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To OP-CA Section. The attached two letters are for your signatures, please. (see 30A)

C. C. Benham Lattin, Lt Col

20 June

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To CSO-CA Section:

Please see 31A of 20 June. We have had no reply. The ladies were supposed to get here 15 July. See also 43. Can you telephone G-5 & see if we can get action?

C. C. Benham Lattin
Lt Col

16 July

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Public Safety (Maja Ballance)

See Minute 2. Action is urgent please

16 July

C. C. Benham Lattin
CAS. Lt Col

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CA Section

Spoke G-5 on the 'phone. G-5 would like us to ensure that the planes concerned have made application for AF Permits in Switzerland.

A following signal has been sent to G-5 as in 4 & A

16 July, 1945.

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Colonel.
Public Safety Sec.

Education

See Minute 4. Suggest you carry on with direct contact P.S. - to save time

17 July

C. C. Benham Lattin
CAS Lt Col

THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS
L'ASSOCIATION MONDIALE DES GUIDES ET DES ECLAIREUSES
DER WELTBUND DER PFADFINDERINNEN

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2nd January, 1945.

ALW/NW

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Education Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394,
Rome.

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Arethusa Leigh-White
Director, The World Bureau.

P.S. Do you think that a translated leaflet in the nature of the enclosed would be of any help in Italy?

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ALW/DP

Countess L. Graziedei,
La presidente di turno, 21st November 1945
Federazione Italiana Guide ed Esploratrici,
Via Napoleon III, 3.8.
ROME.

Dear Countess Graziedei,

We were delighted to get your letter of 24th October 1945, and to know that the Swiss Trainers which we have sent you had really been of help to you. We thank you for your letter.

We are now doing our best to arrange to get the two Belgian Guiders to you as soon as possible, but facilities for transport and formalities are still very difficult to get over.

In the meantime, we had a very good World Committee meeting at Geneva, and members came from Holland, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Luxembourg, United States of America, Brazil, Switzerland, and France. So it was very representative.

Everyone was most interested to hear of the developments in Italy, and we all hope it may be possible to put the application for Tenderfoot membership forward at the next World Conference to be held in September 1946.

Delegates from all the countries already members will be attending the World Conference, and it is these members who have the final say in admitting new countries to the World Association.

In this connection I should mention that through an oversight the words "for information" were omitted from

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the copy of circular letter No.W.B.379 to which you refer, for Countries which are not yet members are not expected to take action because we realise perfectly that new countries cannot possibly ~~be expected to~~ undertake the same responsibilities as full members.

But countries whose applications for membership are coming before the World Conference are always invited to send at least one visitor, and we shall hope to be able to send you the invitation in due course.

We hope you are getting the COUNCIL FIRE. If you want more copies please let us know.

I enclose a leaflet which we have just issued in English. It is being prepared in other languages as well, and we should be glad to know if your Committee thinks it would be helpful for you to have it in Italian to circulate throughout the country. We propose to add a paragraph to do with "Homecraft" in the next edition.

Please give our kindest remembrances to all our friends.

Yours very sincerely,

AMETHUSA LEIGH-WHITE
Director, The World Bureau.

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LES ECLAIREURS DE BUDAPEST DURANT LE SIEGE

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Nous cherchâmes à placer tout le monde dans les caves, si possible. Nous y avons transporté de vivres, de couvertures, et des seaux d'eau. Les troupes allemandes et les bandes croix-fléchées se sont guère occupées des besoins de la population civile. Au contraire, elles les ont dérobés, sous prétexte de réquisitions militaires" même du peu de biens que ces malheureux possédaient encore. L'administration de la ville se voyait complètement paralysée, surtout après que les Allemands ont fait sauter les ponts.

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Beaucoup d'entre eux ont fait de service volontaire aux hôpitaux souterrains, s'exposant aux contagions et

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soignant les grands blessés vingt heures de suite parfois , sans aucune interruption. Quelques groupes d'éclaireurs ont eu leur hôpital à eux où tout le personnel sortait des membres du groupe.

