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## Two Great Polish Triumphs in Aviation

The "Challenge" Cup

The Gordon Bennett Cup



Warsaw watches the progress of the race. — The winners, Capt. Bajan and Serg. Pokrzywka.



The winners and their balloon, the "Kościuszko".

Poland came in first and second in this exciting bi-annual 6000 mile air-plane race over Europe and North Africa.

The contest involves not only this extended flight but numerous tests both of the machines and of the aviators before and after the main flight. Other nations contesting for places were Germany, Italy and Czechoslovakia, France dropping out at the last minute, a total of 34 machines contesting.

That Poland won on its merits and not as a sporting accident is demonstrated by the fact that both the first and second places were won by Polish aviators, and the even more interesting evidence that Poland won first place last time also, in 1932, when the race started from Berlin. Furthermore, Poland won first place not only in the flight but in the technical trials also.

The winning planes and engines were of Polish design and make and were operated by Poles.

To this fine record in sport aviation must be added an equally good record in passenger transportation. During their 6 years of commercial aviation Polish airships have carried 71,896 passengers with not one accident, a 100% record of safety.

### Basketball Championship

For the second year in succession the Krakow YMCA has won the national basketball championship, working its way to the final victory against a number of strong teams from every part of Poland. As our champion players are our own home-grown products we take great satisfaction in this championship.



The route of the race.

### Our "Y" Buildings

About the time this reaches our more distant readers we shall be putting the finishing touches on that part of the Warsaw YMCA building upon which we have been working during the summer, 80 dormitory rooms and 6 rooms for the National Council, to be ready for use November 1st.

The next step in the completion of the Warsaw YMCA building will be the interior of the large gymnasium, for which we now have part of the money in sight and upon which we hope to begin work December 1st. Then after that the pool, for which we expect to raise the money during the winter.

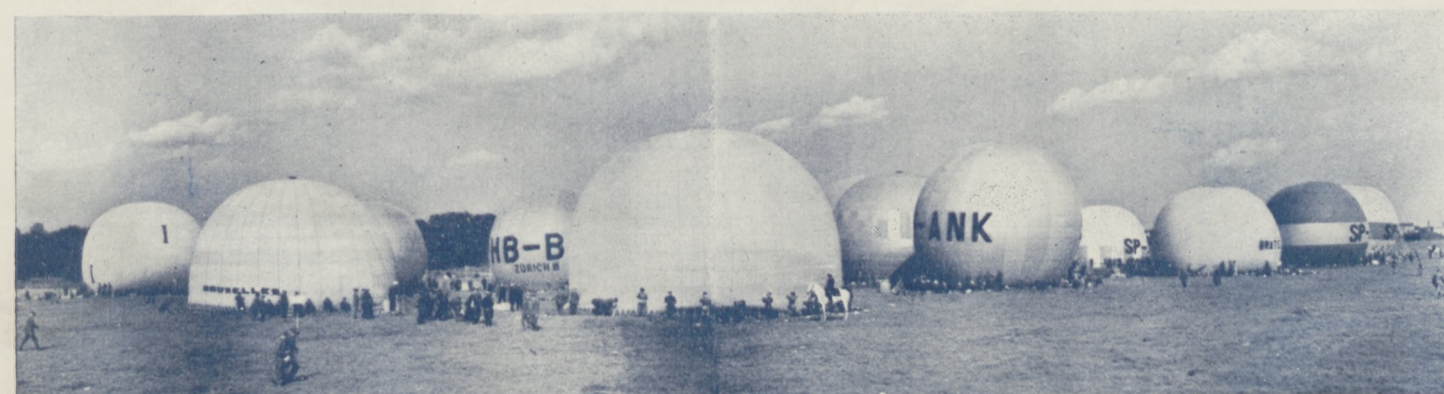
The first section of the Lodz building, the pool, gymnasium, locker rooms, and a few rooms for the social and educational program, should be ready for use March 1st.

In this famous annual international balloon race, which this year started from Warsaw because of the fact that Poland won the race last year when it was held in America, Poland won 1st and 2nd places. The winning balloon, the same balloon that won the race in America last year, travelled about 835 miles, far over into Russia.

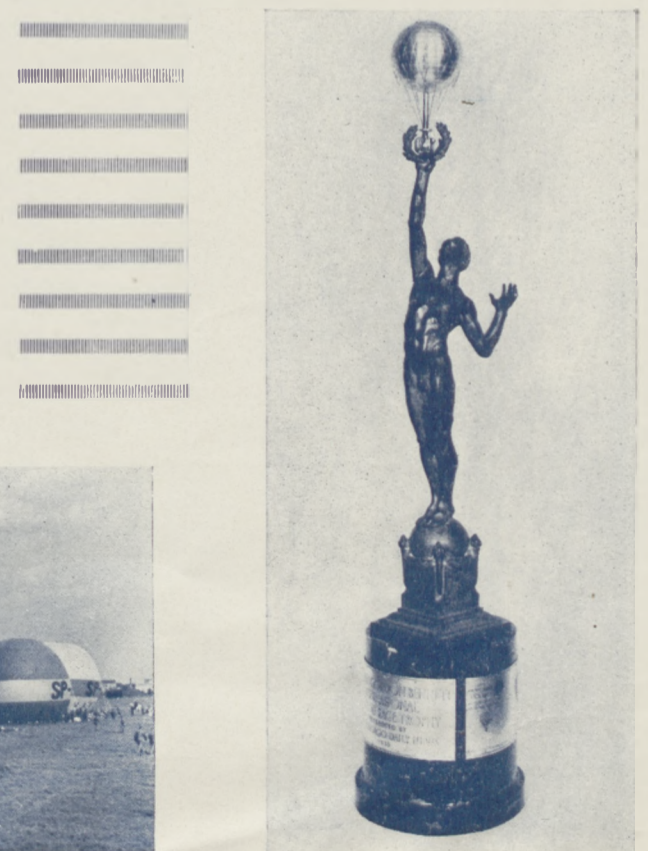
The other competing countries were Germany, the United States, Czechoslovakia, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Spain and Italy, 9 countries represented by 17 balloons, two of them American.

It is an interesting fact that the two Poles who last year piloted the winning balloon, each piloted a balloon of his own this year, and these two men won respectively the 1st and 2nd places. The man who won first place last year won first place again this year.

Winning these two great international contests two years in succession against all comers naturally places Poland in the very front rank in aviation. The triumph is not only one of sportsmanship but also of engineering and of mechanical skill.



Warsaw aviation field shortly before the start. Polish balloons are marked SP.



The Gordon Bennett Cup.

