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SEPT. 1944 - MAR. 1946

Dr. Kosinsky's notes on the situation of the Italian Boy Scout  
and Girl Guide Movement, in March 1946.

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I informed Miss Rombo of my activities in Switzerland, of my two meetings with Lady Baden-Powell, and gave her an account of the activity of the Hungarian Boy Scouts in the last few years. Before my departure, I gave her a copy of my "Aide-Mémoire",



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compiled by myself a year ago for the Swiss Boy Scout Association.

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Professor Marza, who is a very cultivated man with a real Boy Scout past and who made his Gilver, knows well, among many others, Mr. F. Nolnar, the former Hungarian Commissioner, now living in Australia.

Naturally, these religious and other problems never have a special importance in Switzerland or in Hungary, because, according to my opinion, the real Boy Scout spirit does not distinguish any difference of religion, race or language. The Boy Scout Movement never mistakes chauvinism for patriotism, or cosmopolitanism for international understanding.

Italy is a country where, for the last 25 years, all Boy Scout activity was forbidden, so it is quite understandable that all the enormous spiritual, material and organising difficulties which dominate in all spheres of the reconstruction of a new democratic Italy, are also reflected with all their accessories in the Boy Scout Movement. If the Movement could receive some well-trained leaders, have some real scout adventures and traditions, and enough material help to buy tents, uniforms, etc., then the majority of the present difficulties and misunderstandings and superficial rivalities or monopoly tendencies would disappear or at least diminish. The main thing is that the reorganisation of the Movement is beginning again and is succeeding in avoiding to let the larger part of the youth fall into the hands of different political parties. The greatest encouragement which inspired in me full trust and confidence is the fact that after some months of activity, boys and girls all over Italy are already accepting the Boy Scout Movement with great interest and are joining regularly.

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*Ermin Kytung*



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4 April, 1946

SUBJECT : Introduction of Capt. Vernon A.J. GIFFORD.

TO : Mr. Stuart Brown, USIS,  
5th Floor, Via San Basilio 45,  
Rome.

Dear Stuart Brown:

This will introduce Capt. Vernon A.J. GIFFORD, British Army Education Officer in Milan, who is representing Col. Wilson, Director of the International Boy Scouts, in Italy.

Capt. GIFFORD is going to carry on such activities in fostering the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements as were fostered by the Education Subcommittee, as well as the work he has already been doing in this field.

Cordially,

CARLETON W. WASHBURN  
Lt. Col., A.U.S.  
Director of Education.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
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ED/CWW/ams

ED/9F/3.31/AC

4 April, 1946

SUBJECT : Representative of International Boy Scouts.

TO : Person concerned.

1. This is to certify that Capt. Vernon A.J. GIFFORD has been designated as representative in Italy for Col. Wilson, Director of the International Boy Scouts.

2. For some time past Capt. GIFFORD has been cooperating with the Education Subcommittee of the Allied Commission in fostering the local work and the international contacts of Boy Scout and Girl Scout and Guide associations in Italy.

3. The Education Subcommittee has requested Capt. GIFFORD to take over its functions in this field, from this date.

CARLETON W. WASHBURN  
Lt. Col., A.U.S.  
Director of Education.

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4 April, 1946

SUBJECT : Introduction of Capt. Vernon A.J. GIFFORD.

TO : Mr. Bottrall,  
British Council,  
Palazzo del Drago,  
Via 4 Fontane,  
Roma.

Dear Bottrall:

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ED/1C/1.1/AC

4 April, 1946

SUBJECT : Introduction of Capt. Vernon A.J. GIFFORD.

TO : Brig. M. Lush,  
Executive Commissioner, A.C.

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1st January, 1946.

Dear Washburne,

Thank you for your letter of 14th December and your good offices in respect of the use of Castello Svevo in Bari as a Scout Centre.

I now have a letter from Captain Meadows in which he says he is not returning to Italy, but getting a posting in the U.K.

At the same time, I have heard from Bari from a young Rover Scout who saw me when he was on leave. He has written an interesting report of the misunderstandings between A.C.S.I. and G.E.I. and the British Service Rovers which are now in the process of being cleared up. His name and address:-

5734241 Cfn. Marshall, D.,  
76th H.A.A., Regt.,  
W/Shop R.E.M.E., C.M.F.

With good wishes for the New Year,

Yours very sincerely,

*J. S. Wilson*  
DIRECTOR.

Lt.Col. Carleton W. Washburne,  
Director of Education,  
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8th January, 1946.

Dear Washburne,

This is just a brief acknowledgement of your letter of 31st December 1945, and to let you know that I have written to Brigadier Cyril Lloyd, Director of Army Education, concerning your suggestion that Captain Gifford should be kept in Italy on attachment to the Education Subcommittee. I am doubtful if this can be accomplished but Brigadier Lloyd is our best ally, particularly as he has recently accepted the appointment of Commissioner for Rover Scouts at British Scout Headquarters.

Best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

*J. S. Wilson*  
DIRECTOR.

Lt.Col. Carleton W. Washburne, A.U.S.,  
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20th November, 1943.

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Lt.-Col. Orleton W. Washburne,  
Director of Education,  
Headquarters Allied Commission (Italy)  
Education Subcommittee,  
APO 394.

Dear Washburne,

I am most grateful to you for your letter of 9 November and of informing me of how the grant to the S.N.F.E.I. is to be expended.

Your letter arrived just before the Meeting of the Boy Scouts International Committee which was held in London on 14-15 November. The Committee endorsed the action that had been taken and were most appreciative of the progress that had been made in the re-establishment of Scouting in Italy. They confirmed the "provisional" re-recognition of the two former Associations and of the "provisional" recognition of the new Federation. They decided that full recognition must await the next Biennial Conference to be held in France in 1947. This will, however, prevent the two Associations from being represented at the 1947 World Jamboree in France.

The Committee desired me to extend to you their grateful thanks for all the assistance you had rendered in the re-establishment of Scouting in Italy.

Yours very sincerely,

*J. S. Wilson*  
DIRECTOR.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
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9 November, 1945

SUBJECT : Contribution to Italian Boy Scouts.

TO : Lt. Col. J. S. Wilson, Esq., O.B.E.  
Boy Scouts International Bureau,  
38 Buckingham Palace Road,  
London S.W.1.

1. On 7 September I received from you for the Corpo Nazionale Giovani Esploratori Italiani (GEI) one hundred fifty pounds (60,000 lire) less bank commission of 520 lire and revenue stamps, 24 lire - or a net of 59,396 lire.

2. I notified the GEI that this would be given to them when they submitted a specific budget as to how it would be used.

3. They waited until they could hold a national congress and have their officers duly elected, the acting officers having been more or less self-explanatory as organizers of the revitalized movement.

4. The Congress was held in Rome beginning 1 November. Regional Scout Commissioners attended from Puglia (southeast Italy), Sicily, Sardinia, Emilia (Bologna region), Tuscany, Lombardy, and, of course, Lazio (Rome region). There were also representatives from Venezia, Piemonte, and Lucania (South central Italy). The Congress was very successful. The principal acting officers were regularly elected. A full account of the Congress will be sent to you by its officials.

5. On 7 November, following the Congress, the Vice President (Grazia-  
dei), the Executive Secretary (Savini) and the Chief Scout (Pirota)  
called in my office, reported on the Congress, and presented the attached  
budget for the use of the money generously sent by you. You will note that  
it is planned to use this mainly for publications (58,000 lire). For mail-  
ing costs, stationery, etc. they estimate another 12000 lire, of which,  
1,396 will be available from your contribution, the balance having to come  
from their general funds, made up of Italian contributions.

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6. The above appearing to me to be a legitimate and desirable use of your contribution, I presented the committee with a check for 59,396 lire, thereby closing the account I had held for you in the Rome branch of the Bank of Naples. The Scouts were properly grateful.

7. May I add my own hearty appreciation for this concrete assistance to a very promising and much needed movement here.

Sincerely yours,

CARLETON W. WASHBURN  
Lt. Col., A. U. S.  
Director of Education.

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31 July 1945.

35 Addison Court Collins  
Belythi Road.  
London. W. 14.

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Dear Washington

Your two letters of  
25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> reached me today.  
I think Mr. G.E.I. has every right  
to keep asking for its present.  
Since I have been in London I  
have reminded Mr. Bureau four  
or five times, but they keep  
telling me that Col. Wilson is  
away and they can't get on with  
it. The only thing I can, and  
will do, is to point out within  
the limits of politeness that  
they have placed him in a position  
and you in a position which  
does not reflect credit on  
the Bureau and they would

have done far better if they had said nothing. This sort of thing naturally makes the Italians sceptical of any other offers - and I don't blame them.

When will people learn that benevolent intentions only begin to be useful when somebody does something!

I enter with very great sympathy into the Guide situation and your efforts to keep them together. I wish I could have been with you at any rate to take some of the strain. All I can do is to tell you that the Chief Guide spoke to me with very warm appreciation of her meeting with you. I don't think anybody here realizes how difficult

it is to keep his going, but  
they do know how important it  
is. Viva Signora Rossi. I hope  
you'll keep on. I'll see Mrs  
Leigh White, if she needs his  
situation interpreted.

