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KOPERNIK 500th ANNIVERSARY IN 1973

The 500th Anniversary of the birth of Mikolaj Kopernik (1473-1543) will be celebrated in 1973. He was a genial astronomer, the most distinguished mentality in the history of Polish science, a thinker and scientist who has paved new ways in the history of human cognition and opened a new era in the world's science.

His heliocentric theory published in his work "De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium" (On The Revolutions Of The Celestial Bodies) was damned by the then theologians and was long under their attack but nevertheless it caused a turn in the natural science and added to the victory of the scientific outlook on life.

In connection with the 1973 Copernicus Celebration, during 1969 and 1973, the Polish Post Office will release some issues commemorating the life and work of that great Pole.

On June 26, 1969 three stamps were issued:

40 gr — a portrait of M. Kopernik (woodcut by Tobiasz Stimer) bearing the inscription — "He stopped the sun and set the earth in motion".

60 gr — a figure of Kopernik by Jeremiasz Falck, with a 15th century globe of Mikolaj Bylica from Olkusz against a background of a sky map.

2.50 zl — a painting of Kopernik by



Jan Matejko, with a drawing of the heliocentric system.

Printed at PWPW (State Printing Works of Securities), Warsaw, on common paper in sheets of 40 stamps, by steel engraving, offset and photo-gravure. Designed by H. Chylinski. Quantities issued: 40 gr. and 60 gr.—7,000,000; 2.50 zł.—4,000,000.

The First Polish Lone Sailor

On June 21, 1969 the Polish Post issued a 60 gr. stamp to commemorate the voyage around the world made by the first Polish lone sailor, Captain Leonid Teliga. He began his cruise on Jan. 21, 1967 from Casablanca and he finished in Las Palmas on April 16, 1969. The stamp shows the yacht S/Y "Opty" with the map of the world in the background on which the course of her voyage has been marked.

Printed by PWPW Warsaw on chalky paper in sheets of 30 stamps by offset. Designed by A. Heidrich. Quantity issued: 6,000,000.

SANDIPEX WINNER

Zdzislaw Wagrowski received a silver medal for his Polish Airmails at the recent show in San Diego, Calif.

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U.S. EXPEDITION TO MOON

The Polish Post will issue a five color stamp of 2.50 zł. value celebrating the first landing of man on the moon. The stamp will appear in a decorative miniature sheet of eight stamps and two tabs.

The stamp shows the LM section of the Apollo 11 spaceship and the silhouettes of the two astronauts walking on the moon. The first tab illustrates the Apollo 11 with the LM flying to the moon, while the second tab shows the detached LM.

The top of the miniature sheet will bear the inscription "EXPEDITION TO THE MOON" and at the bottom "JULY 1969".

First day of issue is scheduled for August 21, 1969.

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ANOTHER WINNER

Alfred Szebel was awarded a silver medal at POLPHILEX held in London May 15 to 18, 1969 for his collection of "Zaolzie".

POLONUS MEMBERS ONLY

Upon my purchase of the largest collection in the world of the 1919 Krakow Issues from Gibbons of London — formerly the collection of M. Steczynski of Chicago — I am offering for sale the following two rare issues:

25 Hal. Scott #58 \$150.00
(Quantity issued: 1100 or less)

20 Hal. Post. Due, Scott J4.... 125.00
(Quantity issued 450 or less)

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Quantity of Stamps Overprinted

These 5 Pfp./20 Pfg. overprints were printed on March 12 to 24, 1920 in five separate printing runs and were immediately delivered to the post offices for distribution without the usual inspection and care. The printing runs were accomplished on the following dates:

March 12	— 8500 sheets (1,275,000 stamps)
March 15	— 5000 sheets (750,000 stamps)
March 17	— 3696 sheets (554,400) stamps
March 19	— 1500 sheets (225,000 stamps)
March 23/24	— 1300 sheets (195,000 stamps)
Total	— 19,996 sheets (2,999,400 stamps)

Each sheet contains a fixed number of each overprint type.

Type IA	— 29 times in each sheet
Type IB	— 7 times in each sheet
Type IIA	— 18 times in each sheet
Type IIB	— 7 times in each sheet
Type IIIA	— 53 times in each sheet
Type IVA	— 36 times in each sheet

Knowing these figures the number of stamps printed with each overprint type can easily be calculated.

Type IA	— 579,000 copies
Type IB	— 139,972 copies
Type IIA	— 359,928 copies
Type IIB	— 139,972 copies
Type IIIA	— 1,059,788 copies
Type IVA	— 719,856 copies

Plate Varieties

Numerous plate flaws can be found on this value, mostly due to wear and tear on the printing plates.

- I. Pi. instead of Pf.—field 13.
- II. Fr. instead of Pf.—field 138.
- III. 5 with broken flag — fields 3, 13, 33, 111, 115, 123, 134, 142 and 143.

