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Dachau Red Cross Sheets

by Joseph Bieniecki

These sheets were issued by the Polish Red Cross for the Polish political prisoners held at Dachau.

There are three separate sheets, one bearing 4 stamps, the second having six stamps and the third containing a single stamp. Each of these sheets come in various varieties. The following is a complete listing of all the sheets and varieties. This listing I dare say is the only complete list as it has been checked and rechecked with many sources throughout Germany, and as a result also printed in one of the newer German catalogues.

All of the following sheets have the same inscriptions, each showing a Red Cross in each of the four corners of each sheet.

Inscriptions

(Top Margin) CENA (5 Rm) on sheets of four stamps

(Top Margin) CENA (10 Rm) on sheets of six and sheets of one stamp

"DOPLATA NO POLSKICZERWONYKRZYZ" on all sheets

(Top Margin) "KOMITET POLSKI DACHAU-ALLACH" 1.9.1945 (on sheets of four)

(Top Margin) "KOMITET POLSKI DACHAU-ALLACH" 1.11.1945 (on sheets of six)

(Left Margin) "KOMITET POLSKI DACHAU-ALLACH" 1.11.1945 (on sheets of one)

(Bottom Margin) 1.9.1945 "Polish Committee Dachau-Allach" (sheets of four)

(Bottom Margin) 1.11.1945 "Polish Committee Dachau-Allach" (sheets of six)

(Right Margin) 1.11.1945 "Polish Committee Dachau-Allach" (sheets of one)

(Bottom Margin) Prize (5 Rm) (1, 10+3, 90) on sheets of four stamps

Prize (10 Rm) (2, 85+7, 15) on sheets of six

Prize (10 Rm) (3, +7, -) on sheets of one

"ADDITION FOR POLISH RED CROSS" on all sheets.

Sheets of Four Stamps

25 Pf, dark blue and white; 50 Pf, carmine-red and white; 10 Pf, dark brown and white; 25 Pf, green and white.

(1) Imperforate: on white papers: Watermarked Steps going up from right to left.

(2) Perforated: same as above.

(3) Imperforate: on white paper: Watermarked Steps going up from left to right.

(4) Perforated: same as above.

(5) Imperforate: on white paper: Watermarked Steps going up from right to left. (Change of color; 10 Pf is yellow instead of brown)

(6) Perforated: same as above.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE A. S. D. A.

We read with interest the article by Mr. Geo. B. Sloane in his column of April 19 about the work the A. S. D. A. is doing with the United States Secret Service in regard to counterfeit stamps.

Now I have a suggestion where the association can be of additional assistance.

As you know, from time to time Poland, Scotts 41 to 60 (Krakow Issues), are offered at auction with the statement "expertized by Mikstein" or someone else. Upon examination of these stamps they are found to be forgeries, Mikstein's approval has been found to be forged. Approvals have also been placed on stamps by irresponsible persons. So many dealers unknowingly believe that just because they are stamped as approved they are genuine. Too often this is not the case.

Many lots entered at auction have been examined by the Polonus experts committee and also by members of the Friedl committee and the stamps were found to be spurious, but what could they do about it? Nothing, absolutely nothing. The stamps had to be returned to the dealer where, depending on his honesty, they were destroyed or offered again to some unsuspecting collector.

An incident I have in mind occurred some two months ago in which a prominent New York dealer offered a set of Krakows bearing Miksteins signature, and other affidavits. Upon examination it was our opinion they were forgeries including the signature. **THEY WERE RETURNED SUGGESTING THAT THE LOT BE EXAMINED BY THE FRIEDL COMMITTEE** and if approved by them we would accept them without question. No letter of acknowledgement or word was received since—I wonder what happened to the stamps???

Now my suggestion is this—when future lots are examined and are found to be forgeries they will be sent to the A. S. D. A. where they will have the opinion confirmed by the Friedl Committee. If they are

found to be forgeries they will be turned over to A. S. D. A. who would notify the owners or dealers that they are to be stamped forgeries and turned over to the F. B. I. for disposal.

This same scheme could be followed on the stamps of other countries as well.

The purpose of this suggestion is to remove from the auctions and dealers' stock these items which take from uninformed collectors hard earned money. It is nothing short of swindle, yet it is done by some people who would not think of trying to pass counterfeit money.

Mr. A. S. D. A. is such a plan feasible?

J. J. D.

NEW ISSUES by Jack Domar

A notice has been received which outlines the program for the 2nd Quarter of 1952.

The first to appear is the set issued in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of President Bierut's birth.

The set consists of 3 stamps, all alike, bearing the portrait of the President. The values are 45+15 gr. red, 90 gr. green and 1.20+15 gr. blue. They measure 27x46 mm., perforated, steel engraved. They were issued on the 18th of April.

Also making its appearance is a single value issued in conjunction with the V International Cycling Tour of Peace. It was rotogravured, of 40 gr. value, size 21x27 mm. and perforated. It was issued April 30th.

Scheduled for release are the following:

1st May Celebrations

A set of two stamps with identical drawing showing workers holding a banner on the background of houses being in the course of building. Value 45+15 gr. and 75 gr., measurement 21x27 mm, perforated, steel engraved. Will be issued on 1st May.

