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POLAND RELEASES APPROPRIATE NEW ISSUE

Among Poland's recent new issues is a Folk Custom set of six pictorials which is of interest to Polonus members with POLPEX 78 coming soon. The set is in line with the theme of our show — Polish Folklore. And most appropriate for this time of the year is the 6 zloty value showing a group of villagers going Christmas caroling (po kolędzie).

The set was issued on June 13, 1977 showing Polish folk customs according to 19th century wood engravings preserved at the Ethnographic Museum in Warsaw.

- 90 gr—Bonfires lit by country folk on St. John's Day.
3,500,000 issued
- 1.00 zł—Easter cock
10,000,000 issued
- 1.50 zł—"Śmigus" the dousing of women on Easter Monday
10,000,000 issued
- 3.00 zł—"Okrężne" harvest home festival in Sandomierz
6,000,000 issued
- 6.00 zł—Christmas caroling with the Christ-child's crib.
1,300,000 issued
- 8.40 zł—Mountaineer's wedding dance. 1,200,000 issued

Rotogravure multicolor printed by PWPW Warsaw in sheets of 50 stamps on chalky paper. Designed by Krystyna Tarkowska.



The 6.00 zloty of the Folk Custom set showing villagers going "po kolędzie".

This issue and other stamps showing folklore will be displayed at POLPEX 78, on March 18-19, at the elegant halls of the Polish Army Veterans Building at 6005 W. Irving Park Road in Chicago.

With this edition of the "Bulletin" we enclose a Polpex Entry Application. The show is not limited to folklore exhibits only. You may exhibit any philatelic material you please. To enable us to prepare a good show, we ask

that you fill out your entry form at your earliest convenience and return it promptly to entry chairman Ted Resner. You have responded well in the past — don't let us down this time.

PAST PRESIDENTS NIGHT AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Friday, December 30th, Polonus members and their wives, or guests, will gather at our clubrooms in the lower level of the Polish Veterans Hall, 6005 West Irving Park Rd., Chicago, for a Past Presidents Night and Christmas Party. Cocktails at 7:00 pm, Dinner at 8:00 p.m. A short program will follow. Past presidents will be called on for their remarks. Drinks available at a cash bar. Donation \$3.00 per person at the door.

Please inform us if you will attend so we may have enough food for all. Notify Fred Szebel, 9041 Emerson St., Des Plaines, IL 60016. Deadline is Dec. 27th.

TO A NE'R-FORGOTTEN FRIEND

CHESTER J. MIKUCKI

**Cherish I, the old, old friendships,
Ever present as I age,
Still remember Chester, Domar,
That retain the memory's page.**

**Eager am I to enjoy 'gain
Reach the friends I had in past,
Join a group that loves that nation
Martyr ever, land oppressed.**

**I'll enjoy again, Polonus,
Keep it on my favored list,
Use its service to acquire,
Collect Items that I missed.**

**Kindly then accept my greetings
Send them to the friends I knew,
It's a privilege to be present
Thru a friend as fine as you.**

—Lee Sobanski
Belen, N.M.

UPCOMING PHILATELIC EVENTS

Friday, December 23, 1977:

No meeting. Merry Christmas!

Friday, December 30, 1977:

Past President's Night and Christmas Party.

Friday, January 27, 1978:

"Frame-Fix Up Party" — Bring hammers, screw drivers and yourself. Refreshments will be served! Party starts 8:00 p.m.

Friday, February 27, 1978:

Joint Meeting with the German Philatelic Society, they will provide speakers. Beeba to follow.

Saturday & Sunday, February

ASDA Stamp Fair at the Hyatt O'Hare. Watch for date.

Sat. & Sun., March 3-4, 1978:

MILCOPEX Annual Exhibition and Bourse, Ramada Inn Airport, Milwaukee, Wisc.

Fri. & Sat., March 18-19, 1978:

POLPEX 78!!!

Fri. & Sat., April 1-2, 1978:

Rockford Stamp Club Annual Exhibition, now a National Show, at Clock Tower Inn, Rockford, Ill.



**WESOŁYCH
ŚWIĄT!**

The Officers and Board of Directors of the Polonus Philatelic Society would like to extend their warmest greeting to all the members and their families for a Joyous Holiday season and New Year!!!



Interned Camps For Polish Soldiers In Hungary During World War II

By DR. M. A. LIPINSKI

After the fall of the September Campaign in 1939, Polish soldiers and officers left Poland crossing boundaries to Lettland, Lithuania, Romania and Hungary where they were interned in camps. At the end of October, 1939, more than 40,000 Polish soldiers were interned in 140 various camps scattered over Hungary.

When the Polish Soldiers fled by way of Yugoslavia and to the Middle East or to France, where Polish forces were restoring, the camps in Southern Hungary were relocated in other areas, especially in the north or western Hungarian provinces.

