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13TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS - WHAT, WHEN AND WHERE

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:

You guys couldn't play a straight show if you saw one.

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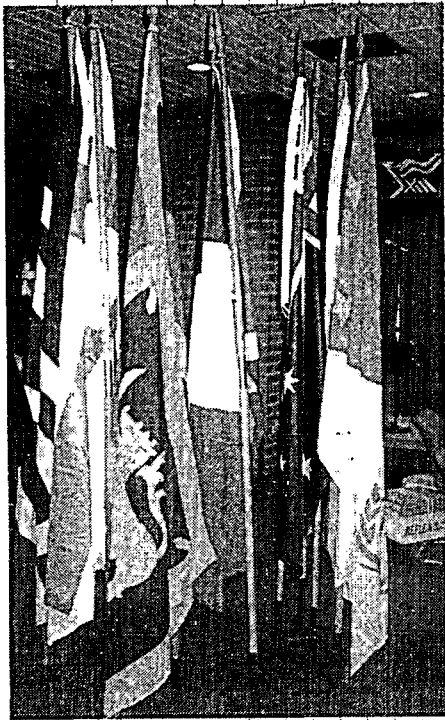
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FROM SAN FRANCISCO

Ron Strachan
Ralph Bartlett
John Collier
Ralph Kelly

TO MELBOURNE

Ron Strachan welcomes
delegates and visitors on
24 September



FLAG STAFF



13th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY
— SOUVENIR ISSUE —

* PRICELESS

World Vexillologists head Downunder

By Ron Strachan

WELCOME to Melbourne — the venue for the first gathering in the Southern Hemisphere of Vexillologists from around the world.

The Flag Society of Australia was established here in Melbourne back in late 1953, devoted to researching, preserving and publicising Australia's flag history and culture regardless of its symbolism.

Australia has had a surprisingly large number of flags during its relatively short period of recorded history. Melbourne has played a significant part in Australia's flag history.

The first version of the Australian national flag of the newly established Commonwealth of Australia was announced and first hoisted here in September 1901.

Even Melbourne the world famous Ex-cel-sior flag was raised in December 1854 by gold miners protesting about the over-restrictive mining laws in Ballarat.

In June 1984, the society commenced the regular publication of an official journal called *Cross Australia*.

It is produced four times each year and is the first and only authoritative flag publication produced in Australia. The magazine contains articles about Australian and international flags and associated matters.

Since May 1984, the Flag Society of Australia has been revising and updating the National Australia Bank's 'Flags of the Nations' chart which is reissued every few years.

The Flag Society of Australia is a member of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations and has been represented at two International Congresses of Vexillology — the 11th in Madrid, Spain (1984) and the 12th in San Francisco, USA (1987).

The 13th International Congress of Vexillology is being staged from September 24 to 29 at the University of Melbourne located on the outskirts of the city's central business district.

The congress boasts an important list of speakers including Dr Whitney Smith (author and founder of the Flag Research Centre, USA), William Cranston (author and author of several flag reference books), IJG and several overseas vexillologists and manufacturers.

Other highlights of the congress include the exhibition of the 155,000 Creation Bananas of Swissairland's Flag Collections, a seminar and an overnight visit to Delft and Eindhoven.



Flag Society of Australia's president, Ron Strachan, 'thoating home' to say he 'toughed up at another local flag meeting'

Profile — Elaine Peters

Name: Elaine (not just a housewife) Peters
Age: 64
Marital status: married for (43 years to the same man)
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Likes: The Australian National Flag, cryptic crossword, United Nations' blue in flags.
Grouches: rock music, 'centre' spell with an 'er' at the end, black in flags.
War service: Women's Land Army.
Interest in flags from earliest childhood and 'set' flags of the Empire' tea-towels and more particularly since 1978, visits to bookshops stocking Barroquoque and Clompton, Cluasi; Flag Society of Australia (founder member), Kaurabai, Bhandoola.
Hopes: To be rich and famous.

Grubs, emu and croc 'real Aussie tucker!'

