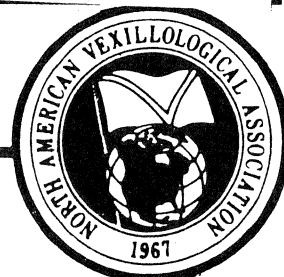


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GRACE ROGERS COOPER ELECTED PRESIDENT AT NAVA 17

NAVA's first woman President is no stranger to the field of vexillology. Her professional training and academic background validates the unanimous vote which she received to serve as our organization's chief officer.

She received her B.S. degree at the University of Maryland in 1946 with a major in textiles. She then went on to do postgraduate work in history and writing.

From 1961 until 1976, she was Curator of Textiles at the National Museum of History and Technology for the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. Prior to that time, she was the Associate Curator of the same department from 1947 until 1961.

Grace has served on the Board of Advisors of the Tumbling Waters Museum of Flags, was Appraiser for the American Society of Appraisers, Consultant for the State of Maryland Hall of Records, and Department Editor and Advisor for the Encyclopedia Britannica.

She is listed in Who's Who in America; Who's Who of American Women; The World's Who's Who of Women; the Dictionary of International Biography; Who's Who Among Authors and Journalists; Contemporary Authors; The International Authors and Writers Who's Who; and Who's Who in West Virginia, 1983-84 edition.

A longtime member of the American Association of Museums, Grace also served as Treasurer of NAVA from 1980-1983.

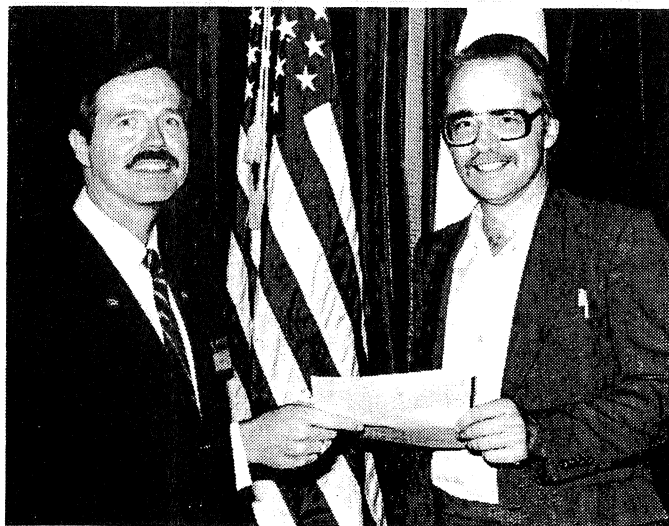
Grace and her husband, Sanford, can be found enjoying their Florida home (509 68th Street, Holmes Beach, Florida 33510 - Telephone 813-778-3529) from November through April. After that, they can be found imbibing in the balmy mountain air of their home in West Virginia from April through November (Route 9 West, Great Cacapon, West Virginia 25422, Telephone 304-947-7622).

NAVA is indeed blessed to have a person of the calibre of Grace Rogers Cooper at its vexillological helm!



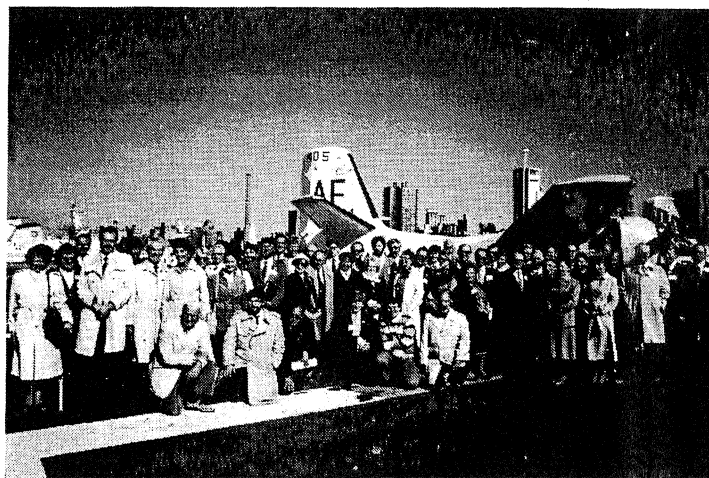
Grace Rogers Cooper

WHITNEY SMITH RECIPIENT OF DRIVER AWARD



Dr. Whitney Smith, Director of the Flag Research Center in Winchester, Mass., and President of NAVA from 1967 until 1976 was the recipient of the annual Driver Award at NAVA 17 in New York City for his presentation on the theme of vexillology and patriotism.

