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POLPEX REPORT

A colorful theme, "Polish Heroes of the Civil War", was greatly exploited by the Polonus Philatelic Society at their Annual Exhibition POLPEX 1962 held on March 9, 10 and 11 at the Polish Museum of America in Chicago.

First of all, a most impressive Program Catalogue was printed. It was filled with articles, photos and drawings of Poles and their participation in the

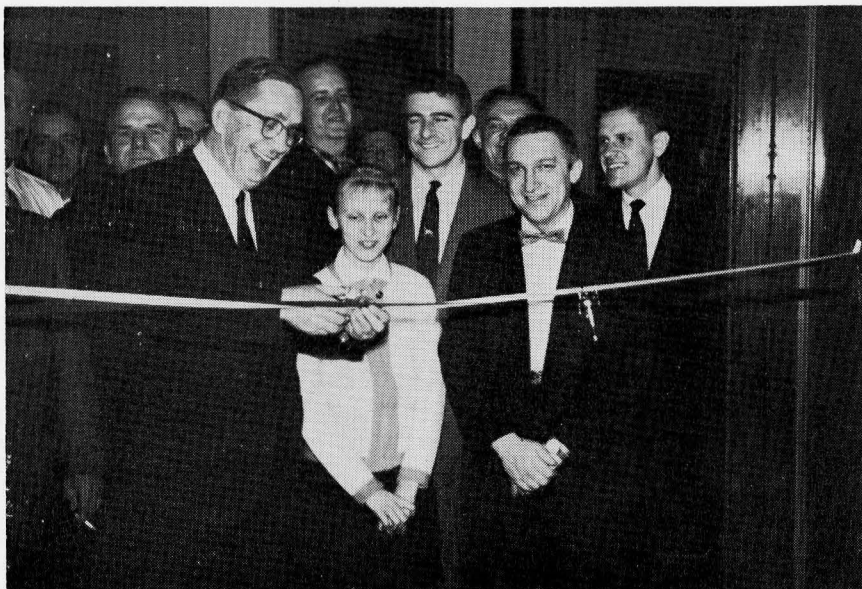
United States Civil War of 1861-65. Polonus members wrote the articles and illustrations were furnished by the Polish Museum and the American Polish Civil War Centennial Committee.

The national philatelic publications "Stamps", "Linn's Weekly Stamp News" and "Western Stamp Collector" carried articles on Poles in the Civil War. The Polish Museum, assisted by the Chicago



The General Krzyżanowski display in the rotunda of the exhibition hall is viewed by Polpex Chairman, Edward Gawencki; Midwest Director of the American Polish Civil War Centennial Committee, Dr. Edward Rozanski; President Lester Jankowski and Secretary Roman Strzelecki.

(Photo courtesy of American Polish Civil War Centennial Committee)



President Lester Jankowski cutting ribbon at 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 9th, at official opening ceremony of POLPEX 1962. Junior member Barbara Strzelecki, Polpex Chairman Edward Gawencki and crowd eagerly await their entry into the Exhibition Hall of the Polish Museum of America.



The dealers reported a steady stream of customers throughout the three days of the Show. Dealer John Skotnicki (standing, bottom right) watches Mathias Pristika selecting stamps from stock book.

(Photos by R. Strzelecki)

Historical Society and Dr. M. E. Uznanski, set up a Civil War Exhibit with documents and personal effects belonging to Civil War heroes General Włodzimierz Krzyżanowski and Captain Edward Bielawski.

In the Court of Honor was an outstanding collection of Abraham Lincoln covers, from the time Lincoln was a Member of Congress and President — an interesting and exciting period in the history of our country.

Our striking souvenir seals, designed by Myron Steczynski, was eagerly bought up by visitors to Polpex, and with the influx of orders reported by Seal Director Roman Strzelecki, it appears that the sales of the seals will surpass all others.

Polonus members and visitors to Polpex were impressed that Poles were active and played an important part in the U. S. Civil War.

POLPEX AWARD WINNERS

Polonus Grand Award — J. J. Domar.

Poland's Sower Issue showing shades,

paper and plate varieties.

Kozakiewicz Research Award — Chester A. Schafer

Poland Under German Occupation, 1915-18.

First Award — Regina A. Zaremba
Korean Flag Issue of 1961

Second Award — Lester Jankowski
French Newspaper Fiscal and Postal Markings and Stamps.