JUST when you thought it was safe to put another shrimp on the barbie, Flag Society of Australia president, Ron Strachan (Vic), introduced congress visitors to Wilhelmy Grub, Cordons Bleu/Sheat-Beck, Emu/Blue Ventelon and Crocodile Steak!

Reaction to these typical Aussie delicacies was varied especially from overseas delegates.

"It was great" and "Can we migrate?" were two of the most positive comments. However, three delegates weren't too sure about the origin of the dishes.

"At any 'true-blue' Aussie will tell you 'wilhelmy grubs' are plenty white grubs which live in the hollows of trees in the Outback and erms are the world's second largest flightless bird!

Eating crocodiles is a relatively new past time for most locals, but like the grubs and emu, the meat is decidedly tasty.

Other comments on these culinary sensations included "Wait till the folks back home hear about this!" and "It was worth coming all this distance!"

One delegate was more taken with the local beverages and seemed to ignore the unusual fare when he said: "Their wines are nearly as good as their flag!"

FLAG BRIEFS

NATIONAL

Flag society national. Staff was our grand best in Canberra. ACT on July 15, 1989 for our first national meet. Victoria and NSW delegates met to wrap up the 13th Congress details. You couldn't get a taxi home for flags.

WINNER

S Shannon (Vic) was AS2,000 for FFA. Brian and Vera Shannon boosted the society's general account recently by submitting a design for a new flag for CIA (Western Australia). From 41 of his designs they selected one and bingo! Mr Shannon's design was — we copied two big ones!

NO POLE

Brian Luskoff (Clayton Peninsula) hasn't got a flag pole as hoped. This 6ft 4in plant of a man wanted just one of the 304 flag poles which are outside the one-way-street magnificent Parliament House in Canberra. Also, he had spoken by security and has settled for a makeshift flag for his flag society journal.

RETRICD

Two flag doctors lowered flag. Russell Leams (near Evans Flag) and Peter Carroll (Carroll and Richardson) recently retired from the industry. Thanks for your support boys.

FINGER LICKIN'

Matthew Berkeley young wren from NSW, is born. He asked Kenneth Fred Clarke for the 200 flag pole at the Canberra town square. KFC told you can have it for \$100. A china plate (Joseph of Maria) will be taken to his home through the traffic and yes, a new proudly Run flag from his foot garden. Finger lickin' good says Miss.

TRAVELLER

Was at large. Kathy (NSW) goes to try country for a flag. It was the railway. Kathy had been to two interesting flags. It was also seen raising the French Decree on TV at the Reg. Morning. Like Paul, crewed on the flag. Advice doesn't and that flag raising was hard!

BEST WISHES

All this newspaper will reveal around the world with two returning home from the Australian congress, the USA with Vera Leams wishes to convene the flag staff, flag designer John (great design, excellent and abundant).

BOOMERANG

An event, but you'd better come back like a boomerang! John Collier (Vic) has been posted to England by his company. John will sadly be missed for two years but has promised to visit every month on his way home!

THE HILL WITH A FLAG

Overseas visit visitors will be interested to note that Flagstaff Hill in New York was raised over its century when flag were down the pole to guide Tall Ship on Port Phillip Bay. High rise skyscrapers and new phantoms the original strange qualities but the same remains.



MONSTER FLAG RAFFLE

THE Monster Congress Flag Raffle contains an unusual mixture of 'goodies'. For overseas visitors several of the items are strictly indigenous and should be operated or consumed with care!

- Prizes are:
- A mystery flag.
 - A flag, but behind bars please.
 - A pole of 'unused' flags' unclaimed at Nat Flag's.
 - A flag (which I want one of those) watch.
 - One jar of Vegemite.
 - Another mystery flag.
 - An unused ticket for the 1988 Melbourne Olympic bid.

- The fly end of a USA flag found in Brisbane in a bottle with a message: "I shall return!"
- Two glasses of Yarra River water.
- The rudder from the Titanic (overseas visitors might not be paid)
- The flag meter from Crocodile Dundee's 1st grandfather crocodile.
- A road construction sign (all set a truck) reading "Flagman ahead".

