

## BULLETIN OF THE

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## U.S. UNVEILS MILLENNIUM STAMP DESIGN

Washington, D.C., June 1 —

In the presence of Congressmen of Polish descent and many representatives of Polonia, Postmaster General Larry O'Brien unveiled two huge designs of the 5-cent United States commemorative stamp to be issued on July 30th on the occasion of Poland's Millennium of Christianity.

The design shows a white eagle with a crown on a red background. Above the eagle is a cross with the dates 966 and 1966 on both sides. At the top is the inscription "Poland's Millennium."

The Postmaster General stated in a short speech that the design was prepared by artist Edmund Lewandowski.

Judge Thaddeus V. Adesko thanked the Postmaster General for the beautiful design.

Judge Adesko is Co-chairman of the Committee for the First Day Ceremonies and Banquet scheduled for July 30 at Washington, D.C.

Representing POLONUS at the unveiling ceremony was Myron Steczynski. Also present was our member from Buffalo, Dr. Matt Gajewski.



Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien and Cook county Judge Thaddeus Adesko (right) unveiling design for 5-cent Polish Millennium stamp.

## VISIT CHICAGO AND POLPEX 1966

For your vacation this year plan to visit Chicago and attend the manifestation at Soldier Field on Sunday, August 28th. His Excellency Archbishop Cody will concelebrate Mass with a 1000 voice choir consisting of singers from choirs of Polish parishes in the Chicagoland area participating.

It is in this week-end that our Polpex

will be held, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 26, 27 and 28th, at the Polish Museum of America, 984 Milwaukee Ave. In addition to our stamp exhibition, the Polish American Numismatic Association will hold its first Polish coin exhibition honoring 1000 years of Polish coins. Rare coins, medals, religious and military decorations will be displayed.

## CARDINAL SPELLMAN EXHIBIT AT POLPEX 1966

A religious collection of His Eminence Cardinal Spellman will be featured in the Court of Honor at POLPEX 1966 which will honor Poland's Millennium of Christianity, on August 26th, 27th and 28th at the Polish Museum of America in Chicago. Selected pages from this world famous collection of His Eminence pertaining to Poland's Catholic and cultural history, will be exhibited for the first time at a Polpex.

This exhibit is only part of His Eminence's collections which are housed at the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum in Weston, Massachusetts. Sister Mary Fidelma, C.S.J., who has been the curator of the Cardinal Spellman collection for 25 years, is the Executive Director in charge of the Museum and its collections. The Museum is a privately supported non-profit organization.

As the name implies, the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum honors His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman who gave his personal stamp collection to Regis College in 1947.

In his present position as Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, Cardinal Spellman is a beloved figure to many millions. In the



capacity of Military Vicar of the United States Armed Forces for more than 20 years, he has been an indefatigable traveler. His annual Christmas visits have taken him to most of the countries of the world. As well as the thousands of G.I.'s whom he has met, he counts Kings, Presidents and world-renowned Philatelists among his friends.

It was due to his efforts that "In God We Trust" is now used on the 3-cent, 8-cent and 11-cent United States stamps. Cardinal Spellman was honored philatelically in 1959 when Nicaragua issued a set of stamps with his portrait to commemorate his visit there.

### WE NEED PHILATELIC ARTICLES

To arouse interest in our coming Polpex, we need philatelic articles pertaining to stamps of Poland to be published in the Polish press, the Philatelic press and in our own Polpex Program Catalog. Articles touching on the historical and religious aspects of the Millennium of Christianity are especially welcome. Please send all material to the Bulletin Editor, Chester Schafer, 864 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60622

### POLPEX PATRONS AND ADS

As every year, special Patron pages are provided in our Polpex Program Catalog listing Patrons of the Polpex. Be sure that your name is on the list. Your donation of \$1.00 or more will help to cover some of the many expenses connected with our presenting this Polpex honoring Poland's Millennium of

Christianity. Send your donations to the Patrons and Ads Chairman, Chester Mikucki, 4704 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge, Ill. 60656.

