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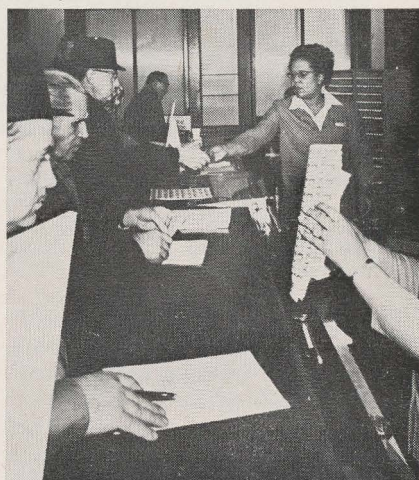
## Dr. J. J. Bialy Wins Polpex Grand Award

After many months of planning and preparation, POLPEX 1971 became a reality on February 27th and 28th. The result — a success!

Blustery, wintry weather did not hold back the early birds — and believe it or not, there were collectors examining the dealers stocks a half hour before the exhibition opened, and two of the earliest visitors were out of town members Theo. Skotnicki and Henry Skibinski from Buffalo, New York.

The doors opened at 10 a.m. and a steady stream of visitors began coming in to view the exhibition. At 12:00 the official opening and cutting of the ribbon took place. This official launching of POLPEX 1971 was capably performed by Dr. Edward C. Rozanski, President of the Polish American Congress, Illinois Division; Miss Adela Lagodzinska, President of the Polish Women's Alliance of America; and Mrs. Danuta Sadlinska, Chairman of the Polish Youth Organizations in the U.S.A. Aloysius A. Mazewski, President of the Polish National Alliance sent a letter of regret regarding his inability to attend because of an out of town commitment.

The U.S. Post Office sub-station, under the very capable leadership of Mr. Trufant and his assistants, Evelyn and Helen, opened for business.



Activity at the Polpex Postal Station

The stock was plentiful, with a varied choice of commemoratives, and the sales were good. Many thousand items received the special POLPEX\* 1971 cancellation.

It appears that we will be able to retain this service for next year because of the response and sales. Our thanks to the membership who purchased at the sub-station.

The bourse tables were fully staffed and the wares displayed represented a broad spectrum and there was something for everyone's taste and specialty. Bourse Chairman, Roman Reinowski reports good sales, and certain dealers were heard to ex-



Guests of Honor at Polpex viewed the Polish American Congress Copernicus exhibit. Left to right: Adele Lagodzinski, President Polish Women's Alliance; (behind her) Thomas J. Gobby, Executive Polpex Chairman; Dr. Edward C. Rozanski, President P.A.C. Illinois Division; Danuta Sadinski, National President Polish Youth Association; Chester Schafer, Polonus President.

(Photos by Andrzej Kozlowski)

press their regrets that the show could not go on a day or two longer.

A handsome program catalog, loaded with polish philatelic articles of substance, a set of two multi-colored souvenir sheets commemorating the dual theme, and appropriately cacheted covers were offered for sale to the public. J. P. Rux and Chet Mikucki report that sales were very good, and that a limited supply of these items remain. For those of you who missed the show and want those items, they are available from J. P. Rux, 6136 W. Addison St., Chicago, Illinois 60634. A set of covers at 75¢ plus postage, souvenir sheets at 50¢ for set plus postage.

The highlight of each POLPEX is the Beeba, and so it was this year — another sell-out. The food was hearty, Polish and plentiful. All went smoothly and orderly and everyone was seated early to permit enjoyment of the meal before the high moment, the presentation of awards. (See list elsewhere.)

Chester J. Mikucki received a most deserving award: Honorary Membership for his dedication and many years of promotion of Polish Philately and Polonus. Congratulations, Chet!

POLPEX 1971 and Polonus received good publicity and comment from the Philatelic Press, the Polish Press, Radio and T.V. Our heartfelt thanks to them.

All in all, POLPEX 1971 was an undisputed success and special thanks must go to:

- All those who attended.
- Our Program advertisers and patrons.
- The Dealers who participated in the Bourse.
- Hon. Henry McGee, Postmaster of Chicago.
- Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz for his generous contribution to the Beeba.
- W. Poniecki for his "Lighting system".
- R. Reinowski for a successful Bourse.

