SECOND NAV! CONFEREnCE AS SUCCESSFUL AS THE FIRST ONE

The North American Vexillological Association held its second conference on Nov 18-19, 1967 on the beautiful campus of Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart at Purchase near White Plains, N.Y. Two dozen persons attended, including a number of people who were not at the first conference. Participants at the conference were:

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William M. Murphy
175 Summer St.
Somerville, Mass.

Dr. & Mrs. Clarence R. Runge
38 Dwight St.
New Haven, Conn.

Whitney Smith
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17 Farmcrest Ave.
Lexington, Mass. 02173
Opening of Conference. NAVA Acting President Lux-Wurm opened the conference with warm words of welcome, which were reiterated by Acting President Mother Weston of Manhattanville College. NAVA Acting Secretary Smith then read the proposed agenda.

Exhibits. After adopting the agenda, the conference members toured the exhibits. On display were handsome medieval flags drawn by Prof. Lux-Wurm; the 20 entries in the NAVA flag contest; about a quarter of Rev. Hurley's amazing collection of over 750 flags; the world's largest private flag collection; and photographs of the first NAVA collection.

Mr. Talbot presented the first report, "Political Terminology and Vexillology," in which he indicated the difficulties in categorizing countries as to status—indepen dent, semi-dependent, or dependent. This becomes a very practical problem when selecting countries for a flag article or a flag chart. A special Political Terminology (Blakesless, Guaron, and Talbot) was appointed to study the question.

NAVA Flag. Chairman Grahl of the NAVA Flag and Seal Committee (Grahl, Hill, and Mrs. Linda Stork of Belleville, Ill.) announced that Harry F. Manogg, a book dealer in Kankakee, Ill., had won the NAVA flag contest. The flag has a white "V" representing "Vexillology," on a red field with blue inside the arms of the "V." The colors red, white, and blue are in the flags of the United States and Canada. A full-sized NAVA flag, made by the Dittra Flag Co., hung behind the speakers' stand.

Mr. Smith's paper on "The Role of Vexillology in Politics" summarized his profound doctoral thesis on the same subject. He traced the importance of flags as symbolism in political life.

Color Films depicted the history of the flags of the United States and Canada. The Dittra Flag Co. produced one of the films. A word of appreciation should be given Mr. Ashley F. Talbot, Jr., who filled in as emergency projectionist.

Rev. Hurley in his talk on "The Flag: An Effective Visual Aid in the Classroom" described his successful use of flags as a visual aid in teaching social sciences to thousands of elementary, secondary, and college students. He illustrated his remarks with flags from his remarkable collection.

Mr. Grahl delivered a paper titled "The Saga of St. Eustatius," which was written by Dr. Abraham E. Goldminz of Glendale, Calif. His research revealed that the first gun salute to an American flag flown by an American naval vessel was given by the Dutch governor of St. Eustatius, Netherlands Antilles, on Nov. 16, 1776.
Mr. Tower's Remarks on "The United States Flag Foundation and Flag Desecration" outlined current lawsuits against desecration of the American flag initiated by the organization that he heads.

Dr. Walter Trembicky, the last speaker, spoke on "The Fiftieth Anniversary of the East European Revolutions."

The Excellent Dinner was appropriately decorated by attractive place cards bearing the Flag Research Center emblem made by Ann Montgomery, the FRC librarian.

Mr. Blakeslee, after the dinner, reported on the Second International Congress of Vexillology at Zurich. His audience was almost as enthralled by his travelogue about Switzerland as by his resume of the Congress.

Dr. Rungee also spoke about his flag collection and his experiences as a lecturer on vexillology.

Bylaws. During the evening session, Mr. Gauron read the bylaws as prepared by the Bylaws Committee (Grah, Lux-Wurm, and Smith). After discussion and amendments, the bylaws were adopted. A special Bylaws Committee (Gauron, Lux-Wurm, and Kittlebeel) will take steps to obtain a charter for NAVA as a nonprofit corporation, possibly in Delaware, Illinois, Massachusetts, or New York.

Officers elected were: Whitney Smith, President; Prof. Pierre Lux-Wurm, Vice President; Robert S. Gauron, Corresponding Secretary; Gerhard P. Grah, Recording Secretary; and Thomas M. Hill, Jr., Treasurer. As provided in the bylaws, these five officers constitute the Executive Board. Two appointive officers are also specified, a Historian and a Parliamentarian; they will be named later by the President.

Resolutions. The conferees passed three resolutions. The first resolved that NAVA vigorously support the proposal now before the U. S. Post Office Department to issue a postage stamp to commemorate the first gun salute to the American flag at St. Eustatius. The second resolution thanked Harry Manogg for his NAVA flag design, the Flag and Seal Committee for its work, and the Dettra Flag Co. for its manufacture of two copies of the NAVA flag. The final resolution urged publishers of dictionaries to include "vexillology," "vexillological," and "vexillologist" in their publications.

