

# 1998 Commemoratives



*Berlin Airlift delivers food and fuel in 1948-49 blockade*

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Berlin Airlift



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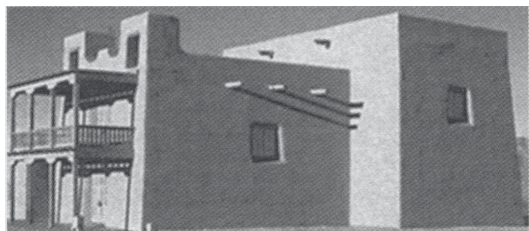
Folk Musicians



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Gospel Singers

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**Spanish Settlement of the Southwest** - 32¢: With this issue, the Postal service honors Don Juan de Oñate and the men and women who settled New Mexico 400 years ago. These early settlers made important contributions to the unexplored land. They brought new language, food, and culture to America, nine years before the Jamestown Colony.

**Stephen Vincent Benét** - 32¢: Born in 1898, Stephen Vincent Benét was raised to be an author. Writing both poetry and prose, Benét combined detailed accounts of historical events with fiction and folklore. Perhaps the best example of this was the short story "The Devil and Daniel Webster." Benét garnered critical acclaim for his works. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 1938, and received the Pulitzer Prize for two works, "John Brown's Body" and "Western Star."

**Tropical Bird** - 32¢: This four-stamp se-tenant features tropical birds that are native to the islands belonging to the United States. The Antilean Euphonia resides in the thick mountain forests of Puerto Rico. The Green-throated Carib is also found in Puerto Rico, but along the northern coast. The Crested Honeycreeper is an endangered species from the rain forests of Maui, and the Cardinal Honeyeater lives on the South Pacific island of Samoa.

**Alfred Hitchcock** - 32¢: The third subject honored in the Legends of Hollywood series, Hitchcock rose to fame producing and directing suspense films. Directing such classics as "Vertigo," "Psycho," and "Rebecca," which won him an Oscar for Best Picture, Hitchcock gained a reputation as the master of suspense. Interestingly, Hitchcock was also famous for making cameo appearances in his movies.