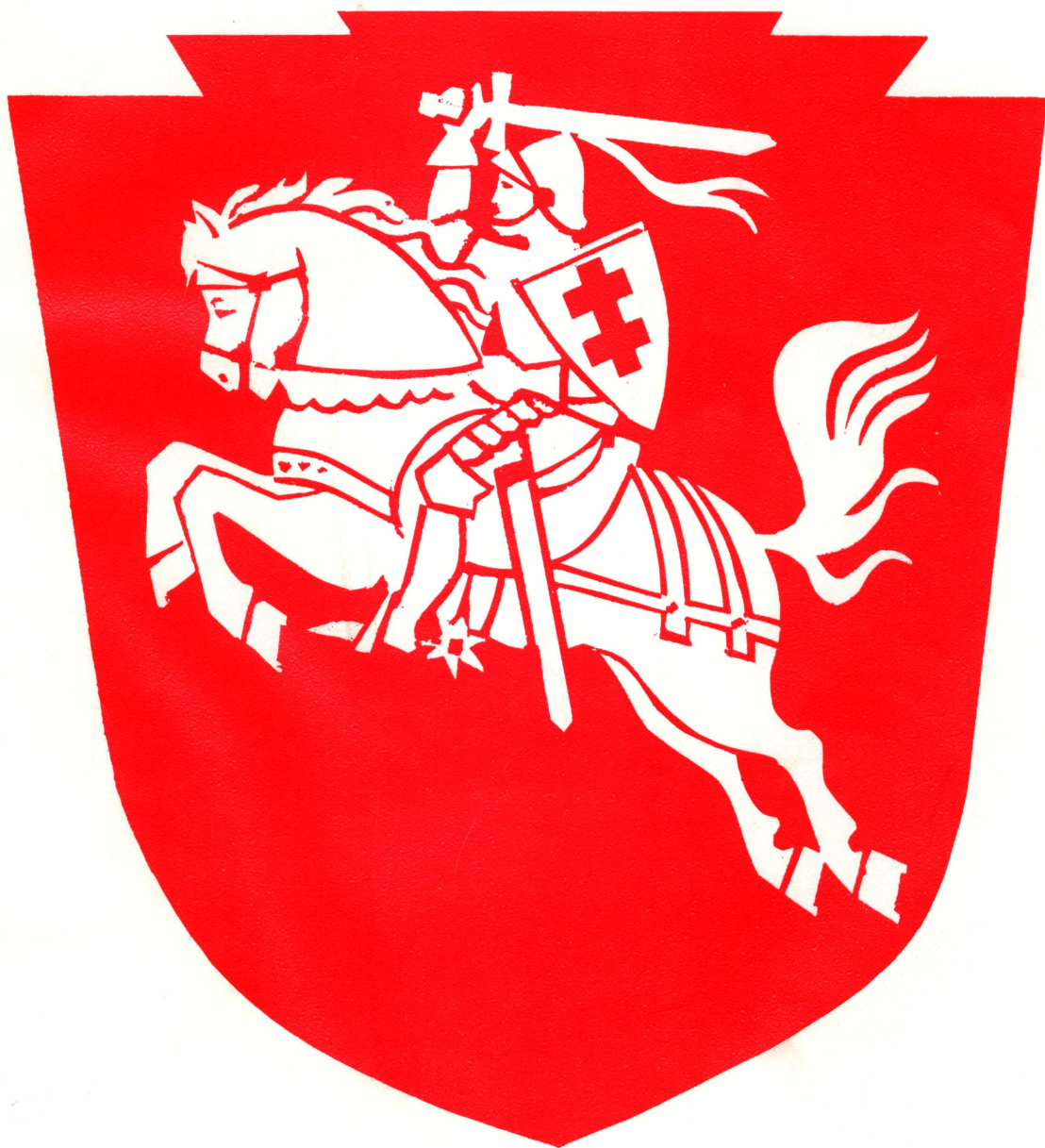


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LPSNY CLUB NOTES, LETTERS, BALTIC PHILATELIC ACTIVITY

We are advised Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia have agreed in a recent meeting in Riga to print their own postage stamps and to recognize one another's stamps in their respective countries. To date we are not advised any of the three have actually printed new issues other than the two stamped envelopes exhibited in Bulletin 156 and the three stamped envelopes on pages 9039-9040 of this issue.

Today I received Bulletins Nos. 154,155. The quality of the issues is excellent - congratulations.

Mr. Valantinas' study on the Kaunas type-set issue should be published in a separate publication. As information on these issues would be used for reference purposes, it is much easier to refer to a single publication rather than having a half a dozen or more publications opened on one's table.

Congratulations, once more, on the terrific style of the new Society Bulletin. You must have received a transfusion of young and fresh blood.

I am glad to see the Bulletin of the LPSNY back in business. Having not heard anything since the passing of my friend, Walter Norton, I had feared that perhaps LPSNY was to become defunct. For about the last 10 years that I have collected Lithuania, the Bulletin has been the prime source of much vital information to me.

With respect to your inquiry concerning the publication of Mr. V. Valentinas' study of the Kaunas type-set issues, I would welcome it in any form. While it would be most convenient to me as a separate publication, I cannot tell how it would need to be priced to make it feasible. The specialized nature of the subject might not appeal to a widespread enough audience to generate sufficient sales. A separate publication also suggests the need for editorial assistance. Based on my reading of Mr. Valentinas' article in Bulletin 155, I would think that it may be unnecessary to provide substantial editorial assistance, especially in the area of American colloquial English where some second language authors have occasional difficulty.

Ed. Note: Update - correction re the October 1990 LPS Chicago show.

Thank you for your letter. It will certainly be an honor to us to have the Walter E. Norton Research Award presented to the Best Exhibit in Group I (Ed. Note: or non-competitive Lithuanian Exhibit) at our show. I am looking forward to this event. I will spread the word amongst our members that this special Walter Norton plaque will be presented.

John Variakojis

P.S. Our show will be a three day affair. It will also include Friday, October 26, 1990 - 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

I read with much interest about the modified postmarks being used in Lithuania since the declaration of independence. The list of towns where the modified postmarks are being used is much longer than I had imagined.

A few days ago I borrowed copies of your Bulletin Nos. 154 and 155 and was quite impressed with them. Please accept me as a member of the LPSNY.

Congratulations on the excellent production of the LPSNY Bulletin. It's a pleasure to read.

I would like to thank you for assuming the leadership of our Society. The Bulletin looks great!

Members, can you help us re the whereabouts of either of our fellow members listed below:

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The study of the Kaunas type-set issue by V. Valantinas should be printed as a separate publication. If it were serialized, it would take too many issues to complete, and would be a real nuisance as a reference.

