TUMBLER RIDGE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

by James Craft

On February 16th, 1992, His Excellency the Right Honorable Ramon John Hnatyshn, Governor-General of Canada, presented the community of Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia, with a coat of arms and flag granted by the Canadian Heraldic Authority. The flag is armorial; that is the symbols on the shield are emblazoned across the flag. A company border has been added to the outer three edges.

The colours and symbols on the flag refer to the coal industry in Tumbler Ridge. The colours gold and red symbolize heat, energy and the prosperity which flow from the coal fields. The wavy line (rayonné) separating the colours represents radiant energy, while the three black diamonds (lozenges) symbolize coal. Tumbler Ridge was developed as a part of the $2.5 billion North East Coal Development project, which was designed to export coal from British Columbia. In 1981 a contract was signed to export to Japan 100 million tons of metallurgical coal over fifteen years. This was the impetus to the founding of Tumbler Ridge; a totally planned community incorporated in 1981 and with a present day population of 4,700.

The coal deposits in this region of the northern Rocky Mountain foothills were discovered in 1793 by Alexander Mackenzie. The golden elkhead, found in the coat of arms of the Scottish Chief of the Clan Mackenzie, alludes to this finding. However, it was not until 1969 that the exploration process of the coalfields commenced which led to the development of Quintette Coal Limited and Bullmoose Operating Corporation.

NOTES:
1. rayonné is a heraldic term used to describe this type of partition line.
2. lozenge - a heraldic charge shaped like a diamond in a pack of cards.

FLAG DATA:
De Jure: 2:3
De Facto: 1:2
(Proportion confirmed by the Clerk of Tumbler Ridge, 1994.12.22).

The flag is divided by a "rayonné" partition line into two horizontal stripes of red over gold. On the red stripe is a representation of a golden elk's head found in similar form on the coat of arms of the Scottish Chief of the Clan Mackenzie. On the lower gold stripe in a horizontal line are three black lozenges. The flag has a company border of red and gold rectangles. (Note: In the black and white illustration the red rectangles on the company border each use a white line to differentiate them from the field of the flag).

COAT OF ARMS

The symbolism of the shield is the same as the flag. The crest contains a Canadian maple leaf coronet with a representation of Kinuseo Falls, the most beautiful of the local wonders. The waters from the falls are flowing down mountains strewn with coal diamonds, again symbolizing the coal industry. The compartment or base of the coat of arms, displays a rocky outcrop, reflecting the area's landscape and from which the community derives much of its wealth. The caribou and grizzly bear, representing the natural wealth of the district, are in colours and are divided by a rayonné partition line to once again allude to the theme of the shield. The bear holds a staff displaying the Tumbler Ridge flag, symbolizing the community's spirit and aspirations. The motto "Invitatio Prosperitati," or "Invitation to Success," completes the heraldic achievement.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

...NICHOLAS ARTIMOVICH

1995 Annual NAVA Convention: NAVA 29 in Cincinnati/Covington will be within a day's drive of many of the major population centers of North America: Washington/Baltimore, Atlanta, Memphis, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Toronto, and Pittsburgh are all within 800 km (500 miles) of the convention site. Air transportation is also convenient via the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky airport. Peter Kinderman of Flags USA in Cincinnati, Ohio, is our host for the annual NAVA convention to be held October 6 - 8, 1995. The convention site is across the Ohio river in Covington, Kentucky. The airport is on the Kentucky side, too, so transportation to the Quality Hotel Riverview is quite convenient.

Those of us who attend the annual conventions on a regular basis agree that these meetings are a very important benefit of our NAVA membership. The actual costs to attend, including transportation, meals, and registration fee ($95.00 for NAVA 29), are not insignificant to most NAVA members but we feel that the return on our investment makes the effort very worthwhile. This is a once-a-year opportunity to meet with dozens of fellow vexillologists from Canada and the U.S., and oftentimes from overseas) and discuss flag topics of mutual interest. At NAVA 29 you will meet re-

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FOOTBALL, FLAGS, & TEXAS
by John H. Gamez

It can be argued that Texans have two great loves - football and the flag. With the coming of fall, Texans can embrace both with a passion. From high school gridirons to the homes of the Houston Oilers and the Dallas Cowboys, fans are in a frenzy that is difficult to match anywhere in the nation.