Pour finir, nous nous sommes chargés, - toujours du travail volontaire, mal vu et empêché même par les autorités croix-flèchées, à par des questions de vivres et de combustibles, du service des eaux, de la question des obsèques et de succession, du service pompier etc. La plupart d'entre nous a accompli ces tâches avec une telle bravour que les Russes libérateurs l'ont chargé de rester sur place jusqu'à ce qu'une administration démocratique pût être établie.

Le siège terminé, nous nous sommes mis au déblayage des ruines avec conduite russe cette fois-ci. Notre travail augmente de jour en jour; nous le faisons avec joie, sachant qu'il sert au redressement de la patrie.

Nous collaborerions volontiers avec les frères scouts suisses et avec tous les autres aux pays d'occident. Hélas, nous sommes séparés encore, pourtant il y aura tant d'occasion de nous aider. J'envisage en premier lieu le revitaillement des petits Hongrois affamés, victimes de la guerre et proies des maladies, d'un hiver dur sous des conditions atroces. Comment les alimenter ou comment les faire parvenir aux pays heureux épargnés des horreurs de la guerre? Toute notre espérance est dans la bienveillance et la compréhension des frères scouts d'occident ! Ils reconnaîtront leurs tâches, j'en suis sûr !

Beaucoup manquent d'entre nos rangs, ils sont les héros inconnus de ces jours sombres, ayant été conformes jusqu'au dernier soupir à l'idéal éclaireur: accomplir la tâche!

Budapest, le 21 août 1945.

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A i d e - m é m o i r e
concernant le mouvement éclaireur en Hongrie

L e mouvement éclaireur a joui en Hongrie d'une grande popularité dès ses débuts. En effet, ce fut l'organisation qui réussit, sans aucune distinction de classe, de profession, ou de religion, a réunir la jeunesse du pays, servant par le travail volontaire au développement du caractère de chacun de ses membres. Si cette constatation avait été faite il y a dix ans, ces attributs auraient semblé insignifiants et vides, mais les évènements qui ont conduit à la débacle présente, la seconde guerre mondiale, prêtent un aspect spécial aux caractéristiques du mouvement éclaireur hongrois. Elles nous donnent en même temps les raisons pour lesquelles le mouvement éclaireur est jugé actuellement en Hongrie, tant pour le travail de reconstruction intérieure, que pour une collaboration idéale pour l'éducation de la jeunesse. Ce n'est pas le lieu - et nous nous garderons de le faire - d'étaler les détails sur la situation particulière de notre mouvement en Hongrie, et nous nous bornons à remarquer que les caractéristiques énumérées ne veulent point servir de justification ultérieure, car - si tel était le cas - on ne pourrait nullement expliquer pourquoi le mouvement éclaireur dans notre pays a refusé dès les dernières années précédant la guerre de s'adapter aux idées et aux tendences politiques qui ont mené à la guerre et, en suite, à la catastrophe

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put encore lutter avec quelques succès contre ces tendances, ainsi que le firent encore, après sa mort, ses collaborateurs confidentiels qui, à cette époque-là, formaient encore la grande partie des chefs dirigeants du scoutisme hongrois. Mais, les années s'écoulant et la nouvelle guerre étant survenue, notre mouvement, auquel était reproché une orthodoxie dangereuse et arriérée, et même inopportunité, dût subir des attaques qui s'aggravèrent de jour en jour. Le coup le plus dur qui ait frappé le scoutisme hongrois, fut l'établissement d'une nouvelle organisation de jeunesse, dénommée "Levente", à laquelle - comme il en était pour la "Hitler-Jugend" - tous les jeunes gens durent participer. Dès ce moment-là, nos ennemis, et en premier lieu les militaristes invétérés, déclarèrent ouvertement que le mouvement éclaireur sous sa forme primitive était non seulement superflu, mais encore nuisible. Il est fort regrettable que plus d'un des chefs - par ailleurs de bonne foi - se soit adapté aux nouvelles idées, plutôt par l'imprudence que par mauvaise volonté, exactement comme l'ensemble du peuple hongrois lui aussi se rangea du mauvais côté non par opportunisme, mais par manque de largeur de vue politique, par paresse, et égaré par la satisfaction de quelques exigences nationales. C'est bien ce chemin dangereux qui fir oublier à une partie des chefs de se maintenir obstinément aux buts primitifs et durables du scoutisme, et C'est le même chemin qui mena, dans le domaine de la grande politique, à la mort tragique du Comte Paul Teleki.

