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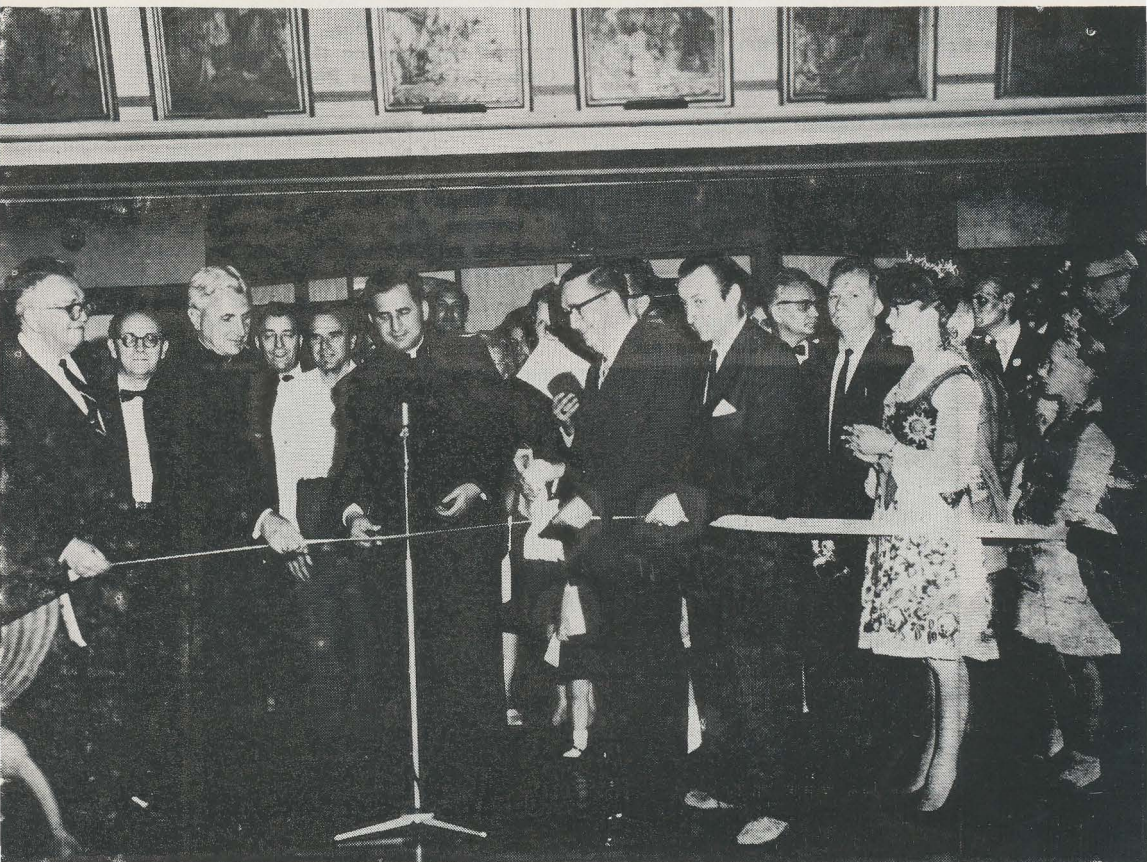


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POLPEX HUGE SUCCESS!



OPENING DAY CEREMONIES FRIDAY, AUGUST 26th AT POLISH MUSEUM

Part of the crowd that witnessed the official opening of POLPEX 1966 which honored Poland's Millennium of Christianity. Guest of Honor was the Most Reverend Władysław Rubin, Delegate of Cardinal Wyszyński of Poland, who cut the ribbon. In the first row, holding the ribbon, are: (left to right) Myron Steczynski, the Most Reverend Aloysius J. Wycislo, Bishop Rubin, Honorable Lester Jankowski and Roman H. Strzelecki.

(Frank Las Photo)

POLPEX 1966 ATTRACTS RECORD CROWD

Over 2,500 people visited the Polpex at the Polish Museum of America over the three days of the exhibition, according to the museum custodian. George Walter, The opening night alone had over 600 visitors for the three hours of the exhibition. Even before the show opened at 7 p.m. Friday night, there were 150 people waiting to get in.

A most impressive opening ceremony was held with Honorary Polpex Chairman, the Most Reverend Aloysius J. Wycislo, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago participating, along with the honored guest, Most Reverend Władysław Rubin, Delegate of Cardinal Wyszynski of Poland. Bishop Rubin was in Chicago for the Poland's Millennium of Christianity Observance manifestation scheduled to be held at Soldiers Field two days later.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony which officially opened the show, Bishop Rubin spoke to the crowd. He pointed out the importance acquired by the Polish minority group in America and congratulated Polonus on their success. He

praised the accomplishments of Polish-Americans in the many fields of American life for which he thanked Polonia.

