Flag Flap: Greenlanders disagree on design

NUUK, Greenland — Instead of rallying around their new flag, Greenlanders are squabbling over what it should look like. Some think it is too abstract and futuristic and looks like the symbol of a Danish rowing club. Others say it looks too much like the Polish flag.

The flag is supposed to be hoisted on June 21, the national day of the island that is mostly ice and mostly above the Arctic circle. It was intended to be a symbol of the soul of Greenland — a boost for the world's largest island and its 50,000 inhabitants, who are striving for an identity after centuries of direct rule from Denmark.

But angry opponents are collecting signatures on a petition demanding a referendum to give the people a chance to say no to the flag chosen in mid-February by the home-rule legislature, the Landsting.

Greenland, a 217,560-square-kilometre island, gained autonomous status in 1979. By a narrow margin, the legislature decided the new flag would have a white top half with a red half-sphere on it and a bottom half red with a white half-sphere. The losing legislators wanted a white cross on a green bottom.

After the vote was taken on the flag, a small group of islanders marched angrily to the Landsting, waving the banners of various Greenlandic organizations using the Danish flag with a white cross on a white backing.

"If we could not have retained the old flag we could easily have created our own by adding to it, for instance, a stripe of green," said Gudrun Chemnitz, organizer of the demonstration.

from: The Sun
Baltimore, Md.
23 March 1985

UNIVERSITY OFFERS COURSE IN VEXILLOLOGY

Towson State University, College of Continuing Studies, Towson, Maryland 21204, will be offering a course in vexillology.

The course is described as follows in the spring 1986 catalog:

Flags have long been pervasive symbols of nationhood and nationality. They have had greater impact on history than most realize. They have a rich history and lore. Only recently have they been systematically studied. This course will look at the following: development of flags from heraldry, history and symbolism of national flags, how they have affected history, the rich history of flags in America, how "families" of flags reflect "families" of nations, and personal flags — you ought to have one, too. Will include display of flags and slides.


"LIBERTIES WITH LIBERTY"

In honor of the centennial of the Statue of Liberty, the Museum of American Folk Art in New York will present, from Feb. 25 through May 18, "Liberties with Liberty," an exhibit to highlight the changing image of the female figure as a symbol of America. Among the 85 examples of folk art in all media to be displayed will be this carved and polychrome wood figure made in the mid-1800's in Tilton, N.H.
NOTES FROM GRACE ROGERS COOPER NAVA PRESIDENT

Everything's up-to-date in Kansas City. NAVA members returning from the NAVA-19 meeting in Trenton, New Jersey were back for that. Woody Ridgway, our host, gave us a "Welcome to Kansas City NAVA" posted on a large sign as we drove out of the airport. The welcome continued to be warm and bright although the weather did not always cooperate. Maybe NAVA should advertise itself as a rain maker; we seem to attract wet weather. But spirits were sunny and the informal surroundings encouraged conversation and good vexillological exchanges. We were pleased to see Florence Hutchinson attending an annual meeting again and her "Three Generations of Flag Makers" gave us an interesting insight into a continuing family tradition. Gustave Traccchia’s "Argentine Flag in Monterey" was not only enlightening but also very entertaining.

We were treated to an excellent city tour on a bright, glorious sunny Saturday afternoon; the view from the Liberty monument was great, as were the museums of World War I; and it was on to Independence and the Truman Library. It was a well-planned trip, which we all enjoyed.

Presentation of papers continued on Sunday morning with Henry Untermeyer's "The New Flag of the City of Palm Springs." Henry not only included the "whys" of a city flag but the "how," which brought out some of the basics of good flag design. The Board liked his presentation and gave Henry Untermeyer an Honorable Mention in the Driver Award judging. Whitney Smith followed with "Banners of Acheh," which was informative, precise, and professional. Whitney's presentations are good examples for all of us. Kevin Harrington, one of our newer Canadian members, gave a very good presentation "Fort Whoop-up Flag," which included a lot of interesting history and a most unusual flag. We wonder what the flag really did look like! Jim Ferrigan not only presented an informative and entertaining "Flags in the Land of AHS (Oz)" but also talked about Confederate flag treasures at a special dinner lecture on Saturday night. Jim is a magician at pulling out endless varieties of flags and stories to go with them. Robert Coykendall added to the fund of knowledge with his paper "The Navy Flag" spotting "ships colours" made by "Elizabeth Ross," "May 29, 1777." "The Star-Spangled Banner" presented by Bob Weaton carried the U.S. flag story on to another period of time. But it was new member Scot Guenter with his "This Flag has flown over the U.S. Capitol" that captured the audience with his fine presentation, methodical study, statistical charts, and general appeal, which won for Scott the William Driver Award for NAVA 19. Congratulations Scott Guenter as the seventh winner of the Driver award, which is sponsored by the National Flag Foundation.

