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BIOT

BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY DEFINITIVE ISSUE

Reprint of current Seychelles Definitive Issue overprinted with letters B. I. O. T.

British Indian Ocean Territory was created on 8 November, 1965, and consists of the Chagos Archipelago, 1,180 miles north of Mauritius; together with a group of smaller islands which includes Aldabra, Farquhar and Desroches lying far to the west.

These groups of islands were formerly administered by Mauritius and Seychelles and were then, as they are now, British territories; the only difference being they are now linked together as a separate Crown Colony.

The Chagos, or Oil Islands, lying between 7 deg. 13 min. and 7 deg. 27 min. South latitude and 72 deg. 25 min. and 72 deg. 34 min. East longitude consists of five groups of islands formed of coral. The largest, Diego Garcia, is a horse-shoe shaped piece of land enclosing a lagoon some 13 miles by 4 or 5 miles. There are no permanent inhabitants but some 500 persons, mostly employees of the Diego Garcia Trading Corporation and their families live there in six camps. They are occupied in fishing, cultivating coconuts and refining oil. Exports are coconuts, poonac and copra, oil, salt fish and tortoise-shell. The numerous islands are owned by, or leased to, trading companies in Mauritius to whom an efficient postal service will be of the greatest value.

The smaller islands, far to the west, have been included in the new Colony in view of their possible needs. This Western Group was formerly administered by Seychelles. Principal islands in the group are Aldabra, Farquhar, and Desroches, with temporary populations of about 100, 170 and 110 respectively, most of whom are employed on the coconut estates.

The present issue of stamps is an interim measure. B. I. O. T. will require its own distinctive postage stamps and, it is understood, its own postal administration is to be set up. Postal agencies in all the inhabited islands will use appropriate hand stamps for cancellation.

By Courtesy of Crown Agent.



Ceylon Commemorative to Honour the World Health Organization

By

K. PATHMANATHAN

The World Health Organization which was formed in 1948 with 56 members now has 128 members in its fold and the number who are applying for membership are gradually on the increase.

The aim of the World Health Organization is to eradicate disease from the face of the earth and to make the world a healthier place to live in and to fight malnutrition and undernourishment in under developed countries. Although the work that has already been done in this connection is satisfactory, there is much work to be done.

Several countries, from time to time, have issued commemorative postage stamps to honour the World Health Organization and Ceylon, too, has issued two commemorative postage stamps. The first commemorative was issued on 7th April, 1962, to "fight against Malaria". This stamp which was of the denomination 25 cents was printed by the Photo-gravure Process by Messrs. Harrison & Sons Ltd., UK. The stamp depicted the WHO symbol, the mosquito and the lion. The colours of the stamp were red, orange and sepia.

This was followed by a set of 2 stamps of the denominations 4 cents and Re. 1/- to mark the inauguration of the WHO headquarters in Geneva. This set was issued on 8th October, 1966, and were printed by Messrs. Thomas De La Rue & Co., UK, on their Delacryl Process. Both the stamps which depicted the same design bore the sketch of the WHO building and the WHO symbol.



The 20th Anniversary of the WHO falls on 7th April, 1968, and the World Health Organization has appealed to its members to issue special postage stamps to mark the second decade of the establishment of the WHO. In response to this appeal, the Ceylon Government has decided to issue a 50 cents stamp to mark this momentous occasion. This commemorative stamp has been printed by Messrs. Bradbury Wilkinson & Sons, UK, by the lithographic process. The stamp depicts the Institute of Hygiene, Kalutara, along with the WHO emblem and the lion and the Government proposes to release this stamp on 7th April 1968 on which date the 20th Anniversary falls.

ONE COUNTRY PACKETS

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10 "	Thailand	10 "	1.00	
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10 "	U. A. R.	10 "		
10 "	Animals	10 "		
10 "	Birds	10 "		
10 "	Commemoratives	10 "		
10 "	Flowers	10 "		
10 "	Fruits	10 "		
10 "	Triangulars	10 "		

FOREIGN SETS

		MINT USED
B110 S. Africa K.G. VI		
Royal Visit	3 pairs	100
B113 Chile Air Mail	6 vals.	100
C 58 Hungary Lace	3 "	.50
C 32 Colombia	4 "	.75
C 33 Costa Rica	4 "	.75
C 34 Costa Rica	5 "	.75