Next football season, you may have the opportunity to catch a glimpse of two flags that graced the stands at Texas Stadium (in Irving, just outside of Dallas) and at the Houston Astrodome last year. Both are modifications of the Texas flag.

The first one this reporter noticed was at a Dallas home game. It was basically an ordinary Texas flag, but with a blue star on the blue stripe with a white fimbriation (Fig. 1). This of course mimics the helmet of the Cowboys, which is silver-grey with a blue lone star fimbriated in white and blue (Fig. 2).

The other flag was spotted at the Astrodome. In this modification of the Texas flag, the blue hoist is lightened to match the columbia blue of the Oilers' jerseys. In place of the lone star is a stylized oil derrick in white (Fig. 3). A columbia blue derrick fimbriated in white and red appears on the Oilers' white helmet (Fig. 4). The derrick refers to Houston's fame for oil production and refining.

Not to be outdone are fans of the University of Texas Longhorns. Waved by fans in Austin's Memorial Stadium, the white flag with the burnt orange head of a longhorn steer (Fig. 5) is not a modification of the Texas flag, but rather is an armorial banner based directly on the Longhorns' helmet (Fig. 6).

These do not appear to be found in any flag catalogs. They do not match the authorized flags available from flag dealers. They are probably locally produced.

While flag waving is far from an uncommon occurrence at football games, the flags used are usually licensed products of the NCAA or the NFL or sometimes even state flags. Things are a little different in Texas.

NAVA XXIX
THE QUEEN CITY
CINCINNATI, OHIO

October 6-8, 1995 Quality Inn Riverview, Covington, Kentucky

David Breitenbach, member of the NAVA 29 committee, reports the Registration Fee for this annual meeting is $95. There is an additional $10 fee for an optional trip on Friday afternoon. All of this is itemized in the Registration Form, which was distributed with the May/June NAVA News.

The cost of the room at the Quality Inn Riverview is $69, plus 9.18% tax, single/double. Guaranteed Reservations must be made before September 15, 1995. Send hotel reservations to Quality Inn Riverview, 666 W. Fifth St., Covington, Kentucky, 41011, tel. (606) 491-1200.

There will be an additional fee of $15 for meeting registration postmarked after September 1. Send meeting reservations and payment to the NAVA treasurer, Kin Spain, 2030 North Blvd., Apt. 6, Houston, TX 77098-5357.

FLAGS FOR THE NORTHERN SOUTHWEST
by David Blomstrom
(continued from May/June 1995 NAVA News)

NEVADA

Nevadans are on their third flag, which has in turn been modified a time or two. It remains quite dull and poorly designed. Rather than creating a fourth design, I have modified the current flag. (4).

For starters, I took the nondescript white star, enlarged it, and colored it silver, in commemoration of the nickname Silver State. A yellow border enhances the star's contrast with the blue field and represents gold. (The words 'silver' and "gold" appeared in appropriate colors on Nevada's first flag, undoubtedly influenced

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by the Comstock lode, a rich deposit of gold and silver ore discovered in Nevada in 1859.

I removed the green foliage, which is complex and doesn't contrast well with the blue sky, and enlarged the designs, five of which are arranged around the star. (However, the half-wreath on the current flag could be retained and enlarged, if that is Nevadans' preference.) Nevada's state flower, sagebrush, is the source of the nickname Sage or Sagebrush State. I read in *How Proudly They Wave* that it is symbolic of Nevada's desert valleys, though it actually occurs in a variety of habitats, even growing among trees in the mountains. I see the star/flowers combination as sort of a sun emblem, and also an important symbol for such an arid state.

