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WHAT GOES ON AT POLONUS...

With the coming of fall there is renewed interest in Polonus activities. Attendance at meetings has increased. On Friday October 24th a lively group turned out for the program meeting at which Stefan Kochanski spoke on the First Day of Issue of the First Man on the Moon stamp in Washington, D.C. Mr. Kochanski reported that this was the largest first day sale in the history of the U.S. Post Office with a great interest shown in this stamp by foreign countries. European dealers made the trip to Washington and had thousands of covers stamped and cancelled. A month had passed and post office workers were still at it processing first day mail. Mr. Kochanski was present at the first day ceremonies at which the Apollo astronauts attended and spoke. It was an impressive and memorable occasion.

At recent meetings POLPEX 1970 has been the major topic. Thus far the Polpex Committee consists of:

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The seals will depict our dual theme: the 50th anniversaries of Poland's Defeat of the Bolsheviks at the Battle of Warsaw in 1920, and Poland United To The Sea. The dates are fixed at February 28th and March 1st and the site—the Polish Museum of America.

At the present time the museum has a Warsaw Uprising Exhibit in its main exhibition hall. The exhibit is displayed in a new type of wrought iron display rack. It has been suggested by the museum custodian that our frames of stamps be mounted on these racks. A system of mounting the frames has to be devised. In view of this our meeting of November 14th has been scheduled to be held in the Museum library. After the meeting the members will go to the main exhibition hall, view the Warsaw Uprising Exhibit and study the possibility of mounting our stamp frames on these racks.

FROM SOUTH AMERICA

In our mail box we received a letter from Canadian member Dr. Miet Kamienski who attended the 16th International Dental Congress in Buenos Aires. Dr. Kamienski visited Lima and met up with our member Derek Palmer. Both sent their greetings and best wishes to Polonus, with the hope to be able to visit with us in 1970.

On the 190th Anniversary of the Death of the Polish American Hero Casimir Pulaski

By DR. MIECZYSLAW LIPINSKI

190 years ago, Casimir Pulaski fell at the Battle of Savannah during the Revolutionary War. On this anniversary let us reflect the short life of this great Polish American hero.

Casimir was born March 4, 1747 in Winiary, a suburb of Warka, Poland, the second of three sons of Joseph Pulaski, the governor (starosta) of Warka. The Pulaski family descended from nobility, their coat of arms stood for defending Poland against Russia. The father and his three sons were the soul of the Bar Confederation (a strong fortress against Tartars, Turkey and later Russia). When Bar fell to the Russians, Joseph Pulaski was taken prisoner and later died. His son Casimir took command.

Casimir Pulaski took part in the defense of Berychow, and in campaigns in Turkey and southern Poland, after which he came to Lithuania. Here in the battle of Lomazy in July 1769, his elder brother, Francis, was killed. Casimir organized the defense of Czeszochowa against Russian troops in September 1770. After losing the battle of Skaryszew in May 1772, he abandoned Czeszochowa and fled abroad. Wandering thru Turkey, Italy and France he organized a Polish Legion against Russia.

On June 10, 1777 Pulaski sailed for America with a personal letter of introduction from Benjamin Franklin to General George Washington, dated May 29, 1777. He was commissioned a brigadier general by the United States and served at Brandywine and Germantown. In 1778 he resigned the command under General Anthony Wayne and organized his own cavalry unit, the Pulaski Legion. This unit saw a great deal of action before Pulaski was wounded leading a cavalry charge in the attack against fortified



English artillery on Savannah, October 9, 1779. Gangrene set in and he died October 11th at the age of 31.

In the mirror of philately we see Pulaski on three occasions. The U.S. Post Office Department issued a 2¢ commemorative (Scott's 690) on January 16, 1931 bearing the likeness of General Pulaski modeled from a portrait in Jones' History of Georgia. The Polish Post issued a stamp in 1932 to mark Poland's close friendship with the U.S. honoring the Geo. Washington bicentennial (Scott's 267). The stamp shows three heroes of the U.S. War of Independence: Thaddeus Kosciuszko, George Washington and Casimir Pulaski. In 1948 the Polish Post honored the fighters of freedom with another issue of Pulaski's likeness. Shown were Kosciuszko, Pulaski and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Printed in various colors, a set was issued for regular mail and another for air mail. This issue is not listed by Scott.

Pulaski gave his all to a country of his own choosing. His example has passed on to his new countrymen the love of one's home. It was Poles like Pulaski who fought on other continents "for our freedom and yours..."

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After the completion of the printing of the 50 Pfg./5 Mk. stamps the last intended printing of this issue, the 5 Pfg./20 Pfg. value, was produced by removing the 0 from the 50 Pfg. overprint plate. Since the overprint types V and VI of the 50 Pfg. overprints were formed by various combinations of the numerals 5 and 0 they did not occur on the 5 Pfg. stamps. Type VII also disappeared at this point as the faulty numeral was replaced. Thus only four overprint types occur on this value.

It might be noted here that after the completion of this printing another six sheets of the 50 Pfg./5 Mk. value was printed at the request of the Inter-Allied Commission. Two of these sheets were printed with inverted overprint on this occasion.

SECOND DEFINITIVE ISSUE

On March 26, 1920, the Second Definitive Issue, or so-called Dove Issue, were put into circulation in Upper Silesia. It had been in preparation since the end of 1919 so it was prepared with a great deal of care given to both the design and printing.