		MINT USED
C 35 China Swan	5 "	.50
C 36 Poland Navigation	5 "	.50
C 37 Hungary	5 "	.50
C 40 Maldiva	4 "	1.00
C 41 N. Z. 1960 Christmas	U I val	
C 42 " 1961	" "	.40
C 43 " 1962	" "	
C 44 " 1963	" "	.40
C 45 " 1964	" "	.40
C 46 " 1965	" "	.40
C 47 " 1967	" "	.40

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

COUNTRY SETS

1946 Australia Peace	3 U	1.50
1947 " New Castle	3 M	1.50
1948 " Boy Scout	1 M	.50
1948 " William J. Farren	1 M	.50
1949 " Henry Lawson	1 M	.50
1949 " Lord Forest	1 M	.40
1954 " Black Swan	1 M	.50
1956 " Air Service	1 U	2.00
1963 " Royal Visit	2 U	4.06
1963 " Christmas	1 M	.50
1965 " "	1 M	.50
1935 New Zealand Air	3 U	8.00
1946 " Peace	11 U	7.50
1944 " Surcharge	1 M	.50
1951 " Health	2 U	.50
1953 " Royal Visit	2 M	1.00
1960 " Health	2 U	.50
1961 " "	2 U	.50
1962 " "	2 U	.50
1966 " "	2 M	.50
1967 " "	2 U	.50
1948 Pakistan Indp :	4 M	3.00
1948 Cook Island Victory	4 M	1.50
1948 Niue Victory	4 M	1.50
1948 Western Samoa Victory	4 M	1.50
1945 S. Africa Victory 3 Pairs	U	1.50
1948 " Silver Wedding	2 U	1.00
1949 " Natal Settlers	2 M	.50
1949 " Voortrekker	3 M	1.00
1949 " U. P. U.	6 M	2.00

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		Rs. c.
1946 Peace Issue	with 2 stamps	—
1947 New Constitution	4 "	—
1948 First Anni. Ceylon Indp.	4 "	—
1949 U. P. U.	3 "	—
1952 Colombo Plan Exhib.	2 "	—
1953 Q. E. II Coronation	1 "	—
1954 Q. E. II Royal Visit	1 "	—
1955 Royal Agri. Exhib.	2 "	—
1956 National Service	1 "	—
1957 Buddha Jayanthi	4 "	—
1957 Cent. Cey. Post. Stamp.	4 "	—
1958 Human Right	2 "	—
1959 Pirivena University	1 "	—
1960 Refugee Year	2 "	—
1961 Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike	1 "	—
1962 Golden Jubilee Jamboree	1 "	—
1962 W. H. O.	1 "	—
1963 Air Mail Silver Jubilee	1 "	—
1963 Freedom from Hunger	2 "	—
1963 Co-operative movement	1 "	—
1963 Prime Minister		
Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike	1 "	—
1963 National Conservation	1 "	—
1964 Industrial Exhibition	2 "	.50
1964 Railway Centenary	1 "	3 00
1964 Cnty. of Anagarika		
Dharmapala	1 "	—
1965 I. T. U. Centenary	2 "	1.00
1965 Inter. Co-op. Year	2 "	1.00
1964 Cnty. of C. M. C.	1 "	1.00
1966 Prime Minister		
D. S. Senanayake	1 "	.25
1966 Birds	4 "	—
1966 Centy. of K. M. C.	1 "	—
1966 Ext. of Inland Air Mail Service		2.00
1966 W. H. O.	2 "	—
1966 Inter Rice Year	2 "	1.00
1966 UNESCO	2 "	1.00
1967 First Anri. Poya Holiday	4 "	2.50
1967 Centy. of G. M. C.	1 "	.75
1967 Hydrological Decade	2 "	—
1967 I. P. I. Conference Kandy	1 "	2.00
1967 Centy. of Tea Industry	4 "	—
1967 Girl Guides	2 "	.75
1967 Tourist Year	1 "	1.00
1967 Col. H. S. Olcott	1 "	.50
1968 20th Anni. Independence	2 "	2.00
Set of 21 covers		45.00
1968 Sir Baron Jayatillaka	1 "	1.00