I received Bulletin No. 156 with the Auction pages. Thank you. Enclosed is my check to cover a one year subscription to the Society. This issue has many interesting things in it and things we can possibly look forward to in the future.

Just received our Bulletin #154 which looks exceptionally fine.

Many thanks for the two NYLPS Bulletins Nos. 154 and 155. It is nice to see the improved printing! I look forward to No. 156.

If the handbook price list supplement for \$10.00 is a revised second issue with prices brought up to date - please accept my order for one copy. My friend "Bill" Doniela of Bankstown, Australia once mentioned that there had been discussions on revising the 1st issue which I have. Obviously a good deal has happened on the market. Another question - do you have an address to the Central Post Office - Philatelic Department of Vilnius, Lithuania?

154 and 155 issues of the Bulletin were excellent in the articles and the printing. I will be looking forward to the next issue.

I am still trying to digest the Valentinas article on the overprints especially Nos. 120/122 and 126. I expect to correspond with him on my reference collection of forgeries.

Congratulations - Bulletin is well done.

Enclosed is my check for \$25.00 to cover dues for '90 and '91 and the balance toward the expense of publishing the "new" Bulletin.

The new journal is beautifully arranged and printed, and I truly appreciate the care and effort you've expended to produce it. I hope you are able to continue this fine work.

I have really enjoyed the "new regime" Bulletins. Legibility makes a huge difference. One thing which would be nice to have is a membership list. It often would be nice to be able to correspond with authors, exhibitors, etc. LSPNY has never had a list to my knowledge. I don't know if this is because a by-law prohibits it, or more likely, no one had time to do it. If it is the case that there just wasn't anybody, I will volunteer to make and distribute such a list. If the by-laws need to be modified, I would like to know the procedures for amendment. I realize that some members may not want to have their addresses on a list which is distributed to the membership, so perhaps the subject could be raised in the Bulletin and some method, maybe have people specify no listing when dues are paid. (Ed. Note: Members, please give us your opinions - we'll respond on this subject in the next Bulletin.)

Another item of interest is expertization. Does LPSNY have an committee, or an individual for expertizing in the Lithuania area? I have been sending my material to APS, but the items probably to the members of LPSNY.
9023

The New 5-kap. LIETUVA Envelope (p.9008)

The inscription below the oak tree may properly be read as follows. The first word is derived from the Lithuanian verb "kurti" = to kindle (i.e. light a fire), hence "atkurti" = to rekindle. The word ATKURTA is a feminine past participle used as an adjective and so the inscription translates as follows: "THE REKINDLED INDEPENDENT LITHUANIAN REPUBLIC:

There has been a handstamp applied on mail at Kaunas and reading: "ATSTATYTA LIETUVOS NEPRIKLAUSOMA VALSTYBE 1990 metu kovo 11 d."

(Ed. Note - Copy depicted below:)

ATSTATYTA LIETUVOS
NEPRIKLAUSOMA VALSTYBE
1990 metų kovo 11 d.

The first word is again a feminine past participle, used as an adjective and derived from the verb "atstatyti" = to restore, so the inscription translates as: "THE RESTORED LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENT STATE, 11 March 1990"

The Mixed Lithuanian-Soviet Franking on a Registered Postcard Going Abroad (p. 9011)

The Soviet postal rates for mail going to foreign destinations in the 1940-1941 period were as follows:

30 kop. for a postcard going abroad by surface mail
80 kop. registration fee for foreign mail

We can see from the card shown on p. 9011 that there were sufficient Soviet stamps affixed to fulfil both requirements and so the 5c. Lithuanian Olympic stamp was in excess of the required postage. The date of dispatch is not mentioned and we have to remember that Lithuanian stamps lost their validity under Soviet rule on 15 March 1941 and the LTSR overprints (technically a Soviet issue) exactly one month later. Only Soviet stamps could thenceforth be used until the Nazi invasion.

Andrew Cronin

Our LPSNYer Stanley Alsis is co-editor of the fine Bullseye Cancel Collectors Club Bulletin and recently sent us a copy of this recent article on Lithuanian "Bullseye Cancellations" from their Bulletin. He can be contacted at P.O. Box 102, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

New and Rejoining Members

#321 Ruud W. v. Wijnen
#517 John Variakojis
#518 Petras Bliudzius

Resigned

#481 Igoris Kuciauskas
#23 Vladas Keiba - It is with regrets that we accept the resignation for health reasons of this esteemed charter member

I have received recently the LPSNY Bulletins 154 and 155. Also we in the Netherlands were very sorry to hear about Mr. Norton's passing. From our point of view, he seems to have been the key person in writing articles in your bulletin; and he did it in an excellent way. It is now up to you and your board trying to fill the gap. Your start is good. The layout of the bulletin has improved and is now of a better standard. I know from personal experience that in particular the images had their problems in copying.

I can tell you something about the field post item mentioned in "Recently Available" (#155). The unit was founded in Wilna as a police-unit, consisted of 3 coys with a total of 460 men (later on 4 coys with 501 men). For Lithuania were also formed the batallions 1 -1 5, 251 - 265 and 301 - 310. At the end of 1944 it is to be assumed that there were also three Lithuanian Volunteer Infantry Regiments.

The police-batallions, later "Schuzmannschaftsbatallion" (Schuma Batallion) were controlled by the SS. As mentioned before, the 15. Batallion was founded in Vilnius and is determined in 1942 July, in Baranowischi fighting the partisans and is located in July 1943 in the middle of Russia. It was there that the unit (probably in March 1943) became the fieldpost number 38069, which was eliminated out of the fieldpost register on September 11, 1944. It seems that in October 1944 the unit is refounded and was sent to Danzig as as police batallion again, but without fieldpost number, which was normally only obliged abroad the German (included the Baltic States) territory.

Andre C. deBruin

(Translated from Lithuanian) - In your Bulletin #155 I have read about our journal "Filatelija Lietuvoje" #1. It's a great pleasure for us that you have recognized our edition and that you informed your readers about it.

Just now we have edited the second number of this journal, 1990 #1 (2). Now in sending you this journal ... I am expecting that it will be interesting for you. We would like (if it's possible) that you would inform your Bulletin readers about our second edition and where one can get it. The cost of the publication is 1.50 rubles per issue.

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FILATELIJA LIETUVOJE 1990 #1 REVIEW

As is already known from our LPS Bulletin, a gathering of Lithuania's philatelists September 30, 1989 re-established the old Lithuanian Philatelic Association. Issue #2 deals mostly with this convention, its by-laws and its plans for the future.