Il a du voir, à la veille de son décès, un mouvement [illegible] militarisé qui n'était lié à ses idéaux primitifs que

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confidentiels qui, à cette époque-là, formaient encore la grande partie des chefs dirigeants du scoutisme hongrois. Mais, les années s'écoulant et la nouvelle guerre étant survenue, notre mouvement, auquel était reproché une orthodoxie dangereuse et arriérée, et même inopportunité, dût subir des attaques qui s'aggravèrent de jour en jour. Le coup le plus dur qui ait frappé le scoutisme hongrois, fut l'établissement d'une nouvelle organisation de jeunesse, dénommée "Levente", à laquelle - comme il en était pour la "Hitler-Jugend" - tous les jeunes gens durent participer. Dès ce moment-là, nos ennemis, et en premier lieu les militaristes invétérés, déclarèrent ouvertement que le mouvement éclaireur sous sa forme primitive était non seulement superflu, mais encore nuisible. Il est fort regrettable que plus d'un des chefs - par ailleurs de bonne foi - se soit adapté aux nouvelles idées, plutôt par l'imprudence que par mauvaise volonté, exactement comme l'ensemble du peuple hongrois lui aussi se rangea du mauvais côté non par opportunisme, mais par manque de largeur de vue politique, par paresse, et égaré par la satisfaction de quelques exigeances nationales. C'est bien ce chemin dangereux qui fir oublier à une partie des chefs de se maintenir obstinément aux buts primitifs et durables du scoutisme, et C'est le même chemin qui mena, dans le domaine de la grande politique, à la mort tragique du Comte Paul Teleki.

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Le Comte Paul Teleki résista énergiquement et s'opposa avec netteté à une élimination fondée sur la théorie raciale, de membres de notre mouvement, irréprochables en tant qu'hongrois, comme en tant qu'éclaireurs. Toutefois, ces derniers, par loyauté envers le chef-scout et pour faciliter sa situation et celle du mouvement éclaireur hongrois, lui offrirent volontairement de prendre leur retraite, tout en exprimant à l'unanimité leur désir de reprendre leur place dans nos rangs dès que le mouvement et la patrie les appelleraient. C'est ainsi que disparut de notre vie commune, après une mission officielle en Australie, le frère-scout Frédéric Molnar, le plus populaire et le plus connu d'entre nos chefs à l'étranger, fons de Comte Paul Teleki. Après d'âpres luttes, le chapeau éclaireur, adopté à l'instar de celui de l'armés anglaise, dût céder la place au bonnet de police militaire, et notre propre salut au salut militaire. En dépit de ceci, notre dévise ne changeait pas, et les dix commandements du scoutisme restèrent immuables, car le Comte Paul Teleki et nous autres, ses collaborateurs intimes, voulions sauver en premier lieu l'essentiel et l'esprit de notre mouvement, même au prix de l'abandon de quelques apparences extérieures.

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A l'occasion du décès de notre suprême chef mondial, Lord Baden-Powell, nous organisâmes dans tout les pays des cultes officiels commémoratifs, énumérant au cours de chacun de ces cultes les mérites du Chief-Scout, faisant se ressouvenir de ses visites en Hongrie, et proposant son exemple à chaque éclaireur hongrois. Après la déclaration de la guerre, survenue en Hongrie durant l'été 1941, toutes nos relations avec l'Ouest furent coupées, et toute notre activité soumis à un contrôle extrêmement sévère qui empêchait toute communication normale et authentique, toute source sérieuse de renseignements étant tarie.