Small Format

Design

The motif of this stamp depicts a typical Silesian landscape with the Oder River in the center, smoking chimneys of the blast furnaces to the left and a typical rural church spire to the right. At the top an allegory: A stormy day is drawing to an end, the sun is battling against heavy clouds, the sky clearing from east to west, symbolic of the forming bolshevism. Over this symbolic background, the quiet of the just completed war between the Germans and the

Poles in the west and danger of a new struggle in the east, flies the dove of peace carrying an olive branch.

These stamps were printed in two sizes. The values from 2½ Pfg. to 40 Pfg. are the size of the previous issue and the French Sowing Woman stamps but in a horizontal format. The values from 50 Pfg. to 5 Mk. are twice the size of the previous issue, the same as the French L.O. Merson type.



Large Format

The printing was done by the State Printing House at Paris Boulevard Brun, France. Their appearance was intentionally delayed for a week so that they would appear just before Easter, symbolizing peace in the Christian world.

Printings

This issue had three printings and remained in circulation as long as the Inter Allied Commission was in the plebiscite area.

The printings vary greatly in paper quality, from very thick gray paper to thin, transparent, white paper; in the



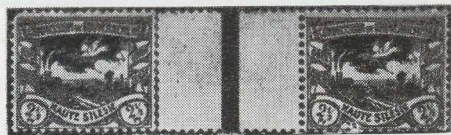
Cross Gutter Block

gum used, either gray, yellow, white or colorless; and often even in shade of printing ink.

The first official printing was prepared on March 26, 1920, the second on August 15, 1920 and the third on October 10, 1920. There were also some later printings of certain values. The 10 Pfg. value was printed again in March and October 1921 and the 40 Pfg. in March 1921.

Sheet Format

The smaller format stamps of the 2½ Pfg. to 40 Pfg. values were set up in the same format as the First Definitive Issue in six blocks of 25 (5x5) but divided horizontally by narrow, white tabs, one half the height of a stamp and vertically by full size white tabs with a horizontal bar in the color of the stamp. These sheets



Horizontal Pair with Tab



Large Format Block

Description of Values

Second Definitive Issue

Value	Color	Printing	Catalog No.	
			Michel	Scott
2½ Pfg.	light gray	3rd printing	13b	13
	black gray			
	dark gray	1st printing	13a	
	slate			
3 Pfg.	red brown	1st & 2nd printings	14	14
	brown	3rd printing		
	chocolate			
5 Pfg.	light green	2nd printing only 3rd printing only	15	15
	dark green			
	yellow green			

contain the various border markings and figures as described for the First Definitive Issue.

The larger format stamps of the 50 Pfg. to 5 Mk. values were printed in



sheets of 75 stamps because of their greater size. They were set up in three blocks of 25 (5 x 5) divided horizontally by white tabs with a colored bar printed through the center.

Obviously, the larger stamps can not occur with horizontal gutter

Vertical Pair with Tab pairs or cross gutter blocks as do the stamps of the small format. The printer's marks are found on the bottom border of the sheet, usually under fields 71 or 74.

10 Pfg.	brick red brick rose rose		16	16
15 Pfg.	violet	1st & 2nd printing	17	17
20 Pfg.	blue dark blue light blue black blue		18	18
25 Pfg.	brown chocolate sepia dark brown		19	19
30 Pfg.	yellow orange light orange dark orange	1st & 2nd printings only	20	20
40 Pfg.	olive dark olive buff green	1st & 2nd printings only 4th printing only	21	21
50 Pfg.	light gray dark gray gray black	1st & 3rd printings only	22	22
60 Pfg.	milk blue light blue blue dark blue	1st, 2nd, & 3rd printings	23	23
75 Pfg.	light green green dark green yellow green russian green	1st printing only 3rd printing (20 sheets)	24a 24b	24
80 Pfg.	violet brown rose brown	2nd & 3rd printings only	25	25
1 Mk.	mahogany lilac rose dark lilac rose	2nd & 3rd printings only	26	26
2 Mk.	gray brown light brown dark brown brown lilac sepia brown chocolate	2nd & 3rd printings only	27b 27a	27b 27a
3 Mk.	light lilac violet	2nd & 3rd printing	28	28
5 Mk.	light orange red orange	2nd & 3rd printing	29	29

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IVW 19 with Lab	13.00	IVGB 15	2.75	IVM 12	4.50
IVW 20	2.00	IVGB 16	2.75	IVM 13	4.50
IVW 21	1.00	IVGB 17-21	4.50	IVM 14	4.50
IVW 22	2.00	IVGB 22	2.75	IVMD 1 Rooster..	7.00
IVW 23	3.00	IVGB 23-24	5.50	IVD 1-3 Marszowe	35.00
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IVW 26 Blk. of 4	1.00	IVGB 27	2.75		
IVW 26 Single	.25	IVGB 28	2.75		
IVW 27	1.50	IVGB 29	2.75		
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IVW 29	1.00	IVGBD 1	7.00		
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IVW 36	1.00	IVNB 4-7	16.00		
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IVW BL 4	10.00
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A second cancellation also appeared. It depicts Warsaw's tomb of the unknown soldier with the inscription: "30th Anniversary of the Nazi Aggression of Poland."



On the 50th Anniversary of the First Silesian Uprising against the German oppressor the post office Góra Św. Anny (St. Ann's Mountain) used a special cancellation. This mountain is known for the many battles of uprising troops against German Army regulars. — Dr. M. A. Rayall de Ragan

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Mr. Barberis was invited to speak on this topic to the members of the Italian Association of Postal History early in April where he showed 20 slides. He exhibited his Monte Cassino collection at Sanremo, and at the Livorno shows.

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