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Close to the Arctic Circle, the REPUBLIC OF ICELAND (39,768 sq. mi.; pop. 170,000; cap. Reykjavik) was settled in the 10th century by a tribe of Vikings fleeing Norway before the conquests of Harold Fairhair and his son Eric Bloodyaxe. Their descendants are the tall, blond, virile Icelanders of today. Their bleak, treeless island is covered by glaciers, snowfields, lava beds, geysers, boiling springs and volcanic mountains. Only the lowlands and valleys bordering the fiords and seacoast are habitable. Here, though winter nights are 16 hours long, the Gulfstreamlined climate is mild and equable, and many small farms produce hay, potatoes, turnips, and livestock. Fishing is the national industry. Iceland has no illiteracy, no army, no navy, no fortifications, no unemployment and no national debt!

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The "Land beyond the Indus," divided by conflicts of race, religion, language groups, and economic classes, has throughout history attracted conquerors. Last and best were the British, who held India for nearly two centuries, and then yielded peaceably in 1947 to the independence movement led by Gandhi. India then split apart on religious lines: the Hindu areas became the RBFUBLIC of INDIA (1,259,797 sq. mi; pop. 403,000,000; cap. New Delhi); the Moslem areas became Pakistan. Both became members of the British CommonDelhi); the Moslem areas became Pakistan. Both became members of the British CommonDelhi); the Moslem areas became Pakistan. Both became members of the British CommonDelhi); the Moslem areas became Pakistan. Both became members of the British CommonDelhi); the Moslem areas became Pakistan. Both became members of the British CommonDelhi); the Moslem areas became Pakistan. Both became members of the British CommonDelhi); the Moslem areas became Pakistan. Both became members of the British CommonDelhi); the Moslem areas became Pakistan. Both became members of the British CommonDelhi); the Moslem areas became Pakistan. Both became members of the British CommonDelhi); the Moslem areas became Pakistan. Both became members of the British CommonDelhi); the Moslem areas became Pakistan. Both became members of the British CommonDelhi); the Moslem areas became Pakistan. Both became members of the British CommonDelhi); the Moslem areas became Pakistan. Both became members of the British CommonDelhi); the Moslem areas became Pakistan. Both became members of the British CommonDelhi); the Moslem areas became Pakistan. Both became members of the British CommonDelhi); the Moslem areas became Pakistan. Both became members of the British CommonDelhi); the Moslem areas became Pakistan. Both became members of the British CommonDelhi); the Moslem areas became the Moslem areas bec



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THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA (575,893 sq. mi.; pop. 87,000,000; cap. Jakarta or Batavia) came into being in 1949 when the Netherlands transferred sovereignty over all of these islands, except Dutch New Guinea, to the Indonesian people. The new nation comprises Java and Madura (most densely settled areas of the world — more than 1000 per sq. mile! — where two-thirds of the Indonesians live), Sumatra, Bali, Lombok, Celebes, Moluccas or Spice Islands, Dutch Timor, Borneo, and some 2,000 smaller islands. Stretching 3,000 miles along the equator, luxuriant even for the tropics, producing three crops a year, these exotic islands yield enormous wealth in the form of rubber, copra, quinine, kapok, rice, tea, sugar, coffee, spices, etc. as well as tin, petroleum and forest products.





























































































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IRAQ IN IRAQ (171,599 sq. mi.; pop. 6,300,000; cap. Baghdad), formerly called Mesopotamia ("Land between the Rivers"), the productive soil lies between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. Here grow 80% of the world's dates and most of Iraq's other crops. In Iraq's vast southern deserts nomadic tribesmen graze their flocks; in the northern mountains are rich oil fields which make Iraq 7th among oil-producing nations. Underground lie ruins of Assyrian, Babylonian and other ancient civilizations. In the 8th century, Baghdad became the center of the Arab world. Liberated from Turkey by the British in World War I, Iraq became independent in 1922. In 1958 young King Faisal II was assassinated in swift revolution which turned Iraq into a dictatorial, anti-Western, ultra-nationalist republic.













THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND, or EIRE (27,136 sq. mi.; pop. 2,846,000; cap. Dublin) occupies the southern five-sixths of the "Emerald Isle". It is an agricultural country, 70% farms and pastures, 20% bogs which provide peat for fuel. In 432 A.D., St. Patrick converted the Celtic civilization to Christianity. The Big Trouble started in the mid-12th century when the Pope (an Englishman named Adrian IV) gave all of Ireland to the English crown. Soon came soldiers to convert the Irish to paying taxes to absentee landowners. The resulting bloody struggles for independence lasted 800 years. Ireland is still losing population — a trend which began during the potato famine of the 1840's when a million Irish died of starvation, and 1½ million emigrated to the United States.



























































































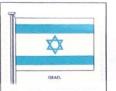








ISRAEL



The Old Testament tells how Abraham's grandson Jacob wrestled with the angel and received the name of Israel ("Contender with God"). The name was given to Jacob's descendants, the Jews; to the ancient Kingdom which they occupied for 1200 years; and to their modern republic. Homeless since the Romans destroyed their state in 70 A.D., the Jewish people throughout the world, in a movement called Zionism, worked for the restoration of Palestine. After World War I thousands of Jews settled there under British protection; in 1948 they proclaimed the Republic of Israel (7,993 sq. mi.; pop. 2,062,000; cap. Jerusalem). The Israelis were at once attacked by hostile surrounding Arab nations, but beat them off, preserved their new homeland, and enlarged it with conquered territory.























































































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The fifth great power of Europe, overcrowded ITALY (116,294 sq. mi.; pop. 50,000,000; capital Rome—the "Eternal City") has been called "the Mother of Civilization." Here, 2000 years ago, flourished the Roman Empire; and here during the Middle Ages arose those glittering city-states—Florence, Venice, Milan, etc.—whose men of genius produced the magnificent works of the Renaissance. Favorite subjects of Italian postage stamps are famous Romans and Italians and their works; the lives of saints; patriots Mazzini and Garibaldi, who formed modern Italy during 1859-1870; Victor Emmanuel III, the first king; and, during the 1922-43 dictatorship of Mussolini, much symbolism and propaganda for fascism. In 1946 the people voted out the kingdom, voted in the REPUBLIC OF ITALY.



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