Bishop Wycislo then spoke and he praised Polonus for its effort in helping to get the U.S. Poland's Millennium stamp issued.

The ceremonies were concluded when Polpex Chairman, Alfred Szebel, presented Bishop Rubin with an encased gold and silver plaque bearing the image of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

In attendance were many prominent persons representing the Polish Roman Catholic Union, the Polish National Alliance and other organizations, as well as the Polish press, radio and television. Many priests and a nun were also noted in this crowd.

On Sunday afternoon, busloads of out of towners, who came to Chicago to attend the manifestation at Soldiers Field, stopped off at the museum and viewed the stamp exhibition. Roman Strzelecki reported record sales of Polpex seals and covers.



Posing in front of the Polpex postal station are: (left to right) Rev. Steven Wesoly, Bishop Rubin's Secretary; Bishop Władysław Rubin; Bishop Aloysius J. Wycislo; George Walter, Museum Curator; Alfred Szebel, Polpex Chairman, and Helen Galczyński, Polish Highlander Queen. (Frank Las Photo)

The judges acclaimed this Polpex an international exhibition as on display were entries from Poland, England, Australia, Canada as well as from many states in the Union. After some tough deliberating they awarded to the following:

Dr. L. Biberstein of London—The Grand Award for Kraków Issues of 1919

Dr. J. Kuderewicz of Manchester, N.H.—The Uznanski Historical Award for Postal History to 1860

Emil Mrugacz of Chicago—The Kozakiewicz Research Award for Research on Poland 357-361

L. Pieczara of Chicago—The Millennium Award for Poland's Millennium Issues (award donated by Hollywood Press)

Z. Wagrowski of Chicago—Best Air Mail Award for Balloon Mail (donated by the Polish Air Force Association)

Gold Millennium Medals:

M. A. Bojanowicz of England for Polish Fieldpost in Russia 1939-42

R. H. Strzelecki of Chicago for Provisional Issue of 1923-24

St. Zolkiewski of Poland for 20th Anniversary of Independence Issue

C. Witkowska of Poland for Varieties, Errors and Proofs

Silver Millennium Medals:

C. P. Straub of Minneapolis for Cancellations on Germania overprints

Z. Wlodarski of England for Final Inflation Period of 1924

A. Szebel of Chicago for Polish Fieldpost of World War II

S. Kučharz of Chicago for Fieldpost of Polish 2nd Corps

Z. J. Rycaj of Chicago for Woldenberg Prisoner of War Issues

Bronze Millennium Medals:

Z. Lindauer of Canada for Warsaw Locals

M. Dabrowski of England for Second Provisional Issue of 1918-19

J. Z. Berek of London for Polish Airgraphs

J. Meier of Canada for Poland's History 1939-46

E. Kalawska of Worcester, Mass. for Stamps of Foreign Countries pertaining to Poland

B. Strzelecki of Chicago for Slogan Cancellations

Postal History Society Award—Dr. E. L. Slotkowski for Grunwald

Postal History Society Award—J. M. Jakubecki of Detroit for Franked Postal Stationery of 1919-39



Polpex Chairman, Alfred Szebel presents Bishop Rubin with a gift of an encased gold and silver plaque with image of Our Lady of Częstochowa. (Frank Las Photo)

S.P.A. Research Award—R. H. Strzelecki of Chicago for Provisional Issues of 1923-24

Cent. Federation Postal History Award—A. Szebel of Chicago for Polish Fieldpost of World War II

Certificates of Participation with Millennium Madonna Medals were presented to all the previous mentioned and to T. W. Kuzma of Australia for London Issues of 1941-44; J. M. Pirog of Chicopee, Mass. for Poland 1944; L. Zeller of Cleveland for Early Post War Cancellations; Lester Jankowski for Pilsudski Stamp Highlights; M. Kalawski of Worcester, Mass. for Prisoners of War Neubrandenburg Camp; S. Styczynski of Chicago for Port Gdańsk.

Visitors awed at the beautiful pages of Cardinal Spellman's Vatican City collection which was properly displayed in the Court of Honor.

The U.S. Post Office Department display "Birth of a Stamp" panels of the U.S. Poland's Millennium commemorative was shown for the first time at our Polpex.

The presentation of awards was made at the Beeba Saturday night with Hon. Lester Jankowski officiating.

