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FLAGS IN THE NEWS

As reported in the Washington Post, the Legislative Council of the Maryland General Assembly has recommended adoption of a bill that would require Maryland public school teachers and their students to salute the flag each school morning.

The bill would allow students to sit out patriotic ceremonies only with the written consent of their parents. It would direct local school boards to provide teachers with a short patriotic program with which to start each day, including a flag salute.

One state senator seriously questioned the constitutionality of the bill, commenting that it needed to be thought out more carefully.

The measure has been introduced at the regular legislative session which began January 21. Further details will be published later.

FLAGS AT HALF STAFF

Official protocol presently in force calls for half-staffing the American flag on the death of a president or former president, vice-president, chief justice, retired chief justice, speaker of the House, cabinet member, former vice-president, senator, representative or associate justice of the Supreme Court.

Now President Nixon has revised the list, adding the Republican and Democratic House leaders and the president pro tem of the Senate, upon whose death the flag will be flown at half-staff on government buildings. He has deleted the Army, Navy and Air Force secretaries from the list.

Of course, the flag should be flown at half-staff on the death of any prominent and important person, when proclaimed by the President. (Washington Star).

FLAG SALES BOOMING

What with the Reader's Digest giving away 18 million small flag decals, a regular flood of decals and small flags has issued from several large organizations, among them being Gulf Oil, Minnesota M.& M., the Chemical Bank of New York, as well as the Pentagon itself.

With the help of such promotion, the sales of real flags are flourishing. Major manufacturers report that sales are up 10% over last year. One company spokesman attributed the gain to a reaction against flag burnings. (Wall Street Journal).

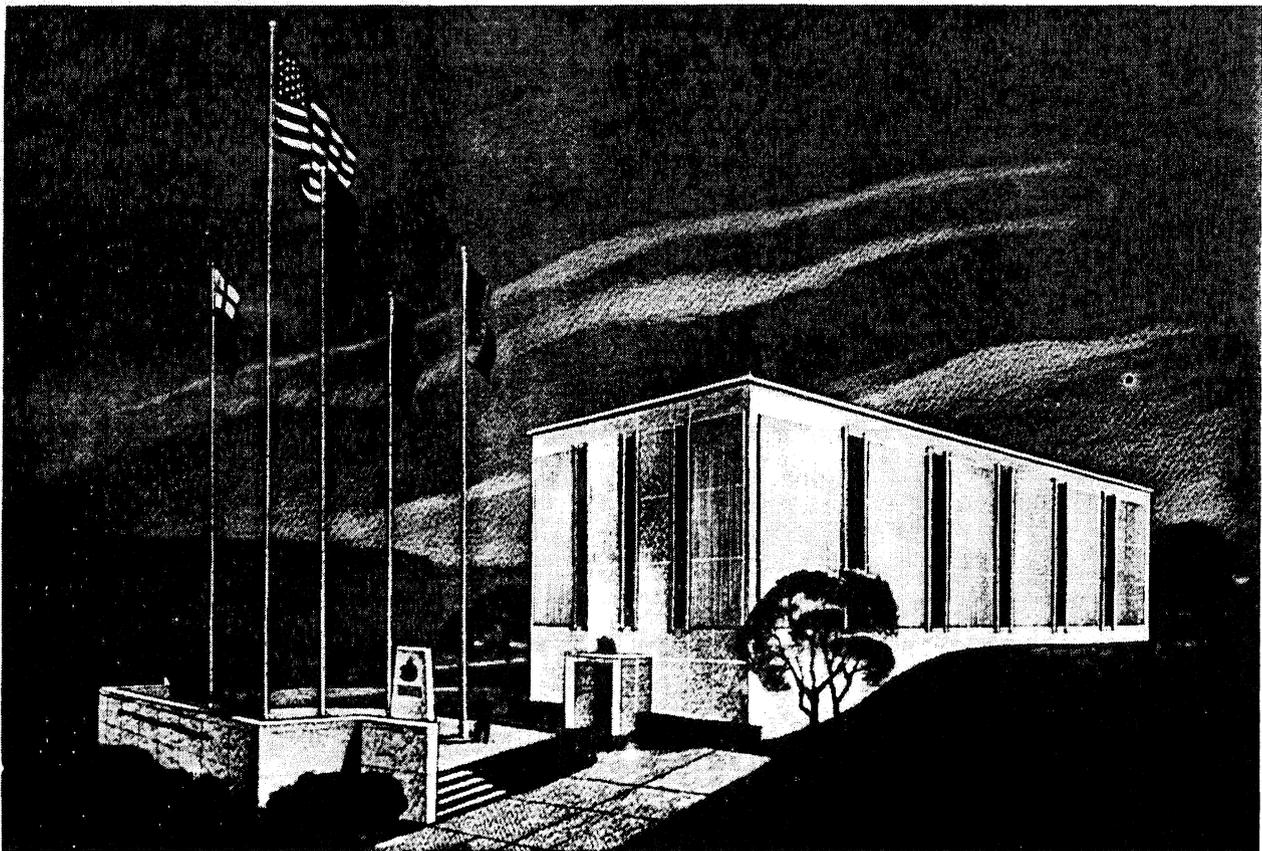
NAVA NOW
TAX EXEMPT

Those of us who heard the report of Corresponding Secretary Bob Gauron at the third annual membership meeting will recall his half-serious, half-amusing account of his struggles with the Internal Revenue Service to obtain for the North American Vexillological Association a tax-exempt status. Thanks to his unceasing efforts, this goal has now been attained, and the problems of NAVA officers and Executive Board have thereby been made 100% easier to deal with. Furthermore, contributions can now be made to the association and are deductible by donors. All members please note!