Logan is with me and  
follows his situation keenly.

All the best. Look forward  
to seeing you again someday.  
We'll manage it somehow

yes

Pussy

(F.R. Lally).

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SUBJECT : Contribution to UNICEF,

28 July, 1945

TO : Boy Scouts International Bureau,  
(Att: Mrs. E.K. Wade).

Dear Mrs. Wade:

Thank you very much for your letter of 4 June stating that the L.150 for the Corpo Nazionale Giovani Esploratori Italiani has been sent. The Bank of Italy reports that it has not yet come, but I'll be watching for it. It will be most welcome.

Sincerely yours,

CARLETON W. WASHBURN  
Lt. Col., A.U.S.  
Director of Education.

Copy to Mr. Gatty.

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4th July  
1945

Dear Colonel Washburne

You will no doubt have received by this time the sum of £150. through the Westminster Bank, Victoria Street Branch, London.

This represents the contribution which the Boy Scouts International Bureau desires to make towards the CORPO NAZIONALE GIOVANI ESPLORATORI ITALIANI funds; and Colonel Wilson will be greatly obliged if you will deal with it for him if and when it reaches you.

Yours faithfully,

*E. K. Wade*  
SECRETARY

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38 BUCKINGHAM PALACE ROAD, LONDON, S.W.1

1st May  
1945

Dear Brother Scout,

WORLD YOUTH COUNCIL

Scout leaders in several countries have written to ask my advice as to whether they should accept an invitation to participate in a meeting organised by the above Council to be held in London in August.

In case you should also receive an invitation, may I say that the World Youth Council is to a great extent a self-constituted body and has, in my opinion, a distinct political background. The International Bureau, as such, has rejected invitations to assist with it; and the Boy Scouts Association of Great Britain has similarly refused any official participation in such meetings.

Yours sincerely,

*J. S. Wilson*  
DIRECTOR

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Education Subcommittee  
APO 394

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23 April, 1945

SUBJECT : Boy Scouts in Italy

TO : T.G. Bincham, International Commissioner  
Boy Scouts Association, IHQ  
25, Buckingham Palace Road  
London, S.W.1 England

Dear Mr. Bincham:

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Thank you for your note of 16th April. We shall miss Mr. Logan. Mr. Catty is in a better position than I am to say whether or not Italy can effectively carry on without a full time successor to him and I am asking Mr. Catty to write to you in regard to this if he has not already done so, when he gets back from a trip to the North.

We all appreciate your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely yours

CARLETON W. WASHBURN  
Lt. Col. A.U.S.  
Director of Education



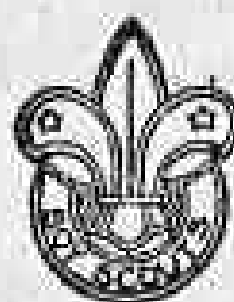
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### IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS

25, BUCKINGHAM PALACE ROAD

LONDON, S.W.1

16th April, 1945.

IN REPLY PLEASE ADDRESS  
THE GENERAL SECRETARY  
AND QUOTE

Major C. Washburne, AUS.,  
H.Q. Allied Commission,  
A.P.O. 394,  
C.M.F.

Dear Major Washburne,

As you are no doubt aware the Rev. V.K.C. Logan, my Assistant International Commissioner and Commissioner for Scouts in H.M. Forces has recently returned to this country for consultation with us here at Imperial Headquarters.

From all that he says, it now seems that Scouting is well-established and we feel that he can now be released and the work carried on very ably by the various excellent teams of part time workers, that he has been able to create in almost every country.

Should it be necessary for you to communicate with the Service Rover Scout Association in the C.M.F., the appropriate addresses are as follows :-

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Major Nicol, c/o Major C.N.C. Boyle, M.C., G/2 (c.c),  
A.F.H.Q., C.M.F., or to Wing Commander S.J. Hargrave, R.A.F.

H.Q. M.A.A.F., C.M.F.

Matters exclusively relating to Italian Scouting should be referred to - F.R. Catty, Esq., Communications Sub-Commission, H.Q. Allied Commission, C.M.F.

In matters which you feel you would like to refer to me personally, I should be grateful if you would address to me at B.S.A., I.H.Q., 25, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

Yours sincerely,

*Glad T. Bincham*

(T.G. Bincham)  
INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONER.

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J. S. Wilson, Esq., O.B.E.  
Boy Scouts International Bureau  
38 Buckingham Palace Road, London S.W.1.

Tel. 489081-236

26 February 1945

I have much appreciated the copy you sent me on December 19th of your provisional recognition of the revived Boy Scout organizations of Italy.

As you have doubtless been informed, the recognition was celebrated with a ceremony in my office, and everybody was very happy about the revival of such a promising movement.

Please accept my thanks and believe me

Yours sincerely

CARLETON W. WASHBURN  
Major, AUS  
Director of Education.

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(copy)Col W. W. W. W.  
12 Feb. 45

Extract from letter received from  
Col L.S. WILSON 7, Director, International Bureau Boy Scouts  
London

dated 12 February 1945

" Dear Catty

Thank you for your memorandum on the condition of the Corpo Nazionale Giovani Esploratori Italiani. I am in agreement with the various deductions and recommendations which you make and I am addressing a further letter to the (British) Boy Scouts Association and to the Boy Scouts of America on the subject of supplies of uniform and equipment.

I am prepared to guarantee £150 as a contribution from the International Bureau towards the expenses of the CNGEI. I do not know however if it is possible for me to have that amount transmitted to you owing to the various currency regulations. I shall be grateful for any advice you can give me in regard to this.

I make this guarantee because of the facts set out in para 3 a of your memorandum and in the first two sentences of your para A 4. "

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( The relative sentences of my memorandum read;;;

" These are honest men and eager Scouts; their resources are lacking to an extent to which people accustomed to see a Scout Movement in other countries, where conditions are different, can hardly imagine. They are lacking also by comparison with their colleagues here of the Catholic branch of the Movement. And these men have in the last six months given liberally of their spare time and private money, and are genuinely at their limit in this respect and very discouraged.

Further, if the CNGEI did now drop out, that would be the end of the Federation. Scouting in Italy would be represented only by the Catholic Association, a situation which I do not believe would be welcome to the wiser among the leaders of the Catholic movement itself. "

x 9 am consulting Embassy. F.R.C.



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19th December, 1944.

To: C.N.G.E.I.

A.S.C.I.

F.E.I.

Major C.W. Washburne, A.U.S., ✓  
A/Director of Education.

Rev. V.K.C. Logan

Assistant International Commissioner,  
(Middle East), Boy Scouts Association  
of Great Britain.

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I have received the request dated 21st November, 1944, signed by three representatives each of C.N.G.E.I., and A.S.C.I. and by Signor De Ruggiero, former Minister of Education. This request asks for the provisional recognition of the revived Scout Associations of C.N.G.E.I. and A.S.C.I. and of their Federation to be known as Federazione Esploratori Italiani.

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I have much pleasure, on behalf of the Boy Scouts International Committee, in accepting this request and in giving the provisional recognition asked for. This recognition will require confirmation by the International Committee at its next Meeting, and by the next International Conference, according to the following extract from Article VI of the "Constitution and Bye-Laws for International Conference and International Bureau of the Boy Scout Movement" -

"The International Committee shall have power:-

After investigation and after consulting all affiliated Associations to decide as to the admission of organisations applying for recognition and registration, or the cancellation of such recognition and registration. Should any three countries oppose admission, the question is to be referred to the next International Conference".

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It is with the greatest pleasure that I welcome back to the Boy Scout Movement the two former Italian Scout Associations, and with still greater pleasure that I am able to afford provisional recognition to the Federation which has been formed between them according to the agreement set out in Atto Costitutivo Della Federazione Esploratori Italiani, a signed copy of which accompanied the request of 21st November, 1944.



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BOY SCOUTS INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

19th December, 1944

TO: C.N.G.E.I.  
A.S.C.I.  
F.E.I.  
Major C.W. WASHBURN, A.U.S.  
A/Director of Education.  
Rev. V.K.C. LOGAN,  
Assistant International Commissioner,  
(Middle East), Boy Scouts Association  
of Great Britain.

Mi e' stato richiesto, il 21 novembre 1944, con domanda firmata da tre rappresentanti del C.N.G.E.I. e da tre del A.S.C.I. e dal Prof. De Ruggiero ex Ministro della Pubblica Istruzione, il riconoscimento provvisorio delle rinatate associazioni scoutistiche C.N.G.E.I. ed A.S.C.I. e della loro Federazione che sara' detta Federazione Esploratori Italiani.