Ceylon Commemorative Issues 1937 to 1968

		MINT USED	
1937 K. G. VI Coronation	3 vals.	1.00	
1940 Surcharge	2 "	.40	.40
1946 Victory	2 "	.40	.40
1937 New Constitution	4 "	1.00	1.00
1949 First Anniv. Indep.	4 "	1.00	1.00
1949 U. P. U.	3 "	1.00	1.02
1952 Colombo Plan Exhi.	2 "	1.00	1.00
1953 Q. E. II Coronation	1 "	.25	.10
1954 Q. E. Royal Visit	1 "	.25	.10
1956 Royal Agriculture Exhi.	1 "	.25	.10
1956 National Service	1 "	.25	.10
do with white stroke	1 "	—	1.00
1956 Buddha Jayanthi	4 "	1.00	1.00
1957 Ceylon Stamp Centy.	4 "	—	—
1958 10th Anniv. H. Rights	2 "	2.25	2.25
1959 Pirivena University	1 "	.25	.10
1960 World Refugee Year	2 "	.50	.50
1961 P. M.			
Mr S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike	1 "	—	—
1961 Ceylon Boy Scouts	1 "	.50	.25
1962 Malaria Eradication	1 "	.50	.25
1963 Silver Jubilee Air Mail	1 "	1.00	.25
1963 Freedom from Hunger	2 "	—	—
1963 Ceylon Co. op.	1 "	1.00	.25
1963 National Conservation	1 "	.25	.10
1964 Anagarika Dharmapala	1 "	.50	.15
19-4 Industrial Exhibition	2 "	.25	.25
1964 Centy. of Railway pair	2 "	2.00	.25
1965 I. T. U.	2 "	.75	.25
1965 Co-operative Year	2 "	1.00	.75
1965 Centy. of C. M. C.	1 "	.50	.25
1965 do Varieties	2 "	10.00	5.00
1966 Centy. of K. M. C.	1 "	.50	.15
1966 W. H. O.	2 "	—	.50
1966 UNESCO	2 "	1.00	.25
1966 Rice Year	2 "	.75	.25
1967 1st Anniv. Poya Holidays	4 "	2.00	.50
1967 Centy. of G. M. C.	1 "	.50	.15
1967 Tea Centenary	4 "	—	.75
1967 Intr. Tourist Year	1 "	—	.25
1967 Girl Guides	2 "	—	.25
1967 Col. H. S. Olcott	1 "	—	.10
1968 20th Anniv. Indep.	2 "	—	—
1968 Sir Baron Jayatillaka		—	—

S. G. 248 - GREAT BRITAIN

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An interesting error of colour has been discovered in the above mentioned four pence stamp, depicting a view near Hassocks, Sussex. It has, however, not yet been catalogued.

Although the background of the normal stamp is in yellow-green, the stamp under consideration, which is postally used, has its

background in yellow. It will interest philatelists to know how this error of colour took place. It may be that the background is printed first in yellow and later printed thus giving the finish product a background of yellow-green. The error probably occurred when the printer omitted the second printing.

I was fortunate enough to obtain this unique stamp from Mr. L. S. P. Amararatne, a leading dealer in stamps and the proprietor of The Oriental Stamp Service, Colombo. Mr. Amararatne had purchased a fair quantity of this stamp, amongst other stamps, from England, in bulk on paper. The error of colour was noticed only on this particular stamp. There seems to be no doubt whatever about its authenticity.

Will any stamp enthusiast who has made a similar discovery kindly bring this to the notice of the Editor of Ceylon Stamp News ?

I. M. R. Wijetunga.

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A store-house of information on bird life in various countries can be obtained through these "Stamps on Birds".

In this—March issue—I shall deal with another interesting theme. This time ships and sailing vessels.



Stamps issued to mark various incidents connected with ships give a graphic description of the sailing vessels of ancient, medieval and modern times.

An analysis of the stamps issued by such countries as England, Australia, and its protectorates, tiny little islands—governed by Britain depict the historical and economic changes that

have taken place in these countries.

Ships and sailing vessels are of course the fancy of the children.

Glancing through my album I can see the six cents blue stamp issued in Ceylon in 1955 with the portrait of King George V, showing the Colombo Harbour. This is incidentally the first time Colombo Harbour came to be shown on a stamp.

It was reprinted in 1938 with the portrait of King George VI. In 1940 this stamp was issued as an over-printed 3 cents stamp.

A bluish-grey stamp illustrating a fishing boat (50 cents) was released in 1954.

In 1956, the Buddha Jayanthi set of four stamps included a stamp featuring the arrival of Vijaya in this island. Here, Vijaya's boat and the Port of Landing were shown in the 3 cent. stamp.

A set of six stamps as shown here, will be released during this year in Norfolk Islands. The first three stamps will be released on March 18 while the rest on June 18.

The set of stamps depict the ships associated with the Islands development during the ages.