Pictured above is Dr. John Purcell congratulating this year's award winner.



A few of the members and friends who attended the luncheon and tour of the U.S.S. Intrepid in New York City as part of NAVA 17's program. Can you recognize any familiar faces?



Enjoying the banquet at New York City's plush St. Moritz Hotel are from left to right, Jane E. Burkett, Joyce Meridew Szala, John R.B. Szala, Mary Knights, and Lynn Knights.

And a good time was had by all!



Mr. A. Zach Hirsch, Jr. captivates his audience with a history of Boy Scout flags. Assisting him was NAVA's Recording Secretary, Kenneth R. Huff.

Notes from Grace Rogers Cooper NAVA President

We missed you in New York. The fifty-plus NAVA members that attended NAVA 17 wished that the one hundred and fifty-plus who didn't could have. The weather was perfect, the view from the thirty-first floor of the St. Moritz was breath-taking, and the presentations informative and thought provoking. The decision of the Executive Board for the best presentation, the Driver Award, went to Dr. Whitney Smith. His "Patriotism and Vexillology" made us all stop and take another look at both. We all offer our congratulations. We were pleasantly entertained and informed with John Hartvigsen's banquet talk on the "History of the Largest Flags of the World." We have a lot of talent in the NAVA membership that is just beginning to surface. You'll be hearing more from John as he takes over the job of reminding you of your dues payments as the new Treasurer. NAVA 17 gave us another interesting annual meeting flag for our collection: the Big Apple 17.

Speaking of Annual flags, at the suggestion of several we are accepting open suggestions for next year's flag. The number will be 18 and the meeting will be in Vancouver. If you need a picture of a Vancouver flag I'm sure Doreen Braverman can help; she will be hosting next year's meeting. We hope many of you will be able to attend. We know it is far away for the Easterners, but the members from California have been traveling far for many years. As a real compromise in 1985 the annual meeting will be held in Kansas City, just about the center of North America. We hope to attract a hundred members. You can start thinking about a flag for that one, too.

We are all happy that John Szala has agreed to serve as Editor for NAVA News one more year. This is the most time-consuming of all the NAVA jobs. Please send items of member interest to John and help lighten the load.

The Committee assignments will appear with this issue. There is room on each of them for at least one more member. If you are interested in working in one of these areas, please write to me and let me know. We would like all of the members to be "active." And Committees, we hope you will be in touch with each one of your members and plan for the work you can accomplish in 1984.

In closing, I would like to give a special thanks to Cmdr. B. Nichols for the two fine talks he brought to us from abroad. He was most generous to share all this good information with us. And last, but certainly not least, thanks Randy Beard for hosting NAVA 17; we had a very good time.

MINUTES OF THE NAVA BUSINESS MEETING

16 OCTOBER 1983

John:

Sorry I am late. My notes on the changing of the by-laws were not too great. I asked Whitney if he took notes and he did. He said he would send them to me so that I could include them with what I had done. He was a little late in sending them, but when he did, he wrote the whole meeting.

His were so much better than mine, that I am sending his along instead of mine.

Ken Huff

The meeting was called to order by the President, John Purcell, at 1:15 PM in the Sky Garden Room of the San Moritz Hotel in New York City. The minutes of the 1982 NAVA Business Meeting were approved. Reports were presented by the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary as well as the following committees — Membership, Budget, Audit, Publicity, Publications, Certificates, Ceremonies, Program, and International Congress of Vexillology.

The Nominating Committee presented its slate of officers for the 1983-1984 term as follows: Grace Cooper, President; Nicholas Artimovich and John Szala, Vice President; Lynn Knights, corresponding Secretary; Thomas Carrier, Recording Secretary; John Hartvigsen, Treasurer; Randolph Beard, Auditor. It was pointed out that the nomination for Auditor was made in anticipation of the possible change in the NAVA By-Laws. John Szala withdrew his name from the nomination. Woody Ridgway moved the election by acclamation of the entire slate. This was pointed out that the nomination for Auditor was made in anticipation of the possible change in the NAVA By-Laws. John Szala withdrew his name from nomination. Woody Ridgway moved the election by acclamation of the entire slate. This was seconded by Doreen Braverman and unanimously approved.