—Alfred Szebel for a multiplicity of effort.

—J. P. Rux and Chet Mikucki for sales.

—Chet Schafer for a beautiful job in all respects

and especially to the following non-Polonus members who more than anyone else gave of their time and efforts to ensure a successful Beeba—

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley G. Gobby  
Elizabeth M. Gobby  
Andy Kozlowski

and lastly, without whom “all would have been chaos”, two really terrific fellows — Al Rybarski and Ed Link!

To each and everyone of you —  
**THANK YOU!**

—Thomas J. Gobby,  
Executive Chairman

### **THE WINNERS**

#### **Polonus Grand Award**

Dr. Jerzy J. Bialy, LaGrangeville, N.Y. for F.D. Roosevelt Stamps of Poland

#### **Kozakiewicz Research Award**

Chester A. Schafer, Chicago for Polish Constitution Issue of 1921

#### **Uznanski Historical Award**

Dr. Jozef Kuderewicz, Manchester, N. H. for Napoleon Bonaparte in Polish Philately 1796-1815

#### **Honorary Awards**

Dr. James J. Matejka Jr., Oak Pk., Ill. for Flown Rocket Mail of the World

Capt. Boleslaw Orlinski, Toronto, Can. for Warsaw-Tokyo Flight

Zdzislaw Wagrowski, Chicago for Poland First Flights

#### **Space Class**

1st—T. Ma'anowski, Chicago, for “The Road To The Moon”

2nd—Ludwik Pieczara, Chicago, for “Project Apollo”

3rd—Walenty Poniecki, Chicago, for selected pages from a Space Collection

#### **Airmails Class**

1st—Fred Hollman, Skokie, Ill. for

Zeppelin Flights of the World

2nd—Dr. Miet Kamienski, Scarborough, Ont., Can. for First International Airmail Service in 1918

#### **Gold Medals**

H. F. Zebrowski, Harrison, N.J. for P.O.W. Camp Post Cancells and Postmarks

Alfred Szebel, DesPlaines, Ill. for Poland Groszy Overprints of 1950

#### **Silver Medals**

Winston Gruszczyk, Downsview, Ont., Canada for Cancells and Censor Marks on Polish Covers 1944-46

John B. Sylvester, Reading, Pa. for Wolendenberg P.O.W. Camp Post Issues

#### **Bronze Medals**

Vincent Gawron, Chicago for Polish Legion Fieldpost 1914-17

Napoleon C. Zbyszewski, Chicago for Copernicus and the Space Age

### **SPECIAL HONOR TO POLONUS SECRETARY**

During the presentation of awards to POLPEX Exhibitors on February 27th, a special award was presented to the Executive Chairman of POLPEX 1971, Thomas J. Gobby, by Napoleon C. Zbyszewski on behalf of the Polish American Congress. The award, a special commemorative medallion of Mikolaj Kopernik, was presented in recognition of Mr. Gobby's efforts in promoting Polish culture through philately. Mr. Gobby on behalf of the Polonus Philatelic Society, expresses his sincerest and most heartfelt thanks for this honor, and pledges his continued efforts in furthering Polonica and Polish Philately.

T.J.G.

### **POLPEX PATRONS**

For some reason we missed these members in the program catalog:

T. Z. Korsak, Pittsburgh, Penna.

Ted Maksymowicz, Middle Village, N.Y.

Sorry!



