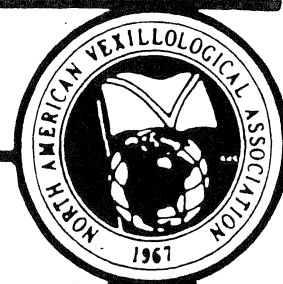


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### NOTES ON THE OTTAWA, ONTARIO FLAG

By James Croft

In "A Note From the President - Scot Guenter," *NAVA News*, March/April 1992, (vol. XXV, no. 2), he deals with vexillology and feminism and "welcomes research and commentary in these areas." *NAVA* readers may be interested in one item from Ottawa, Ontario on this subject.

The present city flag consists of three equal vertical stripes of purple-red-blue with the complete civic coat of arms (heraldic achievement), centered on the red stripe. Originally, for about a hundred years, Ottawa had a very cluttered unheraldic "coat of arms" with a quartered shield depicting industry, Rideau Canal, the Chaudiere Falls and agriculture. The arms had two supporters: a blacksmith for labour and a woman representing justice. In 1954, Ottawa's centennial year, the coat of arms was redesigned and these two supporters were replaced by a lumberjack in 1850's attire and an officer of the 1860's Civil Service Regiment. Apparently the former supporters did not have historical significance, as the Ottawa city archivist, Louise Roy, stated "we don't know for sure, but I think Lady Justice was not representative of Ottawa."

Mark Maloney, a Queensboro counsellor, made a proposal to restore a female figure as one of the supporters to the coat of arms in the council's policy committee of August 29, 1991. The reason for this change was to give women "equal billing." The counsellor believed this was the time to make the change, as the city was about to commission artwork for the new city hall which was to open in late 1992. Of course a change in the supporters on the coat of arms would also affect the civic flag bearing this emblem. Wellington counsellor, Diane Holmes, also like the idea of restoring a woman and preferred "the look of the original crest."

The idea did bring in responses to the editorial page of *The Ottawa Citizen*, the newspaper which originally ran the article about the proposed change. Mr. Terry Manuel, Past President of the Heraldry Society of Canada, stated a coat of arms shouldn't be changed on a whim, especially an unnecessary change to "Ottawa's lawful coat of arms granted by letters patent of the crown and confirmed and registered to Canada by the Canadian Heraldic Authority." Mr. Philip Chaplin of Ottawa in his letter describes how the original "coat of arms" was a mess and, if anything should be modified, it should be the removal of some of the symbols on the chief of the shield, (the chief being the upper section of the shield for those who are not familiar with heraldic terminology).

The idea has not passed to date and seems unlikely to do so. As anyone who has attempted to change a long standing symbol can attest, it can be a most difficult undertaking and usually the proposal is rejected. The whole incident does shed some light on Scot's question of masculine/feminine values or prejudices.

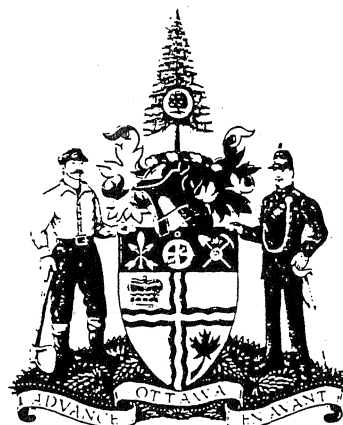
Mention should also be made how his Excellency, the Governor General, presented the Letters Patent granting arms and a flag to the city of Regina, Saskatchewan on September 14th, 1992. Regina's old coat of arms was embellished with new supporters, although this had no bearing on the civic flag which is of a different design. The "dexter" supporter is a male officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in the uniform of 1882, and the "sinister" supporter is a woman in the present-day RCMP uniform. The supporters together honor the men and women who have helped build and sustain the city and represent Regina as the site of the RCMP Academy.

I personally do not want to question the reason for adding a female supporter in this instance, though I commend the heralds at the Canadian Heraldic Authority in demonstrating equality. One does wonder though if two male supporters would have been chosen instead if the arms had been redesigned 20-40 years ago. This in a time when there wasn't a feminist movement to enlighten the public of the need for the equality of women.

Old Ottawa Coat of Arms



Present Ottawa Coat of Arms



Arms of Regina



\*Special thanks to Mr. David Scholes of the Heraldic Society of Canada for information on the proposal to modify Ottawa's coat of arms.

\*\*For more information on Regina's new symbols please see *FLAGSCAN*, volume 7, no. 4, issue 28, Christmas 1992.

## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT . . . SCOT GUENTER

When I was a child growing up in the Allegheny Mountains, folks always speculated whether March would come in as a lion or a lamb. This meant that if the month began with stormy weather it could prove ominous for the season ahead, while if it began with mild, pleasant weather the portents were favorable. I hope for all your personal and professional lives March comes in like a lamb. It is a season of renewal, of rebirth, and for vexillologists scanning the maps of Europe and assessing the ongoing resurgence of nationalism and celebrations of formerly subjugated ethnic identities, there is an array of flags to observe, not only as they are depicted in CNN shots over war-torn areas, but more specifically in how the populations are reembracing these symbols, many of them pre-WW I and actively using them to reinforce perceptions of identity. Reports of flag events and activities involving these symbols are welcomed by your *NAVA News* editor.

