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RESOLUTION

We, the undersigned, do hereby RESOLVE as follows:

WHEREAS, NICOLAS COPERNICUS was a learned scholar, who distinguished himself in the 16th Century, and

WHEREAS, all leading Nations will pay tribute to NICOLAS COPERNICUS as an outstanding world personality in the fields of mathematics and science, particularly in astronomy, and

WHEREAS, the educational and scientific world will honor NICOLAS COPERNICUS for his theories on mathematics and astronomy leading to his revolutionary concept of the Universe, and

WHEREAS, his concept "Stopped the Sun and moved the World", which eventually led to the exploration of space, and

WHEREAS, the 500th Anniversary of the birth of NICOLAS COPERNICUS occurs on February 19, 1973 and this is a most appropriate occasion to honor the memory of this great world personality as a world renowned scientist,

THEREFORE, we do hereby earnestly and respectfully urge that the 500th Anniversary of the birth of Nicolas Copernicus be commemorated by the United States of America through the issuance by the Post Office Department on February 19, 1973 of a suitable commemorative stamp.

Given under our hands this 27th day of November A.D. 1970 at Chicago, Illinois.

This resolution was prepared by Polonus and one-thousand copies printed up. Members attending the last meeting received copies and immediately began soliciting names and addresses.

How about you helping in this drive for a Copernicus stamp?

Enclosed with your Polonus Bulletin is a copy of this resolution. Get some blank sheets of paper, draw lines across the page and begin soliciting names and addresses. If you belong to some organization that is interested in this cause, put its name at the top with the signatures and addresses of its members underneath. When you have obtained as many names as possible, attach the sheets with the resolution and send them to:

Postmaster General Winton D. Blount
Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee
Post Office Department, Room 2202
Washington, D.C. 20260

Individual letters to local Congressmen and Senators will also help.

For additional copies of the resolution write to Chester J. Mikucki, 4704 N. Overhill Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60656.

POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS HONORS POLONUS MEMBERS

At the September meeting held at the Bagatela Club Hall, the Polish-American Congress honored three Polonus members with the presentation of special plaques for their participation in the philatelic exhibition held in conjunction with their convention last summer at the Sherman House. Dr. Edward C. Rozanski, the Illinois Division President, made the proper announcements while Aloysius A. Mazewski, the National President, made the presentations. Recipients of the plaques were Walenty Poniecki who exhibited Polish Fieldpost, Zdzislaw Wagrowski who showed Copernicus and the Space Age, and Chester Schaffer for his Pulaski-Kosciuszko exhibit.

OUR FRAMES AND EASELS

We have finally completed the renovation of our frames. We have also purchased metal easels. In the past we rented easels. This new improvement has cost the society an enormous amount of money. About half of the bill was paid, the other payment will be made after the 1971 Polpex when our treasury will be bolstered with more money.

Meanwhile, our dues remain at a mere \$2.50 yearly, unchanged for many years.

In an effort to keep the society from raising dues, we ask for donations to help pay the above-mentioned outstanding bill.

Send your donations to Stanley Dobrzycki, Treasurer, 1935 N. Tripp Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60639. Names of donors will be printed in the forthcoming Bulletin.

FROM THE TREASURER

Polonus has changed the expiration date of its membership from Jan. 31 to Dec. 31 so that it will be identical to the calendar year. In other words, your 1970 membership card will expire on Dec. 31, 1970 and not Jan. 31, 1971.

At the same time, please heed our reminders in the **Bulletin**. Mailing individual reminders is both time consuming and costly. Please consider...

1. That our officers work at a full time job and the time they donate to the society is limited.
2. That in spite of rising mail costs and printing, the amount of our dues has remained the same for many years.

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.

LATEST POLPEX 1971 DEVELOPMENTS

With this issue of the Bulletin you will find a copy of the official entry application for POLPEX 1971. This is not a subtle hint, it is a direct reminder! On February 27th and 28th, 1971, our annual exhibition will be held in the St. James Auditorium. This year's exhibition is open for competition to all members of Polonus and invited non-members, and the acceptable material is broad: 1) Air-mail and Space, 2) Poland, and 3) Foreign. Don't hesitate, prepare your material over these cold winter nights and exhibit. After all, if you never exhibit, no one else has the opportunity to see your material, nor do you have the chance to gain recognition for your material through a medal. Think about it . . . put it all together . . . and we'll see you in February

As Chairman of the forthcoming Polpex, I am pleased to announce the following:

Postal Sub-Station and Cancellation

The Post Office Department in Chicago has informed me that we shall have the services as in previous years. However, they are concerned in that philatelic sales of stamps over the counter have not been quite as anticipated in recent years. An appeal is now made to the membership and it is requested that you defer your large commemorative purchases until the show. Let's show them what Polonus can really do! Besides . . . you can't beat their prices!

The various committees have been formed and they are tentatively presented as follows:

Entries	Alfred Szebel
Bourse	Roman Reinowski
Sales	J. P. Rux
	Chester J. Mikucki
	Chester J. Mikucki, Jr.
Awards	Alfred Szebel
Arts	Alfred Szebel
	Chester Schafer

Beeba	Al Rybarski
	Al Juskowicz
	Mr. Link
Publicity	Chester Schafer
	Alfred Szebel
	Thomas J. Gobby
Ads	Chester Schafer
	Stanley Dobrzycki
Patrons	Chester J. Mikucki

Help would be appreciated in putting together the Beeba. If to contribute some special dish or maybe cash, please contact me — your help is sought.

We are also looking for material to be donated to a tentatively scheduled Auction during Polpex, the proceeds of which will be used to pay for our newly gotten easels.

Think about it! We need you to make POLPEX 1971 a success!