IV. 5 broken on lower right side—fields 122 and 142.

V. Bottom of 5 broken—fields 8, 86, 133 and 141.

VI. Double right frame line—fields 30, 69, 70, 80, 90, 100, 107, 109, 110, 120, 129, 130, 140 and 150.

Printing Varieties

Since many post offices were now completely out of 5 Pfg. stamps, this issue was produced very quickly and the printing was not inspected as closely as usual. Due to these circumstances many misprints occurred and were issued unnoticed.

- a. Inverted overprint.
- b. Double overprint in line (55).
- c. Double overprint offset (55 of 55).
- d. Double inverted overprint—one line.
- e. Double inverted overprint—two lines.
- f. Double overprint—one normal and one inverted (see table for various combinations of types).
- g. Pf. above numeral.
- h. Pf. missing.
- i. Inverted type g.
- k. Inverted type h.
- l. Double type g.
- m. Double type h.
- n. Double type i.
- o. Double type k.
- p. Triple overprint.
- pp. Triple overprint in two or three lines (555, 555, 555, 555, etc.).
- q. Triple overprint — one inverted.
- r. Triple overprint — two inverted.
- s. Triple overprint — all inverted.
- ss. Inverted type pp.
- v. Pf. missing.
- x. Overprint on margin or gutter.
- y. Overprint printed on back.
- z. Overprint offset on back.
- R. Printed on both sides.
- U. Imperforate.

Table design sample no. 1000 Type f Combinations

Inverted Overprint on Normal Overprint		
Combination Number	Types	Number in Sheet
f 1	I A on I A	24
f 2	I A on I B	2
f 3	I A on IV A	3
f 4	I B on I A	2
f 5	I B on IV A	5
f 6	II A on III A	18
f 7	II B on III A	7
f 8	III A on II A	18
f 9	III A on II B	7
f 10	III A on IV A	3
f 11	IV A on I A	28
f 12	IV A on I B	5
f 13	IV A on III A	28

NOTE: The first type listed is the normal overprint and the second is the inverted overprint.
Combination f 2 is identical to combination f 4 but inverted on the basic stamp. The same is true of f 3 and f 11, f 5 and f 12, f 6 and f 8, f 7 and f 9, f 10 and f 13.

Combinations and Gutter Pairs

Se-tenant and Gutter Combinations		
Combination Number	Types	Number in Sheet
H 1	I A + I B	5
H 2	I B + I A	4
H 3	I B + III A	3
H 4	II A + II B	5
H 5	IV A + I A	5
V 1	I A + I B	1
V 2	I A + III A	1
V 3	I A + IV A	1
V 4	II A + II B	1
HT 1	I A + $\frac{1}{2}$ T + II A	2
HT 2	III A + $\frac{1}{2}$ T + II A	3
HT 3	III A + $\frac{1}{2}$ T + IV A	5
HT 4	IV A + $\frac{1}{2}$ T + III A	5
VT 1	I A + T + III A	2
VT 2	III A + T + II A	4

Combination Number	Types	Number in Sheet
VT 3	III A + T + II B	1
VT 4	III A + T + IV A	5
VT 5	IV A + T + I A	3
VT 6	IV A + T + I B	2
VT 7	IV A + T + III A	3
B 1	I A + I B I A + I B	2
B 2	I A + I A IV A + I A	1
B 3	I B + I A I A + I A	1
B 4	I B + I A I B + I A	2
B 5	I B + III A I B + III A	1
B 6	I B + I A I B + III A	1
B 7	II A + II A II A + II B	1
B 8	II A + II B II A + II B	2
B 9	IV A + I A IV A + IV A	1
X 1	III A + $\frac{1}{2}$ T + IV A T + $\frac{1}{2}$ T + T IV A + $\frac{1}{2}$ T + III A	1
X 2	IV A + $\frac{1}{2}$ T + III A T + $\frac{1}{2}$ T + T I A + $\frac{1}{2}$ T + II A	1

(See 10 Pfg./20 Pfg. table for legend)

5 Pfg. on 15Pfg. Overprint

The overprinting of this value occurred strictly by accident when a few sheets (4 to 8 sheets) turned up in the stock of 20 Pfg. sheets during the overprinting of the 5 Pfg./20 Pfg. sheets. Because of this they naturally exist with all of the constant plate varieties listed for the 20 Pfg. stamps but no printing varieties have been found and, due to the small number of sheets printed, it is unlikely that any occurred. The combinations are also identical to the 5 Pfg./20 Pfg. denomination.

The 5 Pfg./20 Pfg. stamps were overprinted from March 12 to 24, 1920 and the overprinting of these 15 Pfg. values occurred on March 19.