On the occasion of this convention, the Ministry of Communications issued a special cachet and a special cancellator. This cachet adorns the back page inside cover. The outside cover contains the same Peace issue as the Philately in Lithuania #1 but this issue it is printed in black. Below we translate and summarize the articles in this issue:

1. Commencing Activities by Petras Rutkauskas (President of the Association)
2. By-laws of the Lithuanian Philatelic Association (voted on and accepted at the convention on September 30, 1989)
3. Minutes from the Convention
4. Thoughts from the Convention
5. Letter to the Associations Philatelic Societies VI Convention
6. Contract between USSR Philatelic Associations Central Committee and the Lithuanian Philatelic Association
7. Letter to the International Philatelic Federation

8. Letter to the Lithuanian Philatelic Associations's Chapter
9. Lithuania's Postage Stamps in the Interior of the Kaunas Post office. Henrikas Verikas - this article is short and of interest and a translation appears on page 9028. The original article contains three illustrations.
10. Letter to the Minister of Communications
11. Suggestions for the Republic of Lithuania's Postal tariffs on Stamps and Other Postal Documental Issue, Postal Cancel Producing
12. The First Postage Stamp (New postal stationery envelope #1; the illustration is of a pavyzdis or specimen copy)
13. The "Penny Black" - Juozas Zairys
13. Philately's Crisis ? - Zbignevas Steponavicius
14. The First Postage Stamp Exhibition, Telsiai 1940.V.5 - VI 5 at Alka Museum (reprint from Mercurius No. 1, 1940)
15. 1954-1973 Cachets - Lithuanian Topicals
16. Lithuanian Philatelic Association Chapters

Also two half-page advertisements on collectibles and literature. 1,500 copies of Issue #2 were printed (same as Issue #1).

The organizational committee consisting of members from different philatelic societies in Lithuania called for a convention which convened in Vilnius September 30, 1989. Thus the Lithuanian Philatelic Association was reborn or restored after suppression during the reign of Stalin.

Attending at the convention were 77 delegates mostly from Vilnius (38) and Kaunas (16). The other delegates came from some other of the 38 chapters, that is how many chapters the Association now has.

The convention discussed and accepted its by-laws, elected its first president and other officers on the board, formed different committees for ties with the Soviet Union's philatelic societies, with other countries and with us in the United States. The Association has unanimously elected Vilius Kavaliauskas to represent the Association in dealings with collectors outside the Soviet Union and former "republics" of the Soviet Union. His address is Bliudziu 31-9, 232004 Vilnius, Lithuania

The following article appeared recently in New York Lithuanian weekly Darbininkas and we translate it for you below:

The Ministry of Communications in Vilnius informed the public to submit designs for Lithuania's new postage stamps on a competitive basis. The few rules stated that the designs should have the word Lithuania and any of the following symbols: the Vytis, Pillars of Gediminas, the shrine Gates of Dawn or the national flower Ruta. The last day for submission was July 15, 1990.

We have not heard of the results, who won first, second and third prizes and will try getting pictures of the designs.

To The Membership:

I wish to thank everyone for their compliments, encouragement, advice and information re our last few Bulletins. With regrets (see page 9021), before I get to more pleasant topics, let me deal with the subject of "dues". We have no choice but to raise the price of dues for 1991 \$1.00 in the U.S. and Canada and \$2.00 for most, \$4.00 for a few elsewhere in the world (the \$2.00 charge for airmail sending of the Auction pages has been discontinued).

All Bulletins will henceforth be sent first class. We change the overseas sendings for three reasons; it's easier for us, the members get their Bulletins more quickly and we want to encourage all our foreign members to bid on the items in our Auction pages. The Society receives 10% on all material sold, the more we sell, the more we can afford to keep the dues prices down, and provide you with special publications.

Also, if you have not paid and do not pay your 1990 dues, this is the last Bulletin you will receive. Frankly, this is another procedure that changes starting with Bulletin 158. 1991 dues are payable on receipt of the December 1990 issue and delinquent members will be given only one reminder notice along with the March 1991 Bulletin. We ask all members to be sensitive to the Societies need for accelerated collection of dues (sending the Bulletin, Bulletin Cover, and Membership Cards out for printing is expensive) and our desire to be involved in as little non-philatelic paperwork as possible.

With regard to this Bulletin #157, there was so much information to print (and we wanted the members to receive (3 x 2) six additional pages to make up for the auction pages missing from the September, December 1989 and March 1990 Bulletins) we changed (for this issue) the print to a compressed format. We have yet to receive all the information we need to write up the Blockade Labels and properly update the Fugalewitsch and Vizbara efforts, but expect we will in time for the December issue. Any members who have varieties, errors, essays, cancellations, registry labels and so on not in our Fugelewitsch - P.O. Cancels in Lithuania, our book - Postage Stamps of Lithuania and/or our Postage Stamps of Lithuania Supplement and price list, please send the information for collection to our President, C. Matuzas, at 107-33 117th Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11419

We are also looking for more information on recent bogus overprintings of Soviet Stamps and unauthorized bogus printings of resurrected Lithuania stamped envelope #1. In answer to the members question in LPSNY Club Notes ... there isn't currently a philatelic department in Vilnius, but likely when our friends in Lithuania read this Bulletin, they will write us and advise us they have created one.

With regard to the V. Valantinas type-set study, we agree with our members, the study should be printed as a separate publication. We will be getting prices, ask for input on whether hardcover, softcover or Bulletin format is preferable, and while we won't formally ask for voluntary contributions until we have a better handle on costs, we will be grateful to receive your contributions, checks being payable to Vincent Alones and mailed to his address listed on page 9021.

Finally, all members who ordered back issues of the Bulletin will receive them about November 1st. Also, the Kaunas chapter of the LPA has commenced printing of their Bulletin (200 copies) and we will have more on their efforts in the December issue.

Editorial - For Your Information

This writing is a second caution to LPSNY members. If you are acquiring expensive stamps and are not certain you can trust your source, check the stamps or have them expertised before you pay for them.

Your Editor recently reviewed the collection of a deceased former member of our Society whose collection was for sale. He had Central Lithuania "complete" and Lithuania "complete" with some major varieties, some non-listed flyspeck varieties (hyped by the dealer), some duplication and a number of mostly common to desirable covers.

Probably 1/3 of all Vaitkus (Scott C80 Var.), 1/3+ of all Central Lithuania (Scott 13-22) and 1/3+ of all Grodno Lithuania (Scott L1-8) offered in the marketplace today are fakes. So what was his C80 var.? -- a fake. His Central Lithuania 13-22? -- mostly fakes including the expensive stamps - and his Grodno L1-8, (there were other fakes I've not listed here) on pieces -- fakes.

This collector was an LPSNY member for a number of years and was active, attending shows and buying, including at our auctions, but he never wrote for help - or for who to send his stamps to be expertised.