Other Business. The conference participants authorized reimbursement of Messrs. Smith and Lux-Wurm for Conference expenses that approximated $50.00. The conferees approved application by NAVA for membership in the International Federation of Vexillological Associations. Finally, the group endorsed NAVA co-sponsorship, with the FRC and the U.S. Flag Foundation, of the Third International Congress of Vexillology in 1969 in the United States, probably at Boston.

Sunday the group gathered informally at the home of Vice President Lux-Wurm in White Plains for refreshments, discussion, a preliminary Color Committee report, and a talk by Dr. Rungee on some of his famous flags. The most prominent and promising systems for color specifications are those of the British-Color Council, the British Admiralty, the Color Council of America, and the Inter-Society Color Council-National Bureau of Standards.

Next Conference. The bylaws provide for an "annual membership meeting in October of each year or at such time and place as the Executive Board may direct." Also "special membership meetings may be called by the President," No date has been set for the next membership meeting.
COMMITTEES IN FORMATION

Below are listed the NAVA standing and special committees with the present committee assignments as made tentatively by President Smith, subject to Executive Board approval, or by the membership.

Standing Committees:

Auditing Committee
Budget Committee
Membership Committee
Hill, Chairman
Lux-Wurm
Smith
Nominating Committee
Blakeslee
Cochran
Hurley
Program Committee
Public Relations Committee
Publications Committee

Special Committees:

Bylaws Committee
Gauron
Lux-Wurm
Mittelbeeler

Color Committee
Dwiggins, William C.
Gauron
Rickter, Donald O.
Spangler, William C.

Flag and Seal Committee
Grahl, Chairman
Hill
Stock

International Congress Committee
Lux-Wurm
Smith
Tower

Political Terminology Committee
Talbot, Chairman
Blakeslee
Gauron

NAVA SEAL CONTEST DEADLINE NEARS

The Flag and Seal Committee reminds those wishing to enter the NAVA seal contest that they should submit their entries before Jan. 1, 1968. Send entries to Mr. Grahl. Refer to the October, 1967 NAVA Newsletter for details.

NEW FRC ADDRESS

The Flag Research Center has moved as of Dec. 1, 1967 to 17 Farmcrest Ave., Lexington, Mass. 02173.

FILL OUT A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Now that NAVA is an official organization, having adopted bylaws, interested vexillologists can formally become members by filling out the Membership Application Form below. The bylaws state the purposes of the association and membership qualifications as follows:

Article II: Purposes

A. General Purpose. The association shall be a nonprofit corporation whose purpose shall be the promotion of vexillology as the scientific study of all flags.

B. Specific Objectives. To fulfill its general purpose the specific objectives of the association shall be:
1. To bring into closer cooperation persons of professional and amateur status who are interested in any and all aspects of flags, including their history, significance, specification, and manufacture;
2. To further the strong and growing interest in flags as a serious study or as a hobby;
3. To promote research into the origins, history, and symbolism of flags;
4. To formulate standards for flag terminology, methodology, and data recording;
5. To cooperate with the Flag Research Center and other national, regional, and international vexillological associations; and
6. To represent the vexillologists of North America on an international level.

C. Limitations. The association shall have no commercial, political, or religious objectives.

Article III: Membership

A. Qualifications. Any person or any profit or nonprofit organization which is interested in vexillology and subscribes to these bylaws shall be eligible for membership.

B. Classes of Membership. There shall be four classes of membership: active, associate, organizational, and honorary.

1. Active members shall have all the privileges of the association, including attendance at meetings, voting, holding office, serving on committees, and receiving membership publications without additional cost. Active membership is open to all persons residing permanently in North America.

2. Associate members shall have all the privileges of the association except voting, holding office, and serving on committees. Associate membership shall be open to wives (or husbands) of active members, full-time students, and persons not residing in North America.

3. Organizational members shall have all the privileges of the association except voting, holding office, and serving on committees. Organizational membership is understood to mean that the member organization is entitled to delegate any one individual, including a person already an active member of the association, to represent it in the affairs of the association and to change that delegation of authority at will.

4. Honorary members shall have the title conferred upon them for rendering distinguished service in the field of vexillology, upon the recommendation of the Executive Board as confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any membership meeting.

C. Election. If an applicant receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the Membership Committee and the Executive Board, he shall be elected to membership upon payment of his dues.

D. Dues. The annual dues shall be six dollars a year for active members, three dollars a year for associate members, and twenty-five dollars a year for organizational members, payable before the first day of a calendar year for membership during that year.

A copy of the complete set of bylaws may be obtained by writing the Corresponding Secretary. Please note that according to the bylaws the annual dues are "payable before the first day of a calendar year for membership during that year." Prospective members are urged to apply for membership before the end of this year—by Dec. 31, 1967.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

To: Thomas M. Hill, Jr., Treasurer
North American Vexillological Association
102 Mt. Vernon St.
Boston, Mass.

Date

I wish to apply for membership in the NORTH AMERICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION in the following classification, for which I enclose annual dues of $_________:

( ) Active Member ($6.00)
( ) Associate Member ($3.00)
( ) Organizational Member ($25.00)

Name of Organization

Name__________________________
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