Sono assai lieto, per il bene del "Boy Scouts International Committee", di accettare questa domanda accordando il provvisorio riconoscimento richiesto. A questo riconoscimento sara' necessaria una conferma da parte dell'International Committee alla sua prossima adunanza e da parte della prossima Conferenza Internazionale, secondo l'art. VI di "Costituzione e Statuto per la Conferenza Internazionale e per l'Ufficio Internazionale del Movimento Scoutistico." di cui segue l'estratto:

"Il Comitato Internazionale, dopo aver investigato e consultato tutte le Associazioni affiliate, avra' il potere di decidere circa l'ammissione di organizzazioni che chiedono riconoscimento e registrazione o circa l'annullamento di talp riconoscimento e registrazione. Nel caso che tre nazioni si oppongano all'ammissione, la questione sara' rimandata alla Conferenza Internazionale successiva."

E' con grandissimo piacere che io saluto il ritorno al Movimento Scoutistico delle due antiche Associazioni Italiane Scoutistiche ed e' con piacere anche maggiore che possa accordare riconoscimento provvisorio alla Federazione fra di esse formata secondo l'accordo dell'Atto Costitutivo della Federazione Esploratori Italiani, una copia del quale accompagnava la richiesta del 21 novembre 1944.

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38 BUCKINGHAM PALACE ROAD, LONDON, S.W.1 14th Dec.  
1944

Dear Major Washburne,

I wish to thank you very much for your letter of the 24th November, and I am glad to know of the safe arrival of the parcel of books and pamphlets on Scouting, and of the use to which this material has been put by Mr Catty. It is also very good to know of the continued good work which Mr Logan and Mr Catty are doing and to realise that the energies of all those who are interested in Scouting are being canalised into one stream.

I have also to thank you for the letter from Mr Logan which you enclosed with yours of the 21st November and for the letter from Mr Catty which you transmitted on the 24th.

May I take this opportunity of sending you my best wishes for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

*J. S. Wilson*  
DIRECTOR

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8 December 1944

SUBJECT : Transmittal of enclosed  
report.

TO : International Commissioner,  
I.H.Q. Boy Scouts,  
25 Buckingham Palace Road,  
London, S.W. 1.

Enclosed transmitted to you for Mr. Catty, Allied  
Commission.

CARLETON W. WASHBURN  
Major, AUS  
A/Director of Education.

Incl:  
as above.

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22nd November  
1944

Dear Major Washburne,

I have to-day received your letter of the 8th November with report on the Italian Girl Guides, and I have forwarded the enclosure to the Director of the World Bureau for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Mrs Leigh-White, O.B.E., at 9 Palace Street, Westminster, London, S.W.1.

This Bureau is quite close to the above and we work very closely in touch with one another and I have sent to Mrs Leigh White copies of all Mr Logan's reports which affect the Girl Guides; so they are fully au fait as to the position; I would suggest, however, that you might now like to send all questions affecting Girl Guides direct to that Bureau, and I think Mrs Leigh-White is writing to you direct about this.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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*J. Wilson*  
DIRECTOR

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20th November, 1944.

Dear Major Washburne,

I have safely received your letter of 28th October 1944 in which you refer to the importance of having someone on the spot in Rome to whom you can refer quickly questions, and people interested in scouting. I note what you have to say in regard to Mr. Frederic Robert Catty. Although he is not known to me, I am quite agreeable that you should make use of his services in a semi-official capacity. I shall be greatly obliged if you could ask him to write to me giving the details of his scout history as an introduction, and asking for my advice on any particular points of present principle or method about which he may be uncertain.

One of my scout colleagues, the Hon. Hubert Howard  
of P.W.D. has written to me two or three times with reports

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of the scouting that he has seen in Sicily and Italy. He last wrote to me from Florence saying that he was being posted back to Rome, but that he might be returning to this country. If he is still available to you I am sure that you will find him of the greatest service. Knowing him as I do I can cordially recommend him as one who can represent me with you.

I have to extend to you the grateful thanks of both myself and the International Committee for all the interest which you are taking in regard to the revival of scouting in Italy.

*yours sincerely*

*J. H. H. H.*

Major Carleton W. Washburne,  
A/Director of Education,  
Headquarters Allied Commission,  
APO.394.

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Major Washburn

FROM : The Assistant International Commissioner  
TO : Col. J.S. Wilson, O.B.E.  
Director, Boy Scouts International Bureau.  
SUBJECT: On Italian Scouting.  
Ref. : Report No. 3.  
DATE :

OCTOBER 13, 1944.

Professor Mazza called at my office at 11.00 hrs, after first telephoning. After discussion he presented me with the attached memorandum, over which I was politely non-committal. Both Major Washburne, Major Gordon and I feel that his proposal is good except for the proposed presidency of NICE which, we feel, should be entirely outside either existing organisation.

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The premature newspaper notice seems a pity, as it is apt to look like "double-dealing". In view of all our counsels to delay everything of that sort until after the joint meeting, but obviously in itself it is of no real significance.

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12 October, 1944.

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Memorandum submitted to the Rev. V.K.C. Logan, International Commissioner for the Boy Scouts.

The following is offered in a personal and friendly manner by an old Scout, loyal to the purposes of Scouting, to a fellow Scout in the sole interest of furthering the Scouting Program in a land where it can and will be a great element of reconstruction. While it is friendly, it frankly recognizes at the outset a difference of attitude between the AGE (Associazione di Giovani Esploratori) and the CNGEI (Corpo Nazionale di Giovani Esploratori Italiani).

While the AGE, in these first months of rebirth, have concentrated on the formation of properly instructed Scout Masters and the founding of troops with a view toward establishing Scouting on a firm and independent basis, it would seem that the CNGEI has chosen as its special activity the creation of a secure political foundation for their association.

The CNGEI wishes to regain the status it enjoyed in the pre-Mussolini days, namely, that of a body not only recognised by the Government and its various political agencies but also subsidized and supervised by the National Government. It has come to the notice of the writer, for instance, that the Minister of Education would intend to assume the presidency of CNGEI.

Permit the writer to observe that in the past this "official" status reacted against the Scouting Movement for while the CNGEI was able, through State aid and political preferment, to build an extensive organization on paper, this very fact contributed to its rapid disintegration. It would seem to the writer that the growth was forced and therefore not a solid one as it appears from the fact that the ASCI (Associazione scoutistica Cattolica Italiana), forerunner of the AGE, had 5,000 troops in the field, the CNGEI had only about 100 really active troops.

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The writer is informed that Minister De Ruggiero<sup>(1)</sup> intends to make the CNGEI such that would be a completely governmental project, as it was in the past, enjoying the subsidization and help of the Government and therefore enjoying the dubious privilege of governmental control. Such a Scouting organization would be little better than a second edition of the Opera Balilla, being not a free and autonomous body, recognized by the State and loyal to it but independent from its direct control. As an old Scout the writer knows that the English and American Scouting organizations are free and autonomous but recognized and he feels that Scouting in Italy should by all means enjoy the same independent and non-political character. In fact he goes so far as to say that such a character is essential to Scouting, which does not intend to be a government organization while it does aspire to be a patriotic one.

(1) The Press of Today actually announces this as an accomplished fact

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In Italy today there exist two Scout bodies; if Italy is to be democratically constituted, they will continue to exist and will develop according to the initiative of their free citizen leaders. In these circumstances it would be the part of the democratic government to encourage both organizations while abstaining from controlling either one of these or from favouring either one. The Scouts, and they are more numerous, of AGE are Italian citizens just as those of the CNGEI are. As such they are as fully entitled to State encouragement and aid as any other group.

If, however, the Minister of Education assumes the leadership of one organization, as against the other, he will be in the position of discriminating against the other. He will have departed radically and essentially from the principles of Scouting organization as exemplified by Scout organizations in America and England.

The writer proposes therefore that to avoid such an inequitable situation such an organisation as the following be set up :

## FEDERAL COMMISSARIAT

PRESIDENT  
(The Minister of Education)

National Commissioner  
from CNGEI

National Commissioner  
from AGE.

Four technical advisers : two from each Association

## SECRETARY

Central Headquarters of CNGEI

Central Headquarters of AGE.

To the Federal Commissariat would be entrusted :

1. Relations with State Authorities.
2. International Relations with other Scouting Bodies.
3. Public Health Matters.
4. Standardization of Instructor Requirements, Scouting texts, etc.

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In conclusion the writer would like to observe that the interests of Scouting and of Italy will be greatly served if, at the very outset, all cause for division in the Scouting Movement is removed. He submits this short memorandum with the whole view of achieving now harmony between the two actual and existent Scouting bodies. He feels confident that in view of the unity of the Scouting program organization all differences can be satisfactorily adjusted.

Mario Mazza.



From "IL POPOLO" , Roma. 13 October, 1944

Nomina del Presidente del Corpo Nazionale  
Giovani Esploratori Italiani.

"La presidenza generale del Corpo Nazionale Giovani Esploratori Italiani è stata assunta dal Ministro della Pubblica Istruzione Guido De Ruggiero, coadiuvato da vecchi dirigenti degli esploratori romani che ne hanno assunte le cariche tecniche."

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OCTOBER 14, 1944.

An unofficial meeting was held at the request of Prof. Mazza, the following being present :  
Mr. Logan, Major Gordon, Prof. Mazza and three Scout Commissioners of AGEI.