I eliminated all words from my design. However, I added a white border to represent the mountains for which Nevada is named. This element, which diversifies the blue field, also represents the state's name, which translates "snow-covered" in Spanish.

White further represents Nevada's desert heritage and mineral industry, suggesting playa lakes, gypsum, and sand. (I thought it could also represent the borax once hauled by "20-mule teams" in Death Valley. However, I discovered that Death Valley is just across the border in California. So much for my geography!) I regret that my design includes no symbols representing Native Americans. Perhaps a study of Nevada's Amerindian cultures could reveal some appropriate symbology that could be attributed to particular elements or colors of the design.

I also had some initial regrets that this design doesn't feature a red-yellow combination that would identify it as a flag representing a Southwest state. On the other hand, Nevada is quite distinct from the states surrounding the "Four Corners" region. (The location where Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado meet is the only place where four states adjoin one another.)

For one thing, Spanish exploration of the region was of little importance. In 1776, Spaniards may have entered extreme southern Nevada. However, half a century elapsed before the area was explored in earnest, this time by British and American fur traders and trappers.

Furthermore, Nevada is touched by neither the Colorado Plateau nor the Rocky Mountains. Rather, it lies almost entirely within the Basin and Range Province of the Great Basin. The silver star does provide something of a link with Arizona's flag, with its copper star.

In summary, my proposed flag designs for Colorado and Utah use the colors red and yellow as a symbol of the Southwest, while my proposed Nevada flag utilizes a silver star reminiscent of the copper star on Arizona's flag.

The designs for Colorado and Nevada use the same number of colors as current designs, while the proposed Utah design uses fewer. No words are found on any of these proposals, helping to simplify the Utah and Nevada designs. The Colorado design, on the other hand, is more complex than the current flag, though probably not unreasonably so.

The proposed designs are more distinctive than current flags, and more adequately proclaim the states' natural and cultural diversity and beauty. I think they are much more attractive and inspirational.

Though the symbology might seem ridiculously long-winded, it can be condensed. On my Utah design, for example, the bee hive and arrowhead simply represent Utah's multi-ethnic population and state motto, blue and white the Rocky Mountains, red and yellow Spanish influence and desert and rock scenery. In classrooms, students might explore more elaborate explanations of the symbology.

I'm interested in receiving feedback from NAVA members. Do you think new flags should be designed to represent Colorado, Utah, or Nevada? How do most residents of these states feel about their flags? Have you heard of attempts to change any of these flags? Do you like any of my designs? How would you modify them? Are you aware of other proposed designs for these states, or do you have other designs in mind? Please let me know if I have permission to quote you in writing articles about these flag proposals in future issues of NAVA News. Thanks!

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**BOOK REVIEW**


While the title of this book would suggest a narrow regional focus during a brief period of vexillological history, don't be misled. This is a fabulous addition to the continuing study of the banners of the Confederate republic. Since Texas units fought in almost every military department of the Confederacy, they carried many different types of flags into battle. For that reason, the scope of this book goes beyond the borders of Texas. Mr. Sumrall opens the book with an excellent overview of Confederate flag usage, which is accompanied with a plate showing the different national and naval flags. The main body of the book is devoted to the many examples of the Texan flags themselves. Among the flags surveyed, variants of the 1st National flag are shown, along with examples of the western version of the Army of Northern Virginia (ANV) battle flag. Each flag is beautifully illustrated (by the author himself!), and given a brief description of its origin and service. In all, the book has 70 color plates and, as an added extra, it has a wonderful appendix giving a synoptic table of events in the various theaters of operations in *The War*. It might interest serious Confederate flag students that Howard Michael Madaus (probably the foremost authority on Confederate flags) wrote the foreword to the book and gave Mr. Sumrall access to his long awaited and still unpublished manuscript: *THE SOUTHERN CROSS*. (According to a footnote, this three-volume definitive work should be released sometime in mid-1995.) My only criticism of this work is the depiction of the Army of Tennessee battle flag (Johnson pattern). The illustration and the dimensions are slightly inaccurate. The distinguishing feature of this battle flag, which flag makers and others have often failed to notice, is that the fimbriation (white edging) of the blue cross is much wider than the ANV flags. Moreover, the size of these flags were approximately 35" on the hoist and 54" on the fly for the infantry colors. Battery flags of this pattern were slightly smaller. Nevertheless, this is an outstanding work that should become a classic in vexillological literature of this period. Mr. Sumrall has set a standard with this book for the other former Confederate states to emulate.
HISTORIAN'S CORNER