Stanislas Stuchly

Genève, mars 1945.

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21 March, 1946

SUBJECT : Belgian trainers.

TO : Mrs. Leigh-White,
Director, World Bureau,
9, Palace Street, Westminster,
London, S.W.1, England.

Dear Mrs. Leigh-White:

While I was in Trieste the De Smaele sisters finished their work and returned to Belgium. From all reports they appear to have done an extensive and very valuable piece of work.

Before they left, my assistant, Miss Rombo, paid them the full amount of the fund I had from you - 19,775 lire - this is 50 pounds minus about 6 shillings of bank discount charges and tax stamps. The girls decided that the difficulty of transferring pounds to Belgium was too great and they needed ready cash for their rail fares to Brussels. Their account for local expenses is enclosed. There was also over 3000 lire each for rail fare leaving; so their total expenses exceeded the amount given. I enclose receipt for the 19,725 lire.

This closes our financial transactions. The money was, I believe, admirably invested.

I expect to leave for the United States in April, closing the Education Subcommission. I shall probably be back (in charge of the Milan Office for Cultural Relations of the American Embassy) by 1 July, and will be able from time to time to give a hand to the Girl Scouts and Guides, in whose work I shall, of course, remain keenly interested.

With best wishes to you and Lady B.P, I am

Sincerely yours

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

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16th March, 1946.

Lt.Col. C. W. Washburne,
Education Sub-Commission,
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A.P.O. 394,
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Dear Colonel Washburne,

Although the situation in Italy is not exactly what it is in Germany and Austria, it may nevertheless interest you to have a copy of what the Special Committee set up for the purpose has produced in the way of recommendations to do with Guiding among D.P.s in Assembly Centres. These do constitute a problem in many placed!

The same Committee is dealing with the re-starting of Guides in Austria and hopes later to be helpful in the matter of Germany itself if the opportunity ever arises.

Yours sincerely,

Arethusa Leigh-White

Arethusa Leigh-White, H.D.P.
Director, The World Bureau.

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Receipt for money given to Belgian pilgrim

Roma, 28 Febbraio 1946

Dichiaro di aver ricevuto dalla Sig.na GABRIELLA ROMBO, Consulente Tecnica della Sottocommissione per l'Educazione della Commissione Alleata per l'Italia, la somma di L.19725,- (diciannovemilasettecentoventicinque) in acconto spese soggiorno e viaggio.

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Cella Graziadei

Della Lancellotti

Cello C.S. Washburne

presidente della Federazione
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Commissarie nazionali delle due associazioni. —

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Come fu tenuta l'idea che le dirigenti fasciste già avevo dello scautismo, dal punto di vista pratico e metodico. —

Pratico: a mezzo di riunioni fisse durante le quali si è cercato di mettere il loro bagaglio di giochi, canti guidistici internazionali, danze e tecnica. —

Metodico: a mezzo di discussioni fra loro, analizzare la situazione locale in ogni città e aiutare le guide locali a risolvere i loro problemi, stabilendo per quanto riguarda la formazione dei capi e l'organizzazione del Commissariato. —

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Firenze

Elementi favorevoli, che si compendiano nei- procedente. -

Data l'ai comprensione delle autorità e la- grandi difficoltà da superare per la for- mazione dei capi; C.R. e futuri C.R. AOI e GEI, d'accordo coi loro capi rispettivi- si sono riuniti in un solo luogo di for- mazione dei capi.

(Principali fonti di formazione: Libri - Orbis personale con Roma)

Bologna

Bari sono sicuro che a Firenze - Elementi buoni da sostenere, ai bandoli a formare. (Fuoco GEI - AOI)

Milano

Capi di valore. — Bisogno di documentazione

Torino

Possibilità di contatto con giusta scelta formazione capi. —

C.R. AOI si sono organizzati un Corso — Bisogno di documentazione pratica.

Genova.