Promoting the interest of stamp collecting school children, the Norfolk Island stamp issuing authorities have issued the stamps in sets of fifty.

Again, ships and canoes were the theme when FIJI ISLANDS issued a set of stamps to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the death of Admiral Bligh—principal discoverer of Fiji—after the Mutiny of the Bounty.

PITCAIRN ISLANDS issued a set of three special stamps to commemorate the same occasion.

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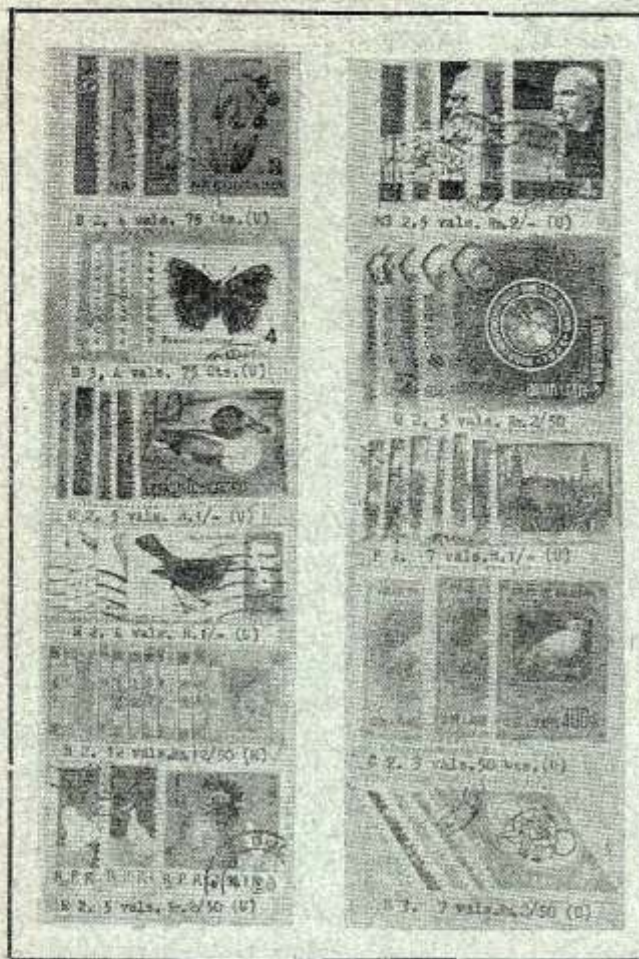
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NEW THAI STAMPS FOR 1968

The printers of this current stamp are as follows:-

1. For profile style, printed by Thomas de la Rue & Company Limited, London, England.
2. For front style printed by Government Printing Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Tokyo, Japan.

On March 1, The Post & Telegraph Department will issue Export Promotion - Teak Postage Stamp. The origin of this stamp came from the request made by the Export Promotion Bureau to the Post & Telegraph Department to issue postage stamp which represents main export of Thailand i. e. rice, teak, rubber, mineral and cotton. The Post & Telegraph Department therefore has taken necessary steps to issue several kinds of export postage stamps gradually in different denominations. The forthcoming postage stamp, at 2.00 baht denomination will represent teak export. It is expected that the whole set as mentioned above will be complete in 1969.

As regards to teak export, the Post & Telegraph Department had selected the picture of an elephant lifting teak log to be the design of teak postage stamp. The following two artists of the Post & Telegraph Department were responsible for the design:-

1. Mr. Glao Saeng-xuto, first grade official, having experience in this field for 30 years.
2. Mr. Suwan Khanboon, graduated from Fine Arts Department, third grade official, having experience in this field for about 4 years.

Besides, first-day covers will be on sale at 3.00 baht each.

In April 1968, The Post & Telegraph Department will issue the Satellite Communications Commemorative Stamp.

In last April a Satellite Transportable Earth Station was set up at Sriraja, and started to give



satellite communication services for the first time in the Asian Continent. In April this year Thailand will have permanent Earth Station which will be able to give reliable twenty-four hour services to the public. Satellite

communication postage stamp will therefore be issued for the purpose of commemoration.

The design of postage stamp which is composed of a satellite and Thailand on which the antenna of the earth station is shown, is designed by Mr. Glao Saeng-xuto and Mr. Suwan Khanboon officials of the Post & Telegraph Department.

The denominations of this postage stamp are 50 satang and 3.00 baht. The Post & Telegraph Department also issues first day - covers saleable at 4.50 baht.