James Ferrigan, Donald Healy, and John Purcell were nominated for the Nominating Committee and unanimously elected.

Discussion followed on the site of the 1984 NAVA meeting. As previously approved by the Executive Board, Vancouver, British Columbia, was approved by the meeting with the dates 5-7 October. Unanimous approval was also given to the proposal to hold the 1985 NAVA meeting in Kansas City.

Based on the draft proposal submitted by the By-Laws Revision Committee, the meeting considered possible changes in the By-Laws. Comments were made concerning the appropriateness of retraining the reference to the Flag Research Center in Article IIB5, but no motion was made on the subject and hence no change was introduced. Grace Cooper moved to strike the words "and receiving membership publications without additional costs" from Article XXXB1. Doreen Braverman seconded the motion which was passed. John Lowe moved that the restriction in the same paragraph, limiting active membership to those permanently residing in North America, be eliminated. There was no second to the motion and therefore no vote was taken.

Grace Cooper moved to eliminate the phrase "elementary and high school children and undergraduate college or university" from Article IIIB2. The motion was seconded but subsequently withdrawn so that no change was introduced. Peter Edwards moved that subsequent discussion of the By-Laws should be limited only to changes proposed by the By-Laws Revision Committee and not the entire text. The motion was seconded and approved.

With regard to Article IIIE, Grace Cooper pointed out that the limitation to 60 days of the grace period for non-renewing members was difficult to maintain because of the slowness of the mail, problems of getting notices out promptly, etc.

Articles IVA and IVB were considered with regard to the creation of the new office of Auditor. After discussion, it was moved by John Hartvigsen and seconded that the Auditor be an appointed rather than elected officer, Article IVB of the By-Laws thereby being amended. The motion was adopted.

After discussion, Article IVC was amended on a motion by John Lowe, seconded by Woody Ridgway, as follows: "in the event that the President is unable to discharge the duties of the office, these duties shall be performed by the Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer in that order." The motion was adopted. Article IVD as proposed by the By-Laws Revision Committee was also approved.

The proposed changes in Article VD and VG were discussed, but no motion was made and therefore the original By-Laws stand unchanged. The proposed change in the wording of Article VIA was discussed. Its approval was moved by James Marill and seconded by Jeannette Doetsch. It was adopted. No motion was made concerning Article VIB following discussion of the proposed change and therefore no alteration was made in the original By-Laws. The same is true of Article VIC. Following discussion of Article VID, it was decided to defer consideration of any change until the next annual meeting. Article VIE was discussed, but no change was made.

Following discussion of Article VIF, John Hartvigsen moved and James Marill seconded a motion amending section (4) to read "sign checks for payment of money from the treasury and forward checks drawn in excess of \$100 for the President's counter-signature." The motion was adopted. Whitney Smith moved that Section (12) of the same Article be shortened to read "send member dues-due notices." The motion was seconded and adopted.

It was moved by Whitney Smith and seconded by Thomas Carrier that Article IXB of the present By-Laws be omitted and that subsequent paragraphs be relettered. The motion was approved. Jeannette Doetsch moved and James Marill seconded the adoption of Article IXG as proposed by the By-Laws Revision Committee. Doreen Braverman moved and Whitney Smith seconded an amendment modifying the wording of the change to read as follows: "G. All committees and officers engaging in cash transactions during the year must (1) submit to the Executive Board a proposed budget for the succeeding year; (2) submit vouchers for any payments through the President for approval to the Treasurer for payment; and (3) any additional expenditures over and above budgeted amounts must be submitted, with an explanation, at the annual membership meeting for approval and payment." The amendment was adopted and the main motion was discussed and approved. Doreen Braverman moved that "all renumbering and relettering of Articles of the By-Laws required by revisions should be automatic without the necessity of voting on them." The motion was discussed and approved. Discussion of the proposed changes to the By-Laws listed in the addendum of the By-Laws Revision Committee Report were deferred to the next business meeting.

James Croft as member of the Publicity Committee indicated that he wanted to be able to send a notice to foreign vexillological associations concerning the possibility of their members joining NAVA and of our members joining their associations. He pointed out that since we are now losing money on associate members because of the cost of servicing those memberships, he had been advised not to go ahead with this exchange proposal. After general discussion it was decided that the Budget Committee should look into the question of whether the association wishes to continue subsidizing associate members. A motion to the effect was moved, seconded, and approved.