The Beeba was not as well attended this year as in years past. This was so probably because of it taking place in the summer time, an odd time of the year for a Polpex.

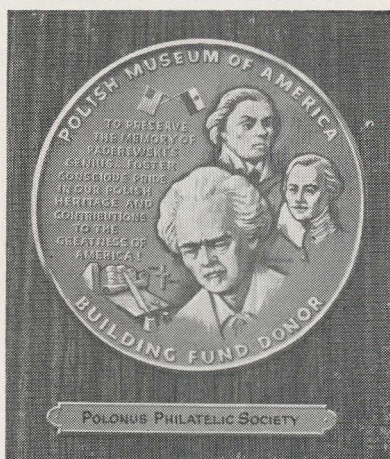
The record crowds that attended Polpex consisted of many non-philatelists who were attracted by our connection with the Poland's Millennium of Christianity Observance.

Full credit for a most successful Polpex goes to its capable chairman, Alfred Szebel.

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OLONUS RECEIVES PLAQUE FROM POLISH MUSEUM



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POLAND'S MILLENNIUM OF CHRISTIANITY

By MYRON STECZYNSKI

Reprinted from LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS

The occasion for a U.S. commemorative honoring Poland reaches back much further than any event which prompted other U.S. postal issues. It goes back forty generations — a full ten centuries, to be exact. Poland is now celebrating 1000 years as a Christian nation and the stamp is America's expression to wish Poland well.

The commemorative brings into focus a wide range of happenings and forces which prompted the Polish Duke Mieszko (Mieczysław) I at the marriage to his Bohemian bride Dąbrówka in 966 A.D. to be converted to Christianity.

It was not simply an evolution from paganism to Christianity — it was a choice that Mieszko and his people had to make between adopting the teachings and rites of the Roman Catholics in a western bloc as compared with the appeal of greater showmanship and the doctrine of the Orthodox church in its eastern bloc, so to speak.

By adopting Roman Catholicism, Poland thereby joined the western bloc of European nations.

As time marched on, Poland was called upon many times to bear the brunt of eastern and other invasions in order to defend and preserve the ideals and culture of its church and country. Later destinies of these nations in western Europe led to the discovery, settlement and development of America.

Friendly relations have existed between the Polish people and the American people since the early settlements, through the Revolutionary and Civil Wars and into recent times.

Throughout the thousand years Poland has made distinguished contributions to western culture not only as the sentinel at the crossroads, but as a true contributor in concept of government, aims of education and in the advancement of arts and sciences.

Poles and Americans have understood one another without difficulty whenever they spoke of man's yearning to be free. The Poles always acted as Ameri-

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cans would act if there were an America in the centuries when Poland was a power.

President Johnson goes on record as saying that close bonds between the Polish people and America are most important today to preserve the peace of the world.

The U.S.-Poland stamp is a documented milestone in the long friendship that exists between the people of the two countries. The simple, yet forceful design is distinctly Polish.

The traditional crowned white eagle of Poland on a red shield and a Christian cross with significant dates 966-1966, typically Polish motifs, should make a strong impact on the people of Poland.

First day ceremonies were held in Washington, D.C. on July 30. Many first day covers were directed to Poland and elsewhere to promote the people-to-people program of strengthening friendly relations.

These especially prepared covers and the millions of letters that will have Poland's Millennium of Christianity stamp affixed to them will express our desire to live in peace with all people of the world.

The Millennium stamp is the sixth American issue to honor Polish subjects. In 1931 we issued a 2c stamp honoring

Pulaski; in 1933 we honored Kosciuszko with a 5c value; in 1943 we memorialized Poland with a flag stamp as the first of thirteen overrun nations; and in 1960 we honored Paderewski as a Champion of Liberty. Poland has likewise issued stamps to honor America.

OVER THREE MILLION FIRST DAY SALE OF MILLENNIUM COVERS

Postmaster General Larry F. O'Brien announced that there were 712,603 covers cancelled when the 5c Poland's Millennium commemorative was placed on sale at Washington, D.C. on July 30. In all, there were 3,278,116 stamps sold that day with a value of \$163,905.80.

POLPHIL 66

The Polish Philatelic Society of Australia will hold an international philatelic exhibition called POLPHIL 66 on 8-9 October at the Kosciuszko House, 313 Latrobe St., Melbourne. It is in commemoration of the 1000th anniversary of Christianity in Poland. Awards to winners in the exhibition will consist of specially minted medals, in bronze, silver, and gold. The obverse depicts the Polish General Kosciuszko, after whom the highest peak in the Australian Alps is named. On the reverse is a replica of the oldest wax seal of the department of Polish Posts.