Our hobby is becoming more complicated year after year. The newly elected government of Lithuania had a recent problem with stamp counterfeits and insufficient controls re its printing facility (see article titled "Sharpies" following on page 9029) and here in America color photocopy machines can create good looking reproductions of stamps and some people are using the reproductions to defraud the government and they can fool you if you don't inspect them closely. The quality and availability of these machines and other machines will get steadily better. Technology will become more widely available and can only become more of a problem for all collectors.

Counterfeits are eminently collectable but if you buy one you should know it's a fake (and its value to you) before you pay for it. We encourage all members to write us, but don't send stamps before you hear from one of us. The LPSNY does have expertisers, and we will have more on expertization in a future Bulletin.

LITHUANIA'S POSTAGE STAMPS IN THE INTERIOR OF THE KAUNAS POST OFFICE by Henrikas Verikas (translated from Lithuanian)

In 1929 the Lithuanian Republic Council of Ministers after long discussions and bargaining finally decided on building a new post office in Kaunas. The Postal Administration construction engineers project made by Feliksas Vizbara was approved. The construction was started in 1930, the year that was called the Year of Vytautas the Great, in the beginning of June and was almost completed by the end of the year. As this was to be jubilee construction, there arose a question, how was the building to be decorated. Designs were submitted by Vincas Grybas, Kajetonas Sklierius, Kazys Simonis and Petras Kalpokas.

Accepted were artists Petras Kalpokas' suggestion to decorate the main operations hall with pictures-copies of our postage stamps. The Postal Administration submitted for copying all its postage stamps beginning with the type sets and ending with the Vytautas the Great Commemorative issue. In oil colors and 40 x 60 cm format, altogether 102 postage stamp pictures were painted. These postage stamps not only adorned the main operations hall, they also portrayed the main events in Lithuania's history.

This, the decoration of the operations hall, lasted up to the occupation by the Soviet Union. The new rulers did not like this and the pictures were taken down and destroyed. Some time later, around 1950, in their place copies of the Soviet Union's postage stamps were made and stuck up.

And only now with Lithuania awakening, with the initiative of the employees of the Kaunas post office and the aid of philatelists in Kaunas, the Central Post Office in Kaunas has had its once destroyed pictures of its postage stamps returned. On December 20 of 1989 the main operations hall of the Central Post Office in Kaunas once again was decorated with the historical postage stamp paintings of the Republic of Lithuania. All this painting work was done by a long time employee of the post office - artist Leonas Rastenis. In preparation for this enormous task, much research was done, material gathered in consultation with the artist R. Kalpokas' son, P. Kalpokas who at that time of the original painting was a student and who helped in the production of the painting or original postage stamp reproductions.

President's Note: The facts stated in the article below were recently brought to the attention of K. Birulis, Minister of Communications in Lithuania by Lithuanian Philatelic Association member Vilius Kavaliauskas. Mr. Kavaliauskas gave the information to the newspaper Tiesa (Truth) for printing May 24, 1990 and mailed us a clipping of the article we translate below:

SHARPIES HAVE BURROWED INTO POSTAGE STAMPS

The preparations for the issuance of Independent Lithuania's postage stamps has already begun. Recently an artistic postal stationery envelope was issued with Lithuanian stamps and is now on sale.

At the same time mixed signals have reached us, that here and there have appeared different overprints on Soviet Union postage stamps and on cachets. The editors of this paper have received a letter from K. Birulis, Minister of Communications, begging us to warn those involved that in this instance it is noting else but a foreign government's counterfeiting of its postage stamps and therefore forbidden. It is also noteworthy to inform that these facts have nothing to do with Ministry of Communications issuing activities.

Such shoddy productions and sale of counterfeit postage stamps only harms an awakening Republic's postal reputation internationally.

Bulletin 156 Auction Results

LOT

800	6.00	847	5.00	878	5.50
801	8.50	848	7.50	880	4.25
802	47.50	850	7.50	881	4.25
803	42.50	851	7.50	882	23.00
805	32.50	852	3.25	883	16.00
807	30.00	853	1.50	884	16.00
809	11.00	854	3.25	885	4.25
810	8.50	855	7.50	886	4.25
811	5.50	856	8.00	887	4.25
812	5.50	857	3.25	888	21.00
813	67.50	858	11.00	890	5.50
814	15.00	859	15.00	891	11.50
815	4.25	860	6.00	892	8.50
816	9.00	861	12.50	898	9.50
818	11.00	862	4.00	894	11.00
821	10.00	863	3.00	895	11.00
828	11.00	864	4.00	898	1.75
829	21.00	865	11.00		
830	27.50	867	90.00		
831	22.00	868	14.00		
832	27.50	869	5.00		
834	5.00	870	12.00		
835	5.00	871	5.50		
836	10.00	872	4.50		
837	8.00	873	4.50		
838	20.00	874	23.00		
839	22.50	875	4.50		
844	4.25	876	4.50		
845	4.25	877	7.00		

Any lot from Auction #156 not listed above is available for sale on a first come first served basis through November 30, 1990 at the minimum bid price. All letters for purchase of these unsold lots should be sent (and all checks made payable) to Vincent Alones, 217 McKee St., Floral Park, NY 11001.

LITHPEX X - April 7/8, 1990 - TORONTO LITHUANIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY EXHIBITION

This Exhibit was awarded by the Judges a special plaque as follows:

**WALTER E. NORTON
MEMORIAL AWARD
PRESENTED TO
(Paul Barbatavicius)
FOR THE
BEST LITHUANIAN
EXHIBIT
TORONTO, CANADA
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THE LITHUANIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT OF PAUL BARBATAVICIUS

**Scarborough,
Ontario, Canada**

Exhibit 1, Frame 1

Page 1 Title Page - Darius-Girenas. This exhibit gives a short history of the lives and tragic death of both pilots and their historic flight from New York to Kaunas.

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Page 1 Photo: Birthplace of Pilot Girskis-Girenas

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Page 4 Photo: Darius-Girenas with flight sponsors

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Page 6 Cover issued in occupied Panevezys, Lithuania

Frame 10

- Page 1 Cover issued in occupied Lithuania
- Page 2 Cover issued in occupied Lithuania
- Page 3 Souvenir Darius-Girenas Memorial fund
- Page 4 A. Zemaitis Ex Libris Bookplate
- Page 5 Souvenir postcard issued in occupied Lithuania
- Page 6 Cover issued in occupied Lithuania

Frame 11

- Page 1 Souvenir from occupied Lithuania
- Page 2 Souvenir from occupied Lithuania
- Page 3 Cover issued in occupied Lithuania
- Page 4 Souvenir issued in occupied Lithuania
- Page 5 Cover issued in occupied Lithuania
- Page 6 Cover issued in occupied Lithuania

GRAND AWARD EXHIBIT OF ALGIRDAS RUZGAS

Woodhaven, NY
U.S.A.

