It was "Welcome to Chicago!" on October 28th and 29th, when more than fifty NAVA members, associates, spouses and friends gathered at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel for the sixth annual membership meeting of the North American Vexillological Association.

Committee members Kenneth Huff, Robert Gauron and Harry Manogg had done a bang-up job of organization, and the gathering moved swiftly through a full schedule of events, including a reception, a full day-and-a-half of lectures, a luncheon, a banquet and a business meeting.

The papers presented were most interesting and varied and were warmly received. Many were illustrated with slides or movies in color. For a complete listing of the talks and exhibits see NAVA News, Vol. V, No. 3.

The Sixth Annual Membership Meeting of the North American Vexillological Association was opened in the Tally-Ho Room of the hotel on Sunday, October 28, 1972 at 11:00 a.m., with Dr. Smith presiding.

Minutes of the October 23, 1971 Annual Membership Meeting were read by the Recording Secretary and were approved by general consent.

The following reports were tendered to the Association and are enclosed in the record: The President and Executive Board, the Treasurer's report and the Corresponding Secretary's report.

Report of Special Committee: At this point in the meeting Mr. John Szala assumed the chair because of Dr. Smith's involvement in the special committee's report on the Rhode Island and Bunker Hill flags. Mr. William C. Dwiggins, chairman of the committee, reported that the findings of the committee were that the stars of the Rhode Island flag were originally gilt (the vote of the committee was two out of three). There was considerable discussion between Messrs. Tower, Cahill and Smith concerning the committee's findings. It was decided that the report was still open and would be further investigated and reported at the next meeting.

At this point Dr. Smith resumed the chair, and the following new business was transacted by the membership:

Seventh Annual Meeting: On a motion by Gary Grahl, seconded by George Cahill, the next meeting would be in the Philadelphia area. The motion was carried.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CHICAGO MEETING

(Photos by Gary Grahl, official photographer)

Opening Ceremonies...

Satisfying the inner man...

Treasurer's report...

... Religious flags

Lectures...

"Whose turn was it to speak?"
UNITED STATES INVITING WORLD TO BIRTHDAY PARTY

An all-embracing, global guest list is being prepared for the United States' observance of its 200th birthday.

Invitations to visit America in 1976 are being sent to groups as broadly diversified as the peoples who comprise this Nation.

As part of a project called "Open House U.S.A.," organizations across the country are urging their opposite numbers abroad to come and see them during the Bicentennial Year.

Many groups are being enlisted. The invitations are going out from fraternal and service clubs, professional and historical societies, civic bodies and international organizations to members of sister cities and affiliated groups abroad.

The hosts offer to open their homes to their guests and invite them to observe and participate in the numerous festivals and commemorative programs planned by various towns, cities, and states.

Open House U.S.A. was conceived by the Wally Byam Foundation, named for a manufacturer of travel trailers. Several years ago the foundation organized a program called Caravan America, to encourage foreign visitors to see wider areas of the United States.

From these activities came the idea for Open House U.S.A., which was adopted in July, 1970 by the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission as part of the Government's program for the observance.

As the list of groups extending overseas invitations grows, other organizations have pledged their support. The Recreational Vehicle Institute has offered to obtain 1,000 campers, trailers, and motor homes to be donated by firms for use by persons visiting the United States during 1976.

The Society of American Travel Writers has agreed to turn its 1974 convention into a flying trip around the world, to deliver invitations to peoples in other lands to join in America's Bicentennial celebration.

Open House U.S.A. has been chartered in the Nation's Capital as a non-profit company to solicit funds from private foundations and other groups for partial travel grants. It also is organizing the mass of invitations and acceptances, and related entertainment.

"Open House U.S.A. should inspire beautification drives to get the United States ready for a real flag-waving birthday party," said the chairman of the Byam Foundation. "It also will help correct the balance of payments in this Nation's travel account, since Americans spend more abroad than foreign tourists spend here.

"But the program's greatest significance should be in the international good-will we believe this effort will engender."
It's not too soon right now to start thinking about the next annual meeting in 1973. All NAVA members are urged to make a note on their calendars, as follows:


Place: Headquarters of the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Arrangement Committee members Jack Lingo and Bill Spangler have already started the ball rolling for another great meeting. Bill writes:

"Jack Lingo and I have just completed checking into places for the 7th Annual Meeting of NAVA. We were very fortunate to be able to make arrangements at the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Freedoms Foundation has excellent facilities, including attractive sleeping rooms, a lovely dining room and excellent meeting rooms. The prices are a great deal lower than they would be at a commercial establishment, and the setting is certainly excellent for flag buffs. . . . I would like to be able to get the program started about noon on Friday, Nov. 2nd, because there will be lots of things to see and do, and we want to take as much advantage of the facilities as possible. . . . Jack and I were really amazed at the extensive facilities that are available, including such things as a small flag display, projection equipment, a small movie theater, a chapel, etc. I don't believe that we could have found a more perfect location if we had ordered it, and we're really looking forward to the meeting."

