Attention all NAVA members! A new membership flyer is now available. Entitled "An invitation to join the North American Vexillological Association," it describes the organization, tells about its aims, how organized, who are members, when it meets, what it publishes, and who its affiliates are. An application for membership is printed on the back. Members are urged to send for a supply of these flyers and pass them out among friends and acquaintances who might be interested in joining. Address your request to President Whitney Smith, 17 Farmcrest Avenue, Lexington, Mass. 02173.

The city of Boston in Lincolnshire, England is the father-town of Boston, Mass. To commemorate the community's links with the New World, an American flag was displayed over the mantel-piece in the Town Hall. Over a period of some nine years, streams of American tourists viewed this flag, and not one of them pointed out to the authorities that the white stars were not on a field of blue, but of red!

A man who not only collects national flags but puts them to dramatic use is F. Leslie Dollinger, President of the Dollinger Corporation of Rochester, N.Y. He lives on an island in the St. Lawrence River. The island is ringed with flag-pole holders set in concrete in which he can fly as many as 52 flags at once from his collection of more than 200. He watches foreign ships pass by through the St. Lawrence Seaway to and from the Great Lakes. As each ship comes into view, he identifies its nationality through his binoculars, quickly picks out its flag and runs it up on a higher pole in salute, accompanied by blasts on an electrically powered horn. The seamen are surprised and pleased by this welcome, all the more since it is unexpected. They usually respond with a whistle salute.

The President has decreed that the circle of 50 United States flags which surrounds the Washington Monument may be flown 24 hours a day, weather permitting. Illuminated at night, they make a brave display, flying in a stiff breeze, seen against the background of the dark sky and the huge lighted shaft.

Speaking of Washington, the newest addition to the skyline of the city is the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Fittingly enough, flags are the predominant feature of the decor of the lobby. Two entrances lead into the "Hall of Nations" and the "Hall of States," where no less than 179 huge state and national flags hang from the 100-foot-high ceilings. (The building itself is 630 feet long and 300 feet wide). Aside from the red wall-to-wall carpeting and magnificent chandeliers, gift of Norway, the only decoration is the flags.

In Italy, a group of deputies wants to know if the Italian flag can be changed. They say its design of 3 vertical stripes resembles too many other countries, and its colors are the same as Mexico's. (New York Times).
The 1971 Annual Membership Meeting of the North American Vexillological Association was held in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, on the 23rd and 24th of October. Some 25 members attended. Meetings were held in a beautiful large room provided through the hospitality of the Public Archives of Canada in their new modern building adjoining the government buildings.

Mr. Arthur A. Burry spoke on the manufacture of NAVA lapel pins and on the various aspects of manufacturing all kinds of flag lapel pins. Afterwards, he presented a NAVA lapel pin to each member and guest present. President Whitney Smith stated he hoped to have enough pins to send one to each member of the association at a later date.

Mr. John Szala spoke on "The National Symbols of Poland" and illustrated his talk with slides.

Mr. John Lingo spoke on the subject "What Does Your Father Do? He Makes Flagpoles."

Mr. Lawrence Tower spoke on "Questionable Aspects of the Rhode Island and Bunker Hill Flags."

Dr. Whitney Smith spoke on "Symbols of Heads of State and Heads of Government in the British Commonwealth Countries."

On Saturday evening a joint banquet was held in the new 24-storey Skyline Motel in downtown Ottawa, in conjunction with the Heraldry Society of Canada, which was having its own annual meeting at the same time as NAVA. Dr. Whitney Smith, as principal speaker at the banquet, gave his above address at that time.

A display of large Canadian provincial and city flags brightened the meeting room where the NAVA business sessions were held. The flags were provided through the courtesy of Mr. William Milton of Canadians Textile Screen Prints.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Dr. Whitney Smith, President
Mr. Harold Diceman, Vice-President
Mr. Gary Grahl, Treasurer
Mr. Kenneth Huff, Recording Secretary
Mr. John Szala, Corresponding Secretary

Minutes of the business meeting will be read in full at the next meeting, which will be held in Chicago. Further details on following pages.

