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ONE OF OUR FOUNDING MEMBERS HONORED!



Dr. Leon P. Kozakiewicz receives an award from Sister Mary Edelburg, C.S.F.N., administrator of St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital in Chicago, for his fifty years of service to the hospital.

Dr. Leon P. Kozakiewicz was feted by St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital for 50 years' service to the hospital at its annual Medical-Dental Staff dinner recently.

Dr. Kozakiewicz, who is a member of St. Mary's Department of General Practice, was born and raised in Chicago and boasts medical staff membership only at St. Mary's.

His career in medicine began when he obtained his M.D. from the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery (Loyola University) in 1913. He interned at the Washington Park Hospital from 1913 to 1914, followed by residency training and post-graduate education at the University of Vienna from 1914 to 1915.

From 1915 to 1916 he served an assistantship at Chicago Lying-in-Hospital and had a teaching appointment at the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery from 1916 to 1917.

Dr. Kozakiewicz served with the U.S. armed forces during World War I from 1916 to 1922. He was a Military Attache in Warsaw from 1918 to 1922.

His service at St. Mary's has also included membership in the department of Obstetrics-Gynecology, Surgery and Medicine.

He was appointed to the hospital's Emeritus Staff in 1961 and is a member of the Chicago Medical Society and the Illinois Polish Medical Society.

He married Adele Kleczewski and they were blessed with four boys: two of which became dentists, one a pediatricist and one a merchant. To date they have eleven grandchildren.

"Doc Kozy", as he is known to Polonus members, began his collecting activities 49 years ago. He collected the world but his specialty was Poland on the basis of history. He is a charter Polonus member and served as President and held other offices in the society.

A traditional award at every Polpex is the Kozakiewicz Research Award. It consists of an impressive triple gold plated trophy and is awarded for the best Polish collection showing philatelic research. The winner must win it three times to retain it. This award was established by Doc Kozy who very kindly donated it to Polonus.

Over the years, Doc Kozy has assembled an enormous library of Poland philatelic literature. It is the largest such kind of compilation known outside of Poland. Eventually, it will become part of the Polonus Philatelic Society Library in the Polish Museum and Archives.

He is still an active member today: participating in exhibiting at the Polpex shows, taking part in regular and

board meetings, lecturing on some phase of Poland's philately at a program meeting, dishing out the food at a Beebe, etc.

Polonus joins in with this salute to Doc Kozy on his fifty years of service to mankind!

MORE POLONUS WINNERS AT POLPHILEX 66

From our member S. Januszewski of Liverpool, England we learned that there were more Polonus members who received major awards at POLPHILEX 66 held at London last May:

Kay Horowicz—Gold medal for Polish Government London Issues of World War II.

Z. Wlodarski—Silver medal for Pre-philatelic letters, 2nd Polish Provisional issue for Germany 1918-19, 1st Provisional Issue for Wielkopolska, a Study of the 1924 2 mk. stamp and Polish Government London Issue.

Z. Bokiewicz—Silver medal for Postal History of Warsaw Uprising 1944.

S. Januszewski—Silver medal for Local Postal Issues of Warsaw 1915-18.

POLPHILEX 67

The Union of Polish Philatelists in Great Britain will present POLPHILEX 67 on May 5, 6 and 7, at the Polish Y.M.C.A., 46-47 Kensington Gardens Sq., London W.2.

As the theme of the exhibition, this year they selected "The Polish Navy and Merchant Marine in World War II."

Chairman of the exhibition is Dr. T. T. Prorok.

POLAND PHILATELIC ARTICLES IN STAMPS AND LINN'S

The January 28th edition of STAMPS carries a three and a half page article "The 700th Anniversary of Warsaw in the Mirror of Philately" by Dr. M. A. Rayall de Ragan, and the February 6th edition of LINN'S carries an article "Valiant Poles Convert Seythes Into Weapons" by Edward Nowak, Sr.

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POLAND'S MILLENNIUM CANCELLATIONS ON VATICAN STAMPS

By Stefan Czarniecki



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On May 3rd, 1966 the Vatican post issued a commemorative set of six stamps honoring Poland's Millennium of Christianity. About two dozen of artistic first day covers and several types maximum cards are already known to the philatelic world.