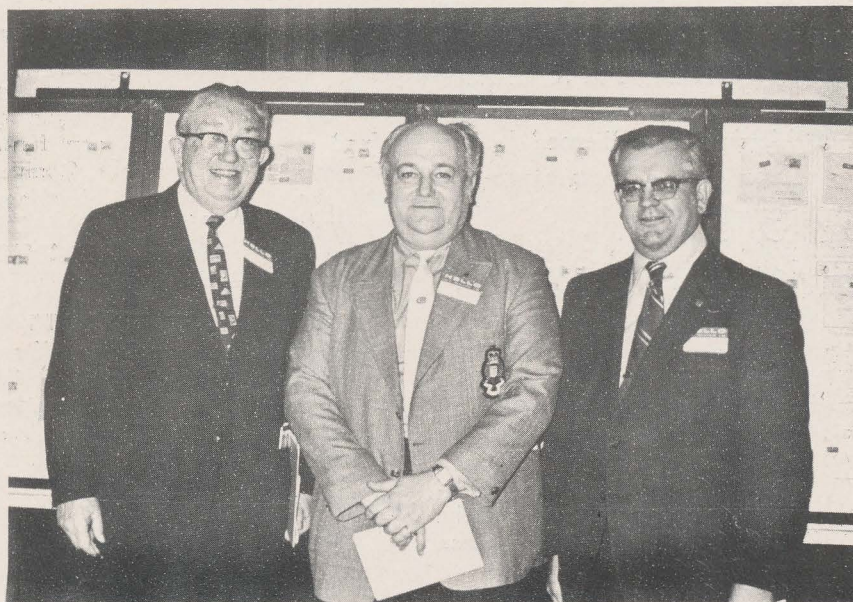
Ribbon cutting ceremony at the opening of POLPEX 1971. Left to right: Alfred Szebel, Entries Chairman; Thomas J. Gobby, Executive Polpex Chairman; Theo. J. Skotnicki, Plewacki Philatelic Club Exhibition Chairman; Danuta Sadlinska, President Polish Youth Association; Dr. Edward C. Rozanski, President Polish American Congress Illinois Division; Chester A. Schafer, President Polonus; Edward Link, Reception Chairman.



Polonus Chairman, Thomas J. Gobby, presented a plaque of Honorary Membership to Chester J. Mikucki, Founder of Polonus, for his services to the society.



**Napoleon C. Zbyszewski, Vice President & Chairman Polish American Congress Philatelic Committee, congratulates Thomas J. Gobby upon receiving the P.A.C. Copernicus Medallion for his efforts as Polpex Chairman in the promotion of Polish Culture through Philately.**



**Judges of the exhibition were: Myron E. Steczynski, Past President and Honorary Polonus Member; Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr., Honorary Complex Chairman; Benedict Jurenas, President Lithuanian Philatelic Society.**

### OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS

We were honored to have the following in attendance at POLPEX:

Theo. Skotnicki and Henry Skibinski, Buffalo, N.Y.

Dr. Myron Kuchmak, Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Gruszczyk and son Eddie, Toronto, Canada.

Mr. Michael Lubinski, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Franck, Cleveland, Ohio.

Gordon Yetman, Montreal, Can.

And to all of those others whom we didn't personally meet, thank you for coming!

### POLONUS ON TV

On February 21st, Roman Strzelecki, Polonus Director, and Thomas J. Gobby, Polonus Secretary and POLPEX Executive Chairman appeared on the "Bob Lewandowski Show." Their allotted time was generous and their conversation with the congenial host, Mr. Lewandowski, spanned the gamut of Polonus activities, including POLPEX 1971. The feedback of comment on the show has been nothing but favorable and our thanks to "Bob" for his kindness and time in affording us the opportunity to present our efforts to his Chicago Metropolitan audience.

### PLEWACKI ALPEX SHOW

"Remember Our P.O.W.'s" will be the theme of the 15th Annual Stamp and Coin Exhibition of the Plewacki Post Stamp Society to be held at the Post Auditorium April 2-4, 1971. A second theme of the show will be a "Tribute to General Douglas MacArthur. Three cacheted covers will be available; two of MacArthur, and one of the P.O.W. theme at 35c each (3 for \$1.00) from Frank Modzelewski, 385 Paderewski Drive, Buffalo, N.Y. 14212. Chairman of the event is Theo. Skotnicki.

A U.S. Postal substation as well as a U. N. postal station will operate on the premises. A 140 frame show and 32 dealer bourse is expected.

### COMPEX-71 PAN-SLAVIC SHOW

We have received an invitation from the Honorary Chairman and Co-Founder of COMPEX, Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr., to participate in the forthcoming "Gala Pan-Slavic Stamp Exhibition" which will be part of COMPEX-71 scheduled for May 23 thru 30, 1971 at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago.

Our society has been offered a room for a Polonus meeting at the show and the individual members have been asked to exhibit.

It being a Pan-Slavic show, they would like to have a representation of Poland and associated countries as Eastern Silesia, Upper Silesia, Central Lithuania, Marienwerder and Allenstein.