It seems to me that a season of rebirth is a good time to remind ourselves that organizations and associations based on participatory democracy are only as good as their members make them, and this goes for governments based on the vote (local, state/provincial, national) and groups such as NAVA. As we take up the task of spring cleaning on a personal level, as Canada continues the process of determining the dynamics and relationships of its provincial and federal entities (and deciding the issue of national flag desecration laws: see excellent reporting on Parliament's study of Bill C-227 in *FLAGSCAN's* Christmas 1992 issue), as the United States cleans up after President Clinton's inaugural (how about some reporting on flag use and activities at this quadrennial phenomenon from some of our Chesapeake Bay members lucky enough to participate?) and the administration begins the difficult task of trying to fulfill some of the promises made during the campaigning, it might also be appropriate for us to recall what Editor Grace Cooper so succinctly yet aptly said in a response to a letter in the last *NAVA News*: "*NAVA News* depends on each member to act as a reporter and share his/her flag information with the NAVA members to keep us all informed. We are volunteers and we need all the help we can get."

Editor Cooper is quite right. I urge all of you: when you see an interesting flag event occurring; when you sight a new flag or a new use of an old flag; when you come across a new source of information, share your knowledge with us. Perhaps in your spring cleaning this year you will come across vexillological materials or paraphernalia worth telling about. But let's try some metaphysical spring cleaning as well: let's each resolve to send in at least one piece for the *NAVA News* in the coming year. Perhaps it will be info for Don Healy's "Vexi-Bits," perhaps it will be an opinion piece on city government flag design, perhaps it will be historical research on some flag history in your home town, perhaps it will be a line drawing or a book review. Wouldn't it be nice to overwhelm our editor with choices? I challenge you to resolve to make this much of a contribution to your organization in the year ahead, so that by the time March 1994 rolls around, NAVA will be roaring like a lion in its ongoing contributions to vexillology.

## ONTARIO FIRM RUNS UP FLAGS QUICKLY, EH!

The Canadian Press

TORONTO — The fast action of a Canadian company headed off a flag flap at Wednesday's inauguration of U.S. President Bill Clinton.

Flagmaker Canadiana Banners and Flags of nearby Mississauga gave the U.S. Peace Corps the flags of four counties the Americans couldn't get made in the United States.

Finding the flags of Anguilla, Cook Islands, Montserrat and the Turks and Caicos Islands on short notice was no picnic, said a member of the committee organizing the Peace Corps' participation.

Unable to get help from any U.S. flag manufacturers, the head of an industry association recommended he turn to Canadiana.

Canadiana president Christopher Milton said he gave the flags to the American group as a gift, even though they cost over \$1,000.

But, he says, the freebie from the 49-year-old company is part cross-border friendship and part public relations.

From the *Times-Colonist*, Thursday, January 21, 1993  
Submitted by Michael F.H. Halleran

## ARE YOU WILLING TO GIVE YOUR TIME TO NAVA

How much time do you have to give to NAVA? The Nominating Committee would like to know in which areas you would like to serve. There are five elective offices: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary. All other offices and appointments are made by the President and approved by the Executive Board. At the annual membership meeting a Nominating Committee of three members is elected. This Committee is charged with determining which members are willing to serve in the various positions of the association. They make recommendation of a slate of officers. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

As listed on the last page of *NAVA News*, the Nominating Committee for this year includes Michael F.H. Halleran, Chairman, (Anian - 1228 McKenzie Street, Victoria, BC, Canada V8V 2W5); and serving with him are Whitney Smith and John Purcell. Please write to Chairman Halleran if you would like to be considered to serve either as an elected or an appointed officer or member.

In the *NAVA Handbook*, reprinted in 1989, and distributed to each member as they join, on pages 7 and 8 of the BYLAWS are listed the Duties of the Officers. Be sure to read these and understand what will be expected of you in each position. If you have any questions, ask the person currently serving in the position or one of the members that served in that position in the past, the names of which are listed on page 11 in your Handbook. You will be expected to attend the Annual Meeting . . . but that's the fun part.

## Book Review: ASAFO! AFRICAN FLAGS OF THE FANTE

Say what??? What's an Asafo? What's a Fante? Basically, the Fante are an ethnic group in Ghana, and the Asafo are their militia. This book is about the flags of the Ghanaian Fante militia.

The introduction to the book seems a little disjointed, and some thought is required to decipher the authors' meaning in many places, but by the time the actual text begins they have apparently learned something more about English grammar. The illustrations are superb! Although the flags, as the authors rightly point out, look childish or primitive to the Western eye, the meaning behind them is clear and they serve their purpose well.

Asafo companies are formed in the various Fante towns and villages, sometimes more than one company per town. While the Asafo may be called upon to assist the government in any of various crises, they frequently pitted themselves against one another, at least historically.

The rivalry between Asafo companies still exists and is reflected in their company flags, which depict scenes intended to recall proverbs, through which a company boasts of their strength, ridicules other companies, or otherwise gives warning to their rivals.

The messages within the flags include such examples as:

— A scene showing a child picking peppers from a tree. The proverb is "If a child wants to pick ripe pepper, let him do it. When it gets in his eyes, he will stop by himself." The message might be, "If you are foolish enough to mess with us, we will get even eventually."

— A woman with a weapon standing near a man doing nothing. The proverb, "If our women are prepared for war, what will our men do?" warns that "if our women are this tough, think how nasty our men must be."

— A bird biting the head off a snake recalls the proverb, "Without the head, the snake is nothing but a rope" meaning that "you may think you are tough, but we can cut you down to size."

All in all, this book is a must have for vexillologists and vexillographers. With over two hundred color illustrations, not only does it offer a rare insight into the flags of a relatively obscure community, it also amply demonstrates how flags are intended to be a non-verbal form of communication. However, because the authors treat the flags as tribal art, be prepared to look in the book store's art section to find it.