Members were treated to a most enjoyable bus tour of the city. After the meeting was over, a number of members stayed on to tour the Parliament Buildings and the War Museum.

All agreed that grateful thanks was due to Harold and Yvonne Diceman for their efforts in organizing a most enjoyable and rewarding meeting.

As required by the by-laws, a list of the names and addresses of current members of the North American Vexillological Association appears on the following pages.
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1972 ANNUAL MEETING

Plans are already afoot for the next NAVA annual meeting to be held in Chicago on October 28 and 29, 1972. The arrangements committee consisting of NAVA members Ken Huff, Bob Gauron and Harry Manogg, has sent out a questionnaire to all current and former members asking for ideas and suggestions and an indication of how many plan to attend. Members are urged to fill out and send in their questionnaires as soon as possible whether or not they think they will be able to attend. All this will help the committee tremendously. Those wishing to give talks or display exhibits are urged to prepare now.

1972 ANNUAL DUES DUE

Once again the time has come to renew NAVA membership for another year. NAVA members are urged to send their checks to Gerhard Grahl, Treasurer, Apartment 1M, 1425 Thierot Avenue, Bronx, New York 10460, by the end of January. Dues are: Active Member, $6.00; Associate Member, $3.00 (available to students, spouses of active members, and non-residents of North America); Institutional Member, $25.00.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

An interesting article on the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag appears in the June 1971 issue of American Heritage magazine. The history and vicissitudes of the pledge's wording over the decades since its first introduction are carefully followed up to the present. Some quaint old photographs are included.

OPTICAL ILLUSION

Some people are always seeing things, and maybe they aren't there! The drawing at the right, submitted by NAVA member Bob Gauron, shows that you can see faces by staring at the white space in the maple leaf flag. He visualizes it as an eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation between a liberal and a conservative.
The next few years should bring about a tremendous amount of interest in flags, their history and development, due to the bicentennial of the United States. There are several ways in which the vexillologist can make a professional contribution to the field.

Your area libraries almost certainly have a file on flags, probably comprised of interesting but dated material. Inspect the file to ascertain what should be there, but is not. A copy of the 1942 Flag Code with its amendments, recent pamphlets on the state or provincial flag, a current "flags of the world" chart (if such a chart is possible), etc. You might consider contributing some of the material you receive from NAVA and the Flag Research Center, or copies of same. Finally, why not include a NAVA membership application?

Also, ponder the benefits of providing the local library with an unusual vexillological item for temporary or permanent display, e.g., a flag chart, a framed print of the applicable state flag, prints of the national or state seal, etc. For a small expenditure, these gems do promote interest in our field of study and are normally appreciated.

Finally, a certain amount of good could be achieved by attempting to dispel public confusion surrounding the use of the national, state or even provincial flags. In the United States, the 1942 Flag Code and its amendments, although not the complete answer, can be helpful. The "old wives' tales" often discourage display of the U.S. flag. For you who feel the Code is outdated and due to be amended, public awareness could be helpful. Undoubtedly, most citizens are unaware of the Code's existence. We are not suggesting a political approach, but rather, better awareness of existing laws.

Each of these areas of endeavor will contribute to enrichment of the field of vexillology, and that, after all, is what NAVA is all about.

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FLAGS AND GEOGRAPHY

With all the new nations, and their new flags, that have emerged during the past few years, perhaps we should check our knowledge of what they emerged from.

The following countries, all in Africa, were known by different names before they attained independence. The former name appears as one of four choices after each present name. Circle a, b, c, or d, and check your answers at the bottom. No fair peeking!


ANSWERS: 1)C) 2)E) 3)D) 4)A) 5)A) 6)C) 7)C) 8)A) 9)D) 10)A)