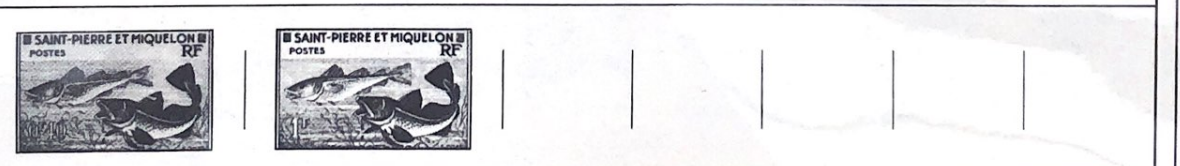
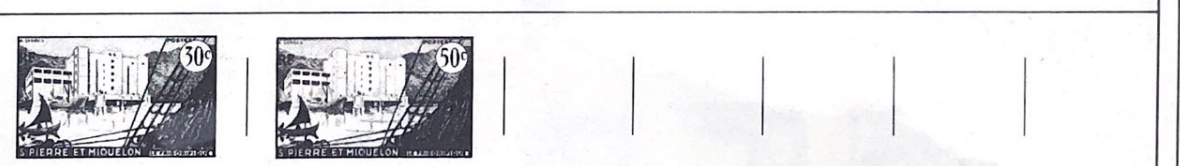
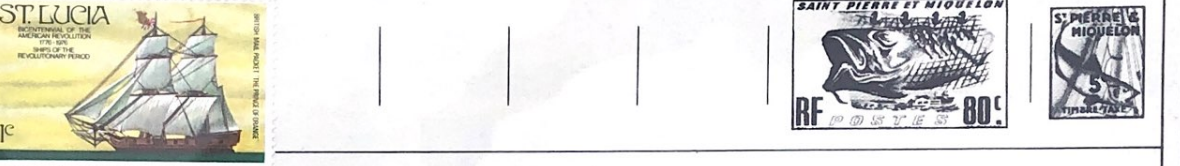


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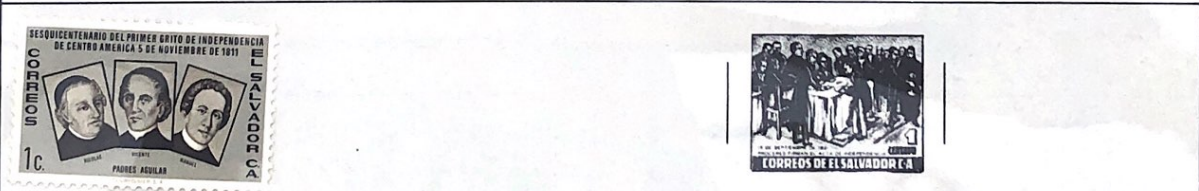


SALVADOR



Smallest, most densely populated of Latin American republics, with one of the world's highest birth rates, is EL SALVADOR ("The Saviour"; 8,259 sq. mi.; pop. 2,500,000; cap. San Salvador). Most of its area is a fertile plateau about 2,000 feet above sea level, where the climate is pleasant and healthful, and the scenery made beautiful by volcanic mountains and crater lakes. The people are mostly mestizos, but the old Indian languages and customs have all but disappeared, and they consider themselves to be simply Salvadorans. Great coffee plantations on the mountain slopes provide 80% of the country's export income. Favored by a stable government, and alarmed by their dependence upon the price of coffee, the Salvadorans have launched an intensive campaign to diversify crops and encourage new industries.

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SAN MARINO

Entirely surrounded by Italy, the Most Serene Republic of SAN MARINO (24 sq. mi.; pop. 15,000) is the world's third smallest country. (Smaller: Vatican City and Monaco). Its capital city, also called San Marino, stands 2,000 feet high atop Mt. Titano. Dominating the city are three ancient towers, much pictured on the country's stamps. Tradition says the tiny republic was founded by and named after St. Marinus, a stone-cutter who, fleeing persecution, took refuge there in the 4th century. With a few brief interruptions the San Marinoans have been independent ever since, proudly claim to be the oldest independent state in the world! Their treaty of friendship with Italy, upon which all depends, was renewed in 1939. San Marino's exports include building stone, wine, cattle and — postage stamps!

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SAUDI ARABIA



SAUDI ARABIA ("Saud's Arabia"; 872,722 sq. mi.; pop. 6,036,000; cap. Riyadh) was created by that stalwart warrior and husband, King Abdul Aziz ibn Saud. Conquering in succession Riyadh, Nejd, Hejaz, etc., and marrying in succession 120 daughters of tribal leaders (anything for national unity!) he re-named the country in 1932 for himself. Mostly vast deserts, dotted with palm oases, inhabited by nomadic Bedouins ("tent-dwellers"), Saudi Arabia nevertheless has great assets. The Holy Cities of Islam, Mecca and Medina, where Mohammed was born and buried, annually attract half a million devout pilgrims. At Dharan is one of the world's great air bases. And rich oil deposits, leased to Arabian-American Oil Co., provide the king with a personal income of \$100 million a year!

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SIAM or THAILAND

Formerly called Siam, THAILAND ("Free Land"; 195,753 sq. mi.; pop. 22,000,000; cap. Bangkok) is inhabited by an amiable, charming, unwarlike people whose freedom was the happy by-product of Great Britain and France establishing an independent buffer state between Indo-China and Burma! About 90% of the Thailanders are engaged in raising rice, the national food and principal export, on their great central plain which is annually inundated and covered with fresh soil by the Chaupaya River. In the northern forests, teak is hauled to the rivers by elephants and floated downstream to sawmills. The south produces rubber, coconuts and tin. The nominal ruler is King Phumiphon Aduldet, "Arbiter of the Ebb and Flow of the Tides, Half Brother of the Sun, and Keeper of the 24 Golden Umbrellas."

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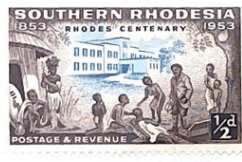
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SPAIN



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SPAIN (194,945 sq. mi.; pop. 30,000,000; cap. Madrid, Europe's 6th largest city). In 1492 Queen Isabella took a chance on Columbus — and hit the jackpot. Spain acquired most of the New World. The treasure taken from Mexico and Peru raised her to dazzling heights of power. (Her language and culture are today those of 17 Latin-American republics.) Spain's long decline began with the defeat of the Invincible Armada in 1588. In modern times, social unrest led to the abdication of King Alfonso XIII in 1931; the formation of a Worker's Republic, whose excesses brought on the terrible Civil War of 1936-39. Today Spain is a kingdom without a king, ruled dictatorially by General Franco. Strongly anti-Communist, Spain has become an important location for U. S. air and naval bases.

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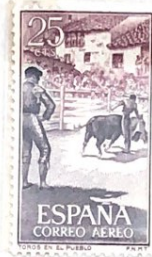
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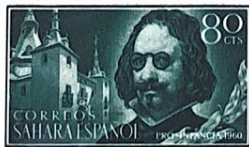
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