*Asafo! African Flags of the Fante*, by Peter Adler and Nicholas Barnard, (c) 1992 Thames and Hudson, London and New York, paperback, 96 pages, ISBN 0-500-27684-6, \$19.95.

Submitted by David Pawson

## MORE ABOUT BOOKS

Scot requests in his column on page 2 of *NAVA News*, May/June 1992, (volume XXV, no. 3), that readers submit information on books dealing with flags and seals of a particular state or province. Here are three books which NAVA members might be interested in obtaining.

The first book is *Symbols of Montana* by Rex C. Meyers and Norma B. Ashby. This 32 page book sells for \$3.50 from the Montana Historical Society Museum Store, 225 N. Roberts St., Helena, MT 59620 (toll free 1-800-243-9900 or FAX 406-444-2696). This booklet gives a quick thumbnail sketch of each of the state's symbols: flag, seal, animal, fish, etc. . . . By no means does the author deal in depth with all the history of the state flag. For example, the two legislative proposals to adopt a new state flag in the early 1970's aren't even mentioned! However, to be fair to the authors, the booklet doesn't appear to be designed as an in depth study but rather as a booklet for widespread distribution to disseminate knowledge on the state's symbols, especially to students. The booklet is illustrated in color and for the price anyone interested in state symbols should include it in their library.

Two other books: *Flags of Tennessee*, by Devereaux D. Cannon, Jr., 96 pp, 49 color illustrations, (\$14.95), and *Flags of Texas* by Charles E. Gilbert, Jr., 96 pp, 33 color illustrations, (\$15.95), deal with flags of these respective states and even include civic flags! These books are available from THE FLAG GUYS at 283 Windsor Highway, New Windsor, NY 12553 (call: 1-800-232-FLAG or FAX 1-800-832-9123). The prices above include shipping and handling. These books may be available from other flag dealers. Do any other NAVA members know of other books on state or provincial flags?

Submitted by James Croft

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*Stars & Stripes Forever, The History of Our Flag* has an attractive red, white and blue cover. I found this book, edited by John Winthrop Adams, (recently \$7.98 in this store) and it seems like a good recommendation as a gift or addition to a library.

Identification given: copyright 1992 Brompton Books Corp., published by Smithmark Publishers, Inc., 112 Madison Avenue, NY, NY 10016. The books are available for bulk purchase (212) 532-6600. It was produced by

Brompton, 15 Sherwood Place, Greenwich, CT 06830, printed in Hong Kong, ID ISBN 0-8317-6658-1.

It has 80 pages, color pictures on almost every page.

A wealth of information is contained on flag heritage, creation of our flag, the evolution, the proper use and display and literature about the flag. It shows flags of each state also.

Submitted by Elizabeth Hardy

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### BOOK IN REPRINT

*DAS GROBE FLAGGENBUCH*, The Great Flag Book, originally published by the Supreme Command of the German Navy in 1939 with 50 additions from the year 1941, is available from Mauritius Buch Verlag GmbH, Georgenstrasse 2, Georgenplatz, D-9540, Zwickau, Sachsen, Germany at \$290 US. Postage and handling costs are extra. This is a limited edition.

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Deposited in the NAVA holdings, the following may be obtained from the NAVA Historian by paying copying charges which include postage, charge per page is \$.25.

*Flag of the United States*, an entry by Charles Adkin Spain, Jr., in the *ENCYCLOPAEDIA of the UNITED STATES CONGRESS*, 1993 Simon & Schuster. Five typed pages.

"Bibliography of Congressional Acts and Presidential Executive Orders and Proclamations Relating to the United States Flag" by Charles A. Spain, Jr. 1992. All rights reserved. Seven pages.

Mark Liss, NAVA Historian, c/o Heritage Flag Co., P.O. Box 31521, Houston, TX 77231.

## FICTIONAL FLAGS

By Gary S. Csillaghegyi

Continued From *NAVA News*, January/February 1993

Last, but not least, among fictional flags that hit the SCREEN should be mentioned the flag of the Duchy of Grand Fenwick from *The Mouse That Roared*, by Leonard Wibberley. In the original book, which I read as a serial in *The Saturday Evening Post*, lo, these many years ago, about 1953 or 4, where it was illustrated, the author describes it as a gold flag with a black double eagle holding a white scroll in each beak, on one was inscribed 'Yea' and on the other 'Nay', both words in black, reflecting the founding duke's political philosophy that parliamentary government was an ideal form, so long as the crown controlled the votes! The Peter Sellers' film, I am sorry to say, altered this into a version of the Standard of Franz Josef II of Austria-Hungary, with the Imperial accoutrements in the eagle's claws altered to a couple of bottles of Pinot Grand Fenwick.

In the area of the television serial, few, if any, regular series have been as rich in fictitious foreign countries and their flags as the Winkler/Rich production of the one man adventure/spy series, "MacGyver," which ran from September, 1985 til the end of April, 1992 on ABC, and is currently in rerun syndication on USA. The first to appear was in the episode titled "The Escape," first aired 2 April 1986. A green over white over red tris tripe with a red crescent in the white stripe was used for an unidentified country in North Africa. Since a slightly earlier episode was set in Budapest, with lots of red-white-green bunting around, I can guess the origin of the North African flag with ease!

The plain red-white-red merchant flag of Peru was used as the national flag of a mythical Central American Republic of San Perez in the episode titled "Bushmaster," first aired 23 March 1987, but most recently rerun 2 April 1992 on USA.