140th Birth Anniversary of J. I. Kraszewski

A stamp representing the portrait of the outstanding Polish writer. Val-

- (7) Imperforate: on white paper: Watermarked Steps going up from left to right. (Change of color; 10 Pf is yellow instead of brown)

- (8) Perforated: same as above.

Sheets of Six Stamps

25 Pf, green and white; 1 Mk, black grey and white; 50 Pf, carmine-red and white; 10 Pf, brown and white; 75 Pf, orange and white; 25 Pf, dark blue and white.

- (9) Imperforate: on white paper: Unwatermarked.

- (10) Perforated: same as above.

- (11) Imperforate: on white paper: Unwatermarked: (25 Pf invert)

- (12) Perforated: same as above.

- (13) Imperforate: on yellowish paper: Watermarked "D" & "M" interwoven, with the "D" being inverted.

- (14) Perforated: same as above.

- (15) Imperforate: on yellowish paper: Watermarked "D" & "M" interwoven with the "M" being inverted.

- (16) Perforated: same as above.

- (17) Imperforate: on yellowish paper: Watermarked "D" & "M" interwoven, both right side up.

- (18) Perforated: same as above.

- (19) Imperforate: on yellowish papers: Watermarked "D" & "M" interwoven, both inverted.

- (20) Perforated: same as above.

- (21) Imperforate: on white papers: Watermarked Steps going up from right to left.

- (22) Perforated: same as above.

- (23) Imperforate: on white paper: Watermarked Steps going up from left to right.

- (24) Perforated: same as above.

Sheets of One Stamp

3 Mk dark ultramarine, carmine-red and white.

- (25) Perforated: Unwatermarked: on white paper.

- (26) Imperforate: on white paper: Watermarked Steps going up from right to left.

- (27) Perforated: same as above.

- (28) Imperforate: on white paper: Watermarked Steps going up from left to right.

- (29) Perforated: same as above.

- (30) Imperforate: Unwatermarked: on white paper: (stamp in reversed color) (carmine-red and white and dark ultramarine).

- (31) Perforated: same as above.

SPECIAL NOTE: All of the above sheets that are perforated have the perforations going through the complete sheets, from right to left and from top to bottom.

TID BITS

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of member Dr. John J. Sroka who passed away last month, and to Dr. Matthew Uznanski and Thadeus Gasior who both lost their mothers.

The food for the May 23rd Beeba which followed the program meeting was donated by Dr. S. M. Mioduszewski.

One of our members in New Jersey writes that he would appreciate correspondence with other members and would like to exchange duplicates. He is M. Czolij of 146 S. Orange Ave., Newark 3, N. J.

Program Chairman John S. Bobo announces that on June 27th our speaker will be Marian Zinsmeister and her topic: Hungarian Permit Stamps. The July 25th night is "Kilo Nite." August 22nd is scheduled with John Waksanski and his "Tab Stamps." On September 26th Chester Mikucki will talk on Montenegro.

FINAL NOTICE!

The Polonus Society Membership List will be published shortly in the BULLETIN. Members who are not paid up for 1953 will be dropped from our membership list.

Members who want to be listed in some special way as to what they collect, write to Jack Domar, 3715 S. Clinton Ave., Berwyn, Ill.

BULLETINS - SEALS

If you are in need of back issues of Bulletins and Polpex Seals, write to

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ue 25 gr., measurement 21x27 mm, perforated, steel engraved. Will be issued on or about 5th May.

110th Birth Anniversary of Maria Konopnicka

A set consisting of two stamps with identical drawing representing portrait of Maria Konopnicka, famous Polish poetess. Value 30+15 gr. and 1.15 zl., measurement 21x27 mm, perforated, steel engraved. Will be issued on or about 10th May.

140th Death Anniversary of Hugo Kollataj

A commemoration set consisting of two stamps with identical drawing representing H. Kollataj, an outstanding Polish democrat of 18th century. Nominal value 45+15 gr. and 1 zl., measurement 21x27 mm, perforated, steel engraved. Will be issued on or about 20th May.

A set of two stamps in commemoration of

500th Anniversary of Leonardo Da Vinci

&

100th Death Anniversary of Nicolas Gogol

with portraits of two great men. Nominal value 25 gr., and 30+15 gr., measurement 21x27 mm, perforated, steel engraved. Will be issued on or about 1st June.

Further stamps of this series in commemoration of Doctor Avicenna and Victor Hugo will be issued in the III quarter of 1952.

Building of Concrete Works at Wierzbica

A set consisting of two stamps showing a fragment of construction of great concrete works in Poland. Value 3 zl. and 10 zl., measurement 21x27 mm, perforated, steel engraved. Will be issued on or about 10th June.

Sports Day

A set publicizing sport in Poland. The stamps will represent drawings of athletic games, swimming, gymnastics and football. Value 30+15 gr., 45+15 gr., 1.15 zl. and 1.20 zl. Will be issued on or about 22nd June.

Shipbuilders' Day

Three stamps commemorating the work of Polish shipbuilders with

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drawing of sailing ship "Dar Pomorza," a worker on the background of Collier and yachts. Value 30+15 gr., 45+15 gr., and 90 gr., measurement 21x27 mm, perforated, steel engraved. Will be issued on or about 29th June.

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