1970 NAVA
MEETING

NAVA President, Dr. Whitney Smith, recently indicated that the Board of Directors had accepted the invitation tendered at the NAVA Annual Meeting to conduct the 1970 NAVA Annual Meeting at Flag Plaza in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The meeting will officially convene at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10th, and will conclude at 12:00 noon on Sunday the 11th. More details will be issued at a later date, but arrangements will feature a tour of unique, historical and art centers Saturday morning October 10th commencing at 8:30 a.m. Everyone whose schedule will permit is urged to arrive in Pittsburgh for dinner Friday night, October 9th.

Your host committee, headed by NAVA member George Cahill, most cordially invites you to post the dates of October 10 and 11 on your calendar and make plans to visit the Golden Triangle in Pittsburgh for what we hope will be the largest and most unusual NAVA meetings ever conducted.



THE FLAG PLAZA, PITTSBURGH, SITE OF 1970 NAVA MEETING

E.A.C.
FLAG

In the city of Arusha in Tanzania the new flag of the East African Community was recently flown for the first time. The headquarters of the organization are located in that city.

The design of the new flag includes such typical African items as a spear, a shield, a torch, a drum, and physical features characteristic of East Africa. The initials E.A.C. in large block letters appear on the background. (East African Standard, Nairobi).

BROCKVILLE
CITY FLAG

The city of Brockville, Ontario, now has its own flag. It has a background color of deep blue with two wavy white lines extending horizontally for its full length. In the center of the flag is a large gold bee-hive encircled by a gold rope.

This flag design has been registered with the Registrar General of Canada in Ottawa, and also with the Flag Research Center, Lexington, Massachusetts. It is officially called the Brockville Citizen's Flag.

During the Third International Congress on Vexillology, one of these new flags was presented to the North American Vexillological Association, to be used by them in conjunction with their own national, state, or corporate flags. The official statement was signed Sept. 2, 1969, by the mayor of Brockville, John G. Broome.

FLAGS IN
PHILATELY

The Canada Games are being commemorated by the issue of a new 6-cent flag stamp. The first Winter Games took place two years ago in Quebec, and the first Summer Games last August at Halifax and Dartmouth, N.S.

The design of the multi-colored Canada Games stamp shows two white flags on a blue background. The flags are flying one above the other on separate poles. The upper flag has a green letter "C", within which is a small red maple leaf. Some small red bars appear at the right of the maple leaf, changing the "C" into a "G". This is the insignia of the Summer Games.

The lower flag displays a white snowflake on a large red maple leaf. This constitutes the insignia for the Winter Games.

The figure six in the lower left corner indicates the denomination of the stamp, and opposite it is a three-line inscription, "Canada / Jeux Canadiens / Canada Games."

Do any NAVA members collect stamps with flags on them? The NAVA News editor has some duplicates to trade and is willing to send them out on approval. Why not write him and also have your offerings and/or wants advertised in NAVA News for all to see. You might pick up some good trades.

The well-known U. S. 6¢ stamp showing the flag flying over the White House in the background is now available in coils. It is the first multi-colored stamp to be issued by the United States Post Office Department in coils. All the others have been of a single color.

FLAGS OVER THE CAPITOL

Would you like to have an American flag that has actually flown over the U. S. Capitol building in Washington? It can be arranged. Simply send a check for \$3.11 made out to "Stationery Account of Congressman Lawrence Hogan" to Congressman Hogan, Room 1027 Longworth Bldg., Washington, D. C., 20515, and request such a flag. Mark the envelope for the "Personal attention of Mrs. Fleming."

This service has been made available ever since numerous Congressmen have received requests from many of their constituents. The handsome 3 x 5-foot flags are raised one by one to the top of one of the main flagpoles above the Capitol, and then lowered and mailed to the persons requesting them. (The 11¢ is for postage). Of course, the flag you get may have flown over the Capitol less than 5 minutes, but nevertheless it really was there! A certificate to this effect accompanies each flag, with the name of the person who requested it.

NEW FLAGS AND INSIGNIA

The Flag Bulletin has already carried an article about the new flag of Illinois. It is reproduced below for the benefit of those who may not have seen it. The field is white, with a brown eagle standing on a rock and holding in his beak a scroll and in his claw a U.S. shield. A rising sun with gold rays appears in the background above some water, and the word Illinois in dark blue letters is below. The flag will become official on July 1, 1970.

Also below is a drawing of the new flag of the Congo Republic (Brazzaville), in Africa. This flag was proclaimed on January 1st of this year, at the same time that the country's president, Maj. Marion Ngoubai, announced that the country had become Africa's first "People's Republic" with a full-fledged communist government. The name of the country was changed to "People's Republic of the Congo." The flag is red, with a gold star and a crossed hammer and hoe in the upper left corner surrounded by a green wreath.

A new trail marker for the Appalachian Trail is also shown below. The Appalachian Trail recently came under federal protection as the first national scenic trail, according to the Washington Star. A rounded triangle in design, the marker contains the familiar trail insignia in the middle, with the words "National Scenic Trail" across the bottom.

The new marker will not replace the existing markers along the 2,000-mile trail from Maine to Georgia, but instead will supplement them, initially at points where the trail crosses highways and secondary roads.