Third Award — Myron Steczynski
Poland's Poznań Issues of 1919.

S.P.A. Research Award — Stanley Kucharski.

Poland's Ten Liberated Cities Issue.

F.D.C. Award — Roman Reinowski
U.S. First Day Covers.

Topical Assoc. Award — Chester A. Schafer.

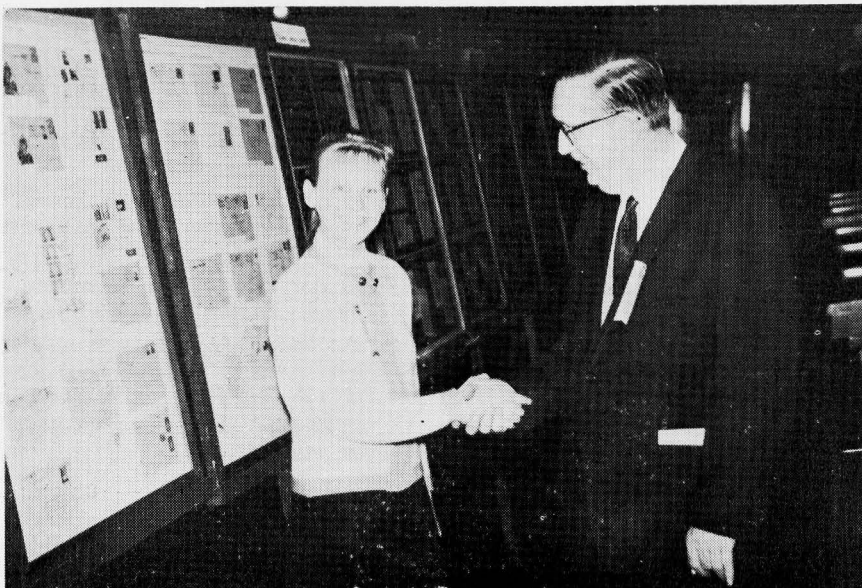
The World's Philatelic Tribute to Poles.

Novice Award — Roman H. Strzelecki
Poland's 1923-24 Provisional Issue.



Impressive Polonus trophies, consisting of the Polonus Grand Award, Kozakiewicz Research Award, First, Second and Third Awards and Novice Award are viewed by L. Jankowski, Dr. Edw. Rozanski, E. Gawencki and R. Strzelecki.

(Photo courtesy of American Polish Civil War Centennial Committee)

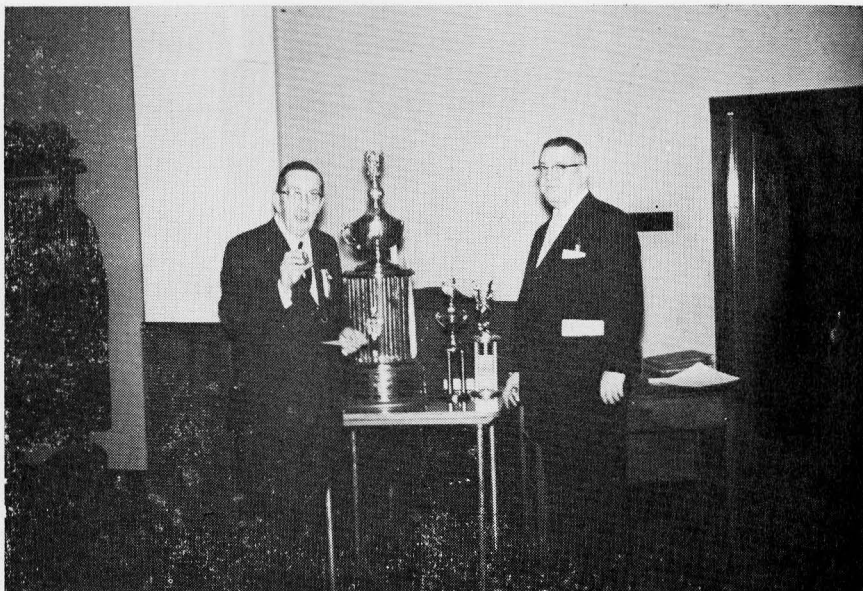


Youngest Polonus Member to exhibit, Barbara Strzelecki, receives congratulations from President Lester Jankowski.