A very good beginner's understanding of national coats of arms of various countries of the world and their relationship to heraldry and flags area wonderfully summarized in fellow NAVA member Robert S. Gauron's 1972 NAVA Convention's twenty-three page presentation report "The Fascination of National Coats of Arms". Two pages of coats of arms in color are included. Send $5.75 payable to NAVA, c/o NAVA Historian, Mark A. Liss, P.O. Box 31521, Houston, Texas 77231. Pre-payment includes postage.

OLD GLORY, THE AMERICAN FLAG IN CONTEMPORARY ART

CLEVELAND CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

Book Review by William J. Trinkle


I especially ordered this volume through a major bookstore chain for $18.00, with it taking almost 4 months to receive the book. The book contains 68 photographs of "flag art", 16 in color. The drawback is that the photographs are all relatively small in size. The book contains an exhibit checklist, 169 "Notes" to the text, a one page Foreword and +30 pp. of text. I personally found the photographs, probably as they should, to be less than satisfying, but they made me wish I had actually seen the exhibit. They whetted my taste. The surprise for me was in the text. It focuses on the Flag as an element of contemporary art and attempts to briefly trace the historical development of this element in the context of the development of art itself. The text does not ignore the non-art history of the Flag either, and gives significant space to the U.S. political history as that relates to the increases in the use of the Flag. Since art and artists have had a substantial role in the various periods of the flag desecration controversies, this area is also explored within the limits of the size of the book.

The price of this book initially felt a bit "stiff". Having read it, I am glad that I added it to my books on flags. While an "art" book, its effort to focus on the flag in contemporary art, in my view, makes this a true Vexillological work. Wit few, if any, modifications, one would not be surprised to have first found the text as an edition of The Flag Bulletin. Besides, us flagfolks can always use a little culture. If you are interested in purchasing this book, you might want to try contacting the Cleveland Center directly as a quicker way to get it. The Center is at 8501 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106; telephone (216) 421-8671.

VEXI - TIDBIT

Submitted by Steve Tyson

San Francisco Examiner, March 13, 1995. New move to outlaw flag burning... Veterans groups want conservative Congress to pass a constitutional amendment.

WASHINGTON — Encouraged by the conservative climate in Congress, veterans groups have rekindled an old issue: They want Congress to make unconstitutional the burning or mutilating of the American flag.

As Dan Wheeler of Indianapolis, a leading proponent of the save-Old Glory drive, put it: "The flag is the one unifying symbol that we have in this nation. The flag says America better than any other symbol. I think that flag burning is despicable."

Wheeler, a navy veteran and publisher of the American Legion magazine, heads an alliance of 88 veteran, business and civic groups lobbying Congress for a constitutional amendment forbidding desecration of the flag.

Rep. Gerald B.H. Solomon, R-N.Y., chief sponsor of the amendment on Capitol Hill, said in an interview last week that he will introduce it Tuesday and the House could vote on it as early as May. He said the amendment, which needs 290 votes to pass, already has 244 co-sponsors.

Solomon has tried and failed several times over the past six years to gain the necessary support for the amendment. But he said he believed its chances were better this year because, he said, newly elected conservative lawmakers supported it.

Solomon said he was confident the amendment would pass in the House and was optimistic about the outcome in the Senate, where it was expected to face determined opponents.

