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American Revolution Bicentennial Administration Welcomes Polonus As A Member Organization

The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration welcomed Polonus Philatelic Society as a member organization in the National Bicentennial Ethnic Racial Alliance and has agreed to participate in POLPEX 76. The theme of the show is "The American Revolution Bicentennial" and will specifically honor the Polish heroes of the Revolution Casimir Pulaski and Thaddeus Kosciuszko. The ARBA Certificate of Official Participation and a national Bicentennial flag has been presented to the Society for POLPEX 76.

Entries chairman Edward Link announced that the show has received requests for over 50 more frames in the competitive class than room allows. Original plans called for 400 frames. A wide range of exhibits from both this country and abroad will be featured including bicentennial and special exhibits honoring Polish heroes Kosciuszko and Pulaski. Many exhibits of Polish Postal History have been entered and rare stamps of Poland and other countries abound.

The Polish Museum of America, which has the largest known collection of Kosciuszko letters, has been invited to show two frames in the Court of Honor. A numismatic exhibit of Kosciuszko paper money, coins and medals will also be shown.

The newest Bicentennial medal to make its appearance will be the POLPEX 76 commemorative medallion showing Kosciuszko, Washington and Pulaski. Edward Goral, an outstanding Polish medalist, has been commissioned to create the medal. Born in Poland, Goral studied at the Academy of Arts in Krakow, graduated from the Academy of



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Arts in Warsaw, worked as curator of the Polish National Numismatic Museum, and is presently teaching sculpture and architecture at the Warsaw Polytechnical Institute. Goral has exhibited his works in Poland, taking part in some 30 national and 31 international shows. A member of the International Organization of Medalists, he specializes in portraits and is noted

for combining the finest in the centuries old tradition of medalists and contemporary art.

A limited edition of 100 gilded medals are available to financial sponsors of POLPEX 76. The patron's name and serial number will be engraved on the medal. The cost is \$50.00 and checks should be sent to: Chester J. Mikucki, 4704 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge, IL 60656. —JPM

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Mr. Alfred Szebel
Executive Chairman
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Dear Mr. Szebel:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) welcomes the Polonus Philatelic Society as a member organization in the National Bicentennial Ethnic Racial Alliance.

To insure that we, as a Nation, appropriately observe our Bicentennial, it is essential that recognition be given to those select organizations whose Bicentennial projects reflect the plurality, variety and individuality of our American society. Such programs are appealing because they are predicated upon the involvement and contributions of its people both individually and collectively.

In according such recognition, the ARBA has long sought to be particularly mindful of those events which "acknowledge the ethnic and cultural diversity of our citizenry and the contribution of this pluralism to America." The Bicentennial is not only an occasion to review the events of our heritage but is also an opportunity to reinforce the concept that a pluralistic society can serve to highlight the grandeur of the democratic experiment by proving that diversity can produce harmony, cooperation and strength.

The Polonus Philatelic Society is to be commended for developing for its members and the general public, an exhibition which will enhance a deeper understanding of the promises that the United States of America has held and continues to hold out to all peoples. It is gratifying to note that this exhibition will be a key resource in helping all of us to understand more fully the traditions, history, and contributions of the Polish people to the United States.

The ARBA Certificate of Official Recognition and a national Bicentennial flag will be forwarded under separate cover along with our plans for the coming months.

In the Spirit of '76,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John W. Warner', written in a cursive style.

John W. Warner
Administrator

Letter to our Polpex chairman from American Revolution Bicentennial Administration

COMING TO POLPEX?

POLPEX 76 will be a wonderful opportunity for out-of-town members to come to Chicago and meet with fellow members from all over the U.S. and Canada. Space arrangements have been made for those persons desiring overnight accommodations at the LaSalle Hotel, during POLPEX 76 on March 19, 20, and 21. A special rate for a single room is \$19-\$23 per night, while a twin room is \$26-\$30 per night. If reservations are desired, send one night's deposit with your request to Mrs. Wanda Szebel, Matuszczak Travel Inc., 5736 West Belmont Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60634, Phone: (312) 283-4511.

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A REMINDER

Just a note to let you know that dues for 1976 were payable as of January 1st. Please spare our Treasurer the task of billing you and mail in your \$5.00 now.

May we suggest that members who can afford it, send two years dues. Include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you want to receive a membership card. If no stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed, it will indicate that you do not care to receive a membership card.

BOOK REVIEW

ILLUSTRATED POSTAGE STAMP HISTORY OF THE WESTERN UKRAINIAN REPUBLIC — 1918-1919

by John Bulat; 96 pages hard bd.
Philatelic Publications, Yonkers,
New York, 1973

With the increasing interest among Polish collectors in the stamps of the Western Ukraine this work of the leading Ukrainian expert in our country, Mr. John Bulat, fills a need long neglected. An estimated 90% of the stamps on the market of the Western Ukraine are forgeries and for the first time there is available a readable guide which can help the collector distinguish the original from the counterfeit overprints. Mr. Bulat has plated all the issues and in large blow-ups noted the distinguishing characteristics of all the positions. The collector of Poland will note many similarities to the Kraków issue of 1919 in collecting this fascinating area. The book includes an historical sketch of the period and a detailed study of the issues: first the Lwów issue, then the Kołomyja issue, the Stanisławów issues and finally the Vienna issues. Ukrainian place names are used throughout. Also included is a chapter on the Western Ukrainian postmarks and censorship marks on Austrian stamps as well as an extensive bibliography. The book is profusely illustrated. This work poses as many questions as it answers but Mr. Bulat is to be congratulated for his taking an important step in this exciting and critical period of history. The book is available from the author at P.O. Box 91, Main Station, Yonkers, N.Y. 10702. Price is \$10.00. —JPM

POLONUS BICENTENNIAL ROCKET FLIGHTS

The second Polonus sponsored experimental rocket flights, in cooperation with the Reaction Research Society, were successfully conducted at the Mojave, California proving grounds on the occasion of the American Revolution Bicentennial. The first rocket, named PULASKI, was fired on October 11, 1975 on the anniversary of the death of General Casimir Pulaski who was mortally wounded at the battle at Savannah, Georgia. It carried 11¢ airmail postcards. A second rocket, named KOSCIUSZKO, was fired on October 18, 1975 on the anniversary of the nomination of Thaddeus Kosciuszko as Colonel of Engineers by the Continental Congress. This rocket carried 13¢ airmail covers.

A total of 430 postcards and covers were flown with appropriate rocket mail labels, printed with pairs of enlarged designs of the 2¢ red U.S. Pulaski and the 5¢ blue U.S. Kosciuszko commemoratives. These are being made available to Polonus members at



Photo of Rocket No. 2, named KOSCIUSZKO, taken before being placed in launching structure for firing.

this time. Price per set of postcard, cover and souvenir sheet is only \$4.00 postpaid. Available from John Bor, 1810 No. Richmond St., Chicago, Ill. 60647.

The Rocket Research Society is a group of rocket enthusiasts



13c Airmail Cover carried by the KOSCIUSZKO Rocket flown on Oct. 18, 1975.

who have experimented with rocket flights since 1947, and have conducted many successful flights on various occasions. In 1973 they held flights for the Polonus Philatelic Society. Two rockets, named COPERNICUS and POLONUS, were launched. Due to the failure of nose cone ejection systems, both rockets crash landed with mail canisters still attached. Most of the mail was recovered and marked, "Damaged by crash". A total of 400 sets with a small quantity of souvenir mail were flown. There is still a small quantity remaining and these 1973 flights are still available at \$4.00 per set from John Bor, 1810 N. Richmond St., Chicago, IL 60647.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, January 23, 1976:

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

Friday, February 13th, 1976:

FRAME FIX-UP PARTY. Refreshments will be served.

Friday, February 27th, 1976:

PAST PRESIDENTS' NITE.

SPECIAL PULASKI COVERS

The set of nine covers advertised in last month's Bulletin resulted in the sales of all but 18



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sets. These covers are cacheted and bear the cancel of October 11, 1975, on the anniversary of Pulaski's death. One is cancelled at Savannah, Ga., and the other eight at the various cities named "Pulaski". A set of nine covers costs \$3.75 postpaid, and may be obtained from John Bor, 1820 N. Richmond St., Chicago, IL 60647.

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