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(8). TITLE.:- WORLD'S SMALLEST REPUBLIC.

Picture.:- Here comes the army ! The whole hundred of them ! XXXXX It is Election Day in--

--San Marino, and the troops have to be there to see fair play. XXXXX On this --

--day only does the Presidential flag fly from the balcony of the thousand-year-old tower, --

--while most of the populace turn out to greet the two--

--new Presidents. XXXX Yes, they have two, who hold office for--

--half a year ! XXXX The new "chiefs of state" are --

--called Regents, and their election is quite a peaceful affair. XXXX The whole business has a --

--comic-opera-like atmosphere - you expect to see the --

--chorus come tripping in at any moment . XXXXX Two Presidents every six months ! Why, if--

--they use up the population at that rate, it'll soon be a distinction not to have been president !