Wheeler said 46 states have passed resolutions directing Congress to pass a flag-protection amendment, suggesting that they would be willing to ratify it. If Congress approves an amendment, 38 states must then approve it before it can be added to the Constitution.

CASCADIA VEXILLOLOGISTS

Submitted by Harry Oswald

There was a meeting of the Cascadia Vexillological Group, April 8, 1995, in Seattle, WA. We met at the turn of the century house of David and Marsha McCloskey on Queen Anne Hill. It is a mile or so North of the Space Needle.

There were six NAVA members present: David McCloskey, David Blomstrom and Gary Cislaghgey of Seattle and Donald Klett, John Hood and Harry Oswald of Portland, Oregon. There were no Canadians present. The Portland members drove 180 miles to get to the meeting. It might be expecting too much for people to travel so far for a six hour meeting. We did decide to tell Doreen that she would be responsible for the next meeting because no Canadians showed up. The McCloskeys served a delicious spaghetti dinner.

David McCloskey talked about his Cascadia flag and his effort to get some made at a reasonable cost. He also asked for ideas for a Cascadia pennant. David Blomstrom showed off some of his designs for various State flags. Gary showed off some of his beautiful embroidered flags made with $100.00/yard material: U.S. Vice-president, State of Washington and an Austro-Hungarian Regent's Flag. John presented us with the latest copy of his "Occasions To Fly Flags" in both chronological and alphabetical by country. He also displayed a Vancouver Island flag and a City of Vancouver Flag that he purchased in Canada. He made the shop cut off the toggle and rope and install grommets. John flies three to five flags on the front of his house every day and all his flags are fastened with grommets. Harry displayed the Polish Earth Flag Designs book and Triad Societies in Hong Kong. The book has seven colored pages of tong flags. Harry also displayed three flags of bygone railroads: New York Central, Pennsylvania and Great Northern. The designs weren't official, but showed the railroads logo with some livery colors. The Triad book and the railroad flags were ordered to display at NAVA 28, but they did not show up in time. Harry also showed his latest find of a hand colored copy of a 1933 drawing of the Imperial Japanese Navy Signal Flags. He now has all the colors correct except for the AAOA or Emergency 45° Right Turn Flag. The flag name is written "blue (AO) blue" but is colored green (?).

SWISS VEXILLOLOGICAL SO CIETY

Submitted by Emil Dreyer, a longtime NAVA member

Our vexillological society was founded in 1967 as you know, and is an independent, non-profit, cultural association of individuals and public institutions (libraries and historic museums) devoted to the study and preservation of flags from all over the world, though Swiss vexillology gets a preferential treatment.

The understanding of history and symbolism of flags helps to understand and respect each other's culture - we see vexillology as an important contribution to culture and science of mankind, hence to peace through respect between nations.

We publish a yearbook and we have a scientific library freely accessible to members and non-member persons and institutions interested in vexillological and heraldic research. Both the yearbook and the library are intended to spread knowledge on flags and to preserve this knowledge and material for future generations.
VEXI-BITS

edited by Don Healy (523 Centre St., Trenton, N. J. 08611)

Village Voice - Oct 11, 1994 - self-styled "Acting Adjutant General of the Unorganized Militia of the U.S.A.", Linda Thompson appears posing with a submachine gun in front of the Canadian flag. That flag, is the revolutionary era yellow flag bearing the coiled rattlesnake and the legend "Don't Tread On Me". (This flag seems to be the favored flag of the various right wing fringe "militia" according to several reports). (submitted by Peter Edwards)

David Ott also reports that a pro-gun rally in Austin, Texas included the burning of a United Nations flag

Globe & Mail - Toronto, Feb. 8, 1995 - Recently released archival material from 1964 revealed that the move toward the adoption of the Maple Leaf Flag was the major concern of the government of then Prime Minister Lester Pearson. Believing that the abandonment of the old Red Ensign would lead to the political division of Canada, the topic dwarfed such other concerns as the runaway costs of the then upcoming Expo '67 in Montreal, the dispatch of Canadian peace keeping forces to Cyprus and the soon to be unveiled "Canada Pension Plan". (submitted by Peter Edwards)

