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REINOWSKI AND RUX – HONORARY MEMBERS

At the March 9th award presentation ceremonies held at POLPEX 74 at the St. James Auditorium, two senior members, Roman Reinowski and Jack Rux, became honorary members of Polonus, and were presented medals. Both members are in their seventies, and have been active members since their joining. Both attended more meetings than any other members; both served on the last Polpex committee — Rux on Sales and Reinowski on the Bourse.

ROMAN REINOWSKI

Roman started collecting stamps about 1914 when he was 12 years old. His dad was a janitor for Popular Mechanics magazine. On Friday nights he would accompany his dad riding the street cars to downtown Chicago. In the magazine office building he would pick waste paper and letters and found many U.S. and foreign stamps this way.

He lived on Chicago's north-west side and in 1927 he placed



The Honorary Membership presentation made at Polpex 74. (Left to right:) President C. Schafer, Polpex Co-Chairman W. Poniecki, Roman Reinowski, Jack Rux, and Polpex Co-Chairman J. Migala.

some album pages with stamps in the Pulaski Park fieldhouse display case. Here he found a few boys who shared his interests.

He married in 1931, moved to Berwyn and joined the Suburban Collectors Club. Here he met other collectors and organized the Cicero-Berwyn Stamp Club and Bourse in 1936. When the war broke out, the club dispersed but Roman continued with the bourse which survived till this day. It was during 1936-38 that he met most of the charter members of the Polonus Philatelic Society at the Cicero-Berwyn stamp shows, men like Dr. Kozakiewicz, M. Steczynski, J. Dymar, B. Powell and F. Wolosewick.

Mikucki, Rux, Reeves, Parchim and Reinowski were members of the Cicero-Berwyn club before Polonus was started. Roman acted on committees of other stamp club shows like the SPA Convention 50th Anniversary Bourse Chairman of the show, and the first three Chipex shows. At one time he had one of the finest air mail collections in the Chicagoland area. Today he collects cancellations on covers, cards and stamps.

He lived a block away from Doc Kozy's house but never knew he was a collector until he met him at the old Randolph St. stamp bourse in the early 30's.

The first collector he met was John Bobo in about 1925. Both of their dads were friends. Because his dad was a real estate dealer, John was able to get a lot of revenue stamps which he still collects today. John became one of Polonus' presidents in the future years.

Roman served Polonus as Bourse Chairman from the first exhibition until Polpex 73.

JACK RUX

Jack was born on Chicago's northwest side in late 1899 of a West Prussian father who was a butcher, and an American born mother. He was employed for 49 years by Western Electric, the last 35 years in factory planning engineering. His collecting activities began 66 years ago, at the age of 8. As a sideline he was a distributor of philatelic and coin supplies since 1925.

He joined the Society of Philatelic American in 1926 and has been a life member since 1966. He is a member of the Hawthorne Stamp Club, a life member of the Austin Philatelic Club, and was a member of two other clubs now defunct. He was treasurer of the Central Federation of Stamp Clubs for 39 years and is the present treasurer of Stamps For The Wounded.

Jack held the office of treasurer in Polonus longer than any other member. He continually acted as Polpex finance chairman. Although he retired from Western Electric in 1964 he has still been active at Polonus for the last ten years.

He is grateful and proud of the honorary membership bestowed upon him and promises to continue to serve the society to the best of his ability now and in the future.

NEW MEMBER

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On the next four pages of this issue of the Bulletin we continue with the second installment of the article "Postage Due Overprints of January 1921 and Their Forgeries" by Stanley and Eric Kronenberg.

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FIGURES

1. Genuine 6 mk, 20 mk, and 35 mk overprints, positions 69 and 70 in the sheet of 100. Note the repeating deviations in the "k". The serif on top of its vertical line is missing, its upper slanted line does not have the curved part.
2. Enlarged "MK" in the 70th position for the denominations of 6 mk, 20 mk and 35 mk.
3. Forgeries of Type I (the basic stamps are forged).
4. Forgery Type II and enlargement of the top part of the overprint.
5. Forgeries Type III and an enlargement of a comparatively well imitated lettering.
6. Forgeries of Type IV and enlargement of typical lettering for this type of forgery.

PLATING



- Pos. 1. Upper left hand side of "o" has a small indentation at 11 o'clock.



- Pos. 3. Tooth in the right slanted line of "M", two indentations in the upper part of the first "a".



Pos. 5. "k" has a protrusion on the inside of its bow; its top serif is rounded.



Pos. 7. Top of "t" is broken on the right, top of first "a" is flat.



Pos. 8. The left edges of "M" and "k" are mutilated.



