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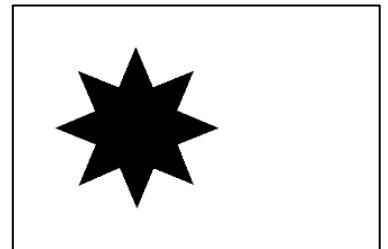
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Introduction

This is the thirteenth issue of the UNOstamps Newsletter. It contains the newest additions to the UNOstamps website, news from the UN and the monthly quiz. There is also room for your comments.

Don't hesitate to give me your opinion on the Newsletter. Please send in comments, suggestions or even compliments. Remember you don't have to wait for the next issue to visit UNOstamps at www.unostamps.nl.

I apologize for the delay of this Newsletter, but as I mentioned earlier the jubilee exhibition for our local historical society takes up a lot of my time. Also I have to finish my book. Our mayor has already agreed to receive the first copy in October or November. You can imagine the pressure that this gives.



Your reactions to last month's question

Last month I asked you for your comment on the first year of the UNOstamps Newsletter and on the future issues. Some of the 80 readers responded and I give their reactions below. Apparently you like what I am doing, so I will try to continue as usual.

I am a keen reader of your newsletter. I enjoy its contents very much including its quiz section. Let it remain monthly and please don't make it bimonthly. As we will have to wait for two months for the next issue. Please also include Readers' section in your newsletter and publish Reader's reactions too. It's a very nice and informative newsletter for all philatelists. Hope you would kindly consider my suggestion.
Mrs. Jeevan Jyoti, India

I think your website is super. I'm not yet reading the newsletter long enough to give a balanced judgement. Until now I think it's outstanding so you should go on like this.
Peter van de Laar, Netherlands

It is real pleasure to read your newsletter and especially to search for the answer on the Quiz.
Davor Franjkovic, Croatia

My honest feedback is I like the newsletter as it is. So no changes would be best unless you have a lot of pressure and would want to make it every two months. I am very happy reading your newsletter and quiz and look forward to it every month.
Anthony J. D'mello, Saudi Arabia

UNO Newsletter: OK for me.
Albert Pelsser, Canada

I really enjoy your newsletter and look forward to it each month and know how much work it takes to produce such a quality newsletter. If you decide a newsletter every two months is enough work for you then that is understandable.
Vera Radnell, Australia

New additions to UNOstamps in July 2008

Three new countries on the website this month, bringing the total to 75 countries. A personal milestone.

Portuguese Timor

Portuguese explorers claimed Timor in 1515, lured by the promise of spices. For the next 460 years, the Portuguese controlled the eastern half of the island, while the Dutch East India company took the western half as part of its Indonesian holdings. In 1702 the Portuguese officially added the region to their empire, renaming it "Portuguese Timor." Japan seized the island in February 1942. Portuguese Timor was handed back to Portugal after the war. The colony was declared an 'Overseas Province' of the Portuguese Republic in 1955. East Timor declared its independence in 1975. Indonesia invaded East Timor, declaring the region the 27th Indonesian province. This annexation, however, was not recognized by the UN



French Oceanic Settlements

The 118 islands of French Polynesia (the Society, Marquesas, Austral and Gambier Island groups and the Tuamotu Islands group) were declared as a protectorate by France in 1843. In 1944, the islands were declared to be an overseas territory of France. On 25 October 1946, a decree by France allowed the Polynesians to manage their own public matters, while still maintaining institutional control. On 22 July 1957, the territorial assembly was instituted in "French Polynesia" with control over such affairs as commerce, transportation, and education.

Alderney

The Island of Alderney is renowned for its severe tides and its rugged and dangerous coastline. Over the centuries it has proved the undoing of dozens of ships, many well known, some obscure and some whose wrecks still await discovery. It is a part of the Channel Islands, belonging to the Bailiwick of Guernsey, and started issuing stamps 25 years ago. Only two souvenir sheets have a UN theme.



Quick links to all new additions can be found on the page 'New on this website'.

Recent finds

The UN Postal Administration issues not only stamps, sheets and souvenir cards, but for their regular subscribers they have special envelopes with combined issues or special postmarks. One of these envelopes I like to show you this month. I recently received it from the UNPA Office in Vienna.

Last April the pope visited the UN Headquarters in New York. For this occasion UNPA issued special personal stamps with a special postmark. Although the cover is a 'normal' cover used for many purposes in New York, it is still a nice addition to many a collection.



Not only if you collect UN related stamps and postmarks, but also when you collect religion or popes or peace missions, you can add this to your collection.

