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## JOSEPH JANECKA GETS NEWBURY AWARD

The Newbury award in philately is displayed by member Joseph Janecka (right). The award was presented to him at the banquet of the annual exhibition of the Chicago Philatelic Society on November 1st.

The medal is presented annually to the resident of the metropolitan area who, over the years, has contributed most to philately. Named for the late Saul Newbury, leading philatelist, the award was established in 1945. Janecka also received a gold medal, "Bohemoslovenika", at the international stamp show in Prague in 1968.

Joe started collecting stamps at the age of ten when he received a collection from his uncle Charles. When he left Czechoslovakia in 1928, he took the album with him and has it to this day with 75% of the album filled.

Elected President of the First Czechoslovak Philatelic Club of America in 1959, he has held this post till this day. Joe was responsible for the following special cancellations: three various Sokol, a T. G. Masaryk, a J. A. Komensky, an American Indian, two Illinois Federation and some 16 slogan postage meters, including subjects like Astronaut Eugene Cernan, the Kohoutek Comet, Czechoslovak Independence, and others.

During World War II he served with the Royal Canadian Air Force. After the war he tied in with the American Sokols in the capacity of Educational Director.

He was president of the Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs and honorary member of Jack Knight



Air Mail Society. As a Polonus member, Joe was useful serving on the frames and easels committee. He took the job because no one else was willing to do it that year, and because of him, our annual Polpex Shows continued.

This is the first time that the Newbury Award was given to a Slav and Polonus congratulates Joseph Janecka on his receiving the honor.



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### **POLPEX NEWS BITS**

At the coming POLPEX 76, the Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs Postal History Section will hold its annual conclave.

Upon receiving the preliminary entries for POLPEX 76, Entries Chairman Edward Link called a meeting of his committee after the deadline entry date to screen out the entries.

Polpex Chairman Alfred Szabel announced that there will be a publicity Polpex seal issued shortly. Each member will receive one with the next Bulletin mailing. Three cacheted covers, one for each day of the show, will be issued. Besides the traditional Polpex souvenir sheet there will be a souvenir card.

### **P.L.A.V. SHOW**

A Fall Stamp & Coin Show was held November 23, 1975 at the Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 75 Memorial Hall, 7900 Greenfield, Dearborn, Mich. according to Edward S. Muszynski, publicity chairman. Sponsored by the P.L.A.V., the event featured exhibits and a bourse.

### **KAPOSTA TAKES 4 AWARDS AT GOLDPEX-MIDAPHIL 75**

Julius Kaposta exhibiting his Airmail History of Hungary collection won four awards with his exhibit. Julius received the Reserve Grand Award, A first place Gold award, The American Air Mail Society Gold Award and the Trans Mississippi Philatelic Society Award for the best exhibit by a member. Julius also received a Gold award at the recent American Air Mail Society 52nd Annual Convention Exhibition for his Airmails and Zepelin exhibit of Hungary.

### **SPECIAL PULASKI COVERS FOR POLONUS MEMBERS**

#### **HONORING CASIMIR PULASKI**

**WOUNDED AT SAVANNAH  
DIED OCTOBER 11, 1779**



**POLONUS PHILATELIC SOCIETY**

As part of its U.S. Bicentennial activities, Polonus, through the efforts of Secretary William Jusack, had fifty sets of cacheted covers made up on the anniversary of the death of Gen. Casimir Pulaski. A set consists of nine covers, one cancelled at Savannah, Ga., and eight cancelled at the various cities named after Pulaski, located in the different states. The above cachet was applied in red ink and covers are franked with the U.S. Continental Army Bicentennial commemorative. A set of nine covers costs \$3.50 postpaid, and may be obtained from John Bor, 1820 N. Richmond St., Chicago, IL 60647.

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## What Ukraina Collectors Should Know

(Reprinted from the "Old Sleuth" column in "STAMPS" of 11/22/75)

Adolph Ernst, P.O. Box 118, Palos Verdes, Calif. 90274 sent a letter with an enclosure titled: "What Ukraina Collectors should Know." The enclosure is too long to publish in full in this column but it concerns twelve "non-stamps" which are to be offered at auction sometime in November, 1975. These "stamps" were ordered by the Postal Department of Western Ukraine from a printing company in Vienna (allegedly the Wiener Staatsdruckerei); the stamps were listed in the Swiss Zumstein, and in the Seichter Ukraine Specialized Catalog of 1966. Before the stamps could be delivered by the printers, Poland invaded the country. The government of Western Ukraine then withdrew. This is sometimes known as the "Too Late Issue." Mr. Ernst writes:

"I didn't know what happened to all the stamps until January of this year, when a banker in Switzerland offered me to my great surprise, a stock of 23,500 such complete sets of five for 330,000 German marks, about \$132,000, because they had a catalog value by Dr. Seichter of 3 million Marks. This would mean DM 14.00 or \$5.50 per set. I answered promptly that I was NOT interested, not even for 1% of this amount, and that such huge quantity could be used only for wallpaper. This episode would have been closed and forgotten had I not noticed 2 months later in a U.S.A. auction catalogue, these cheap stamps offered for the first time.

"When I noticed these two last lots of "VIENNA II Issue," I was astonished. I immediately looked up the Seichter catalog, and he really listed these stamps. When were these printed, where and by whom, and where were they during these past thirty years? One author states in his book, that both "sets" have been printed by the Austrian Government Printing Office. This I could believe for the first issue, but why would the western Ukrainian Government order a second set, long before it took possession of the first one? I was and am dealing with Ukrainian stamps since the very beginning, but I have never seen nor heard of this II. issue of twelve stamps, in my entire, long life (87).