Out of the discussion three points emerged:-

1. Prof. Mazza desired to point out that in his plan for a federation, he proposed that Minister for Education should be President only so long as he was in office, whereas the CNGEI had invited the present Minister as Signor De Ruggiero as a person to be their Association President, and that if he ceased to be a Minister he would not therefore cease to be their President. I and Major Gordon in the course of conversation suggested that the word Patron<sup>②</sup> would be applicable to the figurehead of the Federation. We then discovered that the word "chairman"<sup>①</sup> in the English sense had been misunderstood and so this was explained. Prof. Mazza's plan is therefore enlarged as follows :

- a) Patron of FICE - the Minister for Education in office - if a particular Minister does not desire the office of Patron, then it is to be left unfilled.
- b) <sup>①</sup>Chairman of the Council to be the actual executive head and to be elected by the Council from each society alternately.
- c) <sup>①</sup>Capo-radunata.  
Remainder of scheme as originally proposed.  
<sup>③</sup> Presidents of AGEI & CNGEI

2. Prof. Mazza raised another question but on the urgent representations of myself and Major Gordon, will not bring this up before any federated council, but will write to Col. Wilson about it privately.

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He asserts that he is assured that Signor Ruggiero is not a theist or a Christian by faith and he feels very strongly that Scouting as envisaged by B-P should not appoint as its titular head any one who does not hold at least theistic views (i.e; an appointment of a man as man to be head - and not of a ministerial office).

3. It is now definitely established that Col. Wilson's letter to Prof. Mazza has not reached him, owing to some postal misdelivery.

- ② President ~~to~~ honoreario of FICE
- ③ President ~~to~~ Generale of AGEI & CNGEI



OCTOBER 15, 1944.

I was able to visit two Troops of CNGEI, but owing to ACC transport regulations (i.e; returning the car between each visit) was unable to see more.

1. This Troop, composed of some 14 boys ranging from 16 to 12 and a Wolf Cub Pack of 12 boys was camping in the back yard of a large day school. Two boys and the Scoutmaster (a young schoolmaster) had uniform of some sort. The equipment of the Troop consisted of 1 army bivouac tent and an assortment of knives, daggers, axes, a spade, and some old army waterbottles, all attached to various boys the "whole" time even during rowdy games. The Cub training was almost identical with the Scout Training due, I believe, to the fact that the only book in the possession of the Scoutmaster was an old copy of Scouting for Boys. Signalling was being done with an old table cloth on a stick. The elder boys had all been in the Balilla.

Apart from casual conversation with Signor Morandi and the acting Commissioner for Rome Area, who were with me, I made a short speech of good wishes and also a word about future world-wide brotherhood. This was interpreted by Signor Morandi. The acting Cubmaster spoke good English.

They were very pleased with my visit indeed.

They tend to make the "Scout Sign" in a similar manner to the old Fascist Salute, but I think this is quite unintentional.

2. 2. This Troop was in camp in the grounds of a famous villa the other side of Rome and was only reached after 15 minutes cross-country walking from leaving the car.

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The conditions were almost exactly similar to the other Troop except that this Troop was in much better surroundings. The boys seemed even more ragged and poor than the first lot.

There was boiling water for the lot in a pot 3 inches deep by 7 inches diameter.

There were about 12 boys there, and only one boy and the Scoutmaster had uniform of any kind. I don't think that this Troop had any text book of Scouting at all.

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Both visits rather took me back to the year 1912, when as a boy I accompanied my father (then Assistant District Commissioner for Lymington) round some early Scout camps - there was a similarity in the methods of improvisation, but not in the abject poverty of vitally necessary equipment.

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Good work is undoubtedly being done on a small scale, and under incredible handicaps, but I do feel that there is at any rate a possibility that as in British Scouting in the early days, unequipped and ill-trained Scoutmasters, covered their unpreparedness by military training for boys, so might Scouters here cover their unpreparedness by using certain Balilla practices in Scouting - especially if they have no Scout books. They are NOT doing so at the moment, but there is the possibility and it must not be overlooked.



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OCTOBER 16, 1944.

I was invited to lunch by Signor Corcos at his home. It turned out that after lunch we were to have a conference as Signor Morandi and Dr. Pirotta were also included among the guests. Signor Corcos' sister who is a graduate of Cambridge acted as interpreter when necessary, but most of the discussion took place in French.

Apart from explaining the difference between Patron, President and Chairman, the discussion took the form of a most cordial effort to prepare for tomorrow's joint meeting and like the conference with Prof. Mazza, included a request for my advice about the line to take.

As I had stressed with Prof. Mazza, that unity and federation were vital, so I did here.

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Dr. Pirotta and Signors Corcos and Morandi are again meeting Prof. Mazza tonight to discuss further details for tomorrow's meeting.

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I feel that both parties have now come round to real spirit of cooperation and I am optimistic.  
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Copy sent by letter.

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28th September  
1944

Dear Major Washburne,

I was very glad to receive your letter of the 14th September and to know that your Education Subcommittee has been giving help and encouragement to the Boy Scouts in Italy in the re-building of their movement. The letter which you enclose from Dr Pirota is the first which we have had from him since 1928 when he wrote to inform us that Scouting had been forbidden by Police Order. I shall be grateful if you will pass on my reply to him.

Any news that you can give us either of this Association or of the parallel one (Associazione Scoutistica Cattolica Italiana) will be much welcomed by this Bureau at any time.

With many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

*J. Wilson*  
DIRECTOR

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With many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

*J. F. Wilson*

DIRECTOR

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Major C. L. Washburne  
Education Subcommission  
Headquarters Allied Control Commission  
APO 394

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My dear Pirotta,

It was a real pleasure to me to get your letter and to be in touch with you after all these years. I am afraid that your letter of the 15th July, to which you refer, never reached us, and it is your letter of 6th September, forwarded by Major Carleton W. Washburne of the Allied Control Commission, that I am now answering.

I note the reorganisation which has taken place in your Association, and I trust that you have by this time completed your negotiations with the A.S.C.I. towards a Federation of the two Associations. I am delighted to have the names of so many former Scouts now holding appointments in your Association, and need not say how cordially I wish you full success in the re-building of your Movement. If there is anything which I can do to help in this, please do not hesitate to let me know, and I look forward now to keeping in touch with you by regular interchange of news - and I shall see that you receive copies of JAMBOREE regularly.

I have had two letters from Captain Carlo Ratti, from his P.O.W. Camp (23051 Capitan Barri Carlo, Camp 356 (B) P.O.W. East Africa Command) and I expect that you are also in touch with him. At his request we have sent him copies of recent British Scout literature.

Again may I assure you of my pleasure in being once more in touch with you.

Yours sincerely,

DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT : Boy Scouts in Italy.

TO : Manager of Boy Scouts International Bureau,  
25 Buckingham Palaces Road, London SW 1.

1. The Education Subcommittee, ACC, has been giving such counsel and help as possible to incipient Boy Scout organizations in Italy, and will be glad to be of such help to you as its limited time and personnel permit.

2. The head of the movement in Rome has prepared the enclosed letter and asked us to transmit it to you.

For the A/Director of Education:

CARLETON W. WASHBURNE  
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"May choicest blessings still attend  
Each honest-hearted, open friend;  
And calm and quiet be his end,  
And a' that's good watch o'er him;  
May peace and plenty be his lot."

We come to the threshold of a new year; a year that will be as fateful for good or ill as the last six through which we have passed with their load of "dool and sorrow." Looking around on a distraught and distorted world our one wish can only be "May peace and plenty be his lot."

The dreams and hopes of a year ago have not all been fulfilled. Men and women have shed blood, sweat and tears in the firm and sustaining belief that their country and they would be free; that once again they could afford to be happy and not continue to be afraid of the sound of every step, of every knock. Countries *have* been freed, and men and women have died content in the foreknowledge that freedom must be attained. But the millennium promised too rashly by too many has not been attained. Countries that have been freed find themselves still assailed by want, still girt about by irksome restrictions, still with hope deferred, almost hope destroyed.

Two years ago we quoted Napoleon: "There are in the world two powers—the sword and the spirit. The spirit has always conquered the sword." To that belief we hold firm. There has been abundant proof of it in these last two years. As the spirit of the People, so the spirit of Scouting; as the spirit of Scouting, so the spirit

of the People. Scouts advancing with the armies of freedom have been amazed, even ashamed, at the welcome they have met, at the assistance that has been rendered to them by their brother scouts. The people of Belgium have collected toys to enrich the Christmas of children of Great Britain. The first aim of the Scouts of France has been to start to be prepared for the International Jamboree in 1946. These are the things that count. These are the proofs of the spirit.

Yet we must face the realities. Patience, infinite patience, is still required. The world has been sick for much more than six years. There are signs that he has passed the crisis and is beginning to mend. The convalescence will be long. "The interim is going to be difficult. The fact remains that peace will find everybody extremely tired. After the momentary exhilaration of immense relief there will probably be for many a kind of flatness caused by sheer physical and nervous exhaustion. . . . Being liberated is no joke. Our freedom from war will put its own strain on patience and on temper." (*The Observer*) During 1945 the Scout Law will be our guide and more particularly its invitation to friendship and to cheerfulness.