Advertisements in our Program Catalog are another means of raising revenue. Our program catalogs are very attractive. They contain philatelic and historical articles and are widely sought after by philatelists and visitors to the Polpex. Your ad in the form of greetings or a list of your philatelic wants would help out. Prices are moderate: \$20.00 for a full page, \$12.00 for a half page and \$7.00 for a quarter page ad. An ad contract form is enclosed with this issue of your Polonus Bulletin. Fill it out and mail it to the Patrons and Ads Chairman, Chester Mikucki, 4704 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge, Ill. 60656.

# POLONUS ISSUES MILLENNIUM STAMP CACHET

Through the efforts of Myron Steczynski and the First Day Cover Committee, Polonus has an attractive two-color engraved cachet on envelopes to be used as first day covers of the U.S. Polish Millennium stamp. The design is steel die engraved in red and blue and shows the American and Polish flags above the emblem of the Chicagoland Observance of Poland's Millennium of Christianity. Both the designer and engraver of the Polonus cachet were Polish-Americans.

We urge our members to purchase these envelopes and to use them not only as first day covers but also with their regular correspondence. Let's pro-

mote Polonus and Poland's Millennium of Christianity.

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## AWARDS FOR RARE STAMPS AT SIPEX

The world's most important stamp exhibition of the year was held in Washington, D.C. from May 21 to May 30 with millions of dollars of rarities competing from all over the world. Royalty, the scholars, the wealthy and the not-so-wealthy competed for prizes and recognition with many medals going to collectors from near and far.

**Myron E. Steczynski**, Polonus member of Chicago displayed six frames of his Poland collection with an exhibit featuring the Cracow overprints of 1919. This won for him the highest award of the Poland group — a gold and silver medal. Steczynski presented a highly specialized study which established each plate position and showed the settings and varieties.

**Mirosław A. Bojanowicz**, Polonus member of London, had his beautiful, professional presentation of early Warsaw postal history in the Court of Honor (not for competition). He had covers dating back to 1779 and the earliest stamps of both Russia and Poland over 100 years old.

**Czechna Witkowska** of Poznań, Poland received a gold-plated silver medal for her choice items from 1860 to 1939. She showed covers, stamps, varieties, proofs, offices abroad, plebiscites, locals, sheets, cancellations, etc. She displayed the only existing block of Warsaw locals with all three types of the green surcharge.

**Dr. Ludwik Bieberstein**, a Polonus member of London, was awarded a silver medal for his fine and complete presentation of the Cracow overprints where the normal stamps, the recognized varieties, the very scarce dues and other gems were carefully and neatly presented.

**Jan Sikorski** of Warsaw was the recipient of a silver medal for his novel thematic presentation of the No. One stamps of such countries as Poland, Great Britain and Colonies, France and Colonies, Austria, Bavaria, Spain, Liberia, Denmark, Holland, Greece, Turkey, United States, Luxembourg, Costa Rica, Mexico, Brazil, etc., together with

stamps issued a hundred years later to commemorate the centennials of the first issues.

**Prof. Antoni Łaszkiewicz** of Warsaw was awarded a silver medal for his proofs, sheets, errors, varieties and flaws of the early post-war period selected with the expert's eye of the distinguished scientific scholar that he is.

**Tadeusz Hampel** of Łódź won a silvered-bronze medal for pre-stamp covers of Poland where neat envelopes occupied the top of each page.

**Abraham Phillip** of Israel showed high-grade covers of Poland in impeccable condition. His earliest cover travelled from Tarnów to Bytom in 1662. He was given a bronze medal.

**Alfred Szebel**, Polonus member of Chicago, presented the philatelic story of the Dornier DO-X 1929 pioneer flight to South and North America.

**Stanisław Brzoskowski** of Sopot, Poland, had a neat and attractive showing of the post war issues where errors crept in at the printing, perforating or paper-making stages.