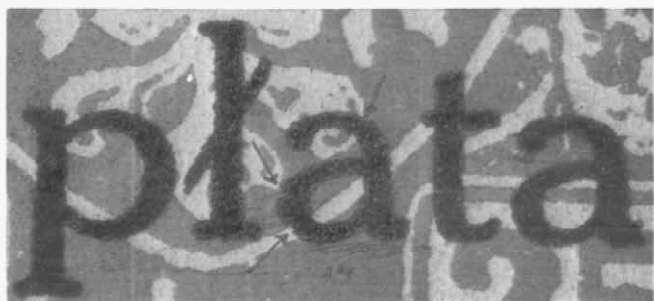
Pos. 9. Indentation in the vertical line of "d".
Right side of "p" damaged.



Pos. 10. Dent on the left side of the vertical line of "d".



Pos. 12. The slanted line in 'l' has a sharp tip on the bottom and is wide on the top.



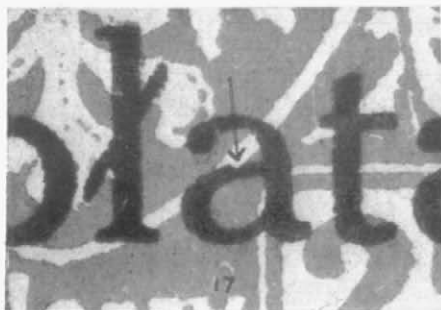
Pos. 14. The first "a" has three indentations in its outside contours.



Pos. 15. Dent on the left side of the vertical line of 'p'.

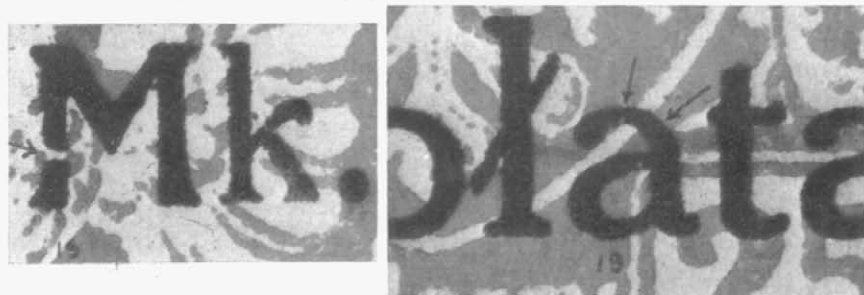


Pos. 16. Distorted bow of "k".



Pos. 17. Dent on top of the closed loop of the first "a".

Pos. 18. The period looks like a crescent moon.



Pos. 19. Left vertical line of "M" is broken, the first "a" is damaged on top.



Pos. 23. First "a" weakly imprinted, mainly in its upper part.

(To be continued)

POLONUS at "JERUSALEM '73"

At the recent Jerusalem '73 International Stamp Exhibition Polonus was well represented.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kohn received a Bronze medal for "The Darkest Period of Mankind", mail from Ghettos and Concentration Camps.

Paul Keller of South Africa received a Bronze-Silver for "Letters from Poland" from the late 18th century to the end of World War II.

Dr. Josef Kuderewicz received a Vermeil for "Napoleon Bonaparte in the Postal History of Poland."

Stanley Dobrzycki received a Bronze for "Chopin in Philately."

Alfred Szebel received a Silver for "The Spirit of Poland's Independence", the Piłsudski Polish Legions of World War I.

Zbigniew Mikulski of Switzerland received a Silver for "Polish Post Offices in Turkey."

POLPEX COPERNICANA WINNERS FROM ABROAD

At the last Polpex shows there have been more and more Copernicana collections, and especially by exhibitors from abroad. The quality of their material has been excellent as they have won better awards. At POLPEX 74: a Silver Medal was awarded to Joseph Burkowski of Roubouix, France for "Mikołaj Kopernik in World Philately".

A Bronze Medal was awarded to J. Winstanley of Toronto, Canada for "Farewell To Copernicus From All Nations".

A Bronze Medal was awarded to W. T. Z. Nowicki of London, Eng. for "Special Hand Stamps To Commemorate The Quincennial of N. Copernicus".

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Friday, June 14, 1974 —

I.P.P.S.A. Nite at Polonus. Program meeting with Fred Blau as guest speaker. Topic: Jerusalem '73 and Palestine Airmails. Starting at 8 p.m. Beeba to follow.

Friday, June 28, 1974 —

Polonus Auction Nite — Short meeting. Roman Reinowski will conduct the auction of members' material of Poland, U.S. and Foreign lots. Starting at 8 p.m.

COPERNICUS STAMP AND POLSKA SHEET TO BE WITHDRAWN

A recent release from the U.S. Postal Service mentions that the 1973 Nicholas Copernicus 8 cent commemorative and the POLSKA souvenir card (priced at \$1.00) will be withdrawn from sale May 31st by the Philatelic Sales Division. Orders must be postmarked no later than May 31st, and should be sent to "May Withdrawals," Philatelic Sales Division, Washington, D.C. 20036

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