FRAME 1

- Page 1 TITLE PAGE - "SELECTED PAGES OF LITHUANIA"
- Page 2 First and second stamps of independent Lithuania with one line gothic cancellation "WILNA" - on cover mailed from Vilnius, Lithuania to Halle, Germany. Cover contains Military Post Control, Königsberg handstamp. (See Exhibit 1 on page 9033)
- Page 3 10sk, 15sk, 40sk and 50sk stamps of second Vilnius issue on philatelic cover (Dwinsk, Latvia address added later) with cyrillic cancellation of "GRODNO KONTORA".
- Page 4 First Kaunas issue on philatelic cover cancelled with cyrillic cancel "GRODNO-KONTORA" (Ulm, Württemberg address added later).
- Page 5 Cover mailed from Gruzdiai to Kursenai, Lithuania on October 20, 1919. Received in Kursenai on October 23, 1919. (See Exhibit 2 on page 9034)
- Page 6 Registered cover mailed from Skaudvile, Lithuania to München, Germany on November 11, 1919. Cover has Military Post Control Königsberg handstamp and Lithuanian censorship mark Cenzura D.

FRAME 2

- Page 1 Registered cover mailed from Sakiai, Lithuania to Basel, Switzerland on February 16, 1920.
- Page 2 Registered cover with 10sk, 30sk, 2x 40sk 4th Berlin issue stamps mailed from Anyksciai, Lithuania to Liepaja, Latvia on March 6, 1920. Back stamped in Liepaja on March 12, 1920. Lithuanian censorship mark Cenzura D on the reverse side of the cover.
- Page 3 Cover mailed from Kaunas, Lithuania to Antwerpen, Belgium on November 13, 1920. Received in Antwerpen on November 23, 1920.
- Page 4 Registered cover mailed from Kaunas, Lithuania with overprinted new currency stamps to Basel, Switzerland on November, 1922. Received in Basel on November 24, 1922.
- Page 5 TOP: Cover mailed from Pajevonys, Lithuania to Newark, NJ on March 27, 1933. Received in Newark April 7, 1933.

BOTTOM: Cover mailed from Naumiestis, Lithuania to Newark, N.J. on June 19, 1937.
Received in Newark on July 31, 1937.

Page 6 Cover with Railroad cancellation Ryga-Kybartai, Post Car #2 mailed to Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. December 17, 1937.

FRAME 3

Page 1 Registered, First Day, Air Mail cover with Special cancellation to commemorate Lithuania's Independence (1918 - 1938) sent to Uppsala, Sweden, February 15, 1939.

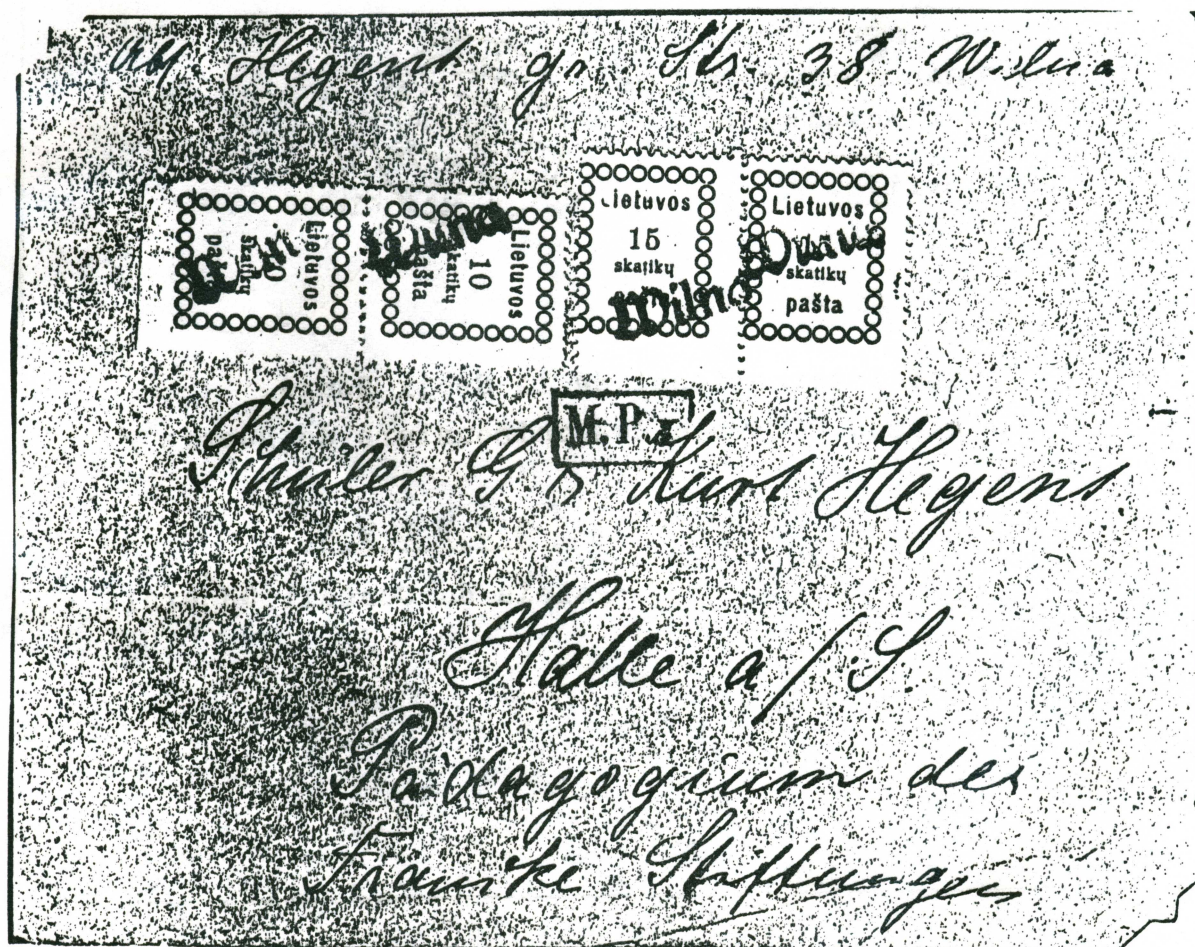
Page 2 Registered, First Day cover containing complete set of stamps to commemorate "Recovery of Vilnius" overprinted issue mailed locally in Kaunas by A. Ruzgas himself October 28, 1939.

Page 3 Registered cover mailed from Vilnius to Kaunas on the day when Lithuanian Administration took over city of Vilnius on October 30, 1939.