Based on a suggestion of Phil Allen, the Program Chairman Nick Artimovich held a "Flag News" session that included several mini-presentations; we heard from Charles Brannon with an update on the "Tumbling Waters Museum;" from George Cahill about Robert Morris' success in saving the Betsy Ross signature for Philadelphia; from Mark Lias who with the cooperation of Whitney Smith compiled a list of all the presentations made at past NAVA meetings (a great contribution), copies were distributed to attendees; and we learned of the Doublet company's new method of printing flags by laser. It was such a good idea, Phil, it has been decided to make it a permanent part of the Program.

Steve Tyson gave a short presentation on "Fun Flags" and Don Healy issued an "Invitation to NAVA 20 in Trenton, New Jersey" October 1986, you will be hearing more about that with each new issue. Tom Carrier closed the ceremonies, the flags were withdrawn, the meeting ended. It was a good meeting and I, for one, had a very good time. Thank you, Woody, with the help of your fine committee and your wife, Helen, it was a job well done. Thanks, too, to Lynn Knights and his wife Mary for their help at the Registration desk. It is great to be greeted by such terrific, smiling faces. Both Lynn and Woody have worked tirelessly this past year to get our Membership list updated. The list will soon be off to the Editor and then published in a handy booklet form so you will be able to get in touch with your fellow NAVA member. Better yet, come and meet him next year... in Trenton... see you there.

THE PHOTOGRAPHS ON PAGE 2

1. Nicholas A. Artimovich II 1984 Vice-President
2. 1984 NAVA Officers - (Left to Right) Vice-President Nicholas Artimovich, Corresponding Secretary Lynn Knights, President Grace Cooper, Treasurer W.W. Ridgway, Recording Secretary Thomas Carrier
3. Rich Kenny & Jim Ferrigan from San Francisco
4. Jim & Jean Powell Hardisty, Alberta
5. Registration Desk Friday evening
6. Thomas Carrier Master Ceremonies
7. Don Healy inviting all to New Jersey 1986
8. Bob Weaton Branson Mo.
9. Doreen Braverman Vancouver B.C.
10. Robert Coykendall Youngtown N.Y. & Nicholas Artimovich Columbia, Maryland
11. Corinne M. Deretz, France & Rich Kenny
12. Lynn & Mary Knights Dixon Illinois
13. Olga Hazard, Guatemala
14. N.A.V.A. group inspecting flags Truman Library
15. Boy Scout Troop 409 posting N.A.V.A. -19 Flag
16. N.A.V.A. group at step of Liberty Memorial

N.A.V.A. 19 REPORT

The fall rains, the Royals pennant race and N.A.V.A. -19 have come and gone. Calm has settled over Kansas City and the Ridgway household. From the many remarks I received from those in attendance, one would judge N.A.V.A. -19 was a success. There were several crises but with the cooperation of everyone present the motel was able to handle all situations. There were many more flags and displays that we were unable to show for the lack of display space. Several of the talks on the agenda showed excellent research of a vexillological nature. The Western barbeque had to be moved inside as the week long rains made the grounds unsuitable. For this reason the Cloggers were cancelled. The Country-Western Combo set up their instruments inside and their music and singing was enjoyed by all. Mr. Jim Ferrigan of San Francisco, on request, brought many of his Confederate flags, as this was confederate territory during the civil war. Jim gave a very interesting talk at the time the Cloggers would have been entertaining. Jim, thanks from all of us.

Seventy six members and guests registered. 11 from Canada, 1 from France, 1 from Guatemala, 7 from California, 9 from Missouri, 9 from Illinois, 3 from New York, 1 from Massachusetts, 4 from Kansas, 7 from Pennsylvania, 1 from Virginia, 3 from Maryland, 5 from Ohio 2 from West Virginia, 4 from Texas, 3 from New Jersey, 1 from Utah, 1 from Wyoming and 3 from Alabama.

Nick Artimovich took a group colored photograph on the steps of the Liberty Memorial. These 8 x 10 Group photographs are available for $6.00. Send request direct to Nick in Maryland. Black and white photographs taken throughout the meeting were by John Loftus, 2320 S. 17th, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048-4122 U.S.A. Requests for his photographs should be directed to him. Financially N.A.V.A. -19 was successful, we remained in the black. A detailed report will be given to the Executive Board.

