issued mourning stamps. Poland issued a set of three stamps as well as a miniature sheet in December 1948, (Scott No. C26A-C). For years these stamps remained unlisted in Scott. A very small quantity was sent to Warsaw to be sold at the main post office, while the bulk immediately was sold to the United States at a much higher rate than face value. However, that set, as well as the miniature sheet have been popular with the stamp collector and since Scott decided to list the issue, it has been in great demand in the U.S.A. Printing quantity of the sheet was fairly low; just 25,000 were issued. Chances are probably 80% of the total printing sold in this country. Stamps of Poland have become increasingly popular with the collector in Western Europe and they all are looking for that sheet. Scott did not change the catalog price in the 1976 edition; it still lists at \$150.00, but buy-prices in Europe have increased almost 30% in the last 6 months. Dealers are offering to pay \$110 and up. I believe it will keep going higher in price.

ŁÓDŹ 75

Two Polonus members from Chicago exhibited their collections at ŁÓDŹ 75 national exhibition held last fall in Poland. James Mazepa's "Kingdom of Poland" and Chester Schafer's "Lublin Issues" were shown in a special class of invited exhibitors from abroad.

"ALL OUT FOR POLPEX 76!"

NEWEST POLAND PRICE LIST

In the January 26th, 1976 edition of LINN'S STAMP NEWS, member Roman Burkiewicz carried a two page ad of a price list of Poland Specialized material from Poland No. 1 through the issues of 1975. Listed were prices for mint, used, covers, FDC's, Locals, POW's, Plebiscites, and Central Lithuania. To our knowledge, this is the largest such listing of Poland ever published in a philatelic paper, and by publishing such a list, Mr. Burkiewicz is undoubtedly the largest dealer of Poland material in the U.S.A.

Members desiring this Poland Specialized price list may receive a copy by writing to Roman J. Burkiewicz, 6687 Northwest Hwy. Chicago, IL 60631.

FROM CANADA

Dr. Miet Kaminski has been elected president of the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada for the next two years. They meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto.

ANOTHER POLONUS CLUB

There is another organization known as "Polonus". Its president is Leszek Palowski of Czechoslovakia and vice president is Walter Dowbor of Brazil. Other officers are from the U.S. and Canada. It is an organization of students from abroad in Poland.

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Bearing in mind the ongoing bicentennial festivities, the association feels it is fitting to issue a historical stamp or commemorative block of stamps highlighting the achievements of engineering genius which resulted in the reversal of the flow of the Chicago River. The American Civil Engineering Society recognized this in 1955 as the first wonder of the seven man-made wonders of the world. A stamp design may also serve as a design for a special medal.

Prize winning designs will be made available to the Postmaster General for the selection of the appropriate U.S. stamp honoring the City of Chicago and its Sanitary District.

This contest is open to all interested individuals and groups. The only requirement is compliance with the rules and regulations set forth by the contest committee.

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—Napoleon Zbyszewski

POLISH POW AND DP CAMPS STUDY GROUP NEWSLETTER

The Polish P.O.W. and D.P. Camps Philatelic Study Group publishes a monthly newsletter. Glancing through their September 1975 edition we note interesting articles on the Polish Government in Exile issues in Great Britain, 1943 Underground Post issues, and a detailed and specialized listing of the Woldenberg "Widow" issues.

In their Oct. edition, singled out is General Władysław Sikorski and featured is an article by Marian Kalawski on the "Forgery of the Gen. Sikorski Stamp of Ofłag IIC Woldenberg". The newsletter concludes with short stories on other Polish military commanders and statesmen shown on Woldenberg Camp issues.

The November edition writes about the Dachau-Allach sheetlets and stamps issued by the Polish Red Cross for the Polish political prisoners held at Dachau during World War II and carries a detailed classification. The Study Group plans to hold an exhibition in September of 1976. This is to be the largest presentation of Polish POW, DP Concentration Camps and Polish Underground Post postal material to be shown in the U.S. This newsletter edition also includes a ballot for the election of officers for 1976-77, listing prospective candidates from all over the U.S. and Canada.

Specialists in this field of Polish philately will find a wealth of material in the Study Group's newsletter. For further information write to its editor: Henry F. Zebrowski, 3721 Nile Rd., Davidsonville, MD 21035.

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Two coils were issued November 11, 1975 in the Preservation of Landmarks series.