The judging of the Show is completed. Judge Jan Matschinegg, President Lester Jankowski, Judge Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz, Judge Marian Carne Zinnsmeister and Polpex Chairman Edward Gawencki conferring just before the results were posted.

(Photos by R. Strzelecki)



Grand Award winner Jack Domar poses with President Lester Jankowski and trophies during the Presentation of Awards which immediately followed the Beeba held Saturday night, March 10th, in the museum cafeteria. (Photo by R. Strzelecki)



The bourse table of Roman Burkiewicz (standing) was busy throughout the show. Wall cases in background contain army uniforms of various periods in Polish history. (Photo courtesy of American Polish Civil War Centennial Committee)



Among the out-of-town visitors was a member from Buffalo, N. Y., Dr. Matt Gajewski, President of the Plewacki Post Stamp Society. Photo was made as he rises from his seat upon being introduced to crowd attending Beeba and Presentation of Awards.



Myron Steczynski accepting Third Awaard Trophy from Lester Jankowski.

(Photos by R. Strzelecki)



Stanley Kucharz receiving congratulatory handshake and S. P. A. Research Award from Lester.

(Photos by R. Strzelecki)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Polpex Show is the biggest undertaking of the year for the Polonus Philatelic Society. It calls for great effort on the part of the committees. Acknowledgement is due our President, Lester Jankowski for his untiring effort in handling the Polpex finances, exhibition layout, presentation of awards, to name but a few of the many tasks he performed.

A great load of work was placed on our Secretary, Roman Strzelecki who undertook the job of Seal Director left vacant by our recent loss of Adam Kloskowski.

The highlight of a Polpex is always the Beeba, and this year's Beeba was no exception. John Bor deserves credit for organizing a splendid kitchen crew and dishing out a large and tasty spread of foods.

An important source of income at a Polpex is the money that advertising in the Program Catalogue brings in. Soliciting ads is the big job here, and it was ably done by Stanley Kucharz. The Bourse brings in money too, and thanks for this go to Roman Reinowski.

A Show cannot be successful without Publicity and those responsible for writing and sending out articles were: Roman Strzelecki, Myron Steczynski, Walter Szymlek, Dr. M. E. Uznanski, John Gapinski, Kay Horowicz and Chester Schafer.

Much physical effort is required in



Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz receiving a Special Award for great unselfish contribution to Polish Philately. The Award arrived from Poland the day before the Polpex.



Member Ben Reeves, Honorary Compex Chairman, sneaks a bite of Polish sausage just before Beeba Chairman shouted "Come and get it!" Making sport of him are Dr. James Mateyka, Compex Chairman; Marian Carne Zinnmeister, Assoc.-Editor S.P.A. Journal; and Joseph Janecka, President of the First Czechoslovak Philatelic Club.



Couple examining stamp stock books at dealer Roman Reinowski's bourse table. Museum wall cases in background display costumes, colored Easter eggs and other articles of Polish folklore.

(Photos by R. Strzelecki)

them down again. This labor was per-
putting up frames and easels and taking
formed by Alvin and Ray Bialobrzski,
John Skotnicki, Roman Strzelecki, Wal-
ter Szymlek, Lester Jankowski, Jack
Domar, Doc Kozy, L. A. Kupferwasser,
Stanley Kucharz and Edward Gawencki.

All the previous mentioned jobs must
be coordinated. Seeing to this great
task and numerous other tasks was the
Polpex Chairman Edward Gawencki.

POLPEX 1962 lasted but three days,
but its memories will last a long, long
time to come.

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POLPHILEX

The Union of Polish Philatelists in
Great Britain held their POLPHILEX
on March 9 to 12, 1962 at London. The
following Polonus members exhibited:

M. A. Bojanowicz — Court of Honor:
Poland Number One (not for com-
petition); and a Specialized Study
and Collection of Mafeking (for com-
petition.)

Lester Jankowski — Court of Honor:
Joseph Pilsudski "The Stamp High-
lights of a Hero" (not for competi-
tion.)

Dr. M. E. Uznanski — "Pilsudski—The
Marshall of Poland": Stamps, Covers
and material pertaining to the life of
Joseph Pilsudski.

Results of the judging will be an-
nounced later.