The organizing committee expects exhibitors from the U.S.A., Great Britain, and Poland, as well as Australian collectors.

There will be several souvenirs, such as facsimiles of Poland No. 1, souvenir sheets, and covers. The souvenir sheets will depict the first prince of Poland, Mieszko I, who in A. D. 966 married the Czech Princess Dabrowka and accepted Christianity for his country.

The exhibition will have a Class of Honor, and a section for "Hors Concours." The exhibits in all sections are devoted exclusively to Polish material.

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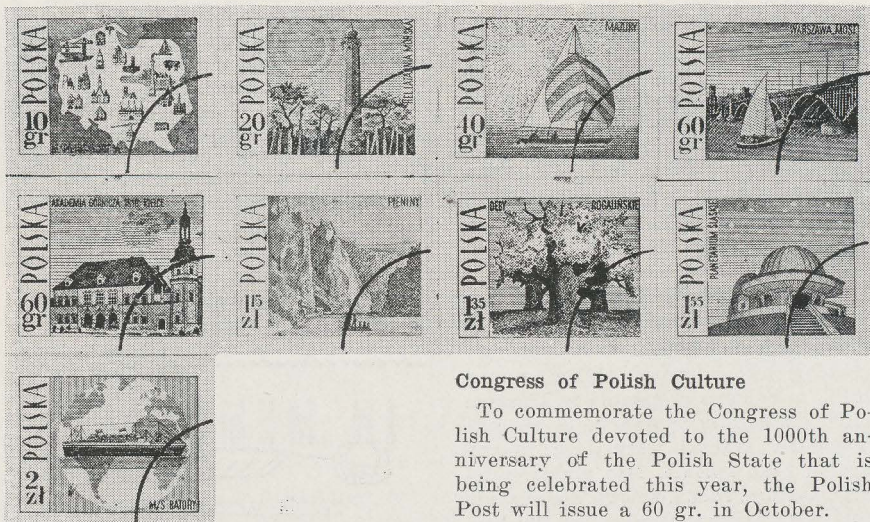
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Tourist travel in Poland has developed rapidly during the last years. More and more people of various social circles are attracted by the beauty of the diverse districts of the country, relics of the past, and interesting objects of modern architecture.

The Polish Post will issue a set of stamps devoted to the popularization of inland tourist travel on September 15th.

- 10 gr.—tourist map of Poland
11,000,000 issued
- 20 gr.—lighthouse of Hel Peninsula
8,000,000 issued
- 40 gr.—yacht on a Mazurian lake
10,500,000 issued
- 60 gr.—Poniatowski Bridge, Warsaw
12,000,000 issued
- 60 gr.—Mining Academy in Kielce
12,000,000 issued
- 1.15 zł.—Dunajec Gorge
3,000,000 issued
- 1.35 zł.—old oaks in Rogalin
3,700,000 issued
- 1.55 zł.—Silesian planetarium
4,500,000 issued
- 2.00 zł.—liner M/S "Batory"
4,500,000 issued

Designed by T. Michaluk. Steel engraved printed by PWPW, Warsaw on common paper in sheets of 100.

Congress of Polish Culture

To commemorate the Congress of Polish Culture devoted to the 1000th anniversary of the Polish State that is being celebrated this year, the Polish Post will issue a 60 gr. in October.

The design shows a cap of a Roman column of the 12th century found in Tyniec near Cracow on the background of a stylized Polish Banner.



Designed by Ryszard Dudzicki. Steel engraved printing by the PWPW, Warsaw on common paper in sheets of 40 stamps. 6,000,000 to be issued.

PHILATELIC LECTURES

A short time ago the Austin Philatelic Club conducted classes "School of Philately" of approximately 75 students attending each of the lectures over a period of several weeks. A printed text was made available for each lecture.

The Austin Club has a small stock remaining for sale at \$3.00 for a complete set. The texts cover almost all of the aspects of stamp collecting.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, September 23rd, 1966:

Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Polish Falcons Hall.

Program Meeting at 8:30 p.m. Guest speaker: Stanley Garczynski, Secretary of the Polish American Numismatic Association. Topic: Something of interest to philatelists.

Friday, October 14th, 1966:

Regular Business Meeting.

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Pragnę nadmienić, że jestem inwalidą z drugiej wojny i zbieranie znaczków oraz ich kolekcjonowanie, umiła mi czas którego nie mogę wykorzystać na inne rozrywki z powodu mego inwalidztwa.

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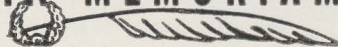
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