Page 4 Official Lithuanian Red Cross stampless cover mailed from Kaunas, Lithuania to Geneva, Switzerland on April 13, 1940. In addition to Post Office cancellation there is an official rubber stamp which reads Lithuanian Red Cross - Supreme Committee. (See Exhibit 3 on page 9034)

Page 5 Registered First Day cover of the Vilnius issue cancelled in the city of Telsiai, during the Philatelic Exhibition, at Alka Museum on May 6, 1940. Special cancellation commemorates issuance of the first stamp of the World in England on May 5, 1940.

Page 6 Philatelic locally addressed cover franked with 5k, 10k, 15K, 20k, 30k, 50k and 60k stamps of the Vilnius overprint set cancelled Vilnius C August 31, 1941.





Kursėnu Mišku Vredizai



Kursėnai

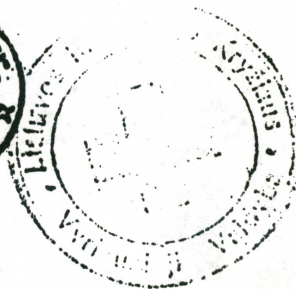
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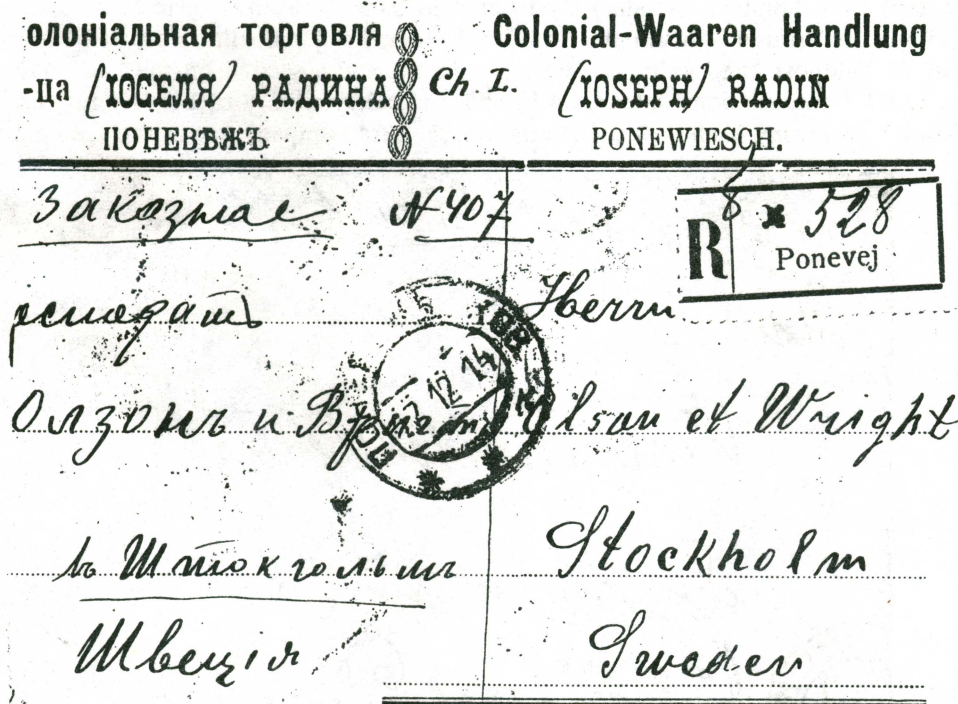
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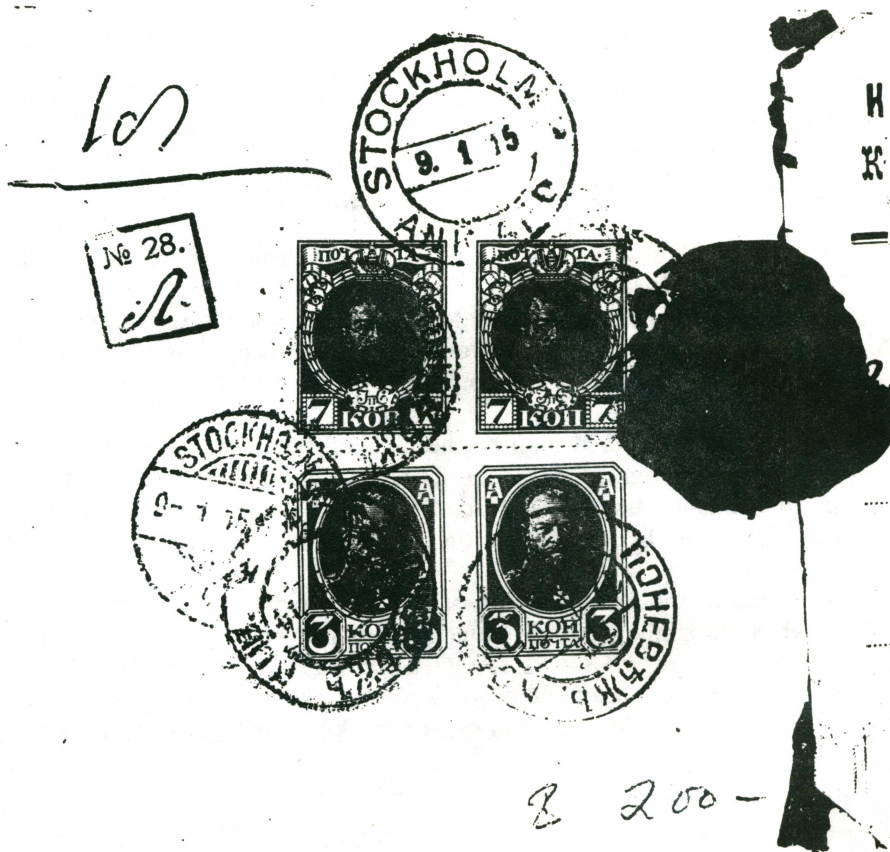
Acquired by auction purchase, 1990, for approximately \$120.00.

On July 28, 1914 Austria-Hungary invaded Serbia, setting in motion World War I and by August 1, 1914 Russia and Germany were formally at war. The date postal censorship was implemented is not clear, but one comment in a Solzhenitsyn book states military censorship was implemented in Petrograd on August 16, 1914 at 7:00 p.m. and with regard to international mail, military censorship meant letters were to be opened and examined for anything that could harm Russia's security.

This issue cover was sent registered mail by the General Store of Joseph Radin, Ponewiesch on 17.12.14 to the firm of Olson and Wright, Stockholm, Sweden. The back side of the cover is franked with two horizontal pairs of Romanov issue Russia Scott #90 (2 x 3kop) plus Scott #92 (2 x 7kop) cancelled 4x Ponevyezh kov. **k on the back and once on the front side and contains a red Ponevej registry label.