My committee members served me well. Mr. Mike McCauley arranged the tour and busses, also helped out with ground transportation whenever possible...

Greg Wald, thought he was not able to be present because of the Royals pennant race, supplied flags and flag staffs.

Lynn and Mary Knights arrived in the city several days early to assemble programs and make up packets. This was very much appreciated.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Blair, convention treasurer, remained at the registration table with Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Knights throughout the convention. They handled all registrations, refunds and answered questions, took care of all financial affairs of the convention.

Thanks to all who came N.A.V.A. -19 was a success. I will see you in New Jersey. Support Don Healy as you did me — Register Early.

Woody Ridgway

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From the pen of Lynn Knights
Corresponding Secretary

A new column is being initiated in NAVA News. We hope to bring you items of personal interest among our members as well as tell you a little about our new members.

As you can see by the list of new members below, NAVA is growing by leaps and bounds. So many people at the KC meeting inquired about Dorothy Claybourne our historian, we decided on our way home to travel by way of St. Louis. We had a nice lunch with Dorothy and she is looking well and seems to be doing better. She has a new apartment and her mailing address is 3649 Dunnica Av Apt. 1-e St. Louis, Mo 63116, Phone 314-772-4766. She enjoys hearing from all NAVA members. When you do write, encourage her to attend our meetings again. We sure miss her there.

It was nice to see old friends and make new ones in KC (we want to thank Woody for doing an outstanding job. Hardisty Flag Society was well represented with 4 members from Hardisty, Alberta (pop. 64) Rosemary and Allen Thompson, Jean and Jim Powell. We hope they can persuade their town to send them to Trenton next year. I know we would like to hear more about what they do with ice cream on those long winter nights. Also the NAVA membership forms are being reprinted. Please write for them to include in your retail outlets or as Whitney suggested put them in flag books in your local library.

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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

The flag published in NAVA NEWS, XVIII, No. 5, Sept.-October 1985, Page 3, on which information is sought, is the Ensign of the Kingdom of Prussia. It was flown by the units of the Royal Prussian Navy until 1867, when Prussian warships, together with those of the Hansa states, carried the ensign of the then created North German Federation which was more or less identical with that of the German Empire, created 1870. There are many well-known illustrations of Prussian warships flying the flag you depict in your journal, e.g. the famous painting by Alex Kircher ("Battle of Jasmund 1864", German-Danish War) in the Budes-Marine-Schule Flensburg-Muerwik, W. Germany. This flag was not the National or Merchant Flag of the Kingdom of Prussia which had black stripes above and below the Prussian eagle and no Iron Cross. While the Prussian ensign was no longer flown by warships of the German Reich 1870-1916, the German battleship ("Linienschiff") S.M.S. Preussen, launched 1903, carried the old Prussian ensign on mast top as it was designated by Kaiser Wilhelm II as "Traditionsschiff" of the historical Prussian navy. To my knowledge, no old Prussian ensign was carried by any of the units of the Deutsche Kriegsmarine of Nazi Germany, although curiously the old Austro-Hungarian ensign was flown on mast top by the Panzerschiff (battle cruiser) "Prinz Eugen" during military festivities as this ship was designated "Traditionsschiff" of the old Austro-Hungarian Imperial and Royal Navy by Gross-Admiral Raeder in 1939. The letters emblazoned on the Prussian eagle's breast in your flag are not TR, but FR, condensed into F with R in stylized Roman initials standing for FREDERICUS REX, King Frederick the Great of Prussia. It is obvious that the name of the city of Trier, French Treves, where the flag was found, has nothing to do with these initials. Trier-Treves was part of the Prussian Rhine Province and was under French military occupation after World War I and again after World War II. As the Kingdom of Prussia was the principal state of the federated German Reich of Bismarck, the Regierungspresident may have been authorized to fly this navy ensign until the demise of the Kaiser-Reich; certainly not during the Weimar Republic 1919-1933, and not during the Nazi era (1933-1945). The land Prussia, and with it the Prussian Rhine Province, were officially dissolved by the Allied Control Agency for Germany in 1945, and the city of Trier is today in the Bundesland Rhine-Land-Palatinate which has its own distinctive Landes-Filkagge (state flag), without any Prussian vestiges.

