

MINORITY MEMORANDUM

Notice of Copyright

January 17, 1942

Remitter: American-Polish National Council

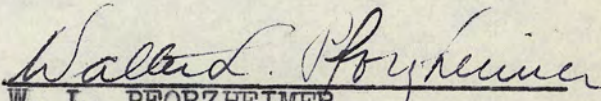
Title: "Geo-Political Map of Poland"

Question: The Acceptability of the Notice of Copyright

The work in question consists of a postcard, the pictorial matter consisting of a geo-political map of Poland. In the lower left-hand corner of the postcard appears a scroll, written in Polish, the top line of which reads, translated, "Geo-Political Map of Poland." There follow twelve small lines of Polish text. At the end of the text appears the name L. A. Kupferwasser and under his name the words "Chicago, Ill. 1-1X-41." Under the scroll appears the word "Copyright," and under the word "Copyright" the phrase "Geo-Political Map of Poland."

L. A. Kupferwasser is the copyright owner. His name appears directly under the year date, 1-1X-41, and this year date is approximately 1/2 inch from the word "Copyright." The majority contend that this is not a valid notice of copyright. The minority's position is that the name of the copyright owner and the year date of publication are so close to the word "Copyright" that it can truly be said that the word "Copyright" is "accompanied by" the year date of publication and the name of the copyright owner. Were the text of this scroll in English, the minority has no doubt that the Board would have ruled this a valid notice, as it has done in many similar cases. The Board now accepts the notices where the name of the copyright owner is included in descriptive material upon the copyright page.

The minority therefore submits that this is a valid notice within the more recent rulings of the Board and should be accepted.


W. L. PFORZHEIMER
Member of the Board

Notice acceptable.

W. H. Wise, Jan. 19, 1942