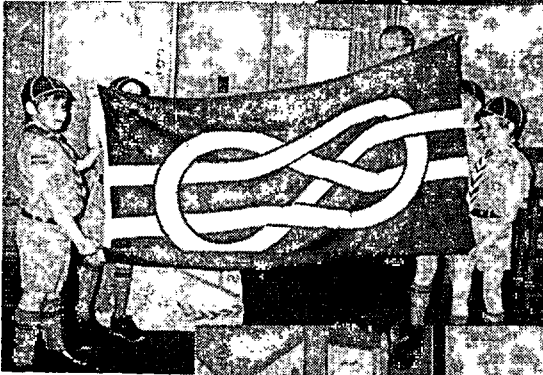
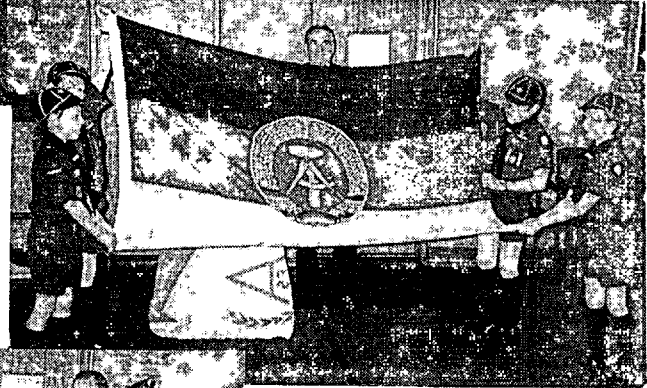
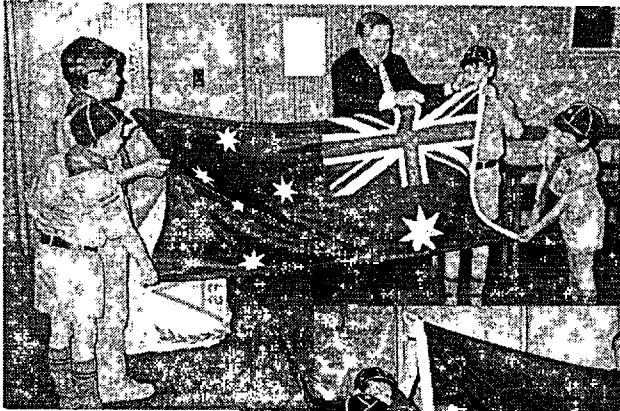
HOROSCOPE AND LATE NEWS

LIBRA (Sept 24-29)
The stars indicate some good news, but the outlook is not so bright. In the past, you have been successful in your financial matters. The next few days will see some good news in your financial matters. The next few days will see some good news in your financial matters. The next few days will see some good news in your financial matters.

LATE NEWS
The flag for the Republic of Poland was set at the Flag Society of Australia, Spots news by the Flag Congress 1981 — which was held in Melbourne. The flag for the Republic of Poland was set at the Flag Society of Australia, Spots news by the Flag Congress 1981 — which was held in Melbourne.

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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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ralph G.C. Bartlett".