Hoping this information will be of some use, I remain yours sincerely
Dr. Wolfgang G. Jilek, Professor (Clinical), University of British Columbia

Another calamity in Lebanon

Finally, as if things weren't already bad enough in Lebanon, there are now reports that the country's famous cedars — its national symbol — may face extinction. At Besharre, branches are beginning to wither on some of the 400 trees which form the largest remaining grove of cedars in Lebanon. "It is a bad omen," said an old man, "It might mean the end of the world is nearing."

—from wire reports by R. Dill
from: Boston Globe
1 November 1985

Democracy may do away with the donkey

United Press International

NEW YORK — The Democratic National Committee plans to retire the donkey as a symbol of the party in an effort to put on "a new face," New York magazine reported yesterday.

It was not immediately clear what the new logo would be, but the magazine quoted party officials as saying it was being designed by Saul Bass of Hollywood, who created the symbols of AT&T, Warner Communications and United Airlines.

"We want to put a new face on the party," DNC spokesman John Floreescu said in an interview with the magazine. "It's always useful for a party to have a symbol that the public can recognize, particularly when its image is one of division and fractiousness."

Besides, Floreescu said, the donkey really was not the official logo for the Democrats.

"In searching through the party archives, we discovered that the donkey was never officially adopted as a symbol in the first place," he said.

—from: The Boston Globe
2 December 1985

A QUERY RE FRINGE ON FLAG

I am wondering if any NAVA members have any information regarding the gold border/fringe on flags. I'm currently compiling material on the origin and symbolism of the fringe and would appreciate any data regarding same.

Dr. Whitney Smith
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SPECIAL INTEREST ON MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL FLAGS

Enclosed with this issue of NAVA NEWS is a brochure illustrating and describing a dozen historical flags of Massachusetts. The documentation was researched and written by NAVA member Whitney Smith and illustrated by NAVA member Alfred Zimmerowski. The flags in nylon replica form are displayed outside the shopping mall in Watertown, Massachusetts, which was formerly a U.S. Army arsenal.

—from: Boston Globe
1 November 1985
Trudi Odella Blake has been designated the Official Odemaker for the National Speakers Association. A contemporary Valkyrie, armed with Goodwill Odes, she spreads warmth, humor and empathy among the populace.


Just what the world needs now! A Brünhilde in Adidas!

As strong as the will to live is the will to live a better life — for one's self, for one's children, for one's children's children ad infinitum.

In the name of progress, ever since the Red, White and Blue replaced Queen Isabella's Red and Yellow, migrators have migrated (ofttimes against insurmountable odds) to America — where dreams come true. The Yellow Brick Road/The Pursuit of Happiness, runs through fifty united states and four territories.

Our forefathers endured. Thomas Jefferson insured. Native denizens fall into the Good Life by being born into The Lap of Liberty.

Old Glory, may she wave forever over the home of the brave and the land of the free with liberty and gripping rights for all!

There's no doubt about it. Democracy Draws!

When Isabella backed Columbus little did she know
How Christopher's discovery would stretch its roots & grow.
At first his sailors wouldn't sail.
They wailed, “The earth is square.
You won't get us to go with you, we'll all fall off out there!”

In three ships they found America, while traveling due west.
Soon settlers came with suitcases from where they'd been oppressed.
Native Indians taught survival; this homesteading was rough.
The colonists proved they were made of stout and plucky stuff.

These dear hearts worked from dawn to dusk,
    they built a fledgling nation;
With liberty for all, insured by Jefferson's Declaration.
Before Tom and Ben were finished, they both almost resigned.
Their bow-tied locks were frosty-white when “13” states had signed.

Patrick Henry put it bluntly, with impassioned speech and breath:
“Patriots,” he begged, “give me liberty or give me death.”
Molly Pitcher stood off England; now when her man was hit, Brave Molly fired his cannon crying, “We'll fight & we won't quit!”
From Delaware to Hawaii,
from Bunker Hill to Seoul,
Old Glory gives compatriots
the will to reach their goal.
When democracy is threatened or
under enemy shell,
Don't you worry Harry. We still
can "give 'em hell!"

We put the first man on the moon,
the best horse on four wheels;
Our soldiers haven't died in vain,
we stand for their ideals.
We had to wear a crown of thorns
to find the saving grace —
We know we've mountains yet to cross,
more crises yet to face.

Yankee Doodles stick together
to open new frontiers.
Patrick's words live on within us —
hail the hi-tech pioneers!
Native know-how, ethnic savvy,
blend in the Melting Pot
To produce the *in-gen-u-i-ty-*
the others know we've got.