President John Purcell announced that Whitney Smith had won the Captain William Driver Award for the best presentation by a NAVA member during the current meeting, as determined by the Executive Board. The Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

North American Vexillological Association

Committees for 1983-1984

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1. Auditing

William Spangler, Chairman
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Peter Edwards

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Thomas Carrier, Chairman
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Kenneth Huff

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Lynn Knights

Historian

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EDITOR

NAVA NEWS is the link which keeps our scattered membership a cohesive organization between annual meetings. Recognizing this fact, the Publication's Chairman serves a distinct and invaluable function — he/she acts as a vexillological catalyst — composing, editing, selecting items of interest, and disseminating information, both general and specialized.

Our newsletter is by its very nature supposed to be eclectic. The more academic papers are best left to those journals devoted to that aspect of our field of interest and endeavor. This is not to say that NAVA NEWS does not contain materials of a scholarly nature. On the contrary, our publication has served as a springboard for several research projects undertaken by our members. It, like the editor, is first and foremost a catalyst.

With that said, permit me to say that the past year has been a challenging one. The publication has been increased by two issues which means that NAVA members are reminded of their organization every two months. Several of these issues have been "double issues" consisting of more than four pages.

I shall not bore you with the mechanics of putting NAVA NEWS together, nor elicit your sympathy by enumerating the headaches that such a task generally encourages.

I have been well compensated by receiving the friendship and esteem of my vexillological colleagues.

If there is a major, valid complaint to be leveled, it is the fact that far too few of our members take it upon themselves to act as "co-editors," if you will, in supplying the editor with clippings and/or tear sheets dealing with flag items from their local press. This is especially true, I'm sorry to say, regarding our Canadian members.

Ergo, 90% of all items contained in any given issue of NAVA NEWS are there because your current editor is an avid reader of many newspapers and magazines.

May I encourage each of you, again, to take the time to send along items gleaned from your local press, as well as original articles too!

NAVA NEWS will be only as good, informational, and helpful as we, you and I, make it!

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

John R.B. Szala

Are Your NAVA Dues Paid?

Mr. John M. Hartvigsen
Treasurer

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Flag war shaping up in desert city

By HERB PASIK
Palm Springs Bureau

PALM SPRINGS — Move over, Henry Untermeyer. You've got competition.

Local flag promoter Untermeyer's proposed design for an official Palm Springs flag, submitted to the City Council in June, has been joined by another entry in what has the makings of a flag pole derby.

It was presented to the council for consideration by Edward Reinwand, a masseur who works at the Spa Hotel.

"I was told that Palm Springs was looking for a flag," Reinwand told the council, "and I'd like to submit a proposal."

"Actually," Mayor Frank Bogert corrected Reinwand, "we're not looking for a flag, but we have a guy (Untermeyer) who is looking to us to have a flag."

Whatever the case may be, Reinwand presented the council with a flag design composed of a four-part seal on a white background bordered by yellow bars.

Depicted on the seal are the sun, a desert scene with two palm trees and mountains in the background, the Municipal Airport fountain and a bighorn sheep.

In describing the design, however, Reinwand referred mistakenly to the sheep as a "longhorn," which elicited



**Center design of latest entry in
Palm Springs flag derby.**

tittering from the audience and a prompt correction from a councilman.

Untermeyer's design, created by graphic artist Mark Palmer of Palm Desert, is a revision of an offering that was rejected by the council in 1981.

City Manager Norm King noted that the council had agreed to place Untermeyer's flag proposal on the Oct. 19 council agenda for discussion and a vote. He said Reinwand's design also could be considered at that time.

Untermeyer, an avowed vexillologist (a devotee of the study of flags), is the head of Desert Flag and Spa Products of Palm Springs. He contends that an official Palm Springs flag, in addition to creating "pleasure, pride and publicity," would become a trademark and that businesses, merchants or individuals using it for promotional purposes would have to pay a fee.

Untermeyer said the city could profit from licensing fees paid by souvenir manufacturers to use the flag logo on T-shirts, towels or other merchandise.

The design he submitted in June shows a yellow sun setting behind a jagged purple strip of San Jacinto Mountains and a green palm tree against an orange sky and beige desert background.

