

Stamps from the Danish Radio Help Fund

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I bought this sheet of Danish “cinderella” (non-postage) stamps because of their radio motif, but without knowing exactly what they were. Ace Danish DXer Anker Petersen enlightened me. He wrote:

The **Danish Radio Help Fund** existed from 1929 to 1996. Each year it published Christmas stamps without postal value for putting on Christmas letters as additional stamps. Its purpose is written in Danish on the right side: “Let the world into the living rooms of elderly and ill people. The income from radiostamps provides elderly and ill radio and television.” The Danish text to the left says: “During the past year we have lent nearly 16,000 sets.”

The price for the radiostamps was 1 Danish Krone per single issue, 10 Kroner per sheet (one U.S. dollar equals to approximately 7 Danish Kroner).

On this sheet of radiostamps from 1965 I personally have connections to four:

On the top row, the man reading his annual New Year message is King Frederik IX. In 1969 he invited my class of the Royal Danish Air Force Academy to his castle in order to congratulate us on our new officers’ rank. The most left in the bottom line shows the Danish Radio longwave transmitter at Kalundborg, where the Danish Short Wave Club International held its last Annual General Meeting, in 2016. And the final two stamps to the right show the former Danish Radio radiohouse on Rosenørns Allé. That was where I, together with others, produced 100 “DX-Window” radio programmes in 1967-69.

Thanks, Anker.

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