The Toronto Sun - March 31, 1995 - Over 100 fishing trawlers from Cornwall in southeastern Britain have begun flying the Canadian Maple Leaf in solidarity with Canada which has seized a Spanish trawler accused of overfishing in banks off of the east coast of Canada. (submitted by Peter Edwards)

The Toronto Sun - March 31, 1995 - Toronto Councillor David Hutchinson, The Toronto Sun newspaper, and CKX6-FM radio in Toronto have all joined the growing numbers of politicians and institutions in the effort to supply the British fishing industry with Maple Leaf flags to fly. The British are flying the flags to support Canada in its dispute with Spain over fishing rights and fishing limits. (submitted by Peter Edwards)

Toronto Star - April 1, 1995 - Except for members of the Bloc Quebecois, all members of the Canadian Parliament have begun to send their personal Maple Leaf flags to Britain at the urging of BC Liberal MP Herb Dhaliwal. The Canadian Embassy in London has issued documents to the fleet of Canadian flags from British fishermen. The British are flying the Maple Leaf to show support for Canadian crackingdown on overfishing of the turbot schools in the waters off of Canada. On the initial day of Mr. Dhaliwal's request, over 100 Canadian flags were donated. Although no member of Bloc Quebecois responded to the appeal, the separatist party does support the Canadian government's stand against Spanish overfishing. (submitted by Peter Edwards)

The Saturday Sun - Toronto, April 8, 1995 - to thank the Cornish fisherman who flying the Canadian Maple Leaf from their vessels in support of Canada's seizing of a Spanish trawler for overfishing off the coast of Newfoundland, the City of Toronto flew the Cornish flag from a pole in Nathan Phillips Square, Nathan Phillips Square is the site of the Toronto City Hall building. (submitted by Peter Edwards) The Toronto Sun - March 31, 1995 - Irish fishermen have joined the campaign to fly the Canadian Maple Leaf from their vessels in support of Canada's crackdown on overfishing by Spanish trawlers. (submitted by Peter Edwards)

New York Times - April 1, 1995 - South African fishermen have added their voice to those supporting Canada against Spain in the "Turbot War". While the European Union has sided with Spain; Britain, Ireland and now South African fisherman have added their voice to Canada and voiced similar complaints of overfishing by Spanish trawlers in waters near their homelands.

Beaumont Enterprise - Beaumont, TX, Jan. 7, 1995 - the police force of Nagadoches, Texas has dropped the Confederate Battle flag from their department logo replacing it with the first national flag of the Confederacy. (submitted by David Ott) Houston Post - Jan 14, 1995 - All new members of Congress receive a United States flag and a copy of their state flag to decorate their offices. Newly elected Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-14) was confused when she saw next to the United States flag, a dark blue banner with a crooked coat-of-arms and the motto "E Pluribus Unum". That was definitely not the "Lone Star" flag of Texas! No one in her office could recognize the flag of the State of New York, and three days later it had disappeared, having been replaced with her more familiar Texas flag. (submitted by David Ott)

The Times - Trenton, NJ - Jan 19, 1995 - To honor Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Pride Month this coming June, Mayor Douglas Palmer has ordered that the "Gay Pride rainbow flag" fly from City Hall all month. This is the first time the rainbow flag will be so honored by any municipality in New Jersey. It is a Trenton tradition that all groups requesting their flag fly in conjunction with a celebration be so honored. Other flags that are seen during the course of the year that include the Polish, Italian, Irish, Puerto Rican, International Red Cross, and the United Nations. The request for the rainbow flag to fly was received from the newly formed Trenton Gay and Lesbian Civic Association and met with no opposition from City government.

