

Marshal Smigly-Rydz "First Honorary Member Polish YMCA"

Marshal Edward Smigly-Rydz, the head of the Polish army, and, next to the President, Poland's leading citizen, has accepted the chairmanship of the Honorary Committee of the Polish YMCA, a recognition of its usefulness and standing of which the Polish YMCA is extremely proud.

The Marshal embodies in his character and person qualities highly valued by a movement such as the YMCA. Long before citizenship brought anything but toil and suffering and wounds he completely devoted himself to the securing of his country's freedom. When Poland, in no small degree due to his efforts, attained its status as a free state with secure boundaries, he continued to place his country before himself. Though a national hero and of all men the closest to Marshal Pilsudski, he never used these facts to his personal profit or advantage.

Today, the recognized popular leader of the nation, respected by all factions, he retains the same simplicity of manner that has always characterized him. He has a deep humane interest in people, sees a man in every man, values personality for itself's sake. Strangers who go to him on business, approaching him with the formality due to his position, soon find themselves at home in his presence, and won by his utterly engaging smile and fine eyes, things revealed in every photograph of the Marshal among people.

He is an all-round man. Straight and soldierly as becomes his vocation, he is a scholar in military history and strategy, skilful as a water colorist and portrait painter, and in outdoor life a rider, swimmer, and expert shot, a man possessing and believing in personal physical fitness.

The Polish YMCA is proud to announce Marshal Smigly-Rydz as the holder of its highest honor, First Honorary Member, in which capacity he succeeds the late Marshal Pilsudski, whose relation to the Polish YMCA was so important a factor in making it one of the strongest YMCA movements in Europe.

Wood-Engraving Exhibition

Last year the First International Exhibition of Wood-Engravings indicated the possibilities of an annual event of great artistic beauty and value. This year these possibilities were splendidly realized in the Second International Exhibition held during the Christmas holidays and the first half of January. The extensive rooms of the I. P. S. Museum were filled with woodcuts from many lands and representing a wide diversity of technique; a genuine treat for those who love black and white and the newer color prints in woodcuts.

The chief prizes for foreign exhibitors were won by Mr. Eric Gill of Great Britain and Mr. Rockwell Kent of the United States. The decisions as to the awards must have been difficult ones to make. There were prints from Italy, Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Japan and other countries that were excitingly beautiful.



Princess Juliana and her husband.

Royal Honeymoon in Poland

Princess Juliana, the heiress apparent of the throne of the Netherlands, and Prince Bernhard von Lippe Biesterfeld, who has just become her husband, are spending their honeymoon in the beautiful Carpathian Mountains in the south of Poland in the famous Polish winter and summer resort, Krynica, probably the most delightful winter resort in Europe outside of the Alps. The Royal pair have won the hearts of the people of the region by their simplicity and democracy.

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English Books

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Stefan Mrozewski — "The Tower-Bridge".

The British Prime Minister's Tribute to Poland

"Poland has always enjoyed the sympathy and regard of my countrymen. In the past she has suffered more than any nation for the cause of national liberty, and Poland has today accomplished a great effort of national revival."

"Under the leadership of that great soldier, Pilsudski, she won her place among the ranks of the great powers of Europe."

"She has re-equipped and developed her economic resources ravaged by war. She possesses the newest navy in modern Europe, to which we, as one of the oldest naval powers, extend our greeting. Her merchant ships are trading in every sea. In this sphere, as in all others, we look forward to developing close collaboration of our two countries, both of which have the cause of world peace earnestly at heart."

America in Poland

The "Polish Information Service" has recently compiled the following interesting information:

1. There are 30 streets, parks, and squares in Poland named after President Woodrow Wilson.
2. In Poznan there is a "Wilson Monument", in Chelmno a "Wilson Colony", and in the 1000 year old Wieliczka Salt Mines a "Wilson Shaft".
3. Four towns have "Washington Streets" and one has a "George Washington Hospital".
4. Five towns, including Warsaw, have streets named after President Herbert Hoover.
5. A statue of Colonel House stands in a Warsaw Municipal Park and in Lwow there is a splendid memorial monument to the American aviators who took part in Poland's war against the Bolsheviks in 1920.
6. Krakow has a "Sereno Fenn Street" named after the American philanthropist who gave the money for the YMCA building in Krakow.

The Evangelical Church

Though Poland is predominantly a Catholic country a strong and honored Protestant Church exists here, its chief branch being the Augsburg Evangelical Church, with some 450,000 members. Though enjoying full freedom and receiving government subventions the matter of the legal basis of this Church was not fully established until November and December 1936 when the decrees of the President and of the Cabinet cleared up all unsettled points.

As a result the Augsburg Evangelical Church enters 1937 with a new sense of foundations and possibilities. A minimum state income of roughly \$55,000 is assured it, but its chief financial basis is the ability and position of its members, many of whom are leading citizens. Its clergy are trained by a special faculty of Warsaw University, Poland's largest state educational institution.