RALPH GC BARTLETT

Secretary

13th ICV Coordinator, Flag Society of Australia

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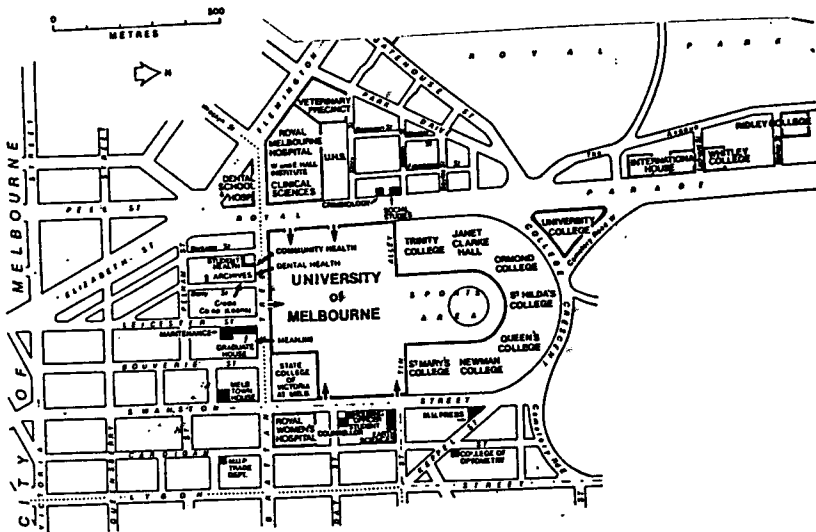
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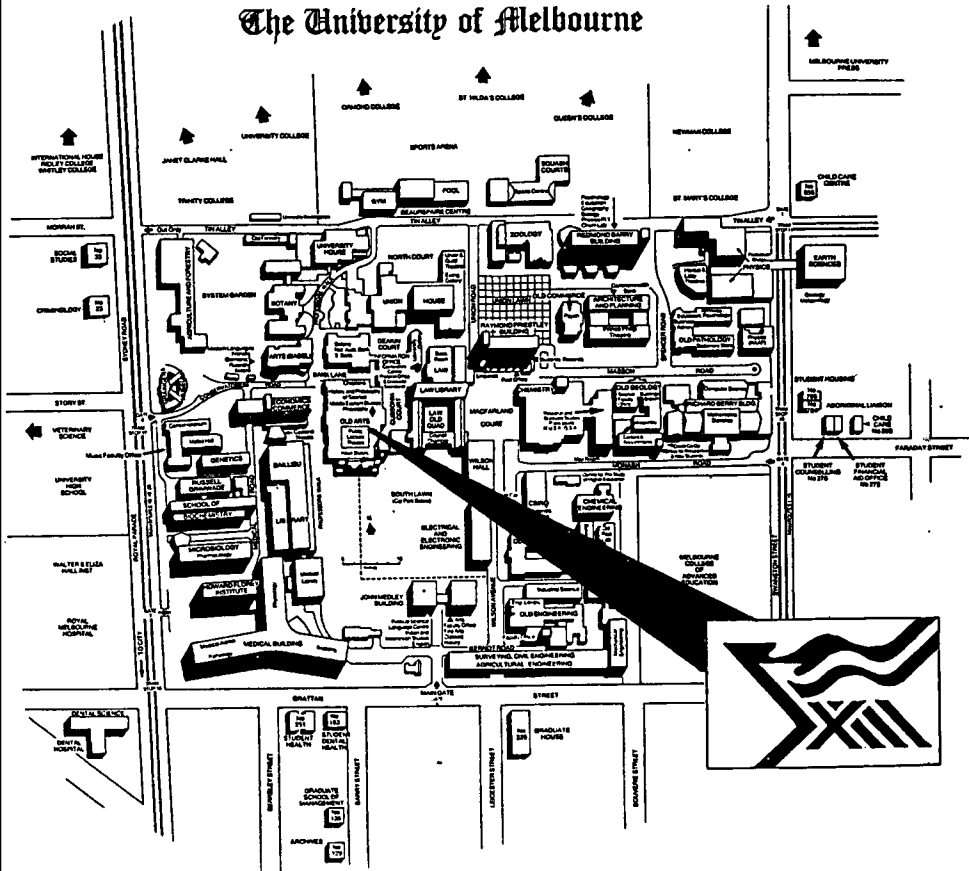
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| Kevin HARRINGTON (Canada) | NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PORT FLAGS
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| Donald HEALY (United States) | TEA AND TOBACCO,
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| Gustav TRACCHIA (Argentina) | THE FLAG OF THE ANDES (ARGENTINA 1817-1820) |
| John C VAUGHAN (Australia) | FLAGS OF AUSTRALIA |



