REPORT OF THE 13TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY

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24-29 SEPTEMBER 1989
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For 5 days and 6 nights, from Sunday 24 to Friday 29 September 1989, the Flag Society of Australia was host to the 13th international gathering of vexillologists in the southern hemisphere city of Melbourne at its main University campus.

53 people registered, some 38 attended for the duration to hear 16 papers, to view 3 exhibits of flags from exotic places and of exotic design - particularly those of the New Guinea highlands, and the avant garde Baumann collection - to take part in 5 seminars and visit the shrines of Australia's Eureka flag icon in the City of Ballarat.

Some of the Congress events, including the formal proceedings of FIAV, were held outside Melbourne, in Ballarat, and at another venue of settler significance, the city of Echuca, home of the Murray River flag.

Another event to remark was the display of flags and photo opportunity at Melbourne's Exhibition building, where the first official design chosen for Australia's national flag was announced and first unfurled.

Delegates had the opportunity to trade informal notes at various venues, sometimes over a loaf of bread and jug of wine or three, or riding the waves upon Australia's largest inland waterway.

The closing ceremony saw the formal unfurling of the new FSA flag, and the first presentation of the Vexillon award for excellence in promoting flagcraft. Other events of that theatrical night are perhaps best glossed over, but when the last vexiveil had been wafted, and the damsels had departed, perhaps the last word on the Australian Congress belongs to delegate Peter Orenski:

\textit{You guys couldn't play a straight show if you saw one.}
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TO MELBOURNE
Ron Strachan welcomes
delegates and visitors on
24 September
At any "one-blue" Aussie will tell you wantily you grub is despite what grade which we in the believe of rest in the Quck and some in the world's second to Sidney Bond. Eating crocodiles is a relatively new thing for most tourists, but like the grade and emu, the next it decidedly has its own appeal on these culinary excursion included "hols till the full moon home base shows (US) and "It was worth waiting all this."

One delegate must have taken along the local beverages and seems to have brought "enough when he said: "Their wines are nearly as good as their flags".

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**HOROSCOPE AND LATE NEWS**

**LIBRA** (Sept 23-29)

For everyone's benefit, several of the signs are so entirely ignominious and should be operated on or consumed with care!

**SAGITTARIUS**

The Monster Congress Flag Raffle contains an unusual mixture of grandeur. For everyone's benefit, several of the signs are so entirely ignominious and should be operated on or consumed with care!

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**BEST WISHES**

As this newspaper will reveal around the world with some openness at the next Congress and the next one is the Congress in September 1949, the usual $1000 prize will be awarded to the winner at the next Congress. For everyone's benefit, several of the signs are so entirely ignominious and should be operated on or consumed with care!
OFFICIAL
OPENING
CEREMONY

MONDAY
25 SEPTEMBER
1989
G'DAY MATE - WELCOME!

On behalf of the Executive and the 13th ICV Organising Committee of the Flag Society of Australia I would like to welcome you to the 13th International Congress of Vexillology and to the City of Melbourne for the first gathering in the southern hemisphere of vexillologists from around the world.

Melbourne has played an important part in the vexillological history and culture of Australia. The first version of the national flag of the newly established Commonwealth of Australia was announced and first raised in Melbourne in September 1901. This followed an exhibition of all 32,823 entries in the 1901 National Flag exhibition. During the 1956 Summer Olympic Games the flags of 67 competing countries flew over Melbourne. 'The city of Melbourne is within easy distance of the home of Australia's renowned Eureka Flag, at Ballarat. This flag was raised in December 1854 by goldminers protesting against restrictive and oppressive laws. To celebrate Victoria's 150th anniversary in 1984-85, a large flagpole was erected at the northern entrance to Melbourne's business district. This flagmast has flown the Victorian and Australian flags since.

Melbourne's vexillological history is complemented further in having seen the foundation of the Flag Society of Australia in 1983 and in now acting as host city for the 13th International Congress of Vexillology.

The 13th ICV organising committee thanks all those who are taking part and otherwise supporting the staging of the Congress in Melbourne.

Ralph GC Bartlett
Secretary
13th ICV Coordinator, Flag Society of Australia
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<td>(3.30 pm) Artists Flags (Baumann Collection) - Dining Hall, Queen's College</td>
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WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 1989

0700 (7.00 am) Depart Queen's College (Melbourne) for Ballarat.
0900 (9.00 am) Lecture Sessions - (Victoria Theatre - Sovereign Hill).
1030 (10.30 am) Tour of Sovereign Hill (Ballarat).
1300 (1pm) Lunch (Victoria Theatre).

1430 (2.30 pm) View Eureka Flag (Ballarat Fine Arts Gallery).
1645 (4.45 pm) City of Ballarat Civic Reception (Ballarat Town Hall).
1730 (5.30 pm) View Eureka Stockade Monument.
1800 (6.00 pm.) Arrive at the Mid-City Motel (Ballarat).
1830 (6.30 pm) Dinner - (Mid-City Motel or elsewhere).
2030 (8.30 pm) F.I.A.V. General Assembly Meeting.

(Sovereign Conference Room, Mid-City Motel).

DAY 5

THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 1989

0700 (7.00 am) Depart Mid-City Motel (Ballarat) for Echuca.
1030 (10.30 a.m.) Lecture Sessions (Rivers Reception Rooms - Echuca).
1200 (12.00 noon) Civic Welcome Mayor of Echuca
Lunch (Rivers Reception Rooms).
1330 (1.30 pm) Paddlesteamer Cruise, Murray River.
1430 (2.30 pm) Port of Echuca Tour.
1630 (4.30 pm) Depart Echuca for Melbourne.
1900 (7.00 pm) Dinner (Restaurants - Melbourne).
2100 (9.00 pm) Discussion Seminar (Methodology) Tutorial Room, St Mary's.

DAY 6

FRIDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 1989

0800 (8.00 am) Australian Historical Flags Ceremony (Royal Exhibition Buildings)
1030 (10.30am) Lecture Sessions (Theatre D - Old Arts).
1230 (12.30am) Barbeque Lunch (St. Mary's College).
1430 (2.30 pm) Tour of Carroll & Richardson Flags Pty Ltd Tour, Blackburn
1730 (5.30 pm) Free Time.
1900 (7.00 pm) Congress Gala (Closing) Dinner (St. Mary's College).

Feature: Dance of the Seven Flags
Official Closing of the Congress
Matthew Beetham and house flag from the Baumann Collection
SCENES FROM AN EXHIBITION

Provincial flags
Papua New Guinea
The "Red Duster" - Australia's Red Ensign, with Vic State stars