Houston Post - Jan 26, 1995 - Four African-American teenagers from Guthrie, KY were arrested in Springfield, TN for the shooting death of truck driver Michael David Westerman. The police speculate that the motive for the shooting was the presence of a Confederate Battle flag flying from Mr. Westerman's pickup truck. The small town of Guthrie has been the site of recent racial tension. (submitted by David Ott)

Globe & Mail - Toronto - April 15, 1995 - As part of anarchist demonstrations in Athens protesting the stabbing of two of their members, Greek students tore up a Greek national flag. (submitted by Peter Edwards)

The Saint Lazarus Gazette, Vol.1 No.1 - March, 1995 - This newsletter of the Canada Grand Priory of the Military and Hospitaliers Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem reports that Mr. Graham L. Anderson has designed a flag for the order. He describes it as white bearing a green Maltese cross and, in the canton, a red Canadian Maple Leaf. (submitted by Peter Edwards)

David Ott reports that the northeastern portion of Ellesmere Island, part of the Canadian Northwest Territories has been declared a separate land (by whom he does not say) and calls itself the "British Arctic Territory". This pseudo-state supposedly has an area of some 600 square miles and a summer population of 123. Population zero in winter. Although he says it has a suite of four flags, he does not describe any of them.

The above picture shows fisherman Mike Williams raising the Canadian national flag over his boat, the Wendy Puffrely in support of Canada's crackdown on Spanish trawlers overfishing the waters off the Atlantic Provinces. (submitted by P Edwards)

Around the Publications

edited by Don Healy

SAVA Journal - #3/94 - Is devoted to the "Union Jack over Southern and Central Africa" by Frederick G. Brownell, an excellent history of British vexillological influence from present day Malawi and Zambia down through the Cape of

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GoodHope. The 136 pages are extensively illustrated with beautiful line drawings including some never seen before. One such flag is the first recorded flag of the Diggers’ Republic. It was white with the Union Jack stretching across the center of the upper portion of the flag while below it, in large black letters was the phrase “Free Republic”. The two words were separated by a white diamond heavily outlined in black.

SAVA Newsletter - 11/94 - reports on the new flags of the Armed Forces of the Republic of South Africa. Encapsulated, the old flags have dumped the orange-white-blue from the canton and replaced it with the new national flag in all previous designs. It also reports that the province of Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging has replaced that unwieldy name as of December, 1994 with Gauteng. The new name is a Northern Sotho word meaning “place of gold”.

Flaggen, Wappen und Siegel - #25 - begins the report on Estonian provincial arms and flags and includes the new flag of the Argentinian state of Misiones which was adopted in 1991. It is a tricolor of red over blue over white.

Flaggen, Wappen und Siegel - #26 - includes the flag and arms of SMOMS, The Sovereign Military Order of Malta, a state in the world - a couple of small buildings in Rome. Unlike other pseudo-states, SMOMS has a history of almost a millennium and some justification for its existence. The flag of SMOMS is red and bears a white St. George’s cross over all (the reverse of England). It also includes the new arms of Palestine which are modeled after Jordan and Egypt, but use the Palestinian flag on the eagle’s shield.

Flaggen, Wappen und Siegel - #27 - is almost exclusively devoted to the arms and flags of Estonia’s provinces. They are all re-born from the ones adopted in the late 1920’s.

Vexilla Nostra - #197 - reports on new flags within the Netherlands for Landen and St. Anthonia; the arms of Roman Catholic Archbishop of Amsterdam, the Monseigneur Thomas A. Van Beck; and still more flags and arms coming out of Russia. Included among the last is the new flag of Karachoo-Cherkessia, a tricolor of red blue white.

FlagCan - #37 - Spring 1995 - Pays tribute to the 30th anniversary of one of the world’s handsomest flags - the Canadian Maple Leaf, reports on municipal flags from southeastern British Columbia, the five newest states of Brazil (see attached figures) - Amapa, Mato Grosso do Sul, Rondonia, Roraima and Tocantins. It also includes excerpts from the flag laws of Lithuania SSR, the Polish People’s Rep., Slovakia and Micronesia.

Vexilla Nostra - #196 - features a discussion of the flags of Rostock, along the coast of Germany, from the 1600s to the present day. It also reports on the flags of several Dutch municipalities. It ends this issue with the arms of Leo Dobbelrat, Apostolic Vicar of Nekemte.

Flag Bulletin - #161 - Nov/Dec 1994 - introduces the new flag of the Comoros and features the arms and flag of Augsburg, Germany.

Flag Bulletin - #162 - Jan/Feb 1995 - features the arms and flags of the Landkreise of Germany (similar to our counties in the United States and Canada) and has an article on the Flags and Signals of the Texan navy by NAVA member John Games.
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GOLDEN GATE VEXILLOGICAL ASSOC. CELEBRATES FIFTH BIRTHDAY
Submitted by Rich Kenny

On March 12, at the home of Martin A. Francis, GAVA celebrated the culmination of five years as a casual but most successful flag information sharing organization. In a most Vexillologically appointed shop/club room behind Martin's home a few stalwart members met to start GAVA's sixth year. Those present were Ron Hesson, Phil Allen, Bill Trinkle, Rich Kenny, and host Martin A. Francis.

Affter presentations by each individual, Rich Kenny relayed information gathered in Sacramento relating to the NAVA meeting in 1996. Jim and Rich have travelled to Sacramento and met with representatives from the Convention and Tourist Bureau as well as Hotel representatives. We have a good idea of the hotel we want but have not signed a contract yet.

The next meeting will be June 11, 1995, at The Flag Store, 520 Broadway, Sonoma, CA. The annual program commemorating the raising of the Bear Flag will begin about 10:30 AM in the town square park. We will gather at The Flag Store and migrate to the park. GAVA will begin its meeting at noon, Jim Ferrigan host.

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GUSTAVO TRACCHIA NAMED COMMISSIONER-GENERAL OF C.I.D.E.C. TO THE U.S.A.

The Executive board of the Centro Interdiscipinario De Estudios Culturales of Argentina takes pleasure in announcing that it has appointed Gustavo Tracchia to exercise full powers as Commissioner-General of C.I.D.E.C. to the U.S.A. The Executive Board requests that all American Institutions dedicated to Vexillology, heraldry, protocol, and cultural studies consider Mr. Tracchia as its permanent representative, render him the necessary assistance, and consider him as acting in accordance with instructions.

The Executive Board of the C.I.D.E.C. of Argentina also announced the awarding of the MEDAL of Cultural Merit "Ottfried Neubecker" to:

Dr. Whitney Smith
Dr. Emil Dreyer
Mr. Gustavo Tracchia.

This information was forwarded to NAVA News via Issue No. 1 of the Anglo American Journal, the English version of the publication of the C.I.D.E.C., dated March 1995. The Honorary Commission of this publication includes NAVA Active Members Dr. Whitney Smith, Dr. Scot M. Guenter, and Mr. Gustavo, and Associate-foreign members Dr. Emil Dreyer, and Mr. Michael R. Lupant. Appointed to the Correspondent Commission of this journal was NAVA Active member William J. Trinkle.

We offer our congratulations to these members for their awards and for their appointments.

EDITOR’S NOTES

Many thanks to Carita Culmer for preparing pages two and three of this issue "Camera Ready". This will save NAVA additional money. Once again Don Healy has prepared his copy for Vexi-Bits "Camera Ready". This Issue they are pages five and six, that is the way I received them. It has helped me allot to have these two people cooperate to produce this July/August NAVA News, which is being delivered to the Printer on June 1.

Several of the NAVA members are making their preparations to leave for Warsaw, Poland, to attend the International Congress of Vexillology. Those who have let us know that they are attending are Whitney Smith, Don Healy official NAVA representative, Harry Oswald, Lee and Barbara Herold, Bruce Druckenmiller, Charles "Kin" Spain, and your Editor. We will have each one of these members write something of their impression of the meeting so that you will have a comprehensive report in the September/October NAVA News.

Send all material for the next Issue to the West Virginia address by August 1.

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