With all sincerity and with all gratitude we echo the wish to every one of our brother scouts:—

"May peace and plenty be his lot,  
Unstained by any vicious blot."

J. S. W.

OUR QUARTERLY QUOTATION:—"Not in mastery but in service; not in dictatorship but in freedom, lies the secret of man's destiny."

Field Marshal Rt. Hon. J. C. SMUTS.

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## NEWS FROM HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

AMERICA.—The theme for the 35th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America is "Scouts of the World—Brothers Together."

"Such a theme"—to quote SCOUTING—"is more than a slogan, more than the subject of speech and pageantry, though it can and should be used for both. It is the framework for a programme which could affect every local Pack and Troop and Senior Unit, a 'magic carpet' programme which would carry the interest of the boys of any local community far beyond their present horizon. Here is the kind of thing which might happen—one of the members of a Troop in Texas has been writing home about the rebirth of Scouting in Italy, of the Troop meetings he has visited. The older brother of one of the Scouts in a Connecticut Troop writes back from a 14th Air Corps base that he has talked with the Chinese Scouts in a little village where he is quartered; he is filled with admiration for their courage and resourcefulness. An Assistant Scoutmaster of a Troop in Ohio is active in a servicemen's Scout Association in Algiers, and has made friends with a score of former Scouts and Scouters from England, France, and North Africa. These are contacts too good to lose; they lay the groundwork for carrying out the theme in a way which could draw Scouts together round the world. . . . Because of the international emphasis of this theme it has been decided to carry the Anniversary Celebration from February 8 to February 22. The latter, in addition to being Washington's birthday is also the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting."

BELGIUM.—A British soldier sends us an interesting account of a camp fire held in Brussels on October 31. Almost fifteen hundred people, all in uniform, were packed into the largest theatre in Brussels. They included many officers of high rank, Red Cross nurses, both English and Belgian, officers and men of all the services and, of course, Scouts, Rovers, Rangers, and Guides. A very warm welcome was given to all by the Rover Commissioner of Belgium who led the opening chorus, sung by the Rovers and Rangers as a welcome to their guests whose acquaintance they had made at the Hospital, in the streets on the day of liberation and in the course of their duties. Many of the songs and choruses, though sung in English, were well known to the Belgian Scouts and included such familiar songs as "Swanee River," "It aint going to rain no more," "Poor Old Joe," "Tipperary," and "My Bonnie is over the Ocean." The Guides sang songs both in English and French, and there were also many national dances, including English and Scottish folk dances and an Irish jig. After an interval for refreshments the programme continued till nearly eleven o'clock. Our writer concludes: "It was great to hear the encores the performers received as they left the stage. These included the usual hand-clapping of the British personnel, the Hrrrrrrrr by the many Rovers, but best of all the individual yells of the various Rover Crews and Ranger Companies. Everyone simply let themselves go and all had an excellent time. At the close both Belgian and British National Anthems were sung. . . . It was a very good show altogether. Belgian Scouts and Guides really do know their stuff when it comes to entertainment."

EGYPT.—The Egyptian National Boy Scouts Association reports that there is a great development of the Scout

training in Egypt, more particularly among the peasant boys in the villages. The Ministry of Social Affairs is responsible for promoting Scouting among these boys in their newly-established Social Centres. There must be at least fifty thousand boys undergoing Scout training in Egypt to-day, although only a small proportion of these are at present registered or under the control of the Egyptian Boy Scouts Association.

FRANCE.—Letters are pouring into the International Bureau from members of "Scoutisme Francais," all wanting the latest news of old friends, and all speaking to the fine spirit and unity of Scouting in that country. France is hoping to hold the first post-war Jamboree, probably in 1946; and with that in view General Lafont and Mr. Pierre Delsuc (International Commissioner) hope to visit London to confer with the Director of the International Bureau.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Many of those Scout friends from other countries who have spent several years in Great Britain have now been able to return to their own lands. We rejoice with them, but we miss them, too, from our international gatherings.

Many gaps were noticed on the occasion of Sir Percy Everett's enjoyable afternoon party held in the Chief's room at Imperial Headquarters on November 11. But those who were still in London had a really good time and felt most grateful to the Deputy Chief Scout for giving them this opportunity of meeting him and each other.

Lady Everett received the guests with Sir Percy, and Lady Baden-Powell, the World Chief Guide, was among those present. Sir Percy made a short speech of welcome and said that the party was the first of a series which he hoped to give from time to time.

HOLLAND.—The Temporary Association of Netherlands Scouting is now in touch again with Scouting in that part of the homeland which has so far been liberated. In every town, so soon as it was liberated, Scouts at once reappeared. "The uniforms are not what we would wish them to be; but the Scout spirit has not suffered. On the contrary! The boys have worked as hard as they could and in our town, which remains exposed to shelling, they continually run risks which have cost us up to now the lives of two boys, who fell while doing their duty."

Another report says: "The Scouts have done a real good job in this part of the country and started at the time of liberation at once with the usual good turns. A report before me lists the different things done in this town in the first three weeks after the liberation. It started with a general meeting of all sorts of Scouts the day after the liberation, and from that time on it continued every day with something new. There are, of course, the usual services as messengers, helping with fire-brigade, and as stretcher bearers; and the less usual services such as installing the first postal services, starting an information bureau, installation of buildings for evacuees, compiling statistics (we might need a statistician proficiency badge!), and even running a bakery. Actually, the reputation of the Scouts is such that if an important letter has to be delivered it is known all over the place that if you hand it to a Scout it will be delivered. In one town the Scouts were so keen to get into uniform that 24 hours before the last German had left they were already parading in the streets in full uniform."



ICELAND.—The International Commissioner reported in September that Scouting in Iceland is going on well. "Active Scouts this year are about 1,500. This summer Scouts from all over the country came together for a Moot for a week. As you perhaps know, the Scouts are driving a farm near Reykjavik. Scouts from all over the country stay there in summer and learn all about farming as well as Scouting. During the week September 9-16 there was a school for patrol leaders at the farm where the older Scouts taught the younger ones the art of Scouting. There is a very increasing interest for the skiing sport among the Scouts in Reykjavik, mostly due to the Scout Ski Hut built two years ago."

INDIA.—The second Moot of the All-India Services Rovers took place on Saturday, September 30, and Sunday, October 1. The camp was held in the compound of St. Paul's Church, Ambala. About 25 Rover Scouts from such distant places as Baluchistan, Bengal, Delhi, Karachi, Jhansi (U.P.), together with their brothers in the Ambala Crew, met and carried out a varied programme of activities. Arriving on the Saturday morning they attended to the inner man and prepared for the official opening ceremony. This was carried out by S. S. Sardar Hardial Singh, who, in his talk, stressed the international aspect of Scouting and said that Kipling was not correct in his writing that East is East and West is West and the twain shall never meet, because this gathering proves that when two Boy Scouts stand face to face there is neither East nor West. After the Flag was broken by the Camp Chief, the Rev. W. R. F. Hares, and the Moot Emblem uncovered, the Moot was declared open. The Moot Emblem consisted of a Shield with designs of the Punjab Badge—the Combined Operations Ensignia—the cross of St. George, the Star of India, and superimposed was the Scout badge. The activities were then set in full swing with an observation hike—taking the Rovers on a journey around Ambala following hidden clues and directions. The final aim was the location of a coin hidden in one tree in the compound!! Arriving back, they attended to a huge thirst and sat in conference to hear the reports from members present. Outstanding among these was that from the Karachi Crew who described their work in running a troop of Polish Scouts, also a company of Polish Guides or Girl Scouts (as they prefer to be called). Time to let off steam after dinner—all retired to the Campfire Circle—the Camp Chief declared the Campfire open and a very enjoyable series of songs, yells and stunts followed. An amusing series of plays depicting historical characters and their Scouting instincts was a feature.

The next day, after attending early morning Church Service and having breakfast, a competition was held requiring patrols to obtain certain articles and perform certain jobs, finally being instructed to produce a useful article carved from wood. By this time all were dusty so a swim was indulged in before repairing the ravages of the morning with food and drink. There followed a serious part of the day, namely, a Rovers'-Own, conducted by Don Pasterfield, and the speaker was Fred Ambler, both of Ambala Crew.

After a free discussion on the A.I.S.R. and the Moot over tea, the Rovers assembled around the Flagstaff for the flag down. The Camp Chief spoke of the successes and failures of the Moot and paid compliments to the work of the Moot Secretary, A. T. Harrison, of the Ambala Crew, whose enthusiasm did much for the success

of the Moot. A trophy was presented to the Karachi Crew for being an outstanding crew at the Moot. This consisted of a slab of iced cake on an enamel plate—very nice except that the cake was a block of wood, suitably disguised. However, it looked very nice and made an amusing trophy. The Flag was pulled down and the Moot was over. To complete the day the Rovers attended Evensong in St. Paul's Church and the Camp Chief preached the sermon. A very enjoyable time was had by all and a definite milestone in the life of the All-India Services Rovers reached.

