Why ‘ SAMLAND ’ ?...

The short answer to that is that it is a term of endearment I employ when referring to The United States of America ( that is such a mouthful …no wonder the Japanese fail to grasp the concept of what the U.S. of A. is ) . Citizens of the country don’t help matters by speaking of the A. only … A. conversation between a U.S. citizen and myself , in Japan , may go something like this .. Andrew ; ‘ Where are you from ? ’ U.S. person ; ‘ America .’ .. Andrew ; ‘ Really ?.. What country ?.. I’m from Oceania – New Zealand , actually .’ And what does it mean - to be an American ? Are those from Mexico , Chile or Brazil somehow not Americans ? Aren’t people from China , Korea and Japan all Asians ? My view is that while many from the States may wish it were the name of their country , it isn’t . America is a continent , two in fact – North and South . As an alternative , I would like to propose the name ‘ SAMLANd ’,( I haven’t been able to convince myself one way or the other , whether I prefer it with or without a ‘D/d ’. The ‘ Samlan ’ has a certain ring to it , easier to pronounce , and even looks a little prettier , I think . Some are of the view that there may be a day when , in order to maintain its status as the World’s solitary super-power and the prime global force , it may decide to help itself to the reserves and resources of their neighbor north of the 49th parallel . Should such a day eventuate , my suggestion would be that it also take its name . Canada must be one of the greatest names of a country in the World . To my knowledge , it is able to be pronounced as is ( or fairly close ) , in the vast majority of the World’s languages . It would certainly be the biggest and most well-known of the potential contenders for the crown . The closest rivals may be less well-known , far smaller , and in Africa . That is my opinion , anyroad . Your thoughts ? ..Drop me a line .

Regards

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