

SECTION 4

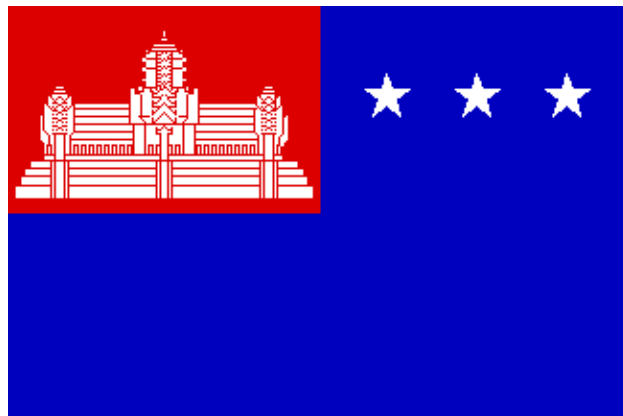
KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

1950 – 1970



KHMER REPUBLIC

1970 – 1975

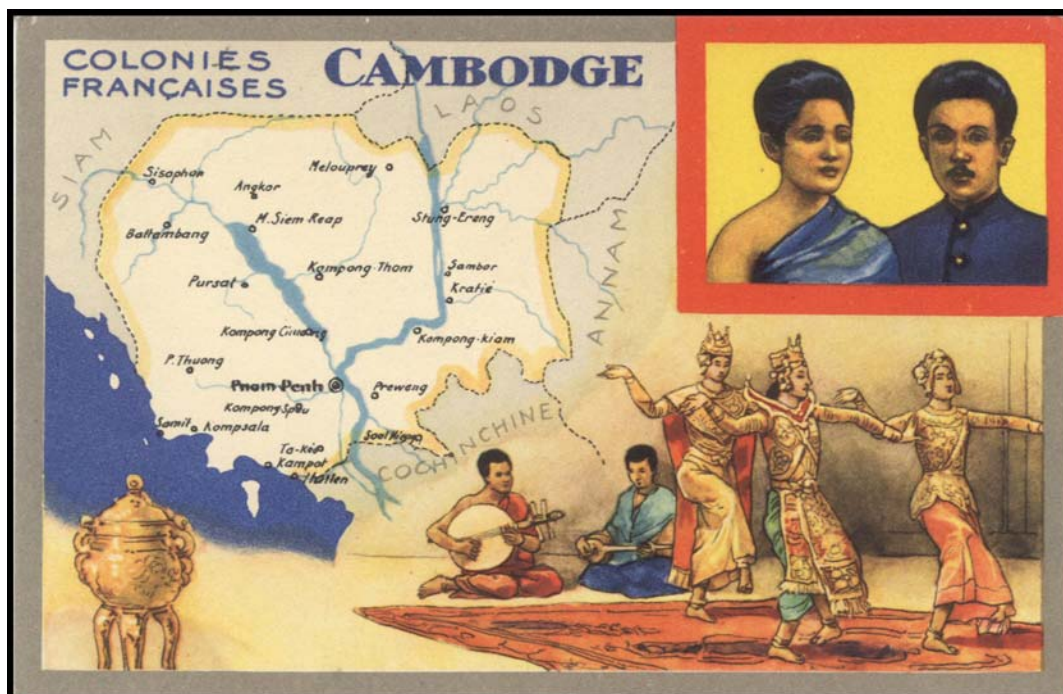


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INTRODUCTION TO SECTION 4

This section contains items that date from the Independence Treaty with France, in 1950, to the overthrow of Prince Norodom Sihanouk (technically head of government of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Kingdom being without a reigning monarch) in 1970, and the Khmer Republic, until its collapse in 1975.

I freely solicit comments, of whatever nature, to add in the revision of this Section, and for application to future Sections.

Philatelic commemorative events during the early period (until 1960) were, in the very large majority, memorialized by means of handstamps applied to covers without commemorative cancellations; standard circular date stamps (CDS) were used to cancel the stamps.

Souvenir Sheets and Booklets – Cambodia started very early in its postal history to issue various types of souvenir booklets and sheets, and consistently continued that practice for many years.

Mention should be made of various issues, during 1974 and 1975, which in the opinion of some, are considered as spurious and excessive to postal needs. These issues address the topics of the 500th anniversary of Copernicus, the UPU, the Montreal Summer Olympic Games, and World Cup Soccer Championships. Many issues are with gold foil and corresponding souvenir sheets. I supply a catalog entry for each issue, should First Day Covers, and/or commemorative handstamps exist.



The issues of Cambodia, in common with those of Laos, and S. Viet-Nam, are found on what are termed “Van Dahl” pre-printed cacheted FDC envelopes, as illustrated. These envelopes were readily available in the United States (believed produced by Van Dahl Publishing, a philatelic publisher of the Western Stamp Collector) and were clearly available to the stamp dealers in the several countries. These FDC’s are listed when known.

Circular date stamps are illustrated separately when possible, based on the original cover and the quality of the impression.

Cities Listed – I solicit information and material to be included in this catalog, as I freely recognize that my collection is incomplete in several areas of importance. This Section contains commemorative entries almost exclusively from Phnom Penh, the capital.

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