(Continued in next issue)

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(දහවෙනි කොටස)

වස 1886 සිට 1899 දක්වා කොටස් කිපයකින් යුතුව නිකුත්කර ඇති මුද්දර හැට වර්ගයකි. ඒවායේ විස්තර මෙහිදී පලවේ. මේ මුද්දර 60 කොටස් දෙකකට අයත් වේ. පළමු කොටසට 13 ක් හා දෙවෙනි කොටසට 47 කි. පළමු කොටස ඇඳින්වීමට ඇත්තේ එක්වරක් නිකුත්කළ මුද්දර වශයෙනි. මෙහි ඇතුළත් වන මුද්දර මිල ගණනින් මෙසේය:-

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4. ,, 15 පලාවන් පාට	,, 1 සි.
5. ,, 25 කහ මුහුණු	,, 1 සි.
6. ,, 25 ඉලක්කම් කහ පාට	,, 1 සි.
7. ,, 28 කාලවණි	,, 1 සි.
8. රු. ගත 12 ලා රෝස පාට	,, 1 සි.
9. ගත 3 කොළ පාට	,, 1 සි.
10. ගත 30 දං සාදුණු පාට	,, 1 සි.
11. ගත 30 රත්වත් හා දුණු පාට	,, 1 සි.
12. ගත 4 රෝස පාට	,, 1 සි.
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இலங்கை தபால் தலைகள்

(10-ம் பகுதி)

1886-ம் ஆண்டு தொடக்கம் 1889-ம் ஆண்டு வரை 60 விதமான தபால் தலைகள் பகுதி பகுதிகளாக வெளியிடப்பட்டது

இவற்றின் விபரம் பின்வருமாறு:-

இந்த 60 விதமான தபால் தலைகள் இரு தாங்களாகப் பிரிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. முதலாவது பிரிவு 13 தபால் தலைகளைக் கொண்டதாகும். இரண்டாவது பிரிவு 47 தபால் தலைகளைக் கொண்டதாகும்.

முதலாவது பிரிவு:-

இவைகள் ஒருமுறைதான் வெளியிடப்பட்டது இவற்றின் விலைகளும் பல வகைப்பட்டன.

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| 1 | 5 சதம் இளம ஊதா நிறம் (அ) | 1 | முத்திரை |
| 2 | 5 சதம் ,, (ஆ) | 1 | ,, |
| 3 | 15 சதம் இளம் பச்சை | 1 | ,, |
| 4 | 15 சதம் ஒலில் பச்சை | 1 | ,, |
| 5 | 25 சதம் மஞ்சல் செம்மநிறம் | 1 | ,, |
| 6 | 5 சதம் ,, இலக்கம் | | |
| | மஞ்சல் நிறம் | 1 | ,, |
| 7 | 25 சதம் சாம்பல் நிறம் | 1 | ,, |
| 8 | ரூ. 1.12 சதம் மங்கல் ரோஸ் | 1 | ,, |
| 9 | 3 சதம் பச்சை நிறம் | 1 | ,, |
| 10 | 30 சதம் ஊதாவும் செம்மா | | |
| | நிறமும் | 1 | ,, |
| 11 | 30 சதம் கங்க நிறமும் செம்மா | | |
| | நிறமும் | 1 | ,, |
| 12 | 4 சதம் ரோஸ் நிறம் | 1 | ,, |
| 13 | ரூ. 2.50 ச. மங்கல் ரோஸ் நிறம் | 1 | ,, |
- மேல் கூறப்பட்ட ஒவ்வொரு முத்திரைகள் அடங்கிய தொகுதியின் விலை பின்வருமாறு:

பாவிக்கப்படாதது 15 பவுன் ஸ்டேர்லிங்
பாவிக்கப் பட்டது 10 ,,

இரண்டாவது பிரிவு

இவை 47 தபால் தலைகள் கொண்டது. இவையாலும் கட்டணங்கள் மாற்றியமைக்கப்பட்டது. ஏற்கனவேயுள்ள கூடிய கட்டணங்கள் குறைந்த கட்டணங்களாக்கப்பட்டது.