America is still where hopes'
and dreams materialize,
Where "huddled masses yearning to
breathe free" Americanize,
Where outstanding deeds of valor
too often are unsung,
Where freedom and free enterprise
unite to keep us young.

Where we search and daily pray for
our prisoners of war —
We can't forget their agony,
what they're suffering for.
From Columbus to computers,
it's a long, uphill haul.
Just like "Coop" and Eastwood in
the saddle we stand tall.

And when we're faced with turbulence,
adversity reigns thick;
God, help us to remember that
all pulling mules don't kick.
Please give us strength and wisdom with
the power to grow sage;
Flexibility and prudence are
sweet things that come with age.

We are halfway thru' the "80's,"
Uncle Sam is turning gray.
It's taken tears and sacrifice
to bring us to this day.
*Old Glory Wave Your Colors o'er*
our land and o'er our sea,
So all will know that life is *good*
when lived in liberty!
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Logo used by Newbury, Mass. during the 350th anniversary celebration of the town's founding.
Dear N.A.V.A Members,

Following on the heels of a very successful NAVA-19 convention in beautiful Kansas City MO, preparations are underway for NAVA-20, here in Trenton, NJ.

Trenton is a small town when compared to recent sites for NAVA meetings - less than 100,000 people reside in New Jersey's capital city; but, for the vexillologist, it is an area of great historical interest. When visiting Trenton, you will be staying at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, directly across the street from the State House complex.

The State House complex includes the State House, itself, the second oldest continually used seat of government in the United States, only the State House in Anapolis, Maryland is older. Also found there is "The Old Barracks" which dates back to the French and Indian War. "The Old Barracks" was the focus of Gen. Washington's attack on Trenton on Christmas morning, 1776. The defeat of the Hessians at Trenton is considered by many to be the first major American victory of the Revolutionary War.

Within the State Museum a major restoration effort is being undertaken to preserve almost 200 historic flags from the Civil war thru World War I periods. Some of these may be completed by the time NAVA-20 convene.

Outside the State House district, but of import to vexillologist is Ellarslie, the Trenton City Museum. During the month of October, 1986, and in conjunction with NAVA-20, it will be the site of an exhibit entitled "Flags - Symbols of People" which will display the national flags of various groups which call Trenton home.

A short trip north of Trenton takes us to the small Borough of Princeton, we will see the Princeton battlefield, the governor's past and present executive mansions (Morven and Drumthwacket, respectively) and finally Nassau Hall, former capital of the United States and currently main building of Princeton University. Nassau Hall contains several vexillologically important paintings, including Peale's "Battle of Princeton", one of the oldest paintings showing the U.S. flag containing a ring of thirteen stars.

Other area sites available to the tourist include Washington's Crossing Park, the antique shopping meccas of New Hope, PA, and Flemington and Lambertville, NJ; Great Adventure Amusement Park and Safari land, Sesame Place, an amusement park designed for the very young and finally some of the best Italian restaurants this side of the Atlantic are found throughout the Chambersburg section of Trenton. Other historic points of interest in town include the Old Masonic Lodge, to which George Washington belonged, the Trent House, Pre-revolutionary home of the Trent family for whom Trenton is named and the Eagle Tavern, the restaurant and inn that served as the coach stop on the New York - Philadelphia stage routes in colonial days.

I hope this gives you a flavor of what you can expect to see, in addition to many fine presentations by your fellow NAVA members, when you attend NAVA-20, in Trenton New Jersey, October 10-12,1986.

Yours truly
Don Healy, NAVA-20 host

NAVA NEWS INSERT
November-December 1985
MINUTES OF NAVA BUSINESS MEETING  
October 12, 1985

The meeting was called to order by the President, Grace R. Cooper, at 8:45 a.m. CST in the Clipper Meeting Rooms of the Ramada Inn Southeast, Kansas City, Missouri. Recording Secretary Tom Carrier moved to correct the minutes of the last NAVA meeting to reflect that the home of NAVA XVIII flag designer Ralph G. Holberg was Mobile, Alabama instead of Montgomery, Alabama. Motion was seconded and the minutes of the last meeting were approved. Reports were presented by the President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary, as well as the following committees - Budget, Program, Audit, Publicity, Membership, Nominating, Historical and Publications. It was conveyed to Grace Cooper by telephone prior to NAVA XIX that John Szala would be willing to continue as NAVA News Editor for 1985-86.

During the Membership Committee report, a question was raised concerning the feasibility of the Association issuing to members a more permanent or plastic membership card as opposed to the current cardboard card issued each year. Discussion centered on whether the cards could be used as part of a life membership program. It was finally determined that the Executive Board will appoint a committee to study such a proposal and report back to the membership its recommendations.