- 1.00 zł.—Castle of Kazimierz Dolny with inscription "A Future for the Past"
1.50 zł.—Zamość Ratusz with inscription "Preservation of Landmarks"

Issued in strips with a number printed on the reverse side of every fifth stamp. (No other information available).

United Workers Party 7th Congress

Two commemoratives were issued in December of 1975 for the 7th Congress of the Polish United Workers Party.

- 1.00 zł.—perforated band formed in a symbolic number "7" with inscription: "Zjazd PZPR"
1.50 zł.—contour map of Poland with letters "PZPR"

Rotogravure printed in multi-color in sheets of 50 stamps on chalky paper by PWPW Warsaw. Designed by W. Surowiecki and Z. Horodecki. Quantity issued: 6,000,000 sets.

1976 Winter Olympic Games

To commemorate the Winter Olympic Games at Innsbruck, Austria, the Polish Post issued a set of six stamps in January.

- 50 gr.—ski jumping; 10,000,000 issued
1.00 zł.—hockey; 6,000,000 issued
1.50 zł.—ski slalom; 6,000,000 issued
2.00 zł.—skating; 3,000,000 issued
4.00 zł.—sledding; 3,000,000 issued
6.40 zł.—biathlon; 1,200,000 issued

Rotogravure printed in multi-color in sheets of 50 stamps on chalky paper by PWPW Warsaw. Designed by H. Matuszewska.

Railroad Engines

The Polish Post will issue eight stamps in February showing the "History of the Railroad Engine". The stamps will show English railway precursors, tests in adoption of steam power to carriage propulsion, and two Polish locomotives.

- 50 gr.—Richard Trevithick, 1803; 10,000,000 issued
1.00 zł.—M. Murray-J. Blenkinsop, 1810; 10,000,000 issued
1.50 zł.—G. Stephenson's Rocket 1829; 10,000,000 issued.
1.50 zł.—Universal electric locomotive ET-22, 1969; 10,000,000 issued.
2.70 zł.—R. Stephenson, 1837; 5,000,000 issued.
3.00 zł.—J. Harrison, 1840; 6,000,000 issued.
4.50 zł.—T. Rogers, 1855; 900,000 issued.
4.90 zł.—A. Kieźopolski Chrzanów, 1922; 900,000 iss.

Rotogravure printed in multi-color in sheets of 50 stamps on chalky paper by PWPW Warsaw. Designed by Stefan Malecki.

Ice Hockey Championship Meet

Hockey players in action will be shown on two commemoratives to be issued in conjunction with the World and European Championship Ice Hockey meet on April 8, 1976 in Katowice, organized by the Polish Ice Hockey Federation.

Rotogravure printed in multi-color in sheets of 50 stamps on chalky paper by PWPW Warsaw. Designed by Tadeusz Michaluk. The quantity of the issue to be 10,000 sets.

Institute of Nuclear Research 20th Anniversary

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Joint Institute of Nuclear Research in Dubna

(USSR), and mutual assistance & cooperation among the member countries of the CMEA, the Polish Post will issue a 1.50 zł. value showing the flags of CMEA members forming the nucleus. Offset printed in sheets of 20 stamps on chalky paper by PWPW Warsaw. Designed by Z. Stasik. Total quantity to be issued: 6,000,000.

Editor's Note: New Issue information courtesy of R. J. Burkiewicz.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, February 13th, 1976:

FRAME FIX-UP PARTY. Our frames need going over in preparation for POLPEX 76. They were moved from St. James and are now housed in the room adjoining our meeting room at the Polish Veterans Home. The Frame Committee, which consists of John Bartczak, Joseph Janecka & William Jusack, ask members to put in an hour or so with them and get this important job done before the show. There will be refreshments served.

Friday, February 27th, 1976:

PAST PRESIDENTS' NITE. All past presidents are invited and expected to give a five minute talk, when called on. Beeba to follow.

INTERPHIL GROUP FLIGHT

Two special flights are being arranged for INTERPHIL with Allegheny Airlines.

May 28—to Philadelphia (Fri.)

June 2 to Phila. (Wed.)

June 6—to Chicago (Sun.)

Cost of the flight about \$98.00 per person round trip. For further information contact Jackie Alton, PO Box 11479, Chicago, IL 60611, or phone (312) 266-8591.

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Space arrangements have been made for persons desiring overnight accomodations at the La Salle Hotel during POLPEX 76 March 19-20-21. For information contact Mrs. Wanda Szebel, Matuszczak Travel Inc., 5736 West Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL 60634, Phone (312) 283-4511.

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