On the day of issue (May 3, 1966) two types of cancellations were used:
Type I

A machine cancellation bearing the papal coat of arms and inscription in

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*Polish Air Force Association
(Stowarzyszenie Lotników Polskich)
14, Cellingham Gardens
London, S. W. 5.
England.*

a circle POSTE VATICANE DIE EMIS-
SIONIS 3 MAG. 1966. On the left hand
side of the cancellation are the follow-
ing words in Latin in four lines: UNI-
VERSA ECCLESIA GRATULANTE FI-
DELISSIMUS POLONIAE (POPULOS
MILLENNIUM A RECEPTA CHRISTI
FIDE APUD CZESTOCHOW, VIRGI-
NEM CELEBRAT. The above translated
into English reads: "Amidst the greet-
ings of the entire church, the faithful
Polish nation solemnly celebrates its
Millennium of Christianity at the feet
of the Virgin of Czestochowa."

Type II

A hand type round cancellation used
mainly on maximum cards and other
philatelic documentations. The wording
in the circle reads: CITTA'S DEL
VATICANO IPOSTE 3.5.66.

Further research in this field leads
to the discovery of the commemorative
covers machine cancelled with Type I.
But the most interesting point is that
the date is May 15th instead of May
3rd. Thus we have first day cancella-
tions with two different dates.

The cachet on the cover shows Our
Lady of Sorrows at Vilno Cathedral
with planes flying above, and a round
Latin inscription: MILLENNIUM PO-

LONIAE 966 - 1966 — AERONAUTAE POLONI SEDI APOSTOLICAE HOMAGIUM FERUNT, and under that: CITTA DEL VATICANO 15-V-1966. Translated into English it reads: "Millennium of Poland 966 - 1966 — Polish Airmen in Homage to Apostolic See. Vatican City, May 15, 1966."

The story behind the above described cover is as follows:

On May 3rd, His Holiness, Pope Paul VI yearned to make a pilgrimage to Czestochowa, Poland, to attend the Millennium celebrations at Jasna Góra monastery. 'Keenly disappointed' because he was 'advised' not to visit Poland at this time, twelve days later on May 15th, His Holiness met some 5000 Polish pilgrims, gathered on that day from all over the world, at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, where he offered a Mass of Thanksgiving for their faith and delivered a stirring homily.

It is proper to note here that the above mentioned event took place at the Polish Chapel, built under St. Peter's Basilica, and that it was the late Rev. A. A. Skoniecki of Three Rivers, Massachusetts, the former pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Church there, who was the founder of this chapel.

Among the Poles who traveled across the world to join the Holy Father in the Vatican's observance of the Millennium on May 15th, 1966, were some World War II veterans of the Polish Air Force now residing in Great Britain, who prepared this attractive cover to be mailed back to their club members in London.

CONGRATULATIONS BARBARA!

Junior member Barbara Strzelecki will be presented as a debutante at the Annual White and Red Ball on February 3rd at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago.

PLEWACKI POST STAMP SHOW

The eleventh annual stamp and coin exhibition, ALPEX-799, under the auspices of the Plewacki Post Stamp Society will be held on March 17, 18 and 19, 1967 at the Plewacki Post Auditorium, 385 Paderewski Drive in Buffalo.

There will be open competition in the following categories: U.S., Gr. Britain and Possessions; Poland; Foreign and Topical.

The dual theme of this year's event is "Independence of Nations" and "Salute to Canada—Expo-67." The Independence of Nations theme will tie in with the commemorative stamps to be issued by the United Nations on the opening day of the show and which will be on sale at the exhibition.

There will be philatelic post offices of the U.S. and the United Nations. Letters posted at the U.N. philatelic station will be mailed at the U.N. Headquarters in New York City with a U.N. cancellation. The U.S. philatelic station will use a special exhibition cancellation.

President of the Plewacki Post Stamp Society Dr. Matt A. Gajewski said this will be the largest American Legion Stamp and Coin Exhibition in the U.S.

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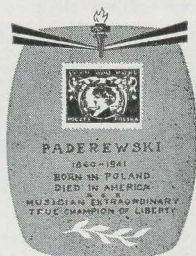
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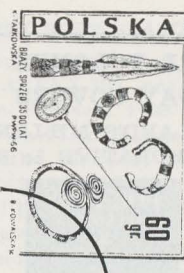
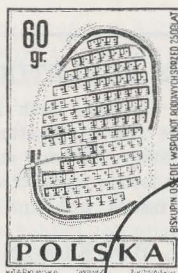
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NEW ISSUES

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Celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the Polish State drew the particular attention of the Society of Archeological Research. As a tribute to the works of Polish archeologists and on the occasion of the Millennium, the Polish Post issued on December 10, 1966 set of three stamps featuring excavations:

- 60 gr. brown — Tools and ornaments of brass of 3,500 years ago.
- 60 gr. blue — Figuline ritual statuette of a ram of 4,000 years ago.
- 60 gr. green — Biskupin, the settlement of primeval communities of 2,500 years ago.