ITALY.—November 23, 1944, was an historic landmark in Italian Scouting; for on this day the following document was signed and despatched to the Boy Scouts' International Bureau:

"It is the most earnest and sincere request of all the signatories below that Colonel J. S. Wilson, Director of the Scouts' International Bureau in London, give provisional recognition to the reborn Scout Associations of CORPO NAZIONALE GIOVANI ESPLORATORI ITALIANI and ASSOCIAZIONE SCAUTISTICA CATTOLICA ITALIANA and also of their Federation, known as FEDERAZIONE ESPLORATORI ITALIANI and set forth fully in the attached document."

The above request is signed by the heads of the two Associations and by the Minister of Education, as first President of the Federation.

Thus, after seventeen years' interval, have come into being not only the two pre-Fascist Italian Scout Associations, but also a Federation of Italian Scouting which will face the outside world as a united National Scout Movement.

LUXEMBOURG.—A correspondent tells us that "Scouting is getting along pretty well and the future looks bright for Scouting in this country. We only hope and pray that some sort of agreement may be reached between the two Federations. Again, here we have every reason to be optimistic. Our greatest problem is the tremendous influx of new members and a dearth of leaders. About half of the leaders are still unavailable."

NORWAY.—The Annual Report for the Norwegian Boy Scouts Association in Great Britain makes interesting reading. The Chairman, Mr. Victor Carlsen, in expressing the confident hope that their exile will not last much longer adds: "In that hope let our common Scout Promise spur us on to greater effort so that the result of our years of exile will reflect honour on us and on the Movement."

Outstanding events of the year were the Conference at Scottish Headquarters in May, 1943, when H.R.H. Prince Olaf was the chief speaker and took part in a whole day's programme and in the camp fire with which it concluded. An Association Camp (already reported in JAMBOREE) was held at Drumtochty Castle in July.

The Norwegian Handbook, written by Möller Gassman, has been revised by a sub-committee under Major V. Krag Rønne and published through the kindness of the Canadian Boy Scouts Association free of cost. Thanks are expressed to Dr. Stiles and the Canadian Scouts for this generous gift; and also to Admirals Corneliusen and Danielsen, of the Norwegian Navy, for the use of rooms for meetings, and to the British Boy Scouts Association for the use of the Chief Scout's room and to Mr. Attrill for his help there.



Touch has been maintained with Norwegian Scouts in Sweden; there is a Norwegian Troop at Upsala which is doing well.

In June there was a successful "Scouts' Own" run by Pastor Urain at the Norwegian Seamen's Church, when the Scout Promise was renewed, films were shown, coffee and cakes partaken of and yarns told.

Membership at the end of 1943 stood at 142 as against 99 in 1942.

The first Norwegian Troop in Great Britain is divided into Rovers, Senior Scouts and Scouts. The first two sections cannot do much practical work but the Rovers have met once a fortnight with very few breaks but varying numbers. The Scouts consist of one patrol, living in different parts of London, and particularly in the winter it is not always possible for them to meet regularly. Meetings have been held and practical Scout work carried out. The Troop also holds quarterly group meetings which have been enjoyed by all, and here it should be mentioned that the Royal Norwegian Navy were good enough to supply film stock to allow a camp cinematograph film to be taken of the summer camp. The second Norwegian Troop is in Scotland in connection with the Norwegian School at Drumtochty Castle. It consists of four patrols, of which the Seal Patrol won the camp competition and became the Flag Patrol. Monthly Troop and weekly Patrol meetings have been held, plus nine mountain hikes and some shorter ones. Of the boys who have left the school to join the Royal Norwegian Navy their Scoutmaster wrote: "I hope that the Scout spirit they showed here will follow them in their work."

"In conclusion," the report adds, "we are very grateful to our British brother Scouts. We hope to see them all one day in Norway. And as we have now entered a new year with greater hopes than we have dared entertain on previous occasions, we join to our prayers and hopes warm thoughts for those at home who have to risk trials and persecution for their conviction and loyalty to King and Country."

"Let us, finally, think of those who have gone home. May God bless their memory, and all of us and those at home. Let their fight encourage us to do our duty to God and to our country, to help others, and to obey the Scout Law."

**POLAND.**—The sympathy of all brother Scouts will go out to Poland in the loss, in battle, of their Deputy Chief Scout. "Peter" was killed in the battle for Warsaw only a day after having been decorated with the highest Polish military award.

We are very glad to know that Mr. Henryk Kapiszewski has again taken up the duties of International Commissioner.

**SCOTLAND.**—A very successful conference was held in Edinburgh in October, attended by some 50 Scouters, representing 17 counties and including many of the representatives to the Scottish International Advisory Committee. The programme covered discussions on the development of the Link-Up scheme, plans for other schemes for early assistance to Scouts in liberated countries, the Scout International Relief Service, and various other international matters. The discussions were most useful and many of the proposals will be implemented at an early date. There was an interesting lecture on "Albania," where some of our Relief Workers are now operating. The meeting marked a very definite

step forward in Scotland's international plans and outlook. A report will be issued in due course.

**SWEDEN.**—The Swedish Scouts are busy with post-war plans, which include a National Jamboree to be held, if possible, in the coming summer; and the Swedish Scout Council has also issued an invitation for the next International Committee Meeting to be held in that country at the time of their Jamboree. This invitation has been forwarded to those members of the International Committee with whom we are at present in touch.

### Scouting in Belgium during the Occupation

In the last number of JAMBOREE we promised a full report, in this number, of the progress of Scouting in Belgium during the dark days of the Occupation.

This is given below, in the language in which we received it, and we feel sure that it will be of the greatest interest and a real inspiration to scouting everywhere.

Association royale des Baden-Powell Belgian Scouts (B.P.B.S.)

Fédération des scouts Catholiques (F.S.C.).	Vlaamsch verbond der Katholieke Scouts (V.V.K.S.).	Eclaireurs Catholiques du Congo Belge (E.C.C.B.).
Association royale des Boys Scouts de Belgique (B.S.B.).		Girls.

Statistiques.	F.S.C.	V.V.K.S.	B.S.B.	Total.
1930	4.406	3.062	2.028	9.506
1939	9.239	8.128	2.604	19.961
1941	9.504	10.963	2.963	23.430
1942	14.234	13.818	3.868	31.920
1943	17.000	18.000	4.000	39.000
1944	20.000	20.000	4.000	44.000 + 9.000

plus Guides Catholiques de Belgique (G.C.B.).  
plus Girl Guides de Belgique (G.G.B.).

Girls {	G.C.B. 1940	2.000	3.000	1944	7.500	9.000
	G.G.B. 1940	1.000		1944	1.500	

Scoutisme belge environ ..... 55.000 membres

Il a triplé depuis le 10 mai 1944.

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Durant l'occupation plusieurs brochures scoutées, malgré les difficultés furent rééditées.

Signalons la Prière de la Route (100 mille), l'Oliphant, etc. Comme nouveautés.

Chansonniers	L'Hallali	Ghyoot
	Haadie	Unité st. Louis
	Toutchoit	Camps de jeunes
	Faidoli	Huy
		etc.

Un manuel de l'Aumônier:

"Scoutisme et Spiritualité" très bien fait.

Le livret "Liturgie de route" qui eut un réel succès en un an 3 éditions 7e mille. Office liturgique en français pour les routiers. On peut l'appeler le joyau de notre littérature scoutée belge.

### Technique.

"L'Exploration," du Boschmans.

"Paul, Routier du Christ," du Père Bastin.

### Quelques Romans.

"Rien que joie" Xavier Snoeck,

Une dizaine par Picalausa.



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## Chronologie

10 mai 1940.—Départ de 2.000 routiers et chefs dans le midi de la France. Camps de Castelnau

Saussau  
Le Crez  
Magneldene  
St. Paul et Volmol  
Montfériés, etc.

Service dans les C.R.A.B.S. et les centres d'accueils.  
Les jeunes scouts servent dans la métropole.  
Sur les 8.000 soldats belges tués on compte environ 900 scouts ou anciens.

juin 1940.—Le scoutisme est radicalement supprimé par les boches puis rétabli un mois plus tard.  
Liberté entière sauf défilés

marches en groupes  
manifestations.

Janvier 1941.—Les Allemands cherchent à réquisitionner tout le matériel de camping qui est déclaré propriété de l'Eglise et  
l'Abbé Schoormans } (aumônier du District)  
Baudouin Meeus } sont arrêtés et déportés.  
Le Commissaire Fidisol est prisonnier en Allemagne.  
Les B.S.B. se sabordent.

juillet 1941.—Création des premiers camps de jeunes dirigés par les scouts et subventionnés par le Secours  
d'hiver  
l'O.N.E.  
les foyers Léopold III.

Le camping sous tente est supprimé.  
8 camps fondés par Willy.

Un millier de gosses sont Belges.

Grand rallye autorisé par les boches à Notre Dame au Bois pour le district de Bruxelles. 4.000 présences.

juillet 1942.—Le service des camps de jeunes est repris par l'A.E.P. Aide aux enfants des prisonniers filiale de l'O.R.A.F. 30.000 gosses sont Belges dans  
150 internats  
50 camps  
10 stations de plein air.