AOI: Vero qui dicono tanto per il valore dei capi, che per la realizzazione del nucleo già pronto a assumere un ruolo per lo- sviluppo del movimento nelle altre città. -

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Conclusioni generali.

L'idea che s'impone in ogni città, è che ci vuole un commissariato centrale molto ben organizzato. —

Questo commissariato dovrebbe:

1) organizzare la formazione dei cafi alla scala nazionale. —

2) regolare al rispetto del metodo scout

3) fare affrontare ogni città dalla documentazione d'ogni tramite

4) mantenere un contatto diretto, personale e regolare con le varie città, a scopo di trafere rattamente quello che succede e di sostenere i feriti —

Questo lavoro è urgente dato che il tempo stringe da tutte le parti allo stesso tempo e che molto è ancora da creare. —

L'inizio del quidesmo in Italia è stato ottimo, di rapidità e di qualità. Il suo successo stimola ogni speranza per l'estensione che prende, o minaccia di prendere (!), ad ogni momento. —

Per salvare la sua qualità e continuare a progredire, il movimento deve entrare in una seconda fase, che è quella dell'organizzazione. —

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questa seconda fase è ancora più dura della prima, dato le numerose difficoltà di ogni genere esistenti. — Richiede capi di grado valore, che si possano dedicare quasi interamente al movimento. —

Lo sforzo richiesto è grande, e però deve essere fornito. — I capi che hanno assunto la responsabilità della creazione del movimento, sono coscienti del loro dovere di non deludere le numerose ragazze che hanno già aderito o aderiranno all'associazione, mettendo in questo tutta la loro fiducia e la loro speranza di tempi migliori.

Se l'AGI e la GEI uniscono le loro forze in certi campi, per mettere a profitto in comune l'entusiasmo, la buona volontà e le capacità dei loro membri, mostreranno alle nostre straniere e che magnifico risultato possono arrivare le guide e esploratrici italiane quando lavorano in una vera e concreta unità e fratellanza guida.

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ELT COLONEL C W WASHBURNE
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Bologna 14. I. 1946

Dear Colonel,

Would you be kind enough to let us know if you have got any answer from Lieutenant White?

We are now in Bologna at the Baglione Hotel and we leave for Milan on Thursday the 17th at night.

I don't know yet where we will get billeting in Milan, but anyway you can reach us from the 18th to the 28th at the following address

L. De Smaele
Cledca
Viale regina Margherita
Milano

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We have got to day a letter from father where he says:

" Dites au colonel Washburne que je désire que votre indemnité soit payée suivant la règle courante, sans exception ni faveur. "

So I think we may conclude that, if it is a general rule, or, or less, a normal possibility to get our indemnity in L in England or in Belgium, if it is not an exception, neither a "faveur", Father would find it o. k. - He wouldn't agree if it was a "faveur".

This is father's point of view. Now we must see which is yours and Mrs Leigh White's or mine!

Sincerely yours

Luiella De Smaele

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THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS
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10th January, 1946.

EF/NW

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We quite understand that they do not want Italian Lira as these are not convertible into Francs. We shall be very glad if you would do as you suggest in your letter and pay their account of £36. 0. 4. out of the balance which you hold.

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Thank you once again for all the help you have given in making arrangements for them.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Fry

Treasurer, The World Bureau.

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Copy for Colonel Washburne

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2nd January, 1946.

Miss de Rham,
c/o Fédération des Eclaireuses Suisses,
Junkerngasse 43,
Berne,
Switzerland.

Dear Miss de Rham,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 15th November with report attached. We are immensely grateful to you Marie Antoinette for the splendid work which you did for us in Italy and for the excellent report which you have now sent us. Villalova

Everything you say fits into our own picture and the difficulties are undoubtedly immense and the differences in the points of view of both Associations taken some understanding.

All the same taking it all round, they have together made a very good effort. Sufficient, I feel, to justify our hope to place their application for Tenderfoot Membership before the next World Conference, which means that we shall be able to invite them to send a "Visitor" to that Conference. It might be well to invite two visitors under the circumstances but if it came to financial help I do not think we could undertake to contribute to more than one person. They could go halves or perhaps one of them would be able and willing to pay.

