

Tiniest Republic Learns To Make Much From Little

BY JAMES M. LONG
SAN MARINO (AP)—This tiniest and tiniest republic has learned to make a lot out of a little.
There is no public debt or unemployment. There has been a murder in over a century. With postage stamps and its fingernail polish, the 38-square-mile country has no troubles that a good tourist season doesn't solve. Every year 2,000,000 tourists come in to spend a little time and a lot of money among the 15,200 San Marinians.

P.E.I. Wage Scale Now Under Study

Establishment of a province-wide minimum wage is expected early next year, Welfare and Labor Minister Henry Wedge said Saturday.

UN Ass'n Meets Thurs.

Several aspects of the United Nations will be considered when the P.E.I. branch of the United Nations Association in Canada holds its general meeting Thursday evening.

SPEAKER BLAMES GREMLINS'

OTAWA (CP)—There are gremlins in the House of Commons. But at least they're bilingual.

NEGROES CHARGED

CAPTOWN (AP)—A total of 37 Negroes have been charged with murder in connection with the Paarl riot of Nov. 22 in which two whites and five Negroes died. Of the total, 250 appeared on a murder charge in court at Worcester, 20 miles north of Paarl Saturday while 50 others were similarly charged at Paarl and 61 in Capetown. All were remained in custody without evidence being called.

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"The labor relations board," he said, "is at present carrying out a complete study of the whole wage pattern of the province and it is expected that their study will be completed in January. When the study is done, a fair wage regulation will be established on the basis of the study."

Mr. Wedge said that the board has heard representations from labor and management throughout the province and that at least two more groups are yet to be heard from. "There may be other groups," he said, "including district boards of trade."

The only minimum wage regulations in effect now in the province apply to waitresses and cashiers in the Summerside and Charlottetown areas.

"This regulation," said Mr. Wedge, "is working very well. It was decided that the field should be broadened and a general wage order made applicable to the province. This couldn't be done in one sweeping order and for that reason the labor board is making a study of the whole wage pattern."

lecting on postage stamps, selling almost \$1,000,000 worth a year. Forty-five employees are kept busy in the post office selling them. The stamps are printed in Rome.

LOOKS MEDIEVAL
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San Marino's mail polish is exported all over the world. More than 1,500,000 bottles are sold annually.

There also is handsome profit from the sale of wines—red Sangiovese, white Albana, and sweet San Marinese Moscato. More wine is sold than can be grown in the cramped mountainside vineyards—some is imported from Italy's Asti region and bottled here.

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