Another interesting one, appearing in an introductory teaser to an episode I missed, but reappearing in flashback in an episode entitled "Friends," first airing 6 April 1987, also representing some North African country formerly of the French empire, was as shown in Figure 6. The field is Turkish red and the green is a distinct grass green. A version inside in an office appeared to be bordered with silver fringe, and to have the central star and ring of metallic gold, and the ring of stars in yellow, but the outdoor flag had the entire badge in yellow.

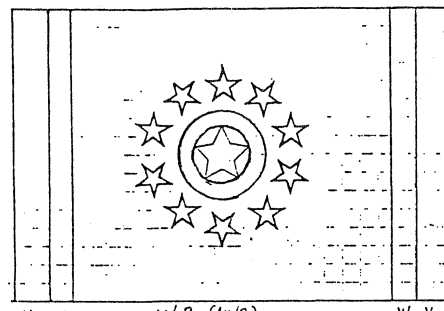


FIG. 6 - Unidentified North African Country

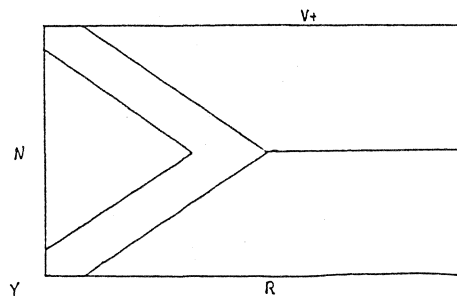


FIG. 7 - Ganubia

Then in an episode titled "Fire and Ice," first aired 26 October 1987, the mythical Muslim-African country of Ganubia is represented by a flag shown in Figure 7. Having seen it up close, I suspect the prop department simply modified a Jamaican flag. Especially since an office/parade version displayed draped on its lance in the consulate library appeared to me to be formed by tacking a Jamaican national flag as a canton onto an otherwise plain red flag.

(To be continued)

## VEXI-BITS

By Don Healy

*New York Times* (Jan. 2, 1993) - After a dispute between the Czech and Slovak parts of Czechoslovakia, the new nation, the Czech Republic continued use of the former flag of Czechoslovakia as its own. The nation of Slovakia uses a tricolor of white, blue and red bearing a shield. (Submitted by John Anastasio).

*Washington Post* (May 21, 1992) — Condom distributor Jay Critchley ran afoul of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for using a logo for his Old Glory Condom Corp that includes a red-white-and-blue pennant with stars and stripes, like an American flag. The proposed trademark was rejected by the examining attorney saying that "most members of the public" would be offended by a logo linking condoms and the "sacrosanct symbol of our country".

The lawyer for Old Glory said it was being "singled out" on the "basis of what is politically correct speech".

Until a decision is rendered, the condoms are being sold without trademark protection of the logo.

Global Essence, Vancouver, B.C. - This company is sponsoring the use of its "21st Century World Flag" which it claims is the "embodiment of the sentiment 'Life at Peace' in a clean Environment". It stands for "One Country Planet Earth and One People, The Human Race". The flag was introduced in Vancouver in 1990 at the annual Pacific National Exhibition; it features the continents in green on the blue waters of the earth all on a white field bordered in a narrow band of gold. (Submitted by Leonardo Da Vancouver)

*New York Times* (Jan. 18, 1993) - In memory of the 1893 overthrow of Queen Lili'uokalani, Hawaii's last monarch, United States flags were removed from all state buildings in Honolulu the five day (Jan. 12-17) commemoration which ended with a re-enactment of the takeover by U.S. marines of Iolani Palace. The events highlighted a growing sovereignty movement by those of Hawaiian ancestry seeking a status similar to the American Indians. A small number of native Hawaiians have begun an independence movement. (Submitted by John Anastasio)

*Encyclopedia of the United States Congress* - 1993 edition. The article dealing with the history of the flag of the United States was authored by NAVA's Recording Secretary Charles Spain. (Congrats Kin!) (Submitted by Charles Spain)

Texas State Legislature (Nov. 16, 1992) - a resolution authored by NAVA member Charles Spain and introduced by Rep. Leticia Van de Putte, wife of NAVA member Pete, was passed by the Texas legislature recognizing Dr. Charles B. Stewart as the designer of the Lone Star flag and state Senators William H. Wharton and Oliver Jones whose legislation authorized the Lone Star flag as official. The original bill was passed by the Texas congress on January 21, 1839 and approved by President Mirabeau B. Lamar of the Republic of Texas on January 25, 1839. (Congrats Kin and Leticia!) (Submitted by Charles Spain)

*Houston Post* (Nov. 3, 1992) - a "get out the vote" ad used a modified U.S. flag to stress the point low voter turnout. As pictured half the stars and half the stripes are missing from the flag. (Submitted by Charles Spain)

*Courier-News*, Bridgewater, NJ (Jan. 24, 1993) - Kliader Gheith, a recent Israeli immigrant to Somerville, NJ opened a small flag store, Flags Unltd., in the Bridgewater Commons Mall two years ago with a trunk load of flags from a relative in Canada. Business has been so good he has expanded inventory from an initial 20 countries to more than 200 as well as adding shops at the Woodbridge Center Mall, Willowbrook Mall and the Galleria in Philadelphia.

Mr. Gheith hopes to have 10 stores in his chain by 1995. (Submitted by Janet Christman)

*Austin American-Statesman* (Dec. 12, 1992) - Alabama's renovated Capitol reopened amid protests of Governor Guy Hunt's insistence on flying the Rebel flag (Confederate naval jack) atop the building's dome. Twenty-four black legislators will boycott the rededication because of Hunt's vow to fly the flag after the ceremony as soon as a steeplejack can be hired to safely hoist it atop the cupola.