The University of Melbourne



CONGRESS TIMETABLE

DAY 1

SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 1989

- 0900 (9.00 am) Registration at Queen's College, University of Melbourne.
1700 (5.00 pm) (Queen's College Dining Hall Foyer)
1350 (1.50 pm) Welcoming Sightseeing Melbourne Tour.
1650 (4.50 pm) (Optional)
1830 (6.30 p.m.) Welcoming Reception at Queen's College (Lade Room)

DAY 2

MONDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 1989

- 0830 (8.30 am) Official Opening of the Congress.
(Newman College, University of Melbourne.)
0930 (9.30 am) Lecture Sessions (Theatre D - Old Arts).
1200 (12.00 noon) Lunch on Campus (Union House).
1300 (1.00 pm) Discussion Seminar (Theory) - (South Basement St. Mary's)
1530 (3.30 pm) Artists Flags (Baumann Collection)
- Dining Hall, Queen's College
1600 (4.00 pm) Australian-Pacific Flag Exhibition (Queen's College)
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1700 (5.00 pm) Discussion Seminar (Commercial).
(St. Mary's College - South Basement).
1830 (6.30 pm) Dinner (Residential Colleges or elsewhere).
2000 (8.00 pm) F.I.A.V. General Assembly Meeting.
(South Basement, St Mary's College)

DAY 3

TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 1989

- 0900 (9.00 am) Lecture Sessions (Theatre D - Old Arts).
1200 (12.00 noon) Lunch on Campus (Union House).
1330 (1.30 pm) Flag Bazaar (St. Mary's College -South Basement).
1530 (3.30 pm) Seminar (Problems) - St. Mary's College, West Hall).
1700 (5.00 pm) Free Time.
1800 (6.00 pm) Dinner (Residential Colléges or elsewhere).
2000 (8.00 pm) Discussion Seminar - Methodology (South Basment, St Mary's
(Accompanying Persons)
0930 (9.30 am) Royal Melbourne Zoo Tour and Lunch.

DAY 4**WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 1989**

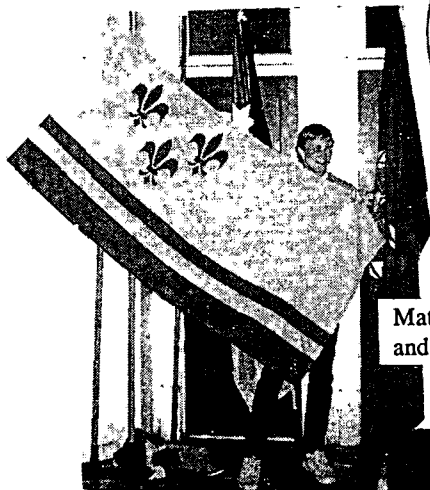
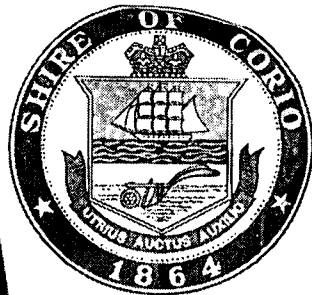
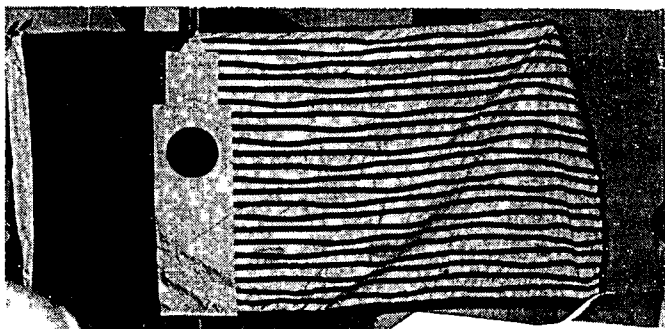
- 0700 (7.00 am) Depart Queen's College (Melbourne) for Ballarat.
0900 (9.00 am) Lecture Sessions - (Victoria Theatre - Sovereign Hill).
1030 (10.30 am) Tour of Sovereign Hill (Ballarat).
1300 (1pm) Lunch (Victoria Theatre).
Guest Speaker: Ballarat City Librarian
1430 (2.30 pm) View Eureka Flag (Ballarat 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.