—Thomas J. Gobby
Polpex Chairman

NOVEMBER 28th MEETING

The November 28th meeting was held at the St. James Auditorium meeting room. The attendance was good and was well rewarded by the appearance of Charles Chesloe, the invited guest of member Joseph Janicka. Mr. Chesloe was a recent Silver Medal winner at SEPAD for his highly specialized collection of Eastern Silesia, the "S. O. 1920" overprints on the stamps of Czechoslovakia. He gave a brief, but well-documented presentation regarding his specialty, and passed around album pages of his prize-winning material which was very clean, fresh, and composed of a large number of proofs, trials, shifts, and other rarities.

A Beeba followed Mr. Chesloe's talk which was well enjoyed by all. Our thanks to Mr. Chesloe for affording us the first-hand opportunity of viewing his superb material.

—Thomas J. Gobby

POLONUS VISITS LITHPEX

When a Chicagoland philatelic society holds an exhibition on a night of a Polonus meeting, we try to schedule our meeting at the exhibition so as to make it easier for our members to attend the show.

The Lithuanian Philatelic Society held their XV LITHPEX October 23-25 at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 4012 S. Archer Ave. Through the kindness of their President, Benedict Jurenas, and the Museum President, Stanley Balzekas, we were given an upstairs museum room for our meeting. And just before the meeting got under way, Mr. Balzekas brought out a bottle of champagne, passed out glasses, poured everyone a drink and proposed a toast that the friendship continue to exist between the two philatelic clubs.

After the meeting members toured the philatelic room of the museum which houses an excellent Lithuania collection.

At the LITHPEX members noted many Polish stamps in the collections

on exhibit, especially, Poland No. 1 on cover, The U.S. Poland Millennium stamp on cover, and Central Lithuania.

Chester Schafer served as a judge during the competition.

MAZEWSKI APPOINTED U.N. ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Our member, Aloysius A. Mazewski, President of the Polish National Alliance, and President of the Polish American Congress, received another title of importance. President Richard Nixon appointed him as an Alternate U.S. Delegate to the United Nations. Polonus sends its sincerest congratulations to Mr. Mazewski on his new assignment.

APPLICANTS PENDING

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LITHUANIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY WELCOMES POLONUS

At the recent LITHPEX, Polonus was welcomed by the Lithuanian Philatelic Society President. (Left to right:) Sig Bor, Anthony Banasiak, Stefan Czarniecki, Chester Schafer, Alfred Szebel, Lithuanian Philatelic Society President Benedict Jurenas, Alexander Florczak, Michael Goc, Stanley Kucharz, Roman Reinowski and George Jezioranski.

BUFFALO'S AMPOLPEX-9

The Polish Philatelic Society of Buffalo, N.Y. held its 9th annual AMPOLPEX Oct. 31 and Nov. 1st. In competition were 144 frames of excellent material. The Adam Mickiewicz Hall was too small for the large crowds attending.

Judging the show were Dr. Matt Gajewski, Henry Skibinski and Arthur Koscinski. They placed the following awards:

Specialized

- 1st: Central Lithuania—Ray Schneider of Buffalo
2nd: Second Provisional Issue of Poland—Robt. Hochmuth, Buffalo

Topical

- 1st: 1000 Years of the Polish Army—M. Bialobrodec of New Britain, Conn.
2nd: Nicolas Copernicus — Mrs. M Schunke, Buffalo

Postal History

- 1st: Polish Field Post—Alfred Szebel of Chicago
2nd: Polish First Flights—Zdzislaw Wagrowski of Chicago

General

- 1st: Philatelic History of the General Government—Jos. Kujda, Buffalo
2nd: 1st Polish Designs—Robt. Hochmuth of Buffalo

Polonica

- 2nd: Ignacy Jan Paderewski — Miss B. Wloch.

The Grand Award and the Polonus Award was presented to Jos. Kujda for his Philatelic History of the General Government.

Chairman of the exhibition was Theo. Skotnicki.

MIDPEX 1970

The Midway Stamp Club consists of members living mostly on the Southwest side of Chicago, near the Midway Airport. Many of their members are also members of Polonus. They held their 15th Anniversary ex-

hibition, MIDPEX 1970, at Rhine Post Hall, 5858 Archer Ave. Judges for the show were Polonus members J. P. Rux, Joseph Janecka and Chester Schafer. As it would be, a Polonus member won the grand award — Sig Bor with his specialized Upper Silesia exhibit.

Polonus extends it congratulations to Joseph Banasiak, President, and the Midway members on their 15th anniversary.

NEW MEMBERS

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STAMPS FOR THE WOUNDED

This year, the fourth Friday of the month occurs on Christmas Day, December 25th. There will be only one meeting in December, on Friday the 11th. It is customary at Polonus that we hold a Stamps For The Wounded Nite at our closest meeting to Christmas. Members are asked to bring donations of stamps, albums, catalogs, publications, philatelic supplies or cash. Our member, John Bor, the Midwest Regional Director for Stamps For The Wounded, will see to it that these are distributed properly.

Out-of-town members may send their donations to John Bor, 1810 N. Richmond St., Chicago, Ill. 60647. Make checks payable to "Stamps For The Wounded."

COLLECTORS IN POLAND

Lately we have received many letters from collectors in Poland seeking to establish contact with collectors in the U.S. Most of these are written in the Polish language. If you would like to receive some of these letters, kindly write to our Secretary, Alfred Szebel, 9041 Emerson, Des Plaines, Ill. 60016.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, December 11, 1970 —

Business Meeting and Stamps For The Wounded Nite. At this meeting a final report on Polpex 1970 is to be made and Nomination of Officers for 1971 will take place. Coffee and paczki will be served.

Friday, December 25, 1970 —

No meeting — Merry Christmas!

Friday, January 8, 1971 —

Election of Officers.

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