(Dec. 13, 1992) - Police banned the Confederate battle flag (actually the naval jack) from the Capitol rededication. Officer's seized one flag from a man who said he was told it was illegal. People carrying small flags were told to leave because the sticks were dangerous.

(Dec. 14, 1992) - at least 6 chambers of commerce, the Alabama State Employees Association, the Montgomery Hotel-Motel Association, Mayor Emory Folmar and prominent state historians have joined the boycott of the rededication of the Alabama Capitol over the flying of the Rebel flag issue.

(Jan. 5, 1993) - A state judge agreed with four black legislators that an 1895 law prohibits Governor Hunt from hoisting the Confederate flag atop the Alabama Capitol. The governor is banned from ordering or allowing that any flag other than the U.S. and state flags fly over the Capitol.

Representative Alvin Holmes said "This is the greatest moment or event that has occurred since the passing of the 1965 Voting Rights Act". (Submitted by Charles Spain)

*Kansas City Star* (Sept. 12, 1992) - The Citadel, in Charleston, South Carolina will not ban the playing of "Dixie" or waving the Confederate flag at football games, but cadets must be careful not to use such symbols that offend African-Americans.

The school does not fly the Confederate flag and flags are banned in cadet's rooms but the public attending football games still bring it with them.

A study has recommended a new "fight song" to replace "Dixie" be found. (Submitted by Tom Carrier)

*The Washington Post* (Nov. 17, 1992) - the debate over the Georgia state flag, its use of the Confederate battle flag as part of its design and Georgia Governor Zell Miller's proposal to revert to the pre-1956 design continues.

Charles Lansford, a leader of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, echoes one view - "the flag symbolizes southern pride, honor and duty, courage in the face of adversity, states' rights and a little bit of ancestor worship."

Daniel Levitas, executive director of the Center for Democratic Renewal, expresses the opposite view - "The Confederacy is nothing to be venerated. [The flag] . . . is the moral equivalent of the swastika."

A recent survey showed 67% of the population like the current flag including 36% of Georgia's African-Americans. (Submitted by Tom Carrier)

*The Washington Post* (July 25, 1992) - Airplanes and uniforms of the Virginia Air National Guard were stripped of insignias bearing a Confederate battle flag by order of Governor L. Douglas Wilder. The order was effective immediately. (Submitted by Tom Carrier)

*New York Times* (Jan. 27, 1993) - From Virginia through Louisiana battles are raging over the symbols that once defined the South and now divide it.

According to Charles R. Wilson, director of Southern Studies programs at the University of Mississippi, "What we are seeing now is an attempt to desegregate our cultural symbols. I don't think we have come to grips with it."

While most whites say the Confederate battle flag is about regional pride and identity, many admit that its image has been debased due to its use by groups such as the Ku Klux Klan.

Some Southerners worry the result of these changes will be a neutered culture. (Submitted by John Anastasio)

## LONE STAR FLAG OF TEXAS

By Charles Adkin Spain, Jr.

In December 1992, the Texas Legislature passed concurrent resolution 9 to correct historical errors in 1989 concurrent resolution that was passed to honor the sesquicentennial of the Lone Star Flag. The resolution was sponsored by Representative Leticia Van de Putte (Democrat, San Antonio), the wife of NAVA member Pete Van de Putte, and written by NAVA member Charles "Kin" Spain.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution 9 of the 71st Legislature, Regular Session, recognized Dr. Charles B. Stewart as the designer of the Lone Star Flag; and

WHEREAS, That same concurrent resolution acknowledged Lorenzo de Zavala, William B. Scates, Thomas Barnett, Sterling C. Robertson, Thomas J. Gazley, and Richard Ellis as the members of the committee that approved the Lone Star Flag design; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent historical research has revealed that the actual designer of the Lone Star Flag is unknown; and

WHEREAS, That same research has revealed that the six listed committee members were appointed in March 1836 by the General Convention at Washington-on-the-Brazos to design a national flag for the newly independent Republic of Texas, but that the General Convention apparently never adopted a national flag; and

WHEREAS, Senator William H. Wharton, who had originated Texas' first national flag, known as David G. Burnet's Flag, introduced a bill in the Texas Senate on December 28, 1838, containing the design for the Lone Star Flag; and

WHEREAS, Senator Wharton's bill was referred to a committee consisting of Senator Oliver Jones and two other senators whose identities are unknown, and that committee reported a substitute bill containing Senator Wharton's design; the legislation was passed by the Congress of the Republic of Texas on January 21, 1839, and approved by President Mirabeau B. Lamar on January 25, 1839; and

WHEREAS, The design for the Lone Star Flag enacted in 1839 remains unchanged to this day; and

WHEREAS, The legislature desires to honor the Texans instrumental in adopting the Lone Star Flag and to correct the unintentional historical errors in House Concurrent Resolution 9 of the 71st Legislature, Regular Session; now, therefore, be it

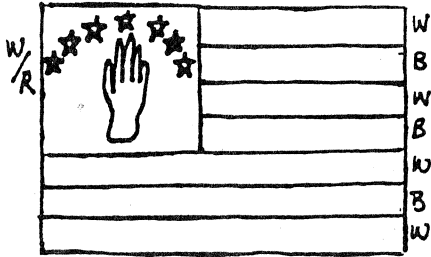
RESOLVED, That the 72nd Legislature of the State of Texas, Fourth Called Session, recognize Senator William H. Wharton and Senator Oliver Jones for their efforts in adopting this abiding symbol of our state's unity.