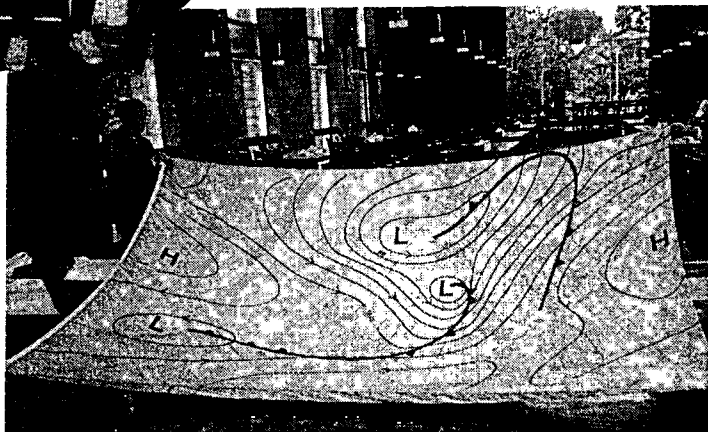
DAY 6**FRIDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 1989**

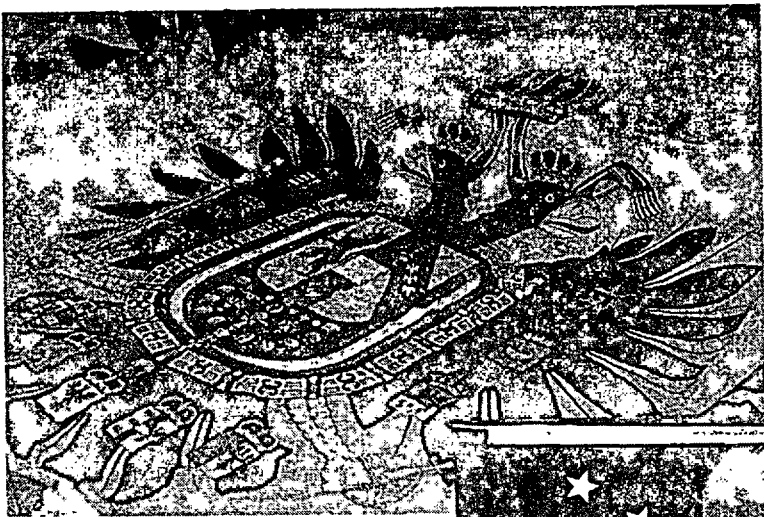
- 0800 (8.00 am) Australian Historical Flags Ceremony (Royal Exhibition Buildings)
1030 (10.30am) Lecture Sessions (Theatre D - Old Arts).
1230 (12.30 pm) Barbeque Lunch (St. Mary's College).
1430 (2.30 pm) Tour of Carroll & Richardson Flags Pty Ltd Tour, Blackburn
1730 (5.30 pm) Free Time.
1900 (7.00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