*From: Press Enterprise
Sept. 19 - 1983*

PLANS FOR NAVA 18 WELL UNDERWAY

Mrs. Doreen Braverman, the founder and owner of the Flag Shop, 2081 West 4th Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6J 1N3, will be the hostess and coordinator for NAVA 18.

The official Publicity Chairman for the annual event is NAVA's Vice President, Mr. Nicholas Artimovich II.

The site for the annual gathering of the clan will be the Hotel Georgia in Vancouver.

Two themes are being developed at this stage: a) a theme of a Canadian flag flavour and; b) public relations about the event.

Mayor Harcourt will proclaim the days of the convention as "Flag Days" and has agreed to participate in the festivities.

NAVA members are requested to submit their proposals for program speakers.

All in all, plans are well underway to make this an exciting event for the vexillologists who will attend. Needless to say, they will not be disappointed by either the program or by the many, many other cultural and natural events and wonders which are part and parcel of Canada's Northwest Territory.

If you have any questions, do drop Doreen a note. She and her hard working aides will be glad to assist you in any way that they can, but do begin planning NOW to be part of NAVA 18!



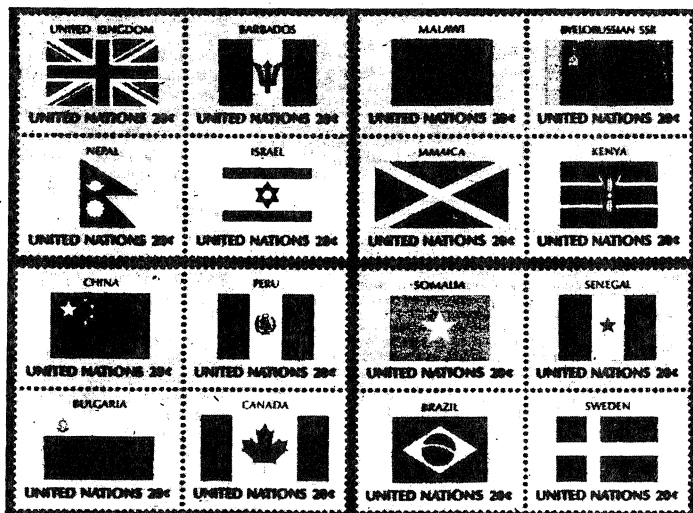
**UPCOMING - NAVA 19 - 1985
OCTOBER 12, 13, 14 - Kansas City**

Et cetera

AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION ISSUES OLD GLORY HANDBOOK

Ever since its founding on September 12, 1949, the American Topical Association has been devoted to the exchange of information on philatelic topical subjects. Today, as the largest all-topical society, it maintains the highest standards for the continued exchange of that information.

Old Glory Around the World, Handbook No. 75, by Edith Buckley and Lloyd Dockal, issued in 1970, 31 pages, is a checklist by country of 1,000 worldwide stamps, souvenir sheets, cancellations and postal stationery picturing the United States flag. The cost is \$3.00 and may be secured by writing ATA, 5014-S West Center Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53210.



UN ISSUES FOURTH FLAG STAMP SET

After more than two dozen very quiet years, the U.N. Postal Administration finally came up with a winner on "Flag Day" Friday, September 23rd.

Sale of the UNPA's fourth flag set was brisk as hundreds of collectors descended on sales booths in the U.N. Headquarters Concourse area.

The first flag stamps were issued in September 1980.

U.S. FLAG DESECRATED ON IRANIAN STAMP



Mail bearing the Iranian stamp showing a blindfolded American and burning U.S. flag will not be blocked in the United States.

Postmaster General William F. Bolger called the recent stamp issued by Iran depicting a burning U.S. flag "repulsive, a vicious distortion of a criminal act by Iran and an insult to all Americans."

It is up to the individual recipients of letters bearing the stamp to write "REFUSED" across the address. Bolger promised that such letters will be returned to the sender.

