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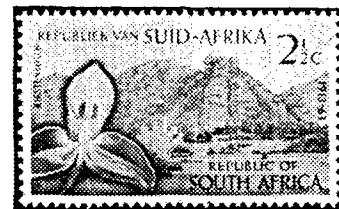
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Pietro Annigoni

**50 years of gardens**

A FLOWER well known to all South Africans is reproduced in full colour on a new 2½ cents stamp from South Africa. The flower is a red disa and the stamp marks the 50th anniversary of the



National Botanic Gardens at Kirstenbosch, near Cape Town, whose gardens form the background to the stamp pictured here.

**FAMOUS ARTIST TO OPEN STAMPEX 1963**

PIETRO ANNIGONI, the famous Italian artist, will be opening Stampex 1963, the philatelic exhibition at Central Hall, Westminster. The exhibition opens on Friday and lasts until 23rd March.

Annigoni is best known for his portrait of the Queen in the robes of the Order of the Garter. Several Commonwealth countries, among them Canada, Fiji, Hong Kong, and Sarawak, have used this well known portrait for the designs of recent stamp issues. Pictured here is the Hong Kong 20-dollar stamp, which is reproduced in full colour on special souvenir sheets prepared by the organisers of Stampex 1963—the Junior Philatelic Society, and the Philatelic Traders' Society.



It is now ten years since the first stamps of Queen Elizabeth II were issued, so the theme chosen for Stampex 1963 is "Ten Years of the Queen's Stamps." There is to be a competition in which collectors will be asked to name

**Scarborough Congress**

FINAL arrangements are also being made for the 45th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, to be held in Scarborough, Yorkshire, from 11th to 14th June. A special postmark will be used on all mail posted at the Congress post office. Souvenir envelopes have also been prepared. Their design, pictured here, shows a view of Scarborough, with the castle ruins in the background.

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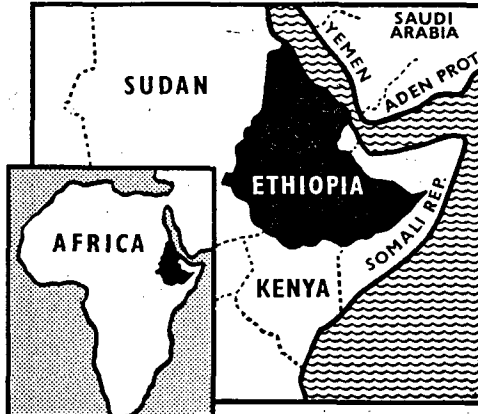


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**SIXTY YEARS ON THE PHONE**



AN anniversary is being celebrated in another African country, the Empire of Ethiopia. Next year it will be 60 years since the first telephones were installed in Ethiopia. Three special stamps have been issued. Pictured here is one of them, showing telephone wires and a portrait of the Emperor of Ethiopia, Haile Selassie I.



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