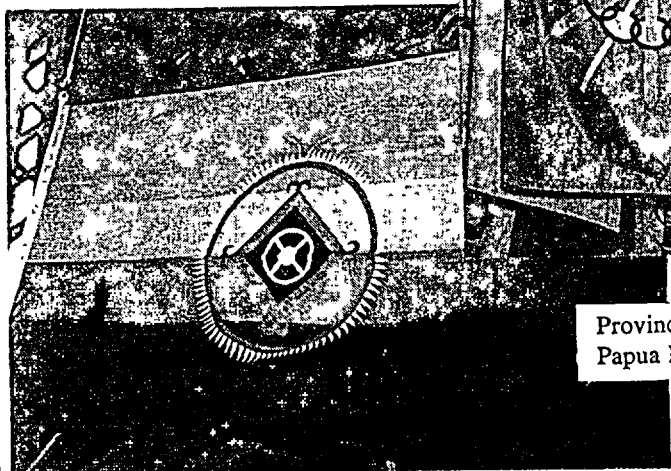
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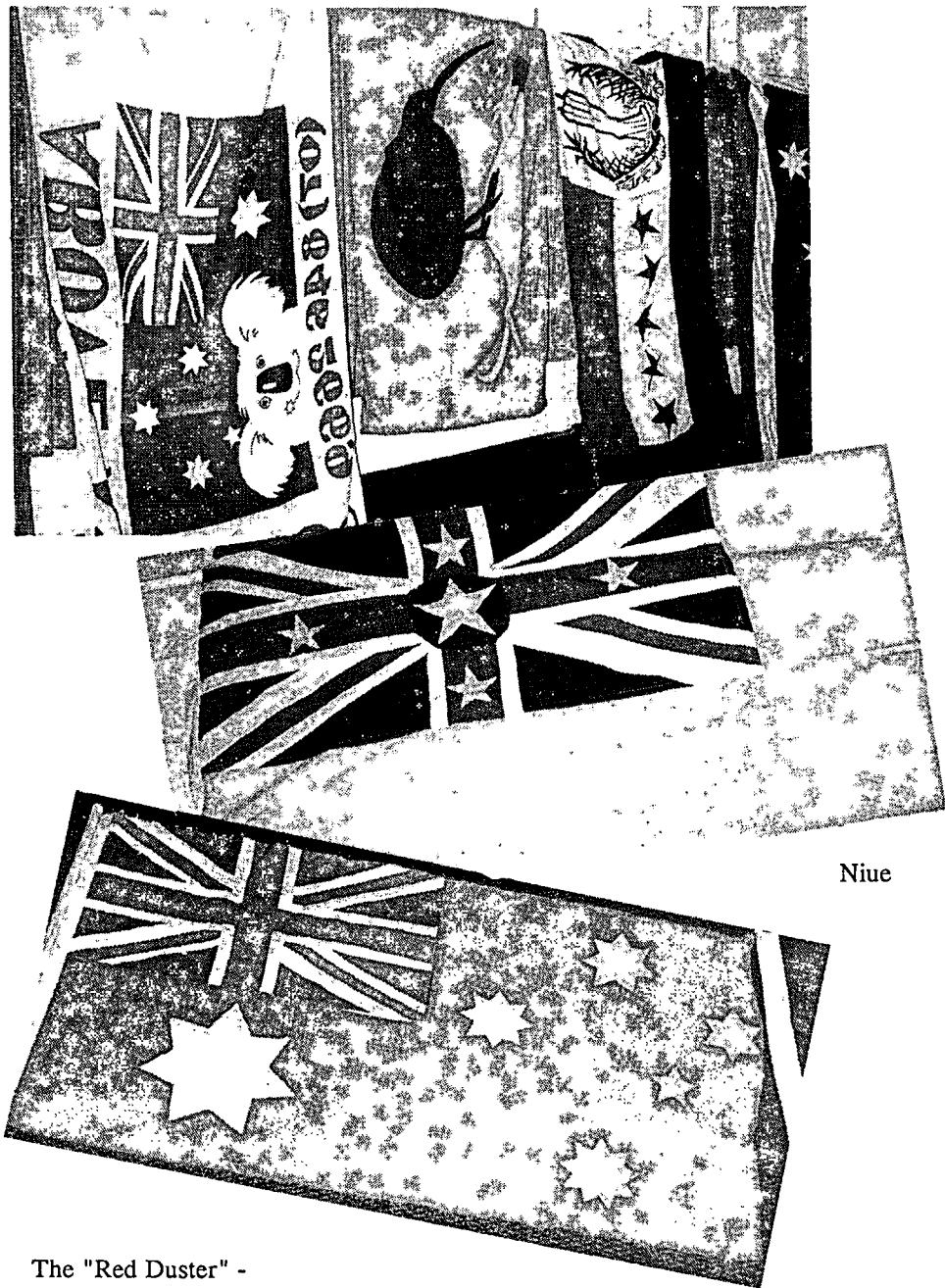




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Provincial flags
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The "Red Duster" -
Australia's Red Ensign, with Vic State stars