We will also pay special consideration to the other suggestions which you make. The shortage of litterature is, I know, acute. I wish we could do more in this direction and I am glad that you are sending them anything of yours which you can spare.

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Director, The World Bureau.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommission
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31 December, 1945

SUBJECT : Expenses: Guide Trainers.

TO : Mrs. A.Leigh-White
World Association of Girl Guides
and Girl Scouts.
The World Bureau
9, Palace St. Westminster
London, SW1 England.

Dear Mrs. Leigh-White:

The attached memorandum shows the expenses of the Belgian Guide Trainers, Melles D'Ansele. Note that the total for the two months is 22,140 lire. I have in your account here, 19725 lire or 49 pounds, 6 shillings, 2 pence (after bank commission and tax was taken from your 50 pound remittance).

You wrote me, however, that you still had a balance of some 20 or 25 pounds available for Italy in London. What the girls would like would be for you to send the full amount of the London balance to their home in Belgium, in Belgian francs, since they had to use Belgian francs for their expenses to Italy and their first expenses here, and since Italian lire, with which I would have to pay them, are not convertible into francs. So if you will send the London balance to Belgium for them and let me know exactly what the amount is, I shall then give them the balance due them from the fund I have here.

Lire are 400 to the pound. So their bill of 22,140 lire amounts to 61 pounds 4 pence. If you send, say, 25 pounds to Belgium, there will still be 36 pounds 4 pence due them, which I will pay from the home balance of 49 pounds plus (19,725 lire), leaving a small balance here to be used as you may direct.

The long expected five hundred dollars (125 pounds) from the American Girl Scouts finally is here and I have told Mrs. Graziadei that I will check it out to her for the two associations as soon as she presents me with a budget as to how it will be spent.

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The Belgian girls seem to be doing very well. Their Schedule is as follows:

Rome to 31 December
Florence, 2 to 9 January
Bologna, 10 to 15 January
Milan, 16 to 28 January
Turin, 29 January to 5 February.

They are running a camp twenty kilometers from Rome 27 to 30 December.

I'll enclose a letter from them and precise directions as to the transmittal of the money to Belgium.

All goes well. Happy New Year to you and Lady Baden-Powell.

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

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(Costo del viaggio)

Albergo : 300 l. al giorno

60 giorni = 18.000 l.

Viaggio svizzero : 40 fr. x 2 = 80 fr.

Cambio : 23

= 1.840 l.

Soggiorno obbligatorio svizzero :

= 1.200 l.

Campo : 600 l.

Materiale : 300 l.

Trasporti Italia : 200 l.

22.140 l. =

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11 December, 1945

TO : Mrs. Leigh-White,
World Association of
Girl Guides and Girl Scouts,
The World Bureau,
9, Palace St. Westminster,
London, SW 1, England.

Dear Mrs. Leigh White:

Thank you for your letters of 19 and 30 November which arrived together. They were preceded by the arrival of the Miles Desmaele. They got through to Rome safely. I've managed to get them put up comfortably and inexpensively at the YWCA hotel (Vittoria). They've seen Mrs. Graziadei and have begun to work.

We're very glad to have them here.

Best wishes.

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

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5 December, 1945

SUBJECT : Girl Guides.

TO : Mrs. A. Leigh-White,
The World Association of
Girl Guides and Girl Scouts,
The World Bureau,
9, Palace Street, Westminster,
London S.W.1, England.

Dear Mrs Leigh-White:

I have your letter of 20 November.

As to disposal of surplus war materials - I am very sheptical about their being burned except where they are in hopeless condition. I have no more contact with the army in Holland than you have. But I know that here in Italy, under a general War Department order, all surplus army supplies are offered first to Allied Agencies, second to the Italian Government, and third to private bidders (it's more complicated than this, but this is the general nature of the priorities).