இவற்றின் விலைகள் வேறுபட்டவை. இவற்றுள் குறைக்கப்பட்ட கட்டணங்கள் தலைமுறைப்பட்டவை, இரு முறை பொறிக்கப்பட்டவை முதலியவைகள். இவற்றின் விலைகள் பின்வருமாறு:

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| 1 | 4 சதத்தின்மேல் 2 சதம் | 36 | முத்திரைகள் |
| 2 | 4 சதத்தின்மேல் 3 சதம் | 2 | முத்திரைகள் |
| 3 | 28 சதத்தின்மேல் 3 சதம் | 1 | முத்திரை |
| 4 | 15 சதத்தின்மேல் 5 சதம் | 1 | ,, |
| 5 | 25 சதத்தின்மேல் 15 சதம் | 1 | ,, |
| 6 | 28 சதத்தின்பேல் 15 சதம் | 1 | ,, |
| 7 | ரூ. 2.50 ன் மேல் 1.50 சதம் | 1 | ,, |
| 8 | ரூ. 2.50 ன் மேல் 2.25 சதம் | 1 | ,, |

இத்தபால் தலைகள் இங்கிலாந்திலுள்ள மலாறு ஸ்தாபனத்தால் அச்சடிக்கப்பட்டவை. அரசாங்க அச்சகத்தால் இத்தபால் தலைகள்மேல் குறைந்த கட்டணங்கள் அச்சடிக்கப் பட்டன. மேலே கூறப்பட்ட தபால்தலைகள் யாவற்றிலும் லீக்டோரியா ராணியின் உருவம் பொருக்கப் பட்டுள்ளது. இத்தபால் தலைகள் அச்சிடப்பட்ட கடுதாசிகளில் கிரீடமும் சி ஏ என்ற ஆங்கில எழுத்துக்களும் பதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன.

அமரத்தின,
(உரிமை ஆசிரியருக்கே)

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 year for human Rights.

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Stamp
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4. 6c. Law Enforcement Commemorative Stamp
5. 6c. American Painting Commemorative
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6. 6c. American Folklore Commemorative
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7. 6c. Father Marquette Commemorative
Stamp
8. 6c. Wildlife Conservation Commemorative
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9. 6c. Flag Series.

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In October 1964 with an issue of two new stamps marked the beginning of a new stamp policy of our Postal Department. In view of the potentialities of pictorial stamps as a source of foreign exchange, the Government then decided on the issue of several stamps at intervals using some of the natural attractions as motifs. This was greatly welcomed by stamp collectors both here and abroad and they expected to see many beautiful stamps released by our Postal Department soon afterwards.

Careful and wise planning to use stamps to boost up the country's potentialities of Tourism and Culture will be most appropriate at a time like today when the National Government with the able guidance of the Minister of State, (under whose ministry tourism comes, is giving every possible assistance to our Ceylon Tourist Board to bring more European and American tourist traffic to Ceylon.

Our country could be greatly benefited by way of increased tourist traffic if proper steps are taken to use stamps as a way of propaganda and for publicity purposes abroad by issuing special pictorial stamps.

Does Ceylon have to depend on Indian tourist propaganda to keep her tourist industry alive? This apparently is the view subscribed by some European and American travel men and also by a cross section of Continental visitors to our shores in recent times. When speaking of Europe and America, it must be

remembered that there are over 40 million stamp collectors in these countries. Any reader doubting these figures mentioned above could verify them by directly contacting the philatelic section of 'New York Times', New York, U. S. A.

As postage stamps travel as "Ambassadors of Goodwill" to all parts of the world, it could be easily used for our tourist propaganda and introduce Ceylon to millions of Americans and Europeans through stamp collectors and dealers in these countries. Countries like Israel, which very recently featured her Masada Archaeological Excavations, Israel Museum exhibits and her Luxury passenger liner Shalom in her stamps and Ghana which included her newly built Ambassador Hotel, National Airlines and places of interest in her stamps have been very successful in promoting tourism in their countries.

I hope that in the near future our Minister of State would take proper steps to use stamps to boost up our tourist industry and promote tourism in this country. Ceylon can tell the world a striking and effective message on its natural resources, tourist attractions, rich culture etc. through the medium of her stamps provided they are properly designed and printed, as well as efficiently publicised.

Hence, I suggest the following :-

- * At least two commemorative stamp sets be issued annually like in Switzerland, France and Israel to promote tourism to Ceylon and gain publicity.
- * The stamps should feature our Ancient Monuments, Places of Scenic Beauty to attract people from abroad, Archaeological Centres, Wild Life, Ceylon Products and our Gemming Industry.
- * Philatelists with experience should be appointed to Stamp Advisory Board and their activities should be known to the public through the local press. The Government should also hire the services of local and specially the international Artists to design our future stamps.
- * Foreign stamp journals in Europe and United States should be informed of our new issues well in advance and they should be supplied with details of stamps—free of charge by our Government like in Israel, Switzerland and France.

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