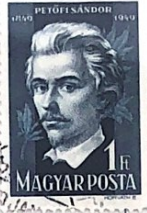
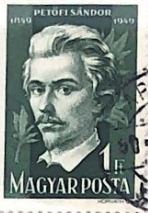


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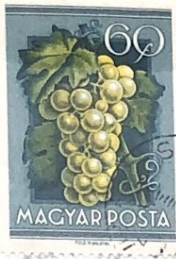
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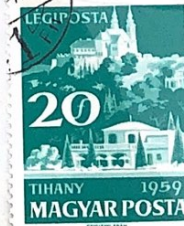
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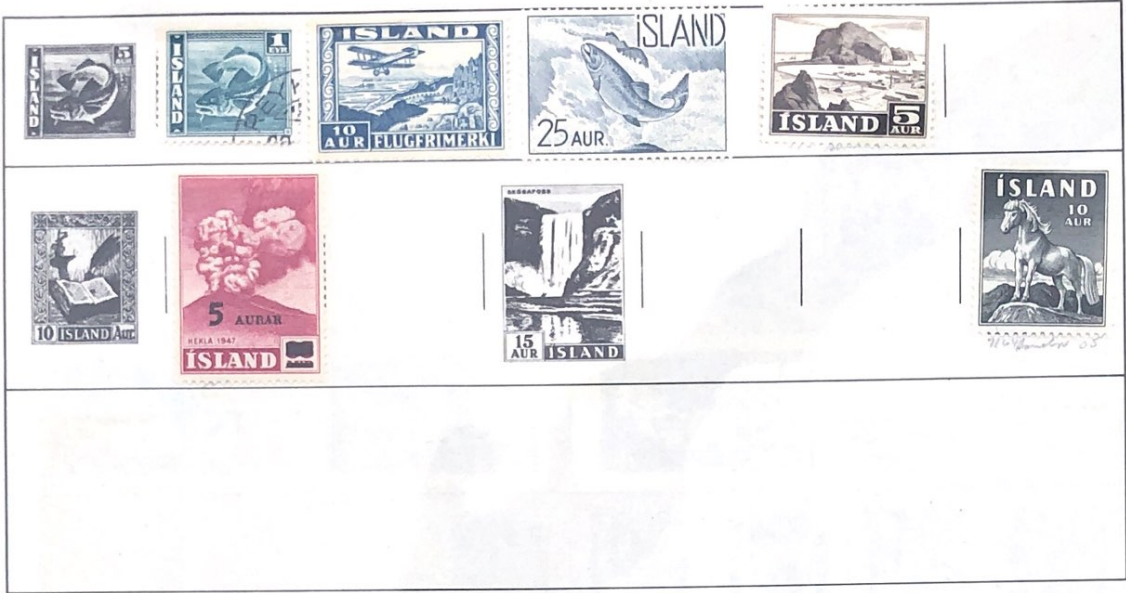
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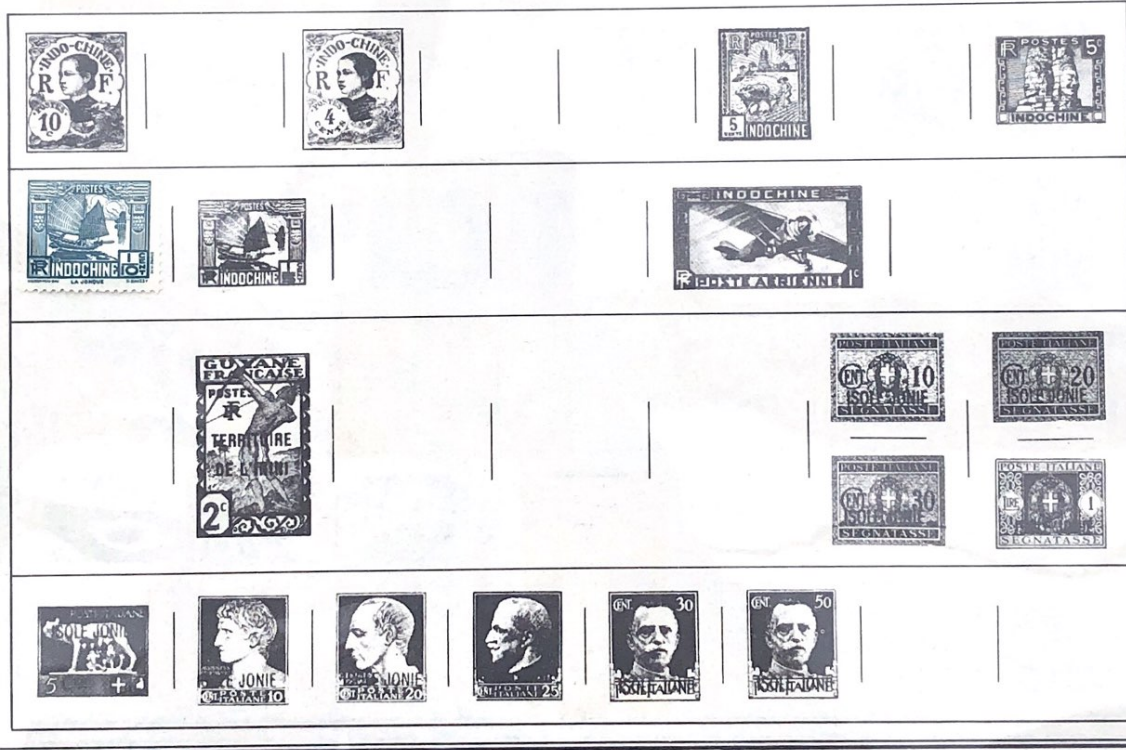
ICELAND