I've been trying for many months to get surplus war materials for the Scouts and Guides in Italy. I haven't yet succeeded, but I haven't given up hope.

Your best lead would be to find some Allied Officer in the country concerned who is enough interested to find his way through all the army and government red tape and get the material. I hope he has better luck than I've had so far!

As to the article for your New year issue, I see no hope of getting it written - there just isn't time, and I'm already at least three articles behind - that is, I've agreed, if and when I get time, to do articles for three other publications which asked months ago. When I'll do even one of these is a question. But thank you for asking me.

I'm sorry this is such an unsatisfactory reply to your two requests.

Cordial greetings.

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

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THE WORLD BUREAU,
9, PALACE STREET, WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, S.W.1, ENGLAND

PERSONAL 20th Nov: 1945.

Dear Colonel Washburn

This letter is written in my personal capacity because it concerns a matter upon which I would like to have your views and possibly your help, if you think there is anything to be done but which did not come up before the Committee; the second reason is a request which you may not feel able to say yes to!

1. I heard during the Committee week that in certain areas now being vacated by the American Army and notably in Holland, that quite a lot of equipment which it had been decided not to remove, had been made burnt or thrown to salvage as being the easiest way of disposing of it. This included, so I am told, tents and ironware in the nature of kitchen utensils, basins and cutlery.

If this is the case do you think there is any way of suggesting to the Officer in charge of this matter that all these things would be worth their weight in gold to the Scout and Guide organisations of the area or the country concerned and could any plan be thought of by which a certain amount of tents and useful equipment might be offered to the organisations before it was decided to destroy them?

Belgium and France as well as Holland are very much in need of all these things for the re-establishment of their movements.

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2. Would you do us the honour of writing an article for the New Year issue of the Council Fire giving us your views of what should be done for the re-educating and raising of moral standards among the derelict children of Europe, Germany and Austria in particular if this is permissable.

I believe an article of this nature would be of very great interest and of value to numbers of our readers many of whom are actually working in the field in some capacity or another and who are constantly writing to ask for advice and guidance.

I should be immensely grateful if you can say " yes" to this!

Yours always gratefully for many kindnesses and your interest in our work,

Arethusa Leigh-White

ARETHUSA LEIGH-WHITE.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommission
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ED/CWW/rg

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27 October, 1945

SUBJECT : Girl Guides in Italy.

TO : Mrs. Leigh White
Director, The World Bureau,
9, Palace Street, London, S.W.1.
England.

Dear Mrs Leigh White:

I am delighted to tell you that Miss De Rahm and Miss Villanova are here and at work.

I dropped in on their first lesson - about fifty leaders of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides were kneeling in a ring, blindfolded, drawing pigs, sitting up, draving tails on the pigs, etc. The two Swiss girls were alert, vivid, competent, and the Rome girls were ~~having a~~ enjoying themselves hugely. Mrs. Graziadei said to me, "I want to thank you and the International Girl Guides. This is splendid. It is exactly what we needed".

I was especially glad to see both associations well represented and working in harmony.

The two trainers are cramming their days, to get as much done as possible. They leave Tuesday for four days in Naples, then return here for a day or two, then do Florence and finally Milan for several days before returning to Switzerland.

By dint of much labor and persuasion, I succeded in getting them billeted and fed by A.C. The expenses for food here in Rome are only five shillings a day, lodging is free, and their transportation in Italy is nil. Expenses in other cities run a little higher, and there are incidentals. They had about 23 pounds sterling from Miss Herrenschwand, which they estimate will more than cover every thing - they expect to leave what is over with my officer (Major Vessolo) in Milan, to send to me. So I have your 50 pounds intact and you have another 27 pounds. This may be enough to take care of the Belgian trainers, if the cost of getting the Belgians here is not too great.

The Swiss girls, Mrs. Graziadei, and I all agree that we should bring the Belgians as soon as possible. They can go on from where the Swiss leave off, and can, perhaps cover other centers, like Florence, Padua, Turin, and Genoa. Hope they can stay longer.