Steel engraved printed on common paper in sheets of 80 stamps by PWPW Warsaw. Designed by Krystyna Tarkowska. 5 million sets were issued.

Space Research

Eight stamps were issued December 20, 1966 in the series of the "Space Research" cycle. Space ships of different countries are shown:

- 20 gr. — Vostok, first crew ship of USSR
- 40 gr. — Gemini, American crew space ship
- 60 gr. — Ariel-2, British research satellite
- 1.35 zł. — Proton-1, Soviet cosmic station
- 1.50 zł. — FR-1, First French satellite
- 3.40 zł. — Alovette, Canadian ionospheric satellite
- 6.50 zł. — San Marko-1, Italian research satellite
- 7.10 zł. — Luna-9, first soft landing on the moon (USSR)

Polychrome offset printed on chalky



paper in small sheets of 30 stamps. at the PWPW Warsaw. Designed by Tadeusz Michaluk. Quantities issued: 20 gr., 40 gr. and 60 gr. — 6,000,000 each; 1.35 zł. — 3,600,000; 1.50 zł. and 3.40 zł. — 2,000,000 each; 6.50 zł. and 7.10 zł. — 1,200,000 each.

Horse Racing

Horse breeding in Poland has a tradition of several centuries.

The studs that had been devastated during World War II became active again already a few years after the end of the war owing to endeavors of outstanding horse experts.

In the last few years a special stress was put on the development of sports and racing horses.

One of the most famous and oldest studs is the Horse Stud in Janów Podlaski set up in 1817. Horses of pure Arabian blood, Arabian and Angloarabian half-blood are bred there.

On the occasion of the 150 years' activity of the Horse Stud in Janów Podlaski, in the first quarter of 1967, the Ministry of Communications will issue a set of stamps February 25, 1967 devoted to horse racing. The eight stamps of the set picture scenes of horse racing and two famous stallions of the Janów

breed known as "Skowronek" (Lark) and "Ofir" who successfully ran on racing tracks all over the world.

10 gr. — Biting	6,000,000
20 gr. — Cross country race	5,500,000
40 gr. — Jump	5,000,000
60 gr. — Cross	5,700,000
90 gr. — Trotter's race	3,500,000
5.90 zł. — Polo game	1,800,000
6.60 zł. — "Ofir"	1,300,000
7.00 zł. — "Skowronek"	1,300,000

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The Collectors Club will award a Certificate of Honorable Mention to Myron E. Steczynski for his program on Poland — the Krakow Issues, which he presented in 1966. The presentation will be made on May 10th at the Annual Awards Dinner at the Tavern on the Green Restaurant in Central Park, New York City.

ADDITIONAL POLSKA 1000 WINNER

Member Nino Barberis of Milan, Italy won a Silver medal for his collection of Polish Field Post in Italy.

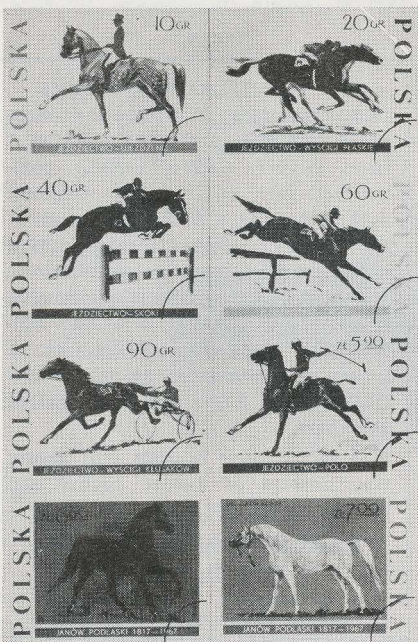
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, February 10, 1967:

Election of Officers. This was to have been done on January 27th but because of the great snowstorm no meeting was held that night.

Friday, February 24, 1967

Installation of Officers. Myron Steczynski will speak on his visit to Poland and POLSKA 1000. Coffee and pączki will be served after the meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

ALBERT V. TENCZAR, 491

He passed away January 28 and was laid to rest January 31 with military honors. He was a World War I veteran.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and the surviving family.

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