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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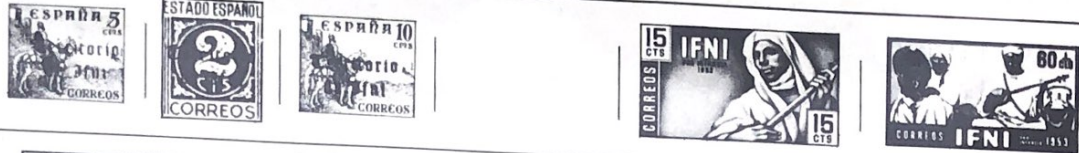


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# INDIA



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 REPUBLIC 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 Commonwealth of Nations. Though 70% of its people till the soil, India is nevertheless the world's eighth industrial nation. Its government is still preoccupied with the ancient problem: how to provide for a population that forever expands faster than its resources.

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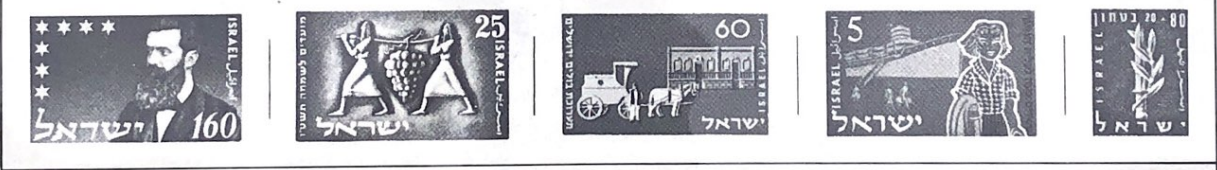


# ISRAEL

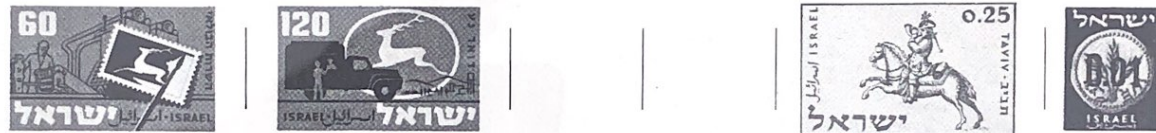


The Old Testament tells how Abraham's grandson Jacob wrestled with the angel and received the name of Israel ("Contender with God"). The name was given to Jacob's descendants, the Jews; to the ancient Kingdom which they occupied for 1200 years; and to their modern republic. Homeless since the Romans 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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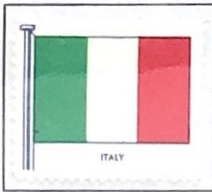


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# ITALY

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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