"I therefore must consider them as non-stamps, valueless, except to use for wallpaper. If 30,000 complete sets are known so far of the I. issue, possibly more printed, there was no reason why the government should have ordered more of the II. issue. Why should they now cost \$100?

"The mentioned article about the 'birth' of these stamps, didn't mention anything about the mystery. Therefore I can only assume, that the printing of the II. issue occurred maybe years later, probably by another printer; prepared and ordered by some speculator, and that someday they will show up in large quantities somehow, somewhere, maybe in Switzerland, too; maybe in the hands who hold the first issue.

## NEW ISSUES

### 9th Chopin Piano Competition

Issued October 7, 1975 on the occasion of the Ninth International Chopin Piano Competition at Warsaw October 7th thru the 28th, 1975. The 1.50 zł. value shows a portrait of Chopin and has a tab which shows Chopin's autograph and the inscription of the event. Rotogravure printed on chalky paper in sheets of 50 stamps by PWPW Warsaw. Quantity issued 8,000,000. Designed by Stefan Malecki.

### Stamp Day — Centenary of X. Dunikowski's Birth

A set of four was issued October 9, 1975 in connection with "Stamp Day". The stamps show sculptures of Xawery Dunikowski (1875-1964), an eminent Polish sculptor.

- 50 gr.—Self portrait. 10,000,000 issued.
- 1.00 zł.—Metal sculpture entitled "Breath". 15,000,000 issued.
- 150 zł.—Fragment of wood sculpture "Maternity". 15,000,000 issued.
- 8.00 + 4.00 zł.—Fragment of Silesian Insurrectionists monument on St. Anne Mount. 900,000 issued.

Rotogravure printed on chalky paper in sheets of 50 by PWPW Warsaw. Designed by Helena Matuszewska.

### ŁÓDŹ 75 Philatelic Exhibition

Issued in November of 1975 during the ŁÓDŹ 75 Philatelic Exhibition honoring the 25th anniversary of the Polish Philatelists' Union. The 4.50 zł. value stamp shows a picture of the Łódź landscape by Władysław Strzemiński (1893-1952) from the art museum in Łódź. The stamp

is offset printed in sheets of 20 on chalky paper by PWPW Warsaw. Quantity printed 2,000,000. Souvenir sheets were also printed, but in a 700,000 quantity. Designed by Zbigniew Stasik.

### Silesian Piasts

In November, 1975 a set of 3 was issued in commemoration of the Piasts' dynasties on Silesia's growth in various fields through the centuries.

- 1.00 zł.—Piast eagle from the gravestone of Henryk the IV (14th century). 8,000,000 issued.
- 1.50 zł.—Seal of Prince Bolesław of Legnica (14th cent.) 8,000,000 issued.
- 4.00 zł.—Coin of the last of the Piasts, Jerzy Wilhelm (1660-1675). 1,000,000 issued.

Steel engraved printed on common paper in sheets of 70 stamps by PWPW Warsaw. Designed by H. Matuszewska and K. Tarkowska.

—RUCH

### POLISH SOCIETY IN CALIFORNIA

The Polish Philatelic and Numismatic Society, founded in May 1974, announces its membership is now 48.

The club, which meets at 3424 West Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90018, has 38 regular members, 3 junior members and 7 members out of state.

Meetings are held the third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Officers are: president Władysław Wielkoszewski, vice president Michael Komorowski, secretary Wally R. Pawlowski, treasurer Marian Pawlikowski and director Zbigniew Zielkiewicz.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Friday, December 26, 1975:**

No meeting. Happy New Year!

**Friday, January 9, 1976:**

Regular meeting. Program to follow. James Mazepa will show and speak on the Issues of Independent Ukraine, 1918-1920.

**Friday, January 23, 1976:**

Program meeting. Krakow Issue expert, Michael Melnichak, will tell us of some of the shenanigans that went on during the course of the printing of the Krakow Issues. Beeba to follow.

### C.P.S. WINNERS

At the recent Chicago Philatelic Society exhibition, besides J. Janecka receiving the Newbury Award, Alfred Szebel exhibited his Philatelic Story of Dornier DOX Famous Flights in the early Thirties and received a Vermeil Medal.

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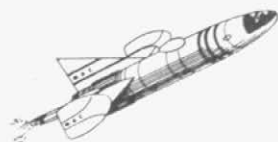
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### MORE POLONUS ROCKET MAIL

In connection with the U.S. Bicentennial, Polonus, through the efforts of its vice president, Alfred Szebel, sponsored two experimental rocket flights. Conducted by the Reaction Research Society on the Mojave, California proving grounds, Rocket No. 1 was launched on October 11, 1975 on the anniversary of General Pulaski's heroic death. Rocket No. 2 took off on October 18, 1975 on the anniversary of the Continental Congress assigning T. Kosciuszko as Colonel with the Army Engineers. Postcards and covers were flown and special souvenir sheets were printed for the occasion. More details will appear in the next Bulletin.

### ROGER KOERBER AUCTION

Twenty-two lots of Postal History of Galicia, Poland, will be auctioned off in the coming auction on January 9 & 10, 1976. For catalog write to Roger Koerber, 605 Northland Towers West, Southfield, Mich. 48075.