# VISUAL VEXI-BITS

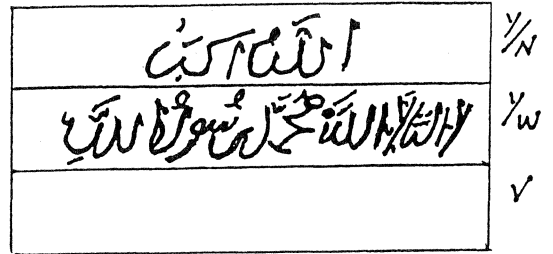
By Don Healy

Graphic views of many of the new flags adopted since 1986.

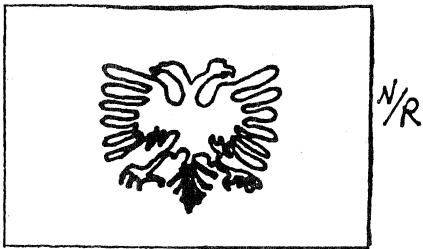
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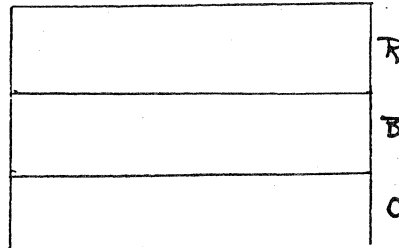
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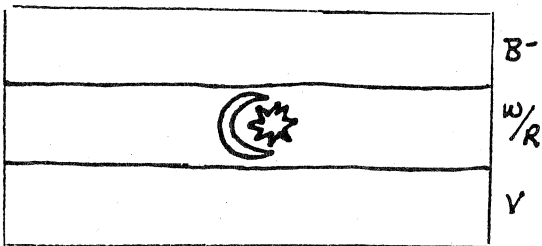
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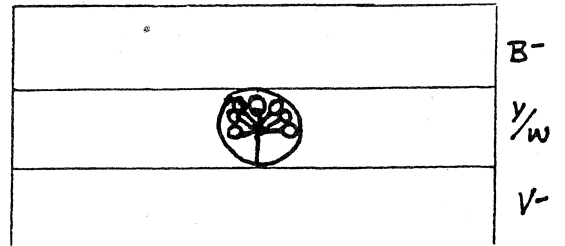
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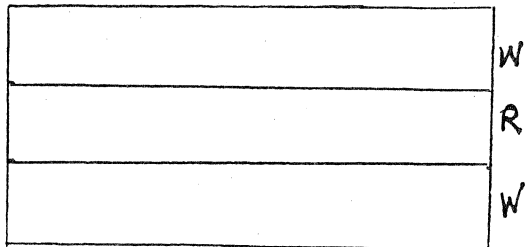
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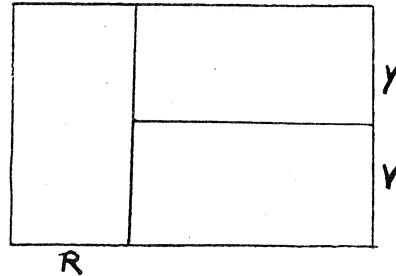
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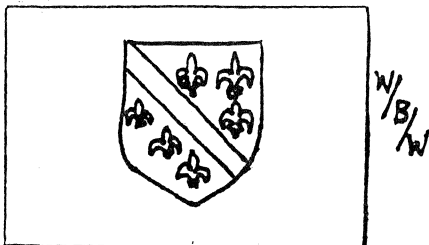
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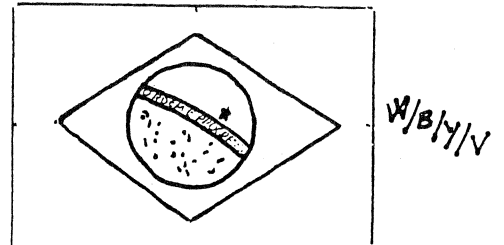


BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA



FLEUR-DE-LIS - YELLOW

BRAZIL



(ADDITIONAL STARS)

Many more flags will appear in subsequent issues of *NAVA News*.

# LETTERS . . .

Dear Grace,

In Reply To The Jan./Feb. President's Note

Firstly, may I say how very nice it was to meet you again in San Antonio, it is always nice to meet old flag friends, and I'll always remember, with a chuckle, your comment about the worlds' vexillologists coming out of the wine cellars of Barcelona, a lot "friendlier" than they went in!!! If you are going to Zurich this year, I very much look forward to seeing you again, as I also hope to attend.

I am really writing in reply to Scot's "presidential" address in the January/February *NAVA News*, (Vol. XXVI, No. 1, p.2). The "annus horribilis" of our Royal family has, without doubt, caused some of its roles and privileges to come under close scrutiny, however to get it into context, a recent opinion poll, still shows that about 80% of the population consider the monarchy essential to our country's existence. The "United Republic of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" is still a non-starter! However if such a "monster" were to be created, the introduction of a civil religion based around the flag rather than the sovereign, would have a very difficult time starting.

At the moment the focus of our national loyalty is to the crown, this shows itself in several ways, the oath of allegiance is to the Queen and her 'heirs and successors in perpetuity', not to the constitution. At an airport or inside a police station you will not find a flag, but a portrait of the Queen. Even the official days for flying the Union Jack are exclusively linked to birthdays and anniversaries associated with the Royal Family. The flag itself is not really even officially our national flag, theoretically, it is merely another royal badge, along with the Prince of Wales feathers, the royal cypher or the portcullis.