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UNRRA has agreed to admit them to its mess. But it would probably be more convenient for them if you would arrange with the War Office to allow them to mess at the British ~~Hotel~~ here - two Swiss girls from the Save the Children Fund had this permission, but it has to come from London, as Rome cannot grant it.

Since I do not know whether I shall be here after 1 December, and since I leave, there won't be the same facilities for handling their arrangements, they should plan to get here before 1 December. Will they come by rail through Switzerland, or by air from Paris to Rome? You should arrange with the War Office in London for permission for them to use military transport if you want these to fly from Paris to Rome, which is much the quickest way. But they can come by rail to Chiasso instead without too much delay or inconvenience - there is, I am told, a through train from Paris to Chiasso, with Wagon-Lits and Wagon-Restaurant.

They should apply to the Military Permit Officer of the British Military Mission in Brussels for a permit to enter Italy. I shall try to arrange at this end for a telegram to the Military Permit Officer authorizing him to issue the permit, but I am handicapped by not knowing their first names, their residence, or their date of birth. If you can cable that information to me - names and residence (Brussels?) and citizenship (Belgian?) are probably enough - I'll expedite matters at this end.

When do you think we can expect them and how long will they stay?

I am awfully pleased with what the Swiss girls are doing - it will make a tremendous difference in the movement here. So I look forward to having the Belgians.

Cordial greetings to you and Lady B-P.

CARLETON W. WASHBURNE
Lt. Col. A.U.S.
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ALW/DP

9th August 1945

Lt. Col. Washburne,
Education Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394, Italy.

Dear Colonel Washburne,

We were very pleased to get your letter of 25th July 1945, and very much interested in all you had to tell us. It is distressing that you should have had so much worry over the name question. We quite expected trouble of some sort after we left. We had no illusions on that score!

I am afraid I must say that the Esploratrici were entirely out of order. As far as we are concerned, organisations may take any names they please and are free to do so without any interference from anyone, so long, of course, as they convey a meaning compatible with the Movement and that they do not deliberately choose names so similar to another organisation in the same country as to cause confusion. In the case of Italy this most clearly was not the case so could not be the excuse.

As for the merits of the suggestion; quite frankly we do not care for, or advocate, "labels". If an organisation insists on labelling itself "Catholic" we cannot object, but it is not necessary and, in our view, in countries where that label has also a political connotation it is far better left out. In France, the Catholic-organised group calls itself quite simply "Les Guides de

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France", d their opposite numbers t , protestants and the "neutres" would never dream of suggesting that they should add "catholic" to their name.

The same applies to most Catholic countries, with the exception of Belgium where the Catholic group does call itself "Les Guides Catholques de Belgique" - and I may say that at the present moment most of them are heartily wishing they didn't as, although they are as free of politics as is possible, they are getting caught up in the political issue of the day in spite of themselves.

There is also another aspect from the World Association point of view: theoretically we adhere to the principle that every group should be in a position to open its ranks to every sort and kind. And in many places this actually works. Freethinkers and Jewish children should be able to, and do, enter Catholic groups just as freely as Catholic children enter open groups. In practice, this only happens in the more experienced organisations, and, of course, we never press this point too far in early stages.

But, from our point of view, if Catholics are to be taken into the Esploratrici, the "less Catholic" and "non-Catholics" should be free to enter the "Guide".

For these reasons it may be as well that your persuasion came to nought, although I think you were quite right to try. One realises, perhaps in Italy better than anywhere else, the significance of these episodes. I was told that even some of the Christian Democrats were beginning to wonder if the word "Christian" did not narrow them down too much!!!

I am very glad that you found Miss Rossi good. I formed a high opinion of her when in Rome. I expect you know that she had an American mother!? I am writing to her and shall tactfully say a word or two on this subject because she has great influence with Signora Graziadei.

Of one thing I am quite certain, the younger members of the "Guide" are the most reasonable and the less suspicious of their side.

Since writing the above, your letter of 28th July has arrived with the report of the meeting; also a very charming letter from Princess Lