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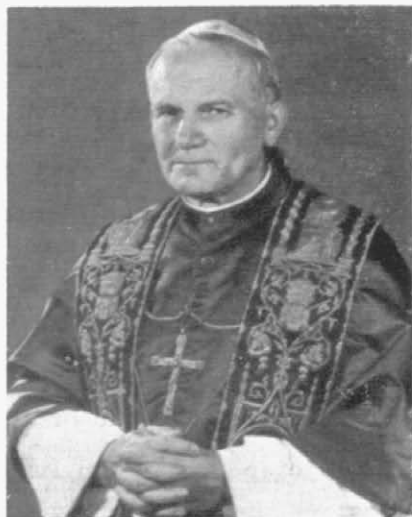
May-June, 1979

POLPEX 80 TO HONOR POLISH POPE

At the last meeting held May 25th at the Expo Center during COMPEX, it was unanimously decided to stage POLPEX 80 with the theme of honoring the former Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, now His Holiness Pope John Paul II.

Just two weeks previously, President Alfred Szebel received a letter from the Vatican congratulating Polonus on its 40th anniversary, with an autographed color photo of His Holiness. With the tremendous amount of correspondence received at the time of the Pope's inauguration, the office handling correspondence was swamped and had fallen behind. For this reason we did not receive the letter until after the Polpex.

With the installation of a Pope from Poland, collectors of Polonica have a new topic to collect. In connection with the Pontiff's recent visit to Poland, three series of postage stamps were issued with the Pope's portrait against a background of national monuments. 9.2 million stamps have been printed and special cancellations were used in the cities the Pope visited during his nine-day tour.



Joannes Paulus P.P. II.

NEXT MEETING

Friday, June 29th, 1979:

Monthly meeting to take place at Veterans Hall starting at 8:00 p.m. Plans for POLPEX 80 to be discussed. After a short business meeting a rare 20-minute silent film will be shown covering the Polish occupation of Wilno in 1919, Pilsudski's funeral, Battle of Monte Cassino and other events.



SEGRETERIA DI STATO

DAL VATICANO, 25 kwietnia 1979 r.

Szanowny Panie,

Do Sekretariatu Stanu wpłynął list, w którym składa Pan życzenia Ojcu Świętemu z okazji powołanie Go na Stolicę św. Piotra i prosi o błogosławieństwo dla Polskiej Organizacji Filatelistów POLONUS w Stanach Zjednoczonych. Wobec ogromnego napływu korespondencji odpowiedź jest opóźniona i nadejdzie po głównej uroczystości. Niemniej, może znajdzie Pan sposób, by zapewnić Członków Organizacji POLONUS, że Ojciec Święty Jan Paweł II jest wdzięczny za okazaną życzliwość i całym sercem udziela Wszystkim Apostolskiego Błogosławieństwa, życząc dalszej owocnej działalności.

Łączę wyrazy szacunku

Mons. G. Coppa
Asesor

Letter from the Vatican Secretary of State, Monsignor G. Coppa, extending the Pontiff's gratitude for receiving our letter of greetings and telling us that he wholeheartedly sends his apostolic blessing to all Polonus members, wishing them continued fruitful endeavors.

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ALFRED SZEBEL — POLONUS HONORARY MEMBER

By CHESTER A. SCHAFER

Alfred Szebel, President of Polonus and Executive Chairman of POLPEX 79, was elevated to the position of an honorary member. He was selected for this honor by the officers and board of directors. Presentation of a silver Polonus-Pulaski medallion was made by Vice President Chester Schafer at the last Polpex banquet held at the Conrad Hilton in downtown Chicago.

He joined Polonus in 1950 shortly after his arrival in the U.S. The late Dr. S. M. Mioduszewski introduced him to the society. His collecting specialties are Postal History WW II, Polish Fieldpost, Warsaw Postal History (his hometown), Groszy Ovpts., Poland and the Sea, Airmail & Space, Polar Mail, etc. He began exhibiting in the mid 50's at the local and national level. He soon rose to the international level and his exhibits brought him many medals and awards. He was a grand award winner at POLPEX 60 and COMPEX 64.

Fred has been an officer at Polonus since 1967, first as secretary, then vice president, and as president for the last three years. He served as chairman of many Polpex shows, specializing in the largest ones in Polonus history — '66, '73, '76, and the most recent one of this year, the largest and most lavish. He held many posts on various Polpex committees.

After the '66 exhibition he designed the first official Polonus medal, and in '76 the society emblem pin. He handled the special Polonus medals for Copernicus in '73, the Bicentennial in '76, and



the 40th Anniversary in '79, as well as souvenir sheets, covers, cards, postmarks, etc. Was instrumental in changing the by-laws of Polonus which needed revisions for some twenty years.

He visited Poland during POLSKA 73, bringing closer cooperation with the PZF and collectors in Poland. Returning to Poland in '77 he delivered Polonus literature, medals, exhibition souvenirs, etc. to the Postal Museum in Wroclaw for perpetual preservation of our 40 years of philatelic activity in the U.S.

Alfred Szebel is very active in Chicagoland philatelic life, representing Polonus everywhere and maintaining a high Polonus image. He is a member of the committee for the International Exhibition scheduled for Chicago in 1986.

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POLPHIL 79

The Polish Philatelic Society of Australia will celebrate its 20th anniversary at their POLPHIL 79 philatelic exhibition November 19 to 30, 1979 at C.B.C. Bank, 257 Collins St., Melbourne. POLPHIL 79 will be bigger than all previous exhibitions. A special medal will be struck for the occasion.

At POLPEX 79 we received a cable with congratulations from the Australian group. In addition, four of their members, Messrs. Borucki, Landau, Winiarski, and Zasiedka, exhibited excellent collections. Polonus must reciprocate and participate in their exhibition. We received some entry forms which are available from your editor. Let's give them a hand down under.

POLONICA VATICAN ISSUE

On May 19, 1979 the Vatican Post issued a set of four on the 900th anniversary of the Martyrdom of St. Stanislaus, the bishop of Cracow. The 120 and 150 liras stamps show the martyrdom and apparition to the people of the holy bishop with scenes from medieval miniatures of the 14th century preserved in the Vatican library. The 250 liras shows the gold box containing the relic of 1504 preserved in the cathedral in Cracow; the 500 liras pictures that cathedral. Multicolor printed on white glossy paper by photogravure in sheets of 40 by the Italian State Printery, Roma Piazza Verdi 10. Quantity issued: 1,200,000 complete sets.

FDCs printed by the Vatican show various scenes of the life and martyrdom of St. Stanislaus. First Day of issue was May 18, 1979 on the 35th anniversary of

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the Polish victory at the Battle of Monte Cassino where this year Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass on this occasion.

—Dr. M. A. Lipinski

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