This is not to say that the Union Jack has not found its way into the hearts of the British People, it is undoubtedly recognised as the flag of the United Kingdom, and any attempt to change it would be political suicide. BUT likewise any attempt to 'sanctify' it is likely to bring about derision on those behind the scheme. To insult the Queen is politically and socially taboo in this country, but it's every Englishman's right to wear the flag on his underclothes (in fact a patriotic Englishman is often described as having Union Jack underpants!), on a bedspread, or printed onto a tea towel or doormat.

The Union Jack has also recently attracted some political associations. In many peoples' minds (especially those with leanings towards the left of centre), the flag has been tainted or even hijacked by the extreme right. Any attempt to promote the Union Jack, rather than the Queen as the uniting factor for the British People, is likely to firstly lead to resentment and secondly with the promoters being branded 'fascists'!

Coming to Scot's second point, comparing the role of the national flag in a monarchy, to that in a republic. I think this would prove a very interesting point of research.

As a starting point, I would mention the little I have read about Germany and Afghanistan. In Germany, despite the efforts by the governments of the Weimar Republic, the Republic's flag never went into the hearts of the people, and was constantly whittled away in an attempt to restore the old Imperial Colours. In Afghanistan, a flag code was introduced, based on the American system, but even though the flag itself might have been protected, the design obviously hasn't been, having changed on numerous occasions. With the country in an almost constant state of unrest, I would have thought the code is nothing but an interesting piece of paper in the National Archives! Would this maybe suggest that a people 'brought up on loyalty towards a person find it difficult to change to an abstract conception such as a flag to represent a constitution?

This might do as a starter, but there must be better comparisons to consider. Italy for example? Spain would be very interesting as well, having been a monarchy again, a republic again, a fascist state and finally a monarchy yet again and all within the last 150 years. Likewise a comparison between Norway and Finland might show something, both countries being social democracies, from the same geographical area; having become independent within a few years of each other and with flags of similar design, of about equal age; yet Finland being a republic and Norway a monarchy.

A final point of research might be a study of formal photographs of Heads of State. I cannot ever remember seeing a formal photograph of the Queen with a Union Jack in it, but I understand this is quite common in photographs of American Presidents. In these photographs it would be interesting to see how often the flag is included and if the impression was given that the leader was 'sanctifying' the flag or visa-versa.

This might also show whether the veneration of the flag is really a division just between monarchies and republics; or whether it really depends upon the political leanings of the government, or merely just the personality of the country's leader. For instance, how does the use of the flag veneration compare in a liberal democratic monarchy, like Sweden

compared to an authoritarian republic, like Ceausescu's Romania. I for one, would be very interested to hear peoples' thoughts, comments, suggestions, criticisms or conclusions, either through the pages of *NAVA News*, (with the editor's permission of course) or through personal correspondence to my home address.

One final thing I would like to congratulate everyone involved in *NAVA News* for doing such a wonderful job, and everyone who organized the *NAVA XXVI* for making such a memorable event, and giving us 'Brits' such a warm welcome!

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Dear Editor,

In Don Healy's article "Flags of U.S. Port Authorities (*NAVA News*, Jan./Feb. 1993) he states, with reference to port authority flags in the various editions of "Flags of the World", that this "one group of flags is given considerable attention", and he cites the Cinque Ports, Calcutta, and "even Nigerian Port authorities". In checking my seven editions of these references books I can find neither Calcutta nor Nigeria. In which edition(s) are they mentioned?

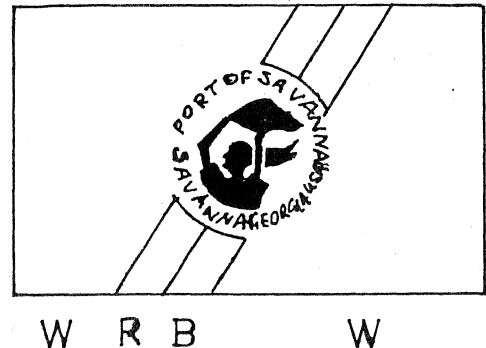
The Port of London Authority (PLA) is given the most coverage in my editions, mention being made to both their house flag and their defaced blue ensign. However, it is interesting to note that the description of the ensign's badge changes from a griffin and trident, in the 1933 edition, to a sea lion and trident in the 1953 edition (I do not have the 1939 edition). This badge is best illustrated in Campbell and Evans' *The Book of Flags* (3rd and subsequent editions). None of my editions of *Flags of the World* mention that the PLA's house flag is generally known as the "Board Flag", neither do they refer to the (now discontinued) Director General's burgee, the Chairman's pennant, the blue flag (worn in place of the house flag) inscribed "Port of Authority", a similar flag inscribed "Harbour Master", nor the Harbour master's personal pennant.

Kevin Harrington in his lecture, "New Developments in Port Flags - Australian and Canadian Examples" (FIAV XIII, Melbourne, 1989) noted the following Canadian examples: Montreal, Toronto, Quebec City, Vancouver, North Fraser, Saint John, and Thunder Bay. Kevin's publication *FLAGSCAN* illustrates the port flags of Saint John (Issue 17, Spring 1990) and of pre-1948 Calcutta (Issues 19 and 20, Fall-Winter).

My own files record only one additional port authority flag, that of Savannah, Georgia: a blue silhouette of Savannah's "Waving Woman" surrounded (above) by the circular inscription "Port of Savannah" and (below) by "Savannah, Georgia, U.S.A.", blue and red bars sinister, all on a white field. Proportions approximately 3:5.