STECZYNSKI'S COLLECTION

ON EXHIBIT IN POLAND

The Postal and Telecommunication
Museum in Wrocław had arranged an
exhibit of Myron Steczynski's Collec-
tion "POLONIA U.S.A." The collection
consists of four sectors, one for each of
the Commemorative Issues of USA ho-
noring the National Heroes of Poland
and America and the Polish Flag: 1)
Gen. Kazimierz Pulaski; 2) Gen. Ta-
deusz Kościuszko; 3) Champion of Li-
berty, Ignacy Jan Paderewski and 4)
the US stamp of 1943, featuring the
Polish Flag Stamps, First Day Covers,
Cancellations for the occasion and from
interesting places comprise the collec-
tion, which is nicely rounded up with
some beautiful Analogical Cards. The
Exhibition was open to the public, Feb-
ruary 11th to 28th, 1962.

—W. S.

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NEW ISSUES
by J. J. Domar

The "Insects Under Preservation In Poland" series was issued Dec. 30, 1961, Illustration of Cover was in the Jan. 1962 issue of the Bulletin.

The 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 80 gr. values were designed by Jerzy Desselberger and the 1.15 zł., 1.35 zł., 1.50 zł., 1.55 zł. were designed by Alojzy Balcerzak.

The 2.50 and 5.60 zł. values were designed by Andrzej Heydrich.

The stamps were printed in multi-colored rotogravure by the State Printing Office in Warsaw.

The three stamps issued for the F.I.S World Skiing Championship were released on Feb. 14, 1962. The set consists of a 40 gr., 60 gr. and 1.50 zł. All three values appear in three colors: gray, steel-blue and red. A limited amount of souvenir sheets were issued.

An additional value of the Western Territories series was released on Mar. 18th. The release consisted of two stamps, printed set-tenant, with an inscribed coupon, each having a value of 95 groszy.

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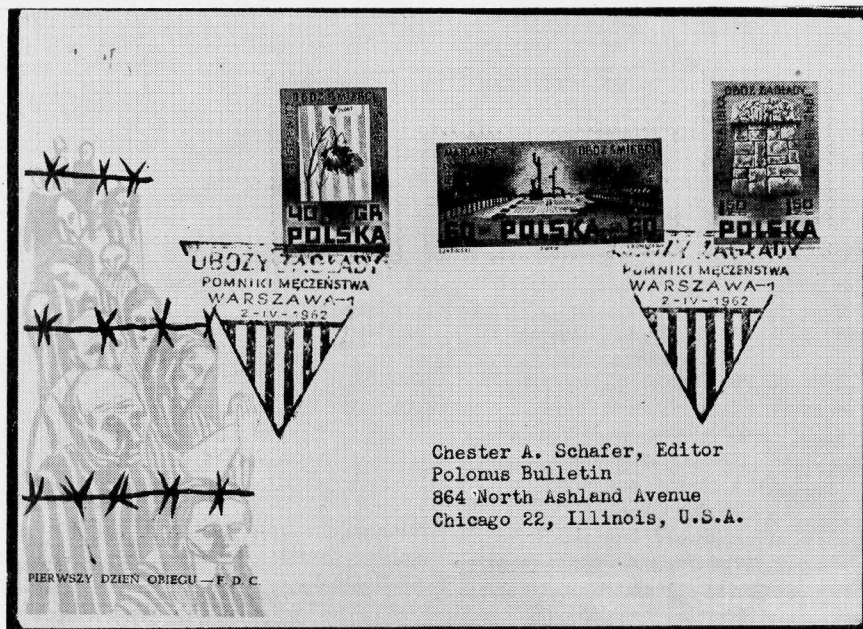
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On April 2nd, 1962 the Polish Martyroly (Death) Camps set was released (see first day cover illustrated below). It consists of a 40 gr. steel-blue for Oświęcim, a 60 gr. gray for Majdanek, and a 1.50 zł. violet for Treblinka.

— Ruch, J. Bieniecki;
R. Burkiewicz



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POLAND'S STAMP PROGRAM FOR 1962

By Dr. Rayal de Ragan

The following stamp program, as corrected, has been announced for the 1962 year: (see report in "Stamps" December 16, 1961).

In the first quarter there were three issues:

January — Five stamps, face value 60 groszy each, to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Polish Communist Party; February 14th — six stamps and one miniature sheet honoring the International Ski Meet at Zakopane; On February 24th, the supplementary two stamps, denominations of 95 groszy each, for the Western Territories.