La Princesse Joséphine Charlotte est guide dans une compagnie Bruxelloise.

Le Prince Baudouin qui avait été louvetau depuis 1939 devient scout.

La troupe royale est dirigé par Henry Brifaut, le chef d'Unité en est le Vicomte du Parc.

Le Prince Albert devient louvetau.

Mars 1943.—L'uniforme est interdit par l'occupant. Désormais les scouts sortiront avec un semblant de tenue mais malgré cela le public les reconnaît bien, la vie continue.

Le jeux en frêt sont interdits.

La signalisation, morse également.

Les Allemands contrôlent l'activité du mouvement. Certains chefs sont arrêtés.

juillet 1943.—50.000 gosses font partie des camps dirigés par les scouts.

Ainsi que l'année précédente les petits Princes visitent une trentaine de camps, tandis que la Princesse Joséphine Charlotte inspecte les camps guides.

1944.—La vie scoutie devient plus difficile.

Néanmoins les chefs s'ingénient à tromper au mieux l'ennemi.

Durant cette année beaucoup de chefs et routiers

furent déportés tandis qu'un bon nombre donnèrent leur vie dans les rangs de la Résistance.

Les Troupes, meuts et claus, cantonnèrent jusqu'à la Pentecôte après quoi la vie fut ralentée.

Le plus beau service fut créé cette année. Plusieurs villes furent ravagées par les bombardements et les scouts déblayèrent les endroits détruits, soignèrent les blessés avec un courage admirable et plusieurs donnèrent leur vie pour autrui en ces heures tragiques. Ettebeek, Anvers, Schaerbeek Forest, Louvain, Gand, Liège, Huy, Namur, Courtrai sont autant de victoires méritées par nos scouts dans le service rude et austère. Des accords furent conclus entre la Défense passive et la Fédération et les Scouts furent assimilés aux agents de la D.A.P. Un corps mobile de pompiers entièrement forme de routiers fut créé.

En Resume.—La scoutisme résiste à fond contre l'occupant amplifia son œuvre d'éducation en triplant ses effectifs et rendit service au maximum à la population belge qui a souffert réellement des suites de l'occupation.

Les Allemands respectèrent au début (par politique) le mouvement. D'ailleurs le Roi intervint souvent en faveur de scouts prisonniers et si le mouvement se maintint durant 4 ans nous le devons avant tout au Roi et au Cardinal. Le loyalisme vis à vis du Roi est unanime dans la Fédération et les scouts n'ambitionnent qu'une chose, créer une chevalerie d'Honneurs autour de celui qui souffrit durant la guerre avec son peuple et qui par sa présence lui donna un statut d'occupation privilégié par rapport à d'autres pays déchirés par une opinion divisée.

En Belgique il y eut 5 % de boches et 95% de bons Belges; la situation est claire.

Le N.N.V. et Rexistes par contre attaquèrent de plus en plus le mouvement par la parole ou les écrits, ce furent d'ailleurs chaque fois eux-mêmes qui poussèrent les Allemands à nous causer des ennuis.

Le reste de la population belge (donc l'immense majorité) fut bienveillante et cette bienveillance devint une admiration lorsque les belges comprennent tout le sens du service accompli par les scouts.

On aime les scouts et on attend beaucoup d'eux.

N.B.—Les camps, écoles et centres de formations de chefs marchèrent à plein rendement.

150 Woodbages furent décernés.

200 moniteurs d'Hébertisme furent formés.

Tandis que le centre de chants de Bruxelles devint une véritable réunion mensuelle des routiers de Bruxelles avec en moyenne 500 présences 1.000 parfois.

Signalons les deux Carêmes routiers de Bruxelles qui groupèrent chaque fois 1.500 routiers et également les fêtes d'unités qui eurent un énorme succès. 1.000 ou 2.000 présences de sympathisants étaient une honnête moyenne témoin celle qui fut organisée pour le XXV anniversaire de St. Boniface et qui fit salle comble trois fois.

## Mrs. Mark Kerr, O.B.E.

We offer our sincere sympathy to the World Bureau and to the British Girl Guides Association on the passing of Mrs. Mark Kerr, for many years their International Commissioner. Her loss will be deeply felt, especially at this juncture, but her great work for international Guiding—and Scouting—will not die. It was the spirit of Scouting and Guiding which mattered most to her and she lived long enough to see her faith in that spirit triumphantly vindicated.

## ASSOCIATIONS REGISTERED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU, WITH THEIR ADDRESSES, WHERE THESE ARE AVAILABLE

(N.B.—We realise that this list is incomplete. Will those concerned kindly help to bring it up to date by sending in corrections.)

### AFGHANISTAN.

Afghanistan Boy Scouts Association (Anjuman-i-Kashshafan-i-Afghanistan), Ministry of Education, Kabul.

### AMERICA.

Boy Scouts of America, 2 Park Avenue, New York City, U.S.A.

President: Mr. Walter Head.

Chief Scout: Dr. James E. West (Room 6307 Chrysler Building, New York City).

Chief Scout Executive: Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell.

International Commissioner: Mr. Thomas J. Watson.

### ARGENTINE.

Asociacion Nacional Boy Scouts Argentinos, Libertad 1282, Buenos Aires, Argentine.

### ARMENIAN SCOUTS.

Dr. K. Medzadourian, 230 Avenue du Maine, Paris.

### BELGIUM.

L'Interfederale Belge du Scoutisme; Interfederale Scoutsbond van België. 21 rue de Dublin, Brussels, Belgium.

President: M. Antoine Cols.

Secretary: M. Charles Graux.

International Commissioner: Baron Charley del Marmol.

### BRAZIL.

Uniao dos Escoteiros do Brazil, Caixa Postal 1734, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

### CHILE.

Boy Scouts de Chile, N. Casilla 955, Santiago, Chile.

President: Dr. Nacianceno Romero O.

International Secretary: Snr. Oscar Cabezas D.

### CHINA.

Boy Scouts of China, National Headquarters, P.O. Box No. 1, Ching Mu Kuan, Chung King, China.

President: Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

Standing Executive: Chang Chung-Yan.

### COLOMBIA.

Exploradores Colombianos, P.O. Box 1365, Bogota.

Chief Scout Executive: General Delfin Torres Duran, Apartado Aereo 4200, Bogota.

### COSTA RICA.

Cuerpo Nacional de Scouts, Apartado 1368, San José, Costa Rica.

International Secretary: Senor R. Lucas Rodriguez C, to whom all communications should be sent.

### CUBA.

Boy Scouts de Cuba, Comité Ejecutivo Nacional, Virtudes Num: 667, Habana, Cuba.

President: Senor Luis R. Rios.

Executive Director: Dr. Rogelio Pina.

International Commissioner: Salvador Fernandez Bertrand.

### CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

(Temporary Organisation in Britain.)

Communications to Dr. V. Fanderlik, 27 Gwendolen Avenue, Putney, London, S.W.15.

### DENMARK.

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

Asociacion Nacional de Exploradores Dominicanos, c/o The Post Office, San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic.

### ECUADOR.

Asociacion Nacional de los Boy Scouts del Ecuador, Casilla No. 1168, Guyaquil, Ecuador.

President: Senor C. Matamoros, Jr.

All communications to be sent to the General Secretary.

### EGYPT.

Egyptian National Boy Scouts Association, Foad el Awaal Street No. 1, Cairo, Egypt.

Vice-President: Mohammed Khaled Hassanein Bey.

All communications to the Secretary.

### ESTONIA.

### FINLAND.

Scout Union of Finland.

International Commissioner: Niilo Visapää, 2 B. Rödbergagatan, Helsingfors.

### FRANCE.

Scoutisme Français, 66 Chaussée d'Antin, Paris.

Chief Scout: M. le Général Lafont.

International Commissioner: M. Pierre Delsuc.

Deputy Chief Scout for the Empire: M. le Médecin-Général A. Sicé.

Correspondent to the International Bureau: M. Alfred Renou, 14 St. George Street, Hanover Square, London, W.1.

### GREAT BRITAIN (British Empire).

The Boy Scouts Association, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.

Deputy Chief Scout: Sir Percy Everett.

International Commissioner: T. G. Bincham, Esq.

### GREECE.

### GUATEMALA.

Boy Scouts Guatemaltecos, 10a. C.P. No. 19, Guatemala City, C.A.

Secretary: Senor Gonzalo Palarea S.

### HAITI.

Comité National des Scouts d'Haiti, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

President: Mr. Dominique Hippolyte.

### HOLLAND.

(Temporary Organisation in Britain.)

Royal Commissioner: H.R.H. Prince Bernhard.

Communications to: Mr. J. Tjaardstra, Tijdelijke

Vereeniging van Nederlandsche Padvinders, Stratton

House, Stratton Street, London, W.

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## ICELAND.

Iceland Boy Scouts Association, Bandalag Islenskra Skata, P.O. Box 831, Reykjavik.  
 Chief Scout: Dr. Helgi Tomasson.  
 Communications to the International Commissioner.