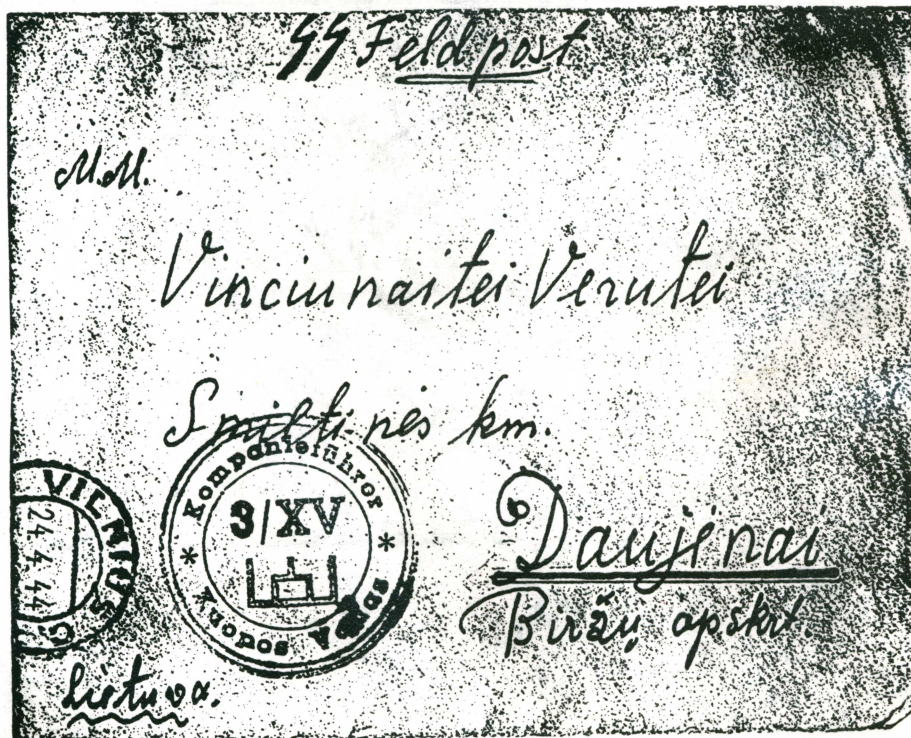
The letter was opened at the Petrograd censor office by censor #28, (rectangular violet marking Casey & Evans #P11 whose facsimile personal monogram was in cyrillic our letter L) and was resealed with a red wax seal (Casey & Evans #AS3) PETROGRADSKAYA VOENNAYA TSENZURA (Petrograd Military Censor). The back side of the cover is also marked in violet pencil with an additional 1 and the cyrillic equivalent of our letter L hand censor marking and shows two different Stockholm 9.1.15 receipt cancels.

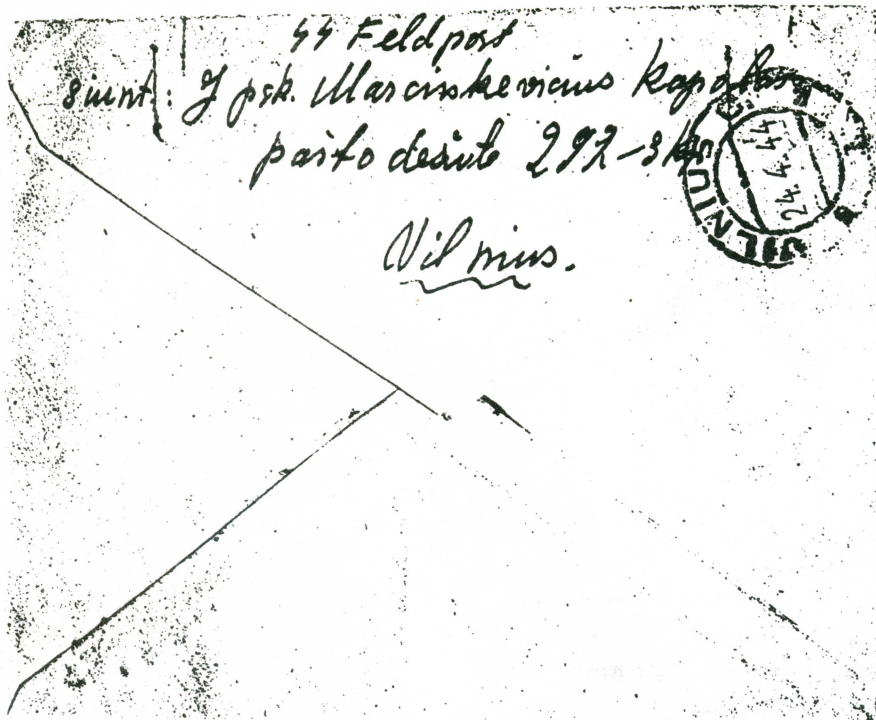




Bulletin #155 Recently Acquired - Amendment

Following our publication in Bulletin #155 we were fortunate to receive a photocopy of an additional letter (rear flap) from Siuntejas (sender) First Sergeant Repolas Marcenkevicius Pasto desute 297-3 company, Vilnius to Vorutei Vincinaite, Smiltine hamlet, Daujenai, Birzai district, Lietuva. This letter contains two SS Feldpost hand writings; one on the front and a second on the back side of the cover, two Vilnius C * 1 * cancellations dated 24.4.44 and a circular military cachet "Kompanieruhrer * Kuopos Vadas * (company leader) 3/XV (Battalion 15 - 3rd company)" with the Gediminas Column.





LITHUANIA ISSUES THREE NEW COMMEMORATIVE ENVELOPES

Your Editor was again fortunate to receive from Lithuania one copy each of the third, fourth and fifth commemorative envelopes printed for newly independent Lithuania. All three envelopes are printed by Spindulys, sell for 7 kapeikas each and are stamped with the 5 kapeikas green V. Skabeikiene designed postage stamp. All three 5k stamped envelopes are valid for mailing internally in Lithuania only. The commemorative cachet on Envelope #3 depicts the stylized emblem in green of the Lithuanian Cultural Fund and the text on the front side proclaims "WE INVITE AID LITHUANIAN CULTURAL FUND" in green. The commemorative cachet on Envelope #4 depicts a geometric design in green and the words "LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE YEAR '90". The commemorative cachet on Envelope #5 depicts a green "Vytis" cross superimposed on a green oak leaf and the words BISHOP M. VALANCIAUS TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

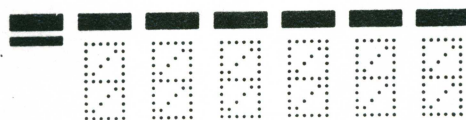
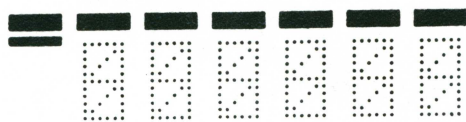


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LIETUVIŲ KALBOS METAI '90



MEMBERS MAIL AUCTION - FINAL DATE FOR BIDS: November 30, 1990

Mail bids to: J. Norton, P.O. Box 432, Syosset, NY 11791 - The submitting of a bid constitutes full acceptance of the LPSNY auction rules (see page 9017 of Bulletin 156)

ABBREVIATIONS: C = Card; E = Envelope; M = Mint; Pc = Piece; PC = Post Card; P = Proof; PS = Postal Stationery; R = Registered; S = Stamps; V = Variety; U = Used; Scott Nos. or LPSNY Handbook Nos. Used.

Lot No.	CODE	L I T H U A N I A	Min. Bid	
801	SU #4	15sk. Grodno Cyr. Cncl	18.00	^{#22} (19)
802	SU #5	30sk. Grodno Cyr. Cncl	4.00	^{#7} (4.25)
803	SU #8	50sk. Grodno Cyr. Cncl	3.00	^{#4} (3.25)
804	SU #9-12	1st Kaunas	12.00	
805	SU #13-19	2nd Kaunas	9.50	
806	SM #20-26	3rd Kaunas	10.50	
807	SU #20-26	3rd Kaunas	9.00	
808	SM #70-80	2nd Anniversary	16.50	
809	SU #70-80	2nd Anniversary	13.50	
810	SM #81-91	National Assembly	8.00	
811	SU #81-91	National Assembly	10.00	
812	SM #97-113	Definitive	8.50	
813	SM #102a	50sk. imperf	1.50	
814	SM #102a	50sk. imperf pair	3.00	
815	SM #102a	50sk. imperf blk. of 4	8.00	
816	SM #116-119c	DeJure	5.50	
817	SU #116-119c	DeJure	7.50	
818	SM #176-188	Rhombus	25.00	
819	SM #176-188	Rhombus pairs	50.00	
820	SU #176-188	Rhombus pairs	35.00	
821	SM #176,177,178, 180-182,184	Blks. of 4	40.00	
822	SM #210-215	Vytis Cross	10.00	
823	SM #216	5ct. parquetry nh	15.00	
824	SM #219-222	Dr. Basanavicius	4.00	
825	SM #226-232	10th Anniversary	4.00	
826	SU #256-263	1st Lith. Child perf	12.00	
827	SU #256-263	1st Lith. Child imperf	12.00	
828	SU #264-271	2nd Lith. Child perf	12.00	
829	SM #264-271	2nd Lith. Child imperf	8.00	
830	SU #264-271	2nd Lith. Child imperf	12.00	
831	SU #272-277B	3rd Lith. Child perf	12.00	
832	SM #272-277B	3rd Lith. Child imperf	7.50	
833	SU #272-277B	3rd Lith. Child imperf	12.00	
834	SU #277C-277K	4th Lith. Child perf	12.00	
835	SM #277C-277K	4th Lith. Child imperf	7.50	
836	SU #277C-277K	4th Lith. Child imperf	12.00	
837	SM #283-285	Pres. Smetona	14.00	
838	SM #298-300	Pres. Smetona	16.00	
839	SM #301-315	Vytis	2.00	
840	SM #301-305	Vytis Blks. of 4 with 2 diff. 50 ct.	10.00	
841	SM #306-309	20th Anniversary	2.00	
842	SM #309a	Souvenir Sheet perf	5.50	
843	SM #310-313	Vilnius Ovpt.	3.00	
844	SM #314-316	Recovery of Vilnius	1.50	
845	SM #316a	Souvenir Sheet imperf	3.00	
846	SM #317-322	Peace Blks. of 4	2.00	
847	SM #317-322	Peace Blks. of 4	4.00	
848	SM #319	15ct. Imperf Single	3.00	
849	SM #319	15ct. Imperf Pair	6.00	
850	SM #319	15ct. Imperf Full Sheet	275.00	
851	SM #321	30ct. Imperf Single	3.00	

852	SM #321	30ct. Imperf Blk. of 4	12.00
853	SM #321	30ct. Imperf Full Sheet	275.00
854	SM #B1-B25	War Orphans	66.00
855	SM #B16-B29	Except B25 War Invalids	40.00
856	SM #B30-B42	Childrens Orphanages	75.00
857	SM #B43-B46	Olympiad	10.00
858	SM #B43-B46	Olympiad Imperf Singles	30.00
859	SU #B43-B46	Olympiad	10.00
860	SU #B47-B50	Scouts	18.00
861	SM #B52-B54	Basketball	10.00
862	SM #C1-C7	1st Air Post	6.00
863	SU #C1-C7	1st Air Post	10.00
864	SM #C1a	Vertical Watermarks	2.00
865	SU #C1a	Vertical Watermarks	2.00
866	SM #C5a	Imperf Single	4.00
867	SM #C5a	Imperf Blk. of 4	20.00
868	SM #C8-C14	2nd Air Post	5.00
869	SU #C8-C14	2nd Air Post	9.00
870	SM #C8,C11,C13, C14	Blks. of 4	10.00
871	SM #C15-C17	3rd Air Post	3.00
872	SU #C15-C17	3rd Air Post	5.50
873	SM #C15	1 Auk Blk. of 6	6.00
874	SM #C16	3 Auk Blk. of 4	4.00
875	SM #C18-C20	4th Air Post	2.50
876	SM #C21-C31	Overprinted New Currency Air Post	20.00
877	SM #C21a	Vertical Watermarks	3.00
878	SM #C31e	Yellow Arcs with Dot	10.00 15.00
879	SM #C32-C35	New Currency Air Post	5.00
880	SU #C32-C35	New Currency Air Post	7.50
881	SM C37-C39	Swallows	2.50
882	SM C38e	Paspas Variety	2.50 5.00 3.75
883	SM C40-C46	Vytautas Air Post	4.00
884	SU C40-C46	Vytautas Air Post	6.00
885	SU C47-C54	1st Lith. Child perf	12.00
886	SM C47-C54	1st Lith. Child imperf	8.00
887	SU C55-C62	2nd Lith. Child perf	12.00
888	SM C55-C62	2nd Lith. Child imperf	7.00

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Wanted: Used cards and covers from Lithuania June, 1940 to June, 1941. Andrew Cronin, Box 5722 Station A, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5W 1P2

Have many duplicate stamps of the pre-1941 independent Lithuania, as well as the covers of the Soviet and post-3/11/90 independent Lithuania for exchange or sale. I use Scott and Michel catalogs; speak also Lithuanian. Please write to: V. Navickas, P.O. Box 1184, Gresham, OR 97030

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