For the second quarter the plan calls for the following issues: April 2nd: three stamps, commemorating the Polish Martyrology Camps, the so-called "Memorials to Martyrology." Denominations: 40, 60 groszy and 1.50 zł. First part of May: a set of three stamps publicizing the Fifteenth Peace Race Warszawa-Berlin-Praga.

In the second half of May—a set of three values for the 50th Anniversary of Lenin's stay in Poland, and in June the supplementary set of six stamps "Famous Poles." For the third quarter, five sets are expected, with a total of 30 stamps, as follows: A supplementary set to "Polish Western Territories", printed in the same arrangement as the previous issues of the same theme (See "Stamps" of July 22nd and August 19, 1961 or "Polonus Bulletin" of September, 1961.) The set will contain six values, in three pairs of stamps. The planned first day issue is July 22, 1962.

August will bring us a large set of twelve stamps: "The Polish Plants Under Preservation" and one set of two stamps for "FIP" Day. (FIP — Federation Internationale de Philatelie.) International Philatelic Federation Day.

For September two sets are planned: 1) six stamps to honor Dr. Janush Korczak, doctor of medicine and Jewish physician, founder of the Children-Help in Poland, who was murdered by the German Nazis. 2) Eight stamps for the Athletic European Games in Belgrade, 1962.

In the fourth quarter three more sets are scheduled, as follows:

October 9th — two stamps for the "Stamp Day." November 7th — one stamp for the 45th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution in Russia.

In the early part of December, a set of six stamps to honor the 120th Birth Anniversary of Maria Konopnicka, Polish Poetess.

The total for the year, according to this plan are 67 postage stamps and one Miniature Souvenir Sheet.

—Dr. Rayal de Ragan

JOS. JAKUBECKI WINS FIRST AWARD AT MICHIGAN SHOW

Polonus member Joseph Jakubecki was awarded 1st Ribbon and Trophy in the Foreign-U.N. Class of the Wayne Stamp Club Show held Mar. 31-Apr. 1. He showed his Municipal Post Issues of Warsaw, Sosnowiec, Żarki and Zawiercie. It also was awarded the SPA Research Award.

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GRAND AWARD WINNING EXHIBIT

At POLPEX 1962 the Grand Award was given to Jack Domar for his exhibit of Poland's Sower Stamps. At the March 23rd Program Meeting, Jack was asked to talk about his collection.

Jack said he started this collection 23 years ago, about the time Polonus was formed. Since that time he examined over 100,000 Sower stamps and studied and classified them as to shades paper and plate varieties.

Back in 1941, Jack together with Dr. Lewandowski collaborated and wrote an article on the Sower stamps. It was published in the Polonus Magazine which preceeded our Polonus Bulletin.

Myron Steczynski brought down six volumes of Sower stamps from his Larking Collection. He showed pages which indicated that Col. Larking collected for study. The collection included charts and tabulations.

On the other hand, Jack Domar's collection was dramatized to look appealing and his collection was for exhibiting purposes.

Jack's collection was made up of stamps cataloging but two cents each in Scott's. He proved that you do not have to collect expensive stamps, nor do you have to search the world over to find stamps for a Grand Award winning collection.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our member, Very Rev. Jerome Holubowicz, O.F.M. Con. D.P., Pastor of St. Stanislaus B. & M. Church, Chelsea, Mass., who will celebrate a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood on May 6th, 1962, at 12 Noon.

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LIVELIER POLONUS MEETINGS

Since the new administration under President Lester Jankowski took over, Friday night meetings at POLONUS have been filled with interest. A larger attendance has been noted and more enthusiasm displayed.

Scheduled for the first meeting in April was an auction of Poland items from the late Bert Powell's collection. Following the auction, Lester Jankowski opened two books of Poland material of duplicates and accumulations which he offered for sale and trade.

Vice President and Program Chairman, Jack Domar announced, that the **guest speaker for the April 27th Meeting would be the owner of the largest Poland collection in the world, Myron Steczynski.**

The President appointed Roman Burkiewicz as Chairman of a Study Groups Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to organize groups of members to study a particular phase in Polish Philately, report to the Society of its findings at meetings and through articles in the BULLETIN. Three study groups were already formed, one to study the Airmail stamps of Poland, another the Lublin Issues, and a third to study Poland No. One.

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