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... It was to fulfill a vital economic need. He was an enterpriser--a man who had a theory, an idea of how he might benefit his generation and also benefit himself by getting some profit. And so he went around looking for means to do it. There was no world bank from which he could borrow money for a venture like that. They'd say, "what a fantastic idea. Why, if you were on the other side of the world, you'd fall off any way. It's just a waste of money. It probably wouldn't work out." And so it was a difficult problem for Columbus how to get the means to finance his venture. And so Columbus started out, in order to satisfy this economic need and he made this long voyage in the face of mutiny and difficulty, and he came across ⁽¹⁾, most of them recruited from the prisons, and he got over to ~~the land called~~ ~~India~~ San Salvador, not so far from Cuba, and there found that there was another land which he called India and of course called the people Indians. And so we had our Indians and everybody knows about Columbus, we had our new world; but it's strange that so few people know anything about the man after whom this new world received its ~~new~~ name. He was a Florentine and this man from Florence in Italy, another Italian saw his statue in Italy two years ago when I was over there. And yet it wasn't marked out particularly. Here were statues of Michel^{angel} Angelo and Dante and other great ones of Florence. ⁽⁻²⁾ American Vaspucious, but nobody pays much attention to him, and yet we have half the world named after him. Well, Vespucious came over here and he was quite convinced that this was not India at all and so after his first name we got the name --America given to this whole continent. Now the Portuguese were interested in India, and so were the Spaniards; and the Portugues were interested in going around Africa to get India and the Spaniards were interested in getting to India on this new theory of Columbus. And of course when he found this new land, you remember, Columbus immediately claimed all the land there in the name of the King of Spain and for the religious state. So supposedly Spain held this whole area. But a Portuguese navigator instead of going East to the proper area to which Portugal should go, made a western trip. And he came to this here. Now you realize this isn't very far west. Where Columbus had landed is right up here--right up in the West Indies. And you see the Portuguese navigator is not