COMPEX is the largest national philatelic exhibition in Chicagoland. It attracts the largest crowds including many out-of-towners. In the 13 years of these shows, there has always been a lack of Poland material. With Chicago being the second largest Polish city in the world, it is a shame that this condition prevailed.

Let's get behind this venture this year and have a good showing of Poland material. Official entry forms may be obtained from the Compex Exhibition Committee, Chicagoland Czechoslovak Philatelic Society, 216 LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Ill. 60602. Entries close April 15, 1971.

### POLAND AUCTION LOTS

Some Polish lots are being offered in the Great Lakes Stamp Auction Mail Sale of March 31st. For auction catalog write: 2883 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60618.

### NEW MEMBERS

John P. Bartczak  
10428 Avenue O  
Chicago, Ill. 60617

Tadeusz Malanowski  
1520 N. Campbell Ave.  
Chicago, Ill. 60622

## NEW ISSUES

### Poland On the Sea 1939-45

On Sept. 25, 1970 a set of three stamps showing Polish warships was issued. They picture the Grunwald cross on the left.

40 gr — "Piorun" (Thunderbolt)

7,000,000 issued

60 gr — "Orzel" (Eagle)

7,000,000 issued

2.50 zł — "Garland" 2,500,000 iss.

This set is a continuation of the series issued over a period of many years, entitled "The Martyrdom and Struggle of the Polish People during 1939-45."

Steel engraved/rotogravure printed in sheets of 40 on common paper at P.W.P.W. Warsaw. Designed by K. Rogaczewska.

### Stamp Day 1970

On October 9, 1970 a set of eight stamps showing Polish present-day paintings.

20 gr — "Portrait of a Violoncellist" by J. Nowosielski. 7,000,000 iss.

40 gr — "Lodz" by B. Liberski. 6,500,000 issued.

60 gr — "Concert in the Studio" by W. Taranczewski. 6,500,000 issued.

1.50 zł — "Still Life" by Z. Proraszko. 3,500,000 issued.

2.00 zł — "Washing" by A. Wroblewski. 3,500,000 issued.

3.40 zł — "Expressions" by M. Jaroma. 2,000,000 issued.

4.00 zł — "A Canal in the Forest" by P. Potworowski. 1,200,000 issued.

8.50 zł — "The Sun" by W. Strze-

minski. 1,100,000 issued.

Rotogravure printed in sheets of 50 on chalky paper by P.W.P.W. Warsaw. Designed by S. Malecki.

### Polish Castles

On March 5, 1971 Poland issued a set of eight stamps showing Polish castles.

20 gr — Checiny, Kielce Voivodship; ruins of a castle in the Swietokrzyskie Mountains. 6,000,000 issued.

40 gr — Wisnicz, Cracow Voivodship; 17th century Renaissance and baroque buildings. 6,500,000 issued.

60 gr — Bedzin, Katowice Voivodship; castle with 14th century defense walls on the Black Przemsza River. 6,500,000 issued.

2.00 zł — Ogrodziniec, Katowice Voivodship; ruins of a 15th century Renaissance castle in the Cracow-Czestochowa highlands. 5,000,000 issued.

2.50 zł — Niedzica, Cracow Voivodship; 14th century castle on the Dunajec River. 3,000,000 issued.

3.40 zł — Kwidzyn, Gdansk Voivodship; Gothic castle and cathedral of the 14th century on the Liwa River. 3,000,000 issued.

4.00 zł — Pieskowa Skala, Cracow Voivodship; 14th century Renaissance at Ojcow National Park. 2,000,000 is.

8.50 zł — Lidzbark Warminski, Olsztyn Voivodship, 14th century gothic castle. 1,000,000 issued.

Offset printed in sheets of 30 on chalky paper by P.W.P.W. Warsaw. Designed by T. Michaluk.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, March 26th, 1971 —

Regular Meeting at the St. James Clubroom. Beginning at 8:00 p.m.

The late J. G. Szymming of Australia bequeathed to Polonus his collection of stamps along with literature, catalogs, publications and accessories. His collection was mainly of Polish stamps. This and other important Polpex matters must be taken care of.

Friday, April 9th, 1971 —

Good Friday. No Meeting.

## NEW MEMBERS

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The flower stamps of Poland make up the 1971 souvenir sheet the American Topical Association has issued for the World Flower and Garden Show held in Chicago March 20-28.

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