

In 1865 the reverend William Booth began his work in East London. He tried to help the submerged tenth, poor people with no hope and no help. In 1878 the name of his group became "The Salvation Army". The primary aim of the enthousiastic people of the Salvation Army was to preach the gospel of Jasus Christ to men and women untouched by common religious efforts. Mrs Booth designed a flag and the first corps flag was presented by her to the Coventry Corps in September 1878. The colours of this flag are symbolizing: RED... the Blood of Jesus Christ. He gave a supreme sacrifice. In what this sacrifice meant the Salvationist tries to spread the Gospel, YELLOW ... the Fire of the Holy Spirit. The Savationist is of opinion that he cannot do his task without the help of the Holy Spirit. "Tey're helpless nobodies", our ennemies boast. But they forget that with us comes the almighty Holy Ghost. BLUE ... the purity. The Salvationist thinks that we must do our utmost for the people around us. We can help the people in the best way if our life is pure, clean. We are total-abstainers. THE STAR ... shining in the night. Many men and women are without hope. Destitute, helpless and poor people is waiting for a ray of light. Our Blind School in Massau therefore is somewhat symbolic, like it is sungt Till the day dawns and the shadow flees away Guide me, oh my great Redsemer. Keep me faithfull all the way Till the day dawns and the shadow flee away. Ou, en francais: Je suis la lumière, a dit le Seigneur Avec moi, mon frère, ouvre lui ton coeur. Le monde est plein d'hombre: Brillons, brillons bien, toi dans ton coin sombre Et moi dans le mien. Our flag waves in 80 different countries. It covers 87 various bran ches of social work. Under this flag the Salvation Army reaches the nultitudes who would not enter a place of worship. Flags, brass bands and religious songs set to secular tunes are means of attraction. And thus the Army's conposers have made many new songs. Under this flag we wish to serve Mankind. One of our leaders called the Salvationists "servants of all". This high vocation is worked out in all the Army's activities. Under this flag we want to be a friend of the prisoner, the needy people, the forgotten children, the destitute leper, the starving masses, the blind, the crippled, the sick. In many places you'll find this flag. The Salvationist is sworn in on

His children are dedicated to God under this flag.

it as a member of the vast world organization.

It is a flag of hope in a nearly hopeless world.

He has been married under this flag.

This flag will cover his coffin.

It is a flag of peace in a world full of wars.

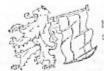
It is a flag of service to millions who were down to the ground.

It is a flag of an open door to homeless people.

It is a flag of an opportunity to many fine young people who want to serve their neighbour at next door and far off.

It is a flag of brotherhood of many men and women from all different countries, races, upbringing.

It is a world flag of high ideals !



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A Salvation Army youth combo's performance was the setting of this entusiastic and spontaneously brought testimony by the dutch Army Headquarter's public relations officer.