The Freedoms Foundation is the organization that in 1969 nominated Mrs. Chester H. Lehman for a Freedoms Foundation Award in recognition of her part in building the Flag Plaza in Pittsburgh. Dr. Whitney Smith, NAVA President, served on the committee that placed Mrs. Lehman's name in nomination. The award was made from Valley Forge, Pa. (See NAVA News, Vol. II, No. 4, July 1969).

The date was set as 2, 3, and 4 November, 1973.

George Cahill motioned that the Directors be authorized to appoint NAVA's official representative to the 1973 International Congress in London with the provision that the representative so selected be casting only NAVA's vote. The motion was seconded by Bob Gauron and carried.

Dr. Smith motioned that a committee be formed to investigate and determine if a tour or charter flight to the International Congress in London could be arranged. The motion was seconded by Harry Vanogg and carried.

Bob Gauron motioned that the arrangement committees for future meetings consider outside speakers for banquet or dinner functions with approval of the Executive Board. The motion was seconded by Oscar Brockmeyer and carried.

The Executive Board motioned that Vice Admiral John Furlong be awarded an Honorary Membership in NAVA, which was seconded by Jack Lingo. After considerable discussion an amendment was made by Bob Gauron that the Board send out a ballot including background information about Vice Admiral Furlong to the membership. The motion was seconded by Harry Hanott and carried.

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While on the subject of vexillological meetings, all NAVA members who would like to take a very interesting trip to London are urged to consider attending the Fifth International Congress on Vexillology, which also takes place this year, from September 13th through the 18th. The following advance information about it comes from Mr. William G. Crampton, Director, The Flag Institute, Chester, England, which is the host organization:

**WORLD FLAG-FEST FLIES HIGH**

by William G. Crampton

Flag friends from all parts of the world are due to meet in London, England on Sept. 13, 1973 for the Fifth International Congress of Vexillology. These congresses are held every two years. Previous meetings have taken place as follows:

1965: Muiderberg, Netherlands
1967: Zurich, Switzerland
1969: Boston, Massachusetts
1971: Turin, Italy
and now, 1973: London, England

The initiative for the original congress came from Klaas Sierksma's Stichting Vóór Banniestiek en Heraldiek, one of the world's first organised establishments for the study of flags. At his invitation, a small select band met near his home on the shores of the Zuider Zee (now the IJssel Meer). For an account, see the Flag Bulletin, Vol V., No. 2.

This congress resolved on the formation of the Federation Internationale des Associations Vexillologiques, which was formally inaugurated at the Zurich congress. The FIAV flag was hoisted for the first time at that meeting. The Third International Congress at Boston was attended mostly by North American flagophiles, and the one at Turin attracted flag fans from all over. Each congress is organized by a host association, and it fell to FIAV's youngest member, the Flag Institute, whose seat is at Chester, England, to undertake the job for 1973.

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In fact the work is being done by a coordinating committee of members drawn from the Flag Institute, the Heraldry Society Flag Section, and the flag-manufacturing interests.

London was chosen as the most attractive centre for foreign visitors, as well as for its wealth of historical association and venues for excursions. The principal ones selected for visits are:

- The National Maritime Museum, with its fine collection of maritime paintings.
- The College of Arms, which has many interesting flag records in addition to the armorial.
- The National Army Museum, with its collection of military colours.
- The Commonwealth Institute, which can offer links with the countries of the Commonwealth.

Other features of the programme being planned are social evenings, a gala dinner and various receptions. The whole emphasis is on providing plenty of opportunities for people to meet informally. Members are being encouraged to live in, unlike previous congresses where people have tended to disperse after the formal meetings. The formal part of the congress will include, of course, the papers read by members, and the official business meeting of the FIAV.

The centre chosen for the Congress is a Hall of Residence of London University, ideally situated near the British Museum. The Hall provides board and lodging, a bar, a common room, and meeting rooms. Social meetings over drinks, including Pepsi-Cola, can, if desired, go on all night!

The Congress offers an unexcelled opportunity to combine a really intense session of vexillology with a stay in the heart of London at an ideal time of the year.

On 13 September 1973, the three flags of the Congress will be hoisted together:

- The FIAV flag
- The Fifth Congress flag
- The Flag Institute flag.

