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Dr. Clarence R. Rungee had one of the most extensive and unusual collections of flags anywhere in the world at the time of his death in December 1971. The more than 600 flags had been collected from all parts of the world and from such famous persons as Emperor Sellassie of Ethopia, President Rhee of the Republic of Korea, and President Weizmann of Israel. In addition to the flags themselves, Dr. Rungee's



distinguished people. He employed both in the hundreds of lectures he delivered in the years 1947-1971.

Born on 24 May 1888 in New Haven, Dr. Rungee was associated with civic work in that city all his life. He was also a prominent political figure, serving as Majority Leader of the Board of Aldermen for four years, founder of the New Haven Republican Men's Club, and State Chairman of the Senior Citizens for Nixon Committee in 1968.

He had received his doctorate from Temple University in Philadelphia and was a pharmacist and hospital director for many years. A veteran of World War I, Dr. Rungee served many military organizations, acting as National Surgeon General of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, National Historian of the Veterans of World War I, etc. In all his undertakings he received assistance from his wife, Antoinette Civitelli Rungee, who survives him. All who knew his keen interest in flags, his unfailing good humor and hearty fellowship, and his selfless devotion to assisting others will mourn his passing.

John S. Styring of Ware (Herts.) in England also died in late 1971 after decades of contributions to vexillology. In addition to numerous articles (including some in early issues of THE FLAG BULLETIN), he will long be remembered for the books he edited. The 1963 edition of Flags, Funnels, and Hull Colours and the 1971 edition of Brown's Flags and Funnels were due to his hard work in the field of shipping emblems, which resulted in a collection of more than 25,000 items. He also contributed heavily to Merchant Marine House Flags and Stack Insignia published in 1961 by the United States Navy Hydrographic Office. He was without question the world master in his specialized field of flag history.



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