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COLOMBIA

THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA (439,512 sq. mi.; pop. 14,000,000; cap. Bogota) was named in honor of Columbus. Its eastern half is an unhealthy jungle inhabited by dangerous uncivilized Indians. In the west, between three giant ranges of the Andes, lie fertile valleys and plateaus, traversed by the country's two principal arteries of transportation—the Magdalena and Cauca Rivers. Here dwell most of the people, close to the equator but enjoying a temperate mountain climate. The population is 68% mestizo, 20% white, 7% Indian, 5% Negro. On postage stamps you will see their national heroes (Bolívar, Sucre, etc.); views of Bogota (established 1538; a center of learning and culture); leading products: mild coffee ("café suave"), cattle, petroleum, bananas, gold and emeralds.

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COSTA RICA



Second smallest of Central American republics (19,695 sq. mi.; pop. 1,076,000; cap. San Jose). COSTA RICA has a literate 80% white population noted for its democratic way of life. Nearly every family owns its own home or farm; the people are neither very rich nor very poor; there are more school teachers than policemen; and in 1949 the standing army was told to go home and sit down, or at least, it was abolished as unnecessary. Columbus discovered this land in 1502 and, excited by golden ornaments worn by the natives, hopefully named it Costa Rica ("Rich Coast"). Its real wealth proved to be the soil, which produces bumper crops of coffee, bananas, abaca fiber and cacao. Nearly all of Costa Rica is a plateau, 3000 to 6000 feet above sea level, with one of the world's most agreeable year-round climates.

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CROATIA



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CUBA

CUBA (44,218 sq. mi.; pop. 6,500,000) is the largest island, its capital Havana the largest city, of the West Indies. Lying but 90 miles from Key West, having gained its independence (1898) with American help, Cuba was for decades closely linked with the United States. American capital owned or controlled most of the great plantations; American tourists, enjoying the delightful winter climate, spent millions of dollars there; and the United States bought most of the immense production of sugar, tobacco, cigars, pineapples and citrus fruits. Unfortunately, the Cubans suffered under a succession of oppressive governments, the latest of which was overthrown (Jan. 1, 1959) by the revolution headed by Fidel Castro. The world watches with interest the direction and nature of the new Cuba.

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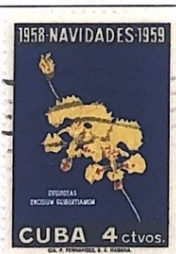


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CZECHOSLOVAKIA



Communist republic (49,366 sq. mi.; pop. 13,500,000; cap. Praha or Prague). The Czechs (or Bohemians) and the Slovaks emerged from World War I as a prosperous independent republic, for they had inherited most of the mines and industries of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire. For 21 years, under Presidents Masaryk and Benes, they enjoyed a model democratic government. Then Nazi Germany, preparing for World War II, marched in and created the German Protectorate of Bohemia-Moravia and the puppet state of Slovakia. Czechoslovakia was liberated in 1945 but its Russian-supported Communist party took over in 1948. Today Czechoslovakia is the most valuable of Russia's satellite nations, producing coal, iron and steel, munitions, uranium, petroleum, machinery, glassware, textiles, etc.

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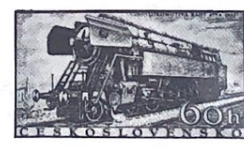
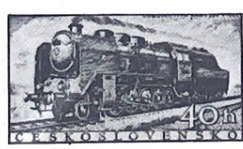


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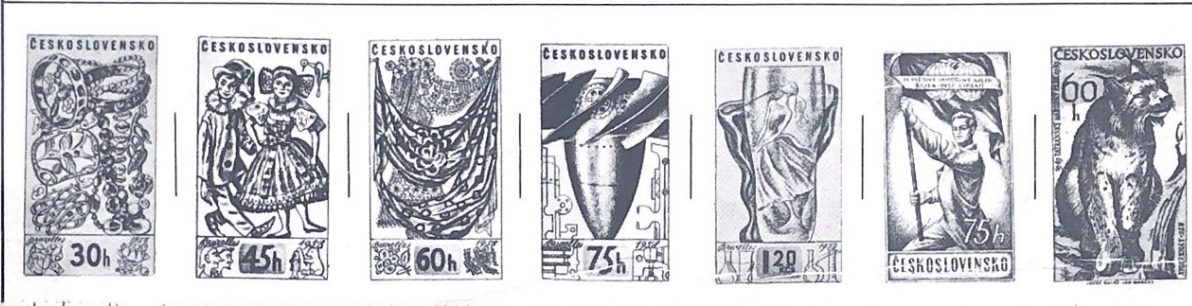


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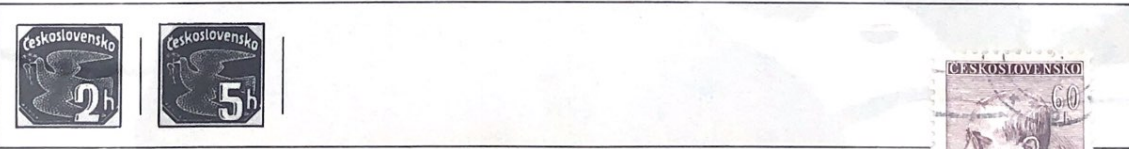
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