



JIM C'S QUIZ OF THE WEEK

UNITED NATIONS DAY - 10/24/2007

HOW DID "UNITED NATIONS DAY" ORIGINATE?

President Franklin D. Roosevelt coined the name "United Nations," which was first used during World War II in the "Declaration by United Nations" of 1 January 1942, when representatives of 26 nations pledged their governments to continue fighting together against the Axis Powers.

***Origin:* The United Nations Charter was drawn up by the representatives of 50 countries at the United Nations Conference on International Organization, which met at San Francisco from April 25 to June 26, 1945. The United Nations officially came into existence on October 24, 1945, when the Charter was ratified by the United States, United Kingdom, Soviet Union, China, France and a majority of other signatories.**

In 1947 the General Assembly of the U.N. passed a resolution: *"that October 24 shall hereafter be officially called United Nations Day, and shall be devoted to making known to the people of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations, and to gaining their support for the work of the United Nations."*

In 1971, the General Assembly recommended that Member States observe it as a public holiday.

C W: The U.N. is a forum to identify and solve common problems

M of Z: Pay attention, we may be able to learn from our mistakes