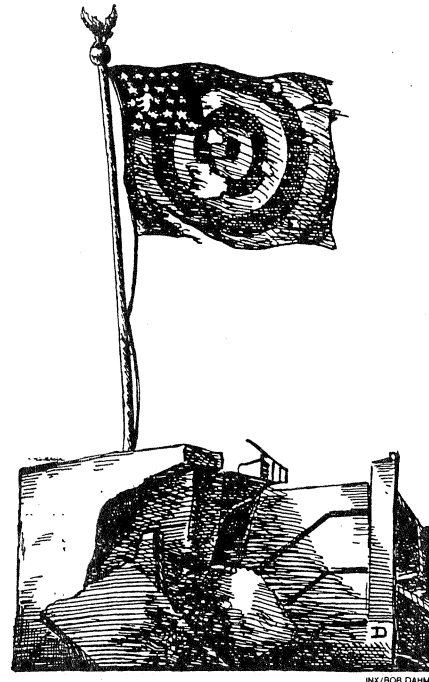
500th ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIN LUTHER'S BIRTH



Bulgaria, an "atheist state," recently issued a stamp to commemorate the birth of the Father of the Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther.

The stamp shows a portrait of Luther, from a contemporary woodcut, flanked by soldiers with flags; designs by Ivan Klossev; 150,000 stamps were printed.

VEXILLOLOGICAL CARTOON



How Moscow regards U.S. Mideast moves

From: *The Plain Dealer* Cleveland, 13 July 1983



Associated Press

FROM THE HEIGHTS, A MESSAGE: Jacek Winkler, a Polish mountain climber, unfurling the flag of Solidarity, the outlawed labor union, as he reached the top of Mont Blanc, highest peak of the French Alps. He also displayed a sign calling for "Solidarity With the Struggle of the Afghan People."

from: *The New York Times*, 5 September 1983

WANTED TO EXCHANGE:

A recent NAVA member in Czechoslovakia would like to exchange literature. He says: "There is a few vexillological literature in Czechoslovakia, but heraldic books are sometimes published. I would like to obtain *The Flag Book of the U.S.A.* by W. Smith; I can send *The Czechoslovak City Arms* by J. Louda/89 p., 160 colored arms 36x45mm, 115 black and white ones. Because I can send very few Czechoslovak vexillological or heraldic books, I could send for exchange very nice photo books of Czechoslovak natural beauties and people's architecture."

In a letter to D. Claybourne from Vladimir Baar, 742 66 Stramberk 622, Czechoslovakia.

Errors in stamp design

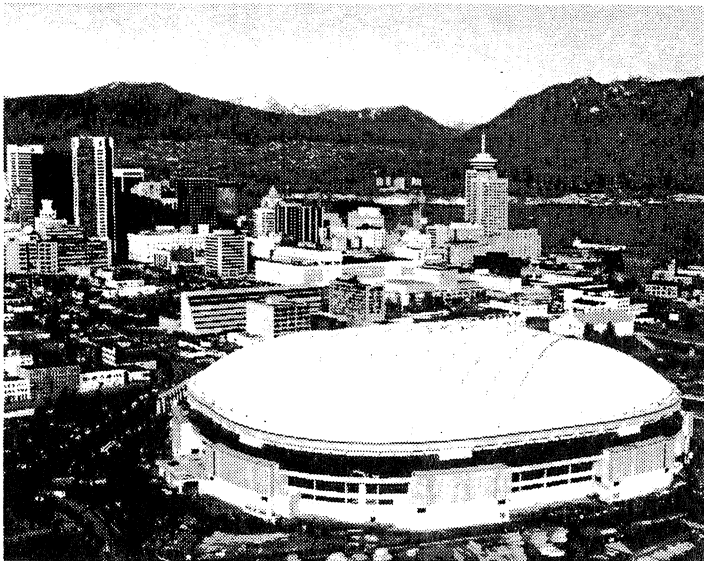
UNITED STATES: WRONG FLAG



There's something amiss with the *Mayflower* in the background of this 1970 6¢ stamp of the United States commemorating the 350th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims in America. In 1620, the ship should have been flying the 1605 version of the Union flag. The flag depicted is the Union Jack. The Cross of St. Patrick, which can be seen with a magnifying glass, was not added to the flag until 1801 — almost two centuries later.

From: *Lynn's Stamp News*, 2 January 1984

VANCOUVER - SITE OF NAVA 18



Vancouver, one of the world's most picturesque cities, has a new attraction: Canada's first domed stadium, which opened this summer, at British Columbia Place. The "amphitheatre for all reasons is now all seasons" is one of many projects now underway in this cosmopolitan city that is preparing to host a World Exposition on transportation and related communications, from May 2 to October 13, 1986. Over 13 million visitors are expected to attend EXPO 86. Tourism British Columbia photo.

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