As Don says: "These flags remain undocumented, *NAVA* members can correct this." I have tried.

Peter Edwards



## NEW ADDITION TO THE PAWSON COLLECTION

David, Chris and Jared announce a new addition to their family: Wesley Aaron Pawson, born 12:27 p.m., February 9, 1993, weight 7 lb. 8 oz. (3402 g.), length 21 1/4 in. (54 cm.).

All the Pawsons are doing just fine. We welcome one more flag waver to our vexillological family.



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Dear NAVA Editor:

The City of San Leandro, the San Leandro Unified School District, and the San Lorenzo Unified School District are planning a Flag Day Ceremony on Saturday, June 12, 1993, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. The program will be held at the San Leandro Community Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro, CA.

We are pleased to extend a cordial invitation to you. We would be honored to have you attend this program and help us observe this day and honor our Flag and our Country of which we are all so proud. We are honored to have Honorable Judge John T. Ball, Superior Court, State of California San Jose as speaker on June 12, 1993 Flag Day Ceremony program. He will talk on his Early American Flags in the San Jose Courtroom.

The public is invited to attend this program and help us observe the Flag Day Ceremony. Refreshments will be served. The Flags will be on display in the San Leandro Community Library.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Ms. Cooper,

I am in search of the following NAVA flags. If you should have any information as to how I might obtain these flags please let me know. Could you also list these in the Newsletter as in search of?

Any help you could provide, I appreciate.

IN SEARCH OF:  
NAVA XXIV Flag on Stick  
NAVA #19, 1985  
NAVA #22, 1988

Sincerely,  
James W. Ritchie  
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### ECOVEXILLOLOGY

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my application for membership in NAVA. I would also like to explain my special interest.

For several years I have been studying what I have come to call "ecosymbols" - animals, plants and minerals adopted as state symbols, and as symbols and emblems by other nations. This interest led into Nature as represented in vexillology. This includes animals and plants depicted on flags and arms as well as more subtle references; e.g., the color green being used to represent forests or vegetation. I call my specialty "ecovexillology."

I have been studying the flags and related emblems in an attempt to document the stories behind references to Nature. I attempt to identify animals and plants to species.

I have begun work on a book called *The Nature of Flags, Vol I: North America*, which documents state and provincial symbols that reference Nature. I have also outlined Vol. II, International vexillology symbols.

I have examined most of the primary sources of information relating to North American vexillological symbols and am now researching more obscure documents. Inevitably, I will probably have unanswered questions which I would like to refer to NAVA. However, I expect it will be at least a couple months before I get to that point, possibly much longer.

I welcome information on any proposed flags or related emblems that reference Nature.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Grace:

The following is a letter to the editor for *NAVA News*:

I respectfully disagree with a portion of the proposed minutes of the October 10, 1992, annual meeting in San Antonio, as printed in the November, December 1992 *NAVA News*. In making these comments I certainly do not mean to imply any criticism of last year's recording secretary.

In part 2, adoption of previous minutes, I suggest that the phrase "the Minutes of NAVA 25, as published and corrected in issues of *NAVA News* during 1992, be adopted" be replaced with "the minutes of NAVA 25, as published in the November/December 1991 *NAVA News*, and incorporating the suggested corrections discussed in Charles Spain's letter in the September/October 1992 *NAVA News*, be adopted."

In part 7, old business, I suggest that the phrase "tabled for discussion section by section" be replaced with "discussed section by section." I also suggest that the following sentences be replaced: "In Section 11, an oversight was revealed where the appointment of a protocol officer had been omitted from the proposed amendment. An amendment to the motion that section 11 be passed stated the President may appoint a protocol officer. This amendment passed." These sentences should be replaced with the following: "Some members noted that section 11 omitted the protocol officer and requested that this be corrected at the next annual meeting. Section 11 passed."

We did not vote on an amendment to the proposed bylaws amendments in section 11 of the resolution, but rather we approved section 11 as it was originally drafted and referred the suggestion regarding the protocol officer to the bylaws committee for further action at next year's annual meeting in Portland, Maine. As we discussed in San Antonio, the members present at the annual meeting do not have the power to amend further a proposed bylaws amendment because the bylaws require notice to the *entire* membership, not just notice to those members present at the annual meeting.

My sympathy for the recording secretary will no doubt triple when I am drafting the minutes for the Portland meeting!

Very truly yours,  
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## EDITOR'S NOTES . . .

Many thanks are in order this Issue. We are receiving good responses to our request for help. The following NAVA members have volunteered to make line drawings of flags for NAVA authors who are not able to make their own.

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JUAN JOSE MORALES, 3205 Bee Ridge Rd., #40,  
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1992, p. 6. New address.

Thanks, too, to Don Healy who has originated a "Graphic" Vexi-Bits to help NAVA members keep abreast of the new or changed flags that have happened in the past seven years. We will publish these as quickly as we can in the space that we have.

We also thank members who are responding to President Scot Guenter's encouraging plea to submit your research and your commentary. When a backlog occurs, I try to balance the subject content to the variety of interests of our members. I also try to give each author some exposure over the year. Long articles are especially difficult to work into a "newsletter" type of publication such as this.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

FIAV meets in Zurich, Switzerland, Aug. 23-27, 1993. (See *NAVA News*, Jan./Feb. 93).

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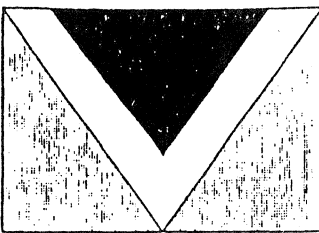
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