**Maria Groer** of Poland was the only one of her sex on the Jury and she certainly did credit to her country in every respect. **Herbert J. Bloch** of New York and **Vincent Domanski, Jr.** of Philadelphia were the two members of Polonus on the jury. **Stanley Hodziewicz**, Chief of the Post Office Philatelic Division, was in charge of the SIPEX post office at the exhibition where the SIPEX stamp, the SIPEX sheet and an international postal card had their first days of issue.

The name of Polonus Philatelic Society as well as several of its members were listed among contributors to the SIPEX Guarantee Fund.

### NEW MEMBERS

**Max Sikora**  
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## Millennium Medal To Be Given To All Exhibitors

POLPEX 1966 will be remembered by all collectors participating as the exhibit honoring Poland's Millennium of Christianity. Along with a certificate of participation, each exhibitor will receive a medal struck especially for Poland's Millennium, in addition to the regular awards as determined by the judges.

Following is a list of the awards that exhibitors will compete for:

### 1. Grand Award.

A perpetual award for the best Poland exhibit. Winner will receive a special gold medal and photograph, and winner's name will be engraved on trophy. No previous Grand Award winning exhibit will be eligible for this award. Exhibitors, who were previous Grand Award winners, may compete for the Grand Award providing that the competing exhibit is entirely new and never a Grand Award at Polpex.

### 2. The Kozakiewicz Research Award.

Donated by Dr. L.P. Kozakiewicz. This award is to be presented for the best Research on the stamps of Poland and must be won three times for permanent possession. A gold medal is also presented to the winner for permanent possession. All Poland exhibits eligible.

### 3. The Dr. Matthew E. Uznanski Memorial Award.

For the best Historical exhibit. A medal and certificate will be given to the winner and his name will be engraved on the trophy.

### 4. The Millennium Plaque.

Donated by the Hollywood Press. This award is to be presented for the best religious exhibit.

5. A Sufficient number of gold, silver and bronze medals will be placed at the disposal of the judges, to be awarded at the discretion.

### 6. Postal Stationary Certificate.

### 7. Junior Award.

Between now and our Polpex in August, more special awards may be named.

With this issue of the Polonus Bulletin a Polpex 1966 Entry Application is included. You will note that the

rules specify that an exhibitor is allowed only one exhibit with a maximum of eight frames. Collectors from all over the world will participate in POLPEX 1966 as the show is open to non-members as well. Many frames are already reserved as we have already received many preliminary entries from out-of-town.

To avoid disappointment, fill our your entry application immediately and mail it with your check to the entries chairman.

I appeal for the help of all members in putting on POLPEX 1966. It must be a huge success. The cause is worth our extra efforts.

—Alfred Szebel  
Polpex Director

## DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP

The following will be dropped from our membership list as of July 1, 1966. This issue of the Bulletin is the last they will receive.

Benzon, William 603  
Buba, Rev. Matthew A. 767  
Cronin, Margaret R. 741  
Domanski, Stanley 702  
Huss, Matthew 310  
Krus, azimierz 671  
Kubicki, Janusz 592  
Marciniak, Edmund 650  
Maryanski, Stanley 752  
Mason, Robert 542  
Pawlik, Jan 673  
Pieniazek, Henry 727  
Pisarczyk, Stanley 744  
Rembacz, Albin 750  
Szuch, John 560  
Szymanski, Roger 763  
Wydra, Joseph 342

About 25% of our members have not paid their 1966 dues. A list of their names will be turned over to the board of directors for further action.

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The obverse side of the medal shows Mieszko I, three knights at the left (Poland Lithuania and Ruthenia) who shielded Christianity in Europe, and three soldiers at the right representing Polish armies of World Wars I and II.

The reverse side of the medal shows four coins: the first Polish denarius issued by Mieszko I, a denarius of King Jagello, a trojak issued by King Batory, and a modern 10 zloty coin

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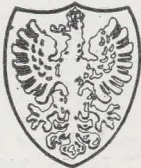
Quantities struck are 1000 in silver and 5000 in bronze. Prices are \$15.00 for the silver medal and \$5.00 for the bronze. Include 50c for packing and mailing of each medal. Orders accompanied by check should be sent to the Polish American Numismatic Association, 5029 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60609.

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