Summary — First Provisional Issue

As we have seen, the first printing was the 10 Pfg./20 Pfg. denomination, which was followed by the printing of the 50 Pfg./5 Mk. values. The plate used to overprint the 10 Pfg./20 Pfg. stamps was modified by removing the numeral 1 and inserting the 5 in its place.

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The 25th Anniversary of the Polish Peoples' Republic

On July 21, 1969 a set of nine stamps, all of 60 gr. value, were issued to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Polish Peoples' Republic.

Five stamps are printed together as one sheet, and depict some spheres of Poland's life in a symbolic way:

Sovereignty of Frontiers—a soldier protecting the frontier,

Agriculture—a modern agricultural machine,

Industry—a part of the Petrochemical Plant at Plock,

Culture—a part of Teatr Wielki (Grand Theatre) in Warsaw,

Science—a part of M. Curie-Skłodowska's University in Lublin.

The other four stamps also printed as one sheet, illustrate Poland's place in some fields of world production:

Coal output—5th place in world,

Sulphur Production—6th place,

Steel Production—9th place,

Ship Launchings—10th place.

Printed by PWPW Warsaw on chalky paper in sheets of 20 stamps by offset. Designed by T. Michaluk and F. Winiarski. Quantity issued: 6,000,000 sets.

Polish Paintings II

On September 4, 1969 the Polish Post will issue a second in succession set of postage stamps depicting paintings by Polish artists of the 19th and 20th centuries (previous emission was in October of 1968). The paintings can be found in the galleries of the national museums of Warsaw, Cracow and Bytom.

The set consists of eight values:

20 gr. — Matrimony by Stanisław Wyspiański (1869-1907). Quantity issued: 6,500,000.

40 gr. — Polish Hamlet by Jacek Malczewski (1854-1929). 6,500,000 issued.

60 gr. — Indian Summer by Józef

Chelmonski (1949-1914). 6,500,000 issued.

2.00 zł. — Portrait of Two Girls by Olga Boznanska (1965-1940). 4 million issued.

2.50 zł. — The Sun of May by Józef Mehoffer (1869-1946). 5 million issued.

3.40 zł. — A Combing Woman by Władysław Słewski (1854-1918). 4,500,000 issued.

5.50 zł. — Still Life by Józef Pankiewicz (1866-1940). 1,700,000 issued.

7.00 zł. — Ravishment of the King's Daughter by Witold Wojtkiewicz (1879-1909). 1,700,000 issued.

Rotogravure printed at PWPW Warsaw in sheets of four stamps with two tabs on chalky paper. Designed by R. Dudzicki.

POLONUS PICNIC

The July 20th Picnic at Dec Kozy's Powers Lake Resort turned out to be a great time for those attending. Picnic Chairman Walenty Poniecki along with Zdzisław Wągrowski supervised the affair.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, September 12, 1969 —

Guest speaker Napoleon Siemiaszko will talk on "Roman Dmowski" the great Polish statesman, known as "the Father of Re-Born Poland." Dmowski was active during World War I, working closely with Paderewski on the side of the Allies and representing Poland at the Treaty of Versailles. Mr. Siemiaszko, an attorney, was a pupil and close friend of Dmowski. He will speak in the Polish language.

The meeting will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m. A beebea will follow.

NEW ISSUES

The 5th Annual Alert of the Polish Pathfinders Union

On July 19, 1969 the Polish Post Office issued three stamps of 60 gr. value in connection with the Fifth Annual Alert of the Polish Pathfinders Union, an organization for educating the youth to be ardent and active patriots. The stamps symbolize "Memory"—symbol of a protector of Poland's memorable places and the em-

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blem of the Polish Scouts; "Defense"—military eagle and the Scouts emblem which is also the Pathfinders Cross "Labor"—map of Poland and the Pathfinders Cross.

Printed by FWPW Warsaw on common paper in sheets of 70 stamps by steel engraving, typography and rotogravure. Designed by T. Michaluk. Quantity issued: 6,000,000 sets.

AMPOLPEX '69

The Polish Philatelic Society "Syrena" of Buffalo, N.Y. will hold their AMPOLPEX '69 on November 1 & 2, 1969 at Adam Mickiewicz Auditorium, 612 Fillmore Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. "Poland During World War II" and the 25th anniversaries of the Battle of Monte Cassino and the Warsaw Uprising as well as the 30th anniversary of Hitler's attack on Poland will be the themes of the show.

A U.S. Post Office at the show will cancel opening day cacheted covers with a special AMPOLPEX '69 cancellation. A colorful cover for 30c and a souvenir sheet for 15c will be available.

A Beebea, with special Polish food, is planned for Sunday evening, Nov. 2nd, combined with the society's eighth birthday party, after which a program will be held and the awards presented.