During World War II there were 140 interned camps listed in Hun-

gary. Listed here is a compilation of these camps according to Col. Lucjan Teter, a famous Polish specialist of Polish Interned and Concentration Camps, and of Polish Fieldpost. Of great assistance to this compilation also was the publication of an Hungarian historian of this period, "Istvan Lagzi" Lengyel menekult Zala Megyeben a masedik villagtaboru idegen" (Polish military and civilian refugees of 1939 in the area of the district of Zala in World War II).

Post offices were organized only in the larger camps. Others correspondence was delivered by other camps or directly by the nearest post office. Because of



Registered letter dated July 30, 1943 from Selyp, Hungary to Lwów (Lemberg).

this the denomination of the postmarks is many times not identical to the denomination of postal cancellation or with the name of the interned camp.

CHECK LIST OF POLISH INTERNED CAMPS IN HUNGARY DURING WORLD WAR II

Abaujnadast	Kakucs	Puspokladani
Babócsa	Kaposvar	Rackeve
Balatonboglar	Kapuvár	Rajka
Balatonketeli	Kassa	Rakoscsaba
Balatonlelle	Kalonda	Raros - puszta
Balatonfoldvar	Kiralyra	Ricse
Balatonzamardi	Kiscenk	Sajoskazins
Banreve	Kisdobak	Sajolenartatwa
Barcs	Kiskunlahaza	Sajosszarnyja
Barzence	Komarom	Sajosszentkiraly
Bregence - major	Koszeg	Szakony
Budapest Citadella	Kovar	Szamogyudvaehely
Budapest Kobanya	Krasznokvajda	Samoskoujfaly
Buk	LengeyItoti	Sarvar
Csaroda	Lettkes	Selyp
Czis	Leva	Siklos
Debrecen	Magyarboly	Szaged-Alskozpond
Dejtar	Magyarosanad	Szekesfehervar
Domos	Mandok	Szentgotthard
Domsod	Miskolc	Szentmartonkata
Dregelypalank	Mogyesz	Szerencs
Eger	Mohacs	Szinkszo
Ersekujvar	Monor	Szylive
Esztergom	Mosdos	Szob
Felnemet	Mosonmagyarovar	Szombathely
Felsonangony	Munkacs	Tapiogyorgye
Felsopakony	Murakeresztur	Tapiosully
Ferteszentmiklos	Mogradveroce	Tapioszele
Gant	Nagyccnk	Tesmag
Garn	Nagyccsalomja	Tiszalook
Gederlak	Nagykata	Tokod
Gogyesz	Nagykanizsa	Tompa
Gyekenés	Nagymaros	Tornyosnemeti
Gyongyonsapati	Napragy	Ujdorogd - puszta
Gyor	Osgyan	Uszod
Hidasnemeti	Osurgo	Vac
Inarcs	Ozoreny	Vadna
Ipolybalog	Pacin	Vecses
Ipolybel	Parkany	Vamosmikola
Ipolypaszto	Pecs	Veszprem
Ipolyhidveg	Pereny	Visegrad
Ipolysag	Pesthidegut	Zabegeny
Ipolyszalka	Petlend - puszta	Zahony
Ipolytarnoc	Pilicsaba	Zalabar
Jolsva	Pilisvorosvar	Zalaegerszeg
Kadarkut	Puski	Zalaszentgrot

Polonia's New Challenge: Pulaski Postage Stamp is Bicentennial Unfinished Business

Chicago. — President of the Polish National Alliance and Polish American Congress, Aloysius A. Mazewski last week reminded Polonia that it is facing one more highly important and relevant task in the Bicentennial commemorations of the American Revolution.

That task, Mr. Mazewski said, is the issuance by the United States Post Office of the Pulaski stamp, to mark the 200th anniversary of his heroic death during the siege of Savannah.

As early as August 3, Mr. Mazewski sent a letter to Postmaster General Benjamin F. Blair, stating that *"the contributions of Pulaski are well known throughout the country and it would be proper to commemorate this Bicentennial of his death by issuing a commemorative stamp."*

Mr. Mazewski's request was answered on August 19 by Jack Williams, Coordinator of the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee.

Mr. Williams stated in his reply that "a commemorative stamp in honor of General Pulaski was issued in 1931. In view of the large number of requests and the few issuances that can be made, it is not very likely that the Committee will recommend the issue of another in the near future."

Other postal officials stated that no two stamps honoring the same person were ever issued.

This, of course, is a distortion of facts.

There were three commemorative issues honoring Lafayette — on June 13, 1952, on September 6, 1957 and on June 13, 1957.



Lafayette and Pulaski were close friends. Pulaski brought a letter to Lafayette from his wife in Paris and gave the French General an appraisal of the attitudes that prevailed in Paris after Lafayette's unauthorized departure for America.

Pulaski and Lafayette fought at Brandywine where Lafayette was severely wounded and later was recuperating at the Moravian Monastery where Pulaski, visiting his friend contacted the nuns who later presented his Legion with the Pulaski Banner.

In appraising the postal officials' attitude, Mr. Mazewski stated recently:

"In view of the already shown and totally unfounded reluctance of postal officials, we must organize a nation-wide campaign of writing letters to Congressmen and Senators who can, by legislative act, remove the unfathomable obduracy of the Post Office."

