

Postage Stamps

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Soon after the Postal Department was established, Chairman Rumkowski decided to issue ghetto postage stamps. He commissioned several designs, and several series of stamps were eventually printed. Based on the series from the winter of 1943/44, he ordered several stamps to be printed using the photographic print technique, as typographic print was not a viable option at the time. The first stamps were to be issued on Purim 1944 (March 17, 1944). The typographic print was relatively good with very nice color samples. The stamps featured Chairman Rumkowski with different symbols of the ghetto and its workplaces. They were to be marked with a special stamp on the Chairman's birthday (also on March 17, 1944). Amtsleiter Biebow refused to issue them and ordered the Eldest to see to it that all materials already printed were destroyed. This order apparently has already been carried out by the Chairman¹ (vide Poczta [Post Office], Poststempel [Post Stamp]).

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