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**PHYTOLACCA CLAVIGERA** (Phytolaccaceae), 56800. From Edinburgh, Scotland. Seeds presented by William W. Smith, regius keeper, Royal Botanic Garden. A robust perennial about 4 feet high, first discovered in Yunnan, China, by George Forrest. It bears rounded, terminal spikes of small, rosy flowers which are followed by dense, club-shaped masses of black fruits. The plant has flowered and fruited freely at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, Scotland. (Adapted from Gardeners' Chronicle, 3d ser., vol. 71, p. 39.)

**SABINEA CARINALIS** (Fabaceae), 57078. From Dominica, British West Indies. Seeds presented by Joseph Jones, curator, Botanic Gardens. "This tree is known locally as 'Bois Charibe,' and is one of the most showy of our native plants. It is a very fine flowering tree and I have seen nothing in the Tropics to surpass it as a mass of color. If grown on fairly good land it will not make a good show but if planted on a dry, rocky hillside where it will be scorched by the sun for a period of 3 or 4 months each year, it makes a marvelous display of flowers." (Jones.)

A shrub or small tree, with featherlike leaves and large, scarlet flowers which are borne in clusters of 3 to 5, appearing before the leaves. (Adapted from Grisebach, Flora of the British West Indies, p. 183.)

**SOLANUM COMMERSONII** (Solanaceae), 57213. From Montevideo, Uruguay. Tubers presented by Luis Guillot, Direccion General de Paseos Publicos. A wild relative of the white potato which is found native in humid situations in the vicinity of Montevideo, Uruguay. In general appearance the wild plant resembles that of the white potato, having dark-green leaves composed of 2 to 4 pairs of leaflets, white flowers, small green fruits, and small potatolike tubers with a bitter flavor. Under cultivation in France, a lavender-flowered variety developed, with larger tubers which were fragrant, and only slightly bitter. It has been thought that this species might be one of the parents of some of the European varieties of the potato. (Adapted from Revue Horticole, vol. 78, p. 303.)

**STYLOSANTHES ERECTA** (Fabaceae), 56798. From Boma, Belgian Congo. Seeds presented by General Secretary, Belgian Congo Government General. "This plant prospers in sandy soils, but does not thrive in black, humid soils. It is very drought resistant. In Guadeloupe horses search through the pastures for this plant." (General Secretary.)

A copiously branched ascending shrub about 4 feet high, with broad, rather stiff, compound leaves, and terminal oblong heads of inconspicuous flowers. It is native to tropical Africa. (Adapted from Oliver, Flora of Tropical Africa, vol. 2, p. 156.)

**THEA SASANQUA** (Theaceae), 57088. From Ichang, China. Seeds presented by Albert S. Cooper, American Church Mission. A large, wide-