



3ICV The Third International Congress of Vexillology will be held in Boston, 5-7 September 1969 in Boston, Mass. NAVA voted at its November 1967 meeting to join the Flag Research Center and the United States Flag Foundation as an official sponsor. Since that time the Heraldry Society of Canada and the Departments of the Social

Sciences (DGE) of Boston University have agreed to serve as sponsors as well. Full details will be published in the next FLAG BULLETIN. A special word to NAVA members may, however, be in order: our colleagues in the Netherlands and Switzerland have already organized and held highly successful Congresses. It is now our task to demonstrate that Americans and Canadians can do at least as well. Ideas regarding the activities (speeches, slides and films, exhibits, tours, order of business, etc.) of the Congress should be sent immediately to Whitney Smith (17 Farmcrest, Lexington, Mass. 02173), Chairman of NAVA's Congress Committee. Every NAVA member is urged to register for the Congress as soon as possible and interested individuals are encouraged to make known their desire to deliver a report on some flag topic.

NAVA NEWS The Association (whose name, according to an Executive Board decision, should be pronounced nah-vah) now has 48 members and efforts to increase this number are continuing. Members are requested to fill out and mail in the enclosed questionnaire in order to aid the development of NAVA and vexillology. Committee chairmen are reminded of their responsibilities regarding committee tasks; our 1968 annual meeting is less than 4 months off! The rendition of our seal which appears on this sheet was contributed by Lucien Philippe of Paris.

NOTED IN THE NEWS A color photo of Israeli Independence Day, showing the national and Defense Force flags, is available free from Sharon Travel Associates, 18 East 48th St., New York, N.Y. 10017. Plans are being made to transfer the body of Betsy Ross to the grounds of the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia. The City Council of Long Beach, California, is considering a proposal to create an avenue of international flags along Second Street, as a permanent display. The City Council of East St. Louis has adopted a city flag designed by Victoria Anne Schodroski. In Montreal the British Pavilion building at what is called "Man and His World" (incorporating most of Expo '67) has become an automobile exhibition building and the Union Jack, architecturally incorporated in the tower, has been transformed into the city flag of Montreal. The General Court (legislature) of Massachusetts by emergency legislation ended the sales tax formerly charged on the sale of United States flags after a citizen's protest. The City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, confirmed the municipal policy of flying the Confederate flag (with the U.S., State, and city flags) on major national and Southern holidays. Fairfax County, Virginia, has adopted a county flag designed by Elliot G. Shaw. It is light blue, bordered in gold, and bears the county seal in the center. The seal shows the arms of Thomas Lord Fairfax, sixth Baron of Cameron, who owned the

area in 1742. The Defense Department has issued regulations for the manufacture and use of the "service flag" by families and businesses having members who are in military service. The design is the same as used during previous wars -- a blue star on a red-bordered white field or a blue-bordered gold star for a person who has died in active service. Iwo Jima, under American military occupation since 1945, is now being returned to Japan. This is one of the few places where the flag of the United States has flown day and night and is famous for the flag-raising in the photograph by Joe Rosenthal. Japanese and American authorities have agreed to replace the cloth flag with a bronze flag plaque after the transfer of authority over the island. In its sesquicentennial celebrations this year, Illinois will feature a flag exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution (at Peoria, 3-21 July) and an "Illinois Under Five Flags" celebration (at Kaskaskia, 4 July).

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NAVA QUESTIONNAIRE (to be filled out as soon as possible and returned to Whitney Smith, President, NAVA, 17 Farmcrest, Lexington, Mass. 02173)

1. Please check the Committees listed below on which you would be willing to serve (active members only). Please make a list to the right of those Committees on which you would like to serve (in order of preference).

Auditing	Color Definition	Public Relations
Budget	Membership	Publications
By-Laws	Political Terminology	

2. Please list on the other side of this sheet (A) any specific activities you think NAVA should undertake; (B) any specific motions you would like to put before the annual membership meeting in October; (C) any specific proposals you have for improving the NAVA NEWSLETTER and for creating other NAVA publications including possibly a Yearbook.
3. Please indicate below the title(s) of such report(s) as you would be willing to deliver before the NAVA meeting in October or the Third International Congress of Vexillology next year. (Please indicate if you have flags, slides, or films to accompany this report or lecture.)
4. In order that a membership list may eventually be printed, please give on the other side your name, address, telephone number, age, occupation, nature and size of any vexillological collection you have, specific areas of research or hobby interests you have.