In the meantime the respected Polonus Philatelic Society of Chicago joined forces with the Polish American Congress in the pursuance of the Pulaski stamp objective.

President of the organization, Alfred Szebel has appointed Dr.

Edward C. Rozanski, as the Chairman of the Pulaski Commemorative Stamp Committee.

Dr. Rozanski, honorary member of the Polonus Society and General Manager of the PNA Publications, accepting the nomination, defined the Pulaski stamp as the "unified business," which *must be resolved not only as a tribute to Pulaski, but, perhaps more importantly, as an indication of Polonia's newly emerging strength and militancy in the mainstreams of American life.*

In his report to the PAC Board of Directors meeting in Buffalo recently, Mr. Mazewski stated:

"The year of 1979 will be the anniversary of the death of Gen. Pulaski and in conjunction with Savannah, Georgia, 200th anniversary battle of Savannah, which will be commemorated by the dedication of the Bicentennial Memorial Park, I have urged the Postal Department to issue a Pulaski stamp. I have been informed the request was refused but will come up for reconsideration."

Referring to that statement, Dr. Rozanski in an article written for the Quarterly of the Polish Western Association of America, asks that

Friends of the Polish Western Association of America, all Philatelic Societies in America, Divisions of the Polish American Congress, Fraternal Lodges, Groups, Councils and Districts, including the entire POLONIA should make a concerted effort in this direction. United we are always successful. Let's start our efforts now. Let's not take NO for an answer. Please write your Congressmen, Senators, Postmaster General and the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee, Washington, D.C. 20260.

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POLCAPEX 77

The Polish Philatelic Society of Canada held their philatelic and numismatic show POLCAPEX 77 November 5-6 at Vancouver, B.C. It consisted of 126 frames, but this time, without exhibits from Chicago or overseas, making it a unique show locally. Special metered cacheted covers were issued for the opening day..

The group plans a special show in 1980 for their 10th anniversary.

MEMBERS MART

Poland Postal History Material, Russia used in Poland, Poland #1's and first flights and aero-philately material prior to 1939. Will buy or trade similar material. James Mazepa, Box 381, Hines, IL 60141.

MEETING OF THE POLONUS PHILATELIC SOCIETY
held November 25th, 1977 at the S.W.A.P. Hall, 6005 W. Irving Pk.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Szebel, at 8:20 with eight members and one guest in attendance. M/S/C Messrs. Rybarski, Schafer: to accept the minutes as published. The treasurer's report was postponed as the treasurer is ill. The secretary reported that no objections have been received to the proposed members as published in the Bulletin. M/S/C Messrs. Rybarski, Wolosewick: to accept these applicants into membership.

Old Business: POLPEX 78: The publicity has gone out to the philatelic press and notices have already appeared in STAMPS and LINN'S. The postmark is ready and an example was shown to those present. The souvenir sheet will be ready by Christmas. The entry forms will be in the December Bulletin. **Pulaski Stamp:** Mr. Szebel reported that everything is coming along well. We have received the support of many Polish organizations and prominent people of Polish descent. The outlook is favorable, but there are still many obstacles to overcome. **Christmas Party:** The party will be held at the S.W.A.P. Hall and the society will cook and prepare food. The cost will be \$3.00 per person. Reservation cards were enclosed in the previous Bulletin and these should be sent to Mr. Szebel.

New Business: The Postal Museum in Canada requested the receiving of Bulletins from Polonus. M/S/C Messrs. Resner, Makowski: to send them the 1977 Bulletin, some souvenirs of recent Polpex Exhibitions, and a supply of membership applications.

The business of the Society being completed, M/S/C Messrs. Wolosewick, Schafer: to adjourn to the presentation.

Philatelic Presentation: Mr. Szebel then introduced our speaker for the evening, Mr. Ted Resner. Ted spoke on the Free City of Gdansk and began with an historical introduction which emphasized the evolution of the city under the various powers in Europe. He traced the development of the post up to the end of W.W. I, and then got into the body of the presentation. He showed a marvelous panorama of the issues of "Danzig," which are undoubtedly among the most beautifully engraved stamps ever produced. The presentation was enriched with a wealth of historical and geographical knowledge, which Ted brought to the talk, and this was supplemented by several of the audience. This most interesting presentation was concluded with pumpkin pie (which some insist is not a Polish innovation) and other pastries, coffee and tea.

Respectfully submitted.
James Mazepa, ACSW, Secretary

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1978 DUES REMINDER

Just a note to let you know that dues for 1978 are payable as of January 1st. Please spare our Treasurer the task of billing you and mail in your \$5.00 now.

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. Mail dues to: Roman H. Strzelecki, 1620 North Latrobe, Chicago, IL 60639.

TID BITS

The "FAVORITE COVER" column wants to continue, but we need your contribution!!!

Members interested in exhibiting at the International Philatelic Exhibition in Prague, PRAGA-78, should immediately send for their application from Dr. James Matejka, Suite 2015 — Midland Bldg., 176 West Adams, Chicago, IL 60603.

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