## INDIA.

The Boy Scouts Association in India, Regal Buildings, Parliament Street, New Delhi.  
 Secretary: Mr. G. T. J. Thaddaeus, B.A.

## IRAN.

Iranian Boy Scouts Association, Tashkilatch Pishahanguee Iran, Teheran, Iran.

## IRAQ.

Iraq Boy Scouts Association, per Director-General of Education, Baghdad.

## ITALY. [See p. 3]

## JAPAN.

## LATVIA.

## LIECHTENSTEIN.

Liechtenstein Boy Scouts Association, Vaduz, Liechtenstein.  
 Chief Scout and International Commissioner: Prince Emanuel of Liechtenstein.

## LITHUANIA.

## LUXEMBOURG.

(Temporary Organisation in Britain.)  
 38 Wilton Crescent, London, S.W.1.

## NORWAY.

(Temporary Organisation in Britain.)  
 All communications to Mr. Victor Carlsen, 100 Crouch Hill, London, N.

## PERU.

Asociacion Nacional de Scouts Peruanos, Apartado 693, Lima, Peru.

## POLAND.

(Temporary Organisation in Britain.)  
 Association of Polish Scouts and Guides, 45 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.  
 International Commissioner: Mr. Henryk Kapiszewski

## PORTUGAL.

## ROUMANIA.

## SIAM.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

Boy Scouts Association of the Union of South Africa, P.O. Box 631, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
 Secretary: Kenneth Fleischer.

## SPAIN.

## SWEDEN.

Svenska Scoutradet, Postbox 1265, Stockholm, 16.  
 President: H.R.H. Prince Gustaf Adolf.  
 International Commissioner: Hr. Sten Thiel.

## SWITZERLAND.

Federation des Eclaireurs Suisses, Rue du Marche 52, Berne, Switzerland.

President: Major W. de Bonstetten, Weststrasse 6, Berne, Switzerland.  
 Chief Scout and International Commissioner: M. Louis Blondel.

## SYRIA.

## VENEZUELA.

Boy Scouts de Venezuela, Apartado de Correos No. 1227, Caracas, Venezuela.  
 National Commissioner: Captain Santos M. Raussen.  
 International Commissioner: Senor Horacio A. Carias R.

## YUGOSLAVIA.

## Tolerance

(The following thoughts are extracted from an address given by the Director of the International Bureau to the World Rover Moot at Monzie in July, 1939. They are reprinted as being, if possible, even more important to-day than on the day when they were spoken, four-and-a-half years ago.)

What does the word "Tolerance" imply? The dictionary gives it many meanings, but I would give only one—"abstaining from judging harshly, or condemning, persons, religions, opinions." A somewhat negative virtue, but it has a more positive application, inasmuch as it necessitates trying to come to an understanding with other people and their opinions. That understanding recognises that they in turn are prepared to overlook our faults and forgive our mistakes. Too often, unfortunately, what we look upon as a virtue in ourselves we are apt to imagine to be weakness in others. Yet it is only by mutual tolerance and goodwill that mankind can hope to live amicably. Our pride in the "Worldwide Brotherhood of Scouts" is entirely false unless all of us who belong to that brotherhood continue to make an earnest endeavour to understand each other.

Cruelty is an unforgivable sin, a sin that, as Scouts, we cannot tolerate or countenance for a moment. Some would, perhaps, confine their definition of cruelty to "the misuse of physical force," whereas it has a far wider scope than that. All the deadly sins involve cruelty of a major kind. Mental and spiritual cruelty can be more dangerous and hurtful than mere physical cruelty. A verse in the Proverbs reads: "Wrath is cruel and anger is outrageous, but who is able to stand before envy?" Indifference, contempt, ingratitude, disloyalty, all entail cruelty. Disbelief and lack of trust can do lasting harm. Failure to come up to expectations, to preserve standards, to maintain ideals, does not only disappoint ourselves but may cause dire hurt to those whom we love and respect. . . .

Tolerance can be abused and carried too far. It does not mean being easy-going or submissive in the weak sense. Jesus Christ, who many years ago was described to me by a non-Christian as "the first Scout in the world," was no believer in the "peace at any price" school. He was not a man who would pass over insincerity or slackness. He rebelled against any suggestion of cruelty or of harming the young and innocent. That exception of cruelty is of the utmost importance so far as our belief in the principle of tolerance is concerned.

I sincerely believe that "liberty of the individual mind" is one of the most precious tenets of Scouting.

I go further. Scouting stands for the freedom of the individual soul. Mr. Justice Brandeis, in speaking of those who won the independence of the United States of America, said: "They believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty." Many hundreds of years earlier Horace had asked the question: "Who, then, is free?" and answered in the words: "The wise man, who is master of himself, whom poverty or death finds unafraid, who scorns unworthy ambition."

We can all believe in that form of liberty. Our Scout and Rover training is directed towards the attainment of it, by helping us to think for ourselves and to do for ourselves, and so to be masters of ourselves.

This is not enough. Freedom of the individual soul requires still more. Happiness and courage and self-mastery are outward indications of an inward state of mind. Each one of us should strive to demonstrate them continually, and to add to them unselfishness, sincerity, good temper, good judgment and tact. The possession of these virtues may enable us to assume the rôle, though haltingly, of those who answer Horace's question, "Who, then, is free?" Yet the character is not complete. All that may be an indication of clean living; it may get us a certain distance along the road to Heaven, but it will not take us far enough. It will not—and this is still more important—enable us to take anyone with us on that journey, unless we can add Faith; faith in ourselves, faith in our Scouting, faith in the work we are doing in our Scouting and in our lives, faith in our fellow men and women, and above all faith—a real belief—in our existence of God. That is what we mean by liberty of the individual mind and freedom of the individual soul.

### International News and Views

#### A Scout Club in Iceland

Scouters of various nationalities have been meeting regularly in the American Red Cross Centre in Reykjavik for the following purposes: To make acquaintance with Scouts of other countries; to exchange ideas for a better Scouting programme; to keep up with the latest developments of Scouting in all countries; to educate ourselves to the Scouting problems of a post-war world; to enjoy social gatherings of all brother Scouts in Iceland.

The meetings are open to all members or former members of a Boy Scout organisation and to those sincerely interested in the Scout programme and the ideals for which it stands.

A special emblem for the neckerchief has been designed by a member of the Club.

Any Scouters proceeding to Iceland on duty in the near future please note.

#### Scouts and UNRRA

In recognition of the international spirit of Scouting, twenty Montreal Boy Scouts were selected to act as messengers at the Conference of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) held recently in Canada.

#### From the Wisdom of B. P.

"Though the war may have killed very many of our dear companions and comrades of the last Jamboree it

has not killed all, and it has not killed the spirit. You Scouters and Scouts who still live will carry on that same spirit and will develop it with all the greater force when you realise that you are taking up the torch which was dropped by those who have been struck down. Few of those comrades of ours could have foreseen that within a short time they would be fighting and giving their lives for their country, but we do know that through 'Being Prepared' as Scouts they were better able to face their fate with courage and good cheer. As your tribute to their memory it is open to you to make goodwill and friendship for brother scouts abroad your aim more directly than ever before."—(B. P., 1940.)

#### Denmark

A Danish newspaper reports that the Danish Scout Movement has lately celebrated its thirty-fifth anniversary, and publishes photographs of *Ove Holm* and other Scout leaders taken at a public luncheon to mark the occasion.

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Among the books received recently is a delightful little life of Baden-Powell from Chile. This pamphlet, illustrated with the Chief's own sketches, should be of great interest to Spanish-speaking Scouts elsewhere, and could doubtless be obtained on application to N. Casilla 955, Santiago, Chile.

From the Eclaireurs Unionistes de France come two handbooks of practical Rover Scouting by René Morley. The first of this series ("Les Pionniers") is a book on Knotting and Splicing called "Nouds et Passerelles," which contains 271 beautifully clear diagrams by Madame Morley. The second in the series is a manual of Bridge-building—"Les Ponts"—which is equally well illustrated by Pierre Joubert. The author has promised us another book, "Autres Ouvrages," in the near future. These books, which may be seen in the International Bureau Library, should be useful to any French-speaking Rovers or Scouts.

A list of books published in Belgium during the Occupation is on another page and makes good reading.

From America comes a book which will be widely translated and read in all countries. This is the "World Brotherhood Edition" of "Aids to Scoutmastership," by the late Chief Scout of the World. Edited by William Hillcourt ("Green Bar Bill") and published by the Boy Scouts of America, this book is compactly but attractively got up, includes original illustrations by the Founder, and is already in process of translation into Spanish and other languages.

No. 3 of the Polish Scouting Library, recently received, deals with the girls' branch of the Movement.

From Italy comes a new handbook, published in Rome by the *Giovani Esploratori Italiani* under the title "Manuale dell'Esploratore."

Among the latest journals to reach the Bureau is a Scout and Guide magazine from Liechtenstein. Although this country has paid its quota to the International Bureau throughout the war years, this is the first direct news to reach us for more than four years, so it is especially welcome to have news of evident progress.



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