On the 18th September the delegates will disperse, after what we hope will have been the most enjoyable international meeting ever!
Maryland should be acclaimed a leader in the areas of flags, heraldry, chivalry and patriotism, according to John W. Baer of Annapolis.

Mr. Baer indicates that Maryland is the only state that has a seal and state flag based upon an armorial design. The seal's reverse includes an escutcheon bearing the Calvert and Crossland arms quartered; the escutcheon is supported on one side by a farmer and on the other by a fisherman. The obverse shows Lord Baltimore as a knight in full armor, mounted on a charger.

The state flag bears the arms of the Calvert and Crossland families, names that are associated with the Lords Baltimore who founded Maryland.

Flags have been adopted by at least three Maryland cities (Baltimore, Hagerstown, and Annapolis), and some nine counties (Anne Arundel, St. Mary's, Howard, Talbot, Prince George's, Baltimore, Kent, Montgomery, and Somerset) out of a total of 23 counties.

The official Maryland sport is jousting. Mr. Baer states that no other state government has adopted an official sport.

Other historical developments from Maryland:

The first American who almost became Queen of England (the Duchess of Windsor).

The national anthem, The Star-Spangled Banner, was written by Maryland's Francis Scott Key.

The Vice-Presidential candidates of the two major political parties in the 1972 election are both from Maryland: Spiro Agnew and Sargent Shriver.

(Submitted by Michael E. Tancey)

The Ford Motor Company has equipped President Nixon's new Continental with miniature spotlights to illuminate at night the United States and President's flags flown on small staffs on the front fenders. (A.P.)

The Highway User's Federation of Washington, D.C. has been sponsoring a television commercial promoting ecological concern, with Arthur Godfrey using an ecology flag to make the point. (A.P.)

Imagine owning a new, 36-foot houseboat and designing your very own private yacht flag. . . . A few weeks later, the pennant arrives from the manufacturer, along with a bill for $336! . . . The factory sheepishly admitted that inches had been interpreted as feet. . . (A.P.)

Cambodians have been urged to destroy or turn in their old national flags and substitute the new design. Ever since Cambodia became a republic in 1970, the old red and blue flags have been outlawed. (N.Y.T.)
BUSINESS  (Editor's note: As this issue of NAVA News goes to press, President
MEETING Whitney Smith reports that the ballots have already been returned;
Cont'd and that there being no opposition from the membership, Admiral Furlong
from p.4 has been elected to honorary life membership in the Association.) John
Szala motioned that the Executive Board prepare a guide line sheet for
confering future honorary memberships for perusal and vote of the members. The
motion was seconded by George Cahill and carried.

7th International Congress of Vexillology: The Executive Board motioned that
NAVA be a sponsor of the 7th International Congress of Vexillology in 1977. It was
seconded by Mr. Brockmeyer. An amendment to the motion by Mr. Cahill was that
NAVA be the principal sponsor was again seconded by Mr. Brockmeyer and carried.

Bunker Hill Flag: Mr. Dwiggins motioned that the Bunker Hill Flag report,
under the special committee report, be tabled until the next NAVA meeting. It
was seconded by Mr. Cahill and carried.

Election of Officers: The Nominating Committee of Messrs. Blakeslee, Dwiggins
and Tower presented the slate of officers for 1972-73 as follows:

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On motion of Robert Gauron and seconded by George Cahill, the secretary was directed
to cast one vote for the election of the slate nominated.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Brockmeyer motioned that the nominating committee
for next year's meeting be the same as the previous year. It was seconded by
Florence Hutchison. The committee will consist of Messrs. Blakeslee, Tower & Dwiggins.

On a motion by Gary Grahl, seconded by John Purcell and carried, the Sixth
Annual Membership Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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PRESIDENTIAL There are no second-place winners in campaigns for the Presidency
"ALSO RANS" of the United States.
FEATURED IN As a result, defeated candidates' contributions to American history
EXHIBITION are often overlooked. Now these "also rans" are accorded full rec-
ognition in a major exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C.

The exhibition, entitled "If Elected...Unsuccessful Candidates for the Presi-
dency, 1796-1968," includes 80 portraits and more than 500 assorted campaign flags,
banners, buttons, cartoons and other paraphernalia from the campaigns of the men
—and two women— who over the years unsuccessfully sought the Nation's highest
office.

Twelve Presidents, from Thomas Jefferson to Richard Nixon, are represented
in the exhibit. All, at some point in their careers, made a bid for the presi-
dency and lost.

The United States once did have a 2nd place winner. Jefferson opposed John
Adams in the 1796 election and lost, 68 electoral votes to 71. He then became
Adams' Vice President, per the Constitution at that time. The 12th Amendment
ratified in 1804, put an end to this practice. (by the National Geographic Society).