Also, a letter was read into the record by Membership Committee Chairman Lynn Knights from Cliff and Georgina Newton of Newton (a flag gallery and workshop located in Great Britain) wishing to "pass my sincere good wishes to all those kind people with whom I made acquaintance in the USA and Canada during my 1984 Sir Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship tour" and extends an invitation to NAVA members to visit his gallery and workshop "should they find themselves this side of the Atlantic." The address is: The Bishop's Tozer's Chapel, Middlemarsh Rd., Burgh-Le-Marsh, Skegness, Lincoln, PE24 5AD.

Grace thanked the Executive Board for their hard work and especially appreciated the efforts of Treasurer Woody Ridgway, Corresponding Secretary Lynn Knights, and NAVA News Editor Rev. John R. B. Szala.

The site of the 1987 NAVA meeting was proposed as the next subject of discussion. Jim Ferrigan of San Francisco, CA proposed his city as the site of NAVA XX in conjunction with the International Congress of Vexillology (FIAV) meeting to be held there August 13-17, 1987. Dr. Whitney Smith spoke on behalf of the joint meeting. Martin Francis of Oakland, CA proposed by presentation his city as a separate site for NAVA XX. Martin read a letter for the record from the Honorable Lionel J. Wilson, Mayor of the City of Oakland inviting NAVA to Oakland for its meeting in 1987. After discussion, it was moved by Doreen Braverman that San Francisco be adopted as the site of NAVA XX and include Oakland, CA as part of the program. Don Healy
seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Jim Ferrigan will host the NAVA portion of the joint meeting and assist with the FIAV preparations.

The Nominating Committee presented its slate of officers for the 1985-1986 term. With Vice President Nick Artimovich declining to serve another term the nominations were: Grace Cooper, President; Doreen Braverman, Vice President; Lynn Knights, Corresponding Secretary; Thomas J. Carrier, Recording Secretary; and Woody Ridgway, Treasurer. Having no nominations presented from the floor, the nominated slate of officers were moved, seconded and approved by acclamation. A vote of thanks from the membership to Nick Artimovich for his work was seconded by the Executive Board. James Ferrigan, Don Healy, and John Purcell were renominated as the Nominating Committee and unanimously approved.

A question was raised on whether a new Canadian flag association had been formed earlier this year and how NAVA was affected. After some discussion, Doreen Braverman of Vancouver, Canada related that the new association was intended to promote the flag of Canada through patriotic activities and not intended as a separate vexillological association apart from NAVA.

It was then stated for the record that the designer of the NAVA XIX flag was Mr. Ralph G. Holberg of Mobile, Alabama.

NEW BUSINESS
Because the first game of the World Series between the Toronto Blue Jays and the Kansas City Royals was being played near the site of NAVA XIX, a cap of the Toronto Blue Jays was presented to Grace Cooper by NAVA member Hank Rupert from, where else, Toronto, Canada. Grace then presented each member of the Executive Board a cap of the Kansas City Royals making the hat score Kansas City 5, Toronto 1.

A question on whether the NAVA tie pins were still available and whether it should be the policy to present a pin to each new member. Because the pins were originally donated to the Association it was the policy at one time to present each new member with a NAVA pin. However, since the pins will be remade using Association funds the pins will be sold to the membership at cost.

Grace reminded the membership that NAVA News is the lifeblood of the Association. "The newsletter is only as good as the reporters make it and each member of NAVA is a reporter." She urged that all articles relating to vexillology be sent to NAVA News Editor John Szala in order to "keep the lifeblood running through NAVA."

It was reported that Dr. Whitney Smith had succeeded in entering the word "vexillology" into the Spanish dictionary.

A copy of a compiled list of presentations, speakers and
dates of NAVA meetings from the initial meeting in 1967 to NAVA XVIII held in 1984 was presented for the record by Mark Liss of the NAVA Historical Committee.

A vote of thanks was presented to the Board by the membership.

Having no further business the NAVA business meeting for 1984-85 was adjourned by Grace Cooper at 10:00 a.m. CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Carrier
Recording Secretary
NORTH AMERICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
for year 1986
amount enclosed $_____

MUST BE IN U.S. DOLLARS, CHECKS, or POSTAL ORDER
The annual dues will be determined at the annual meetings of the association and will be payable before the first day of a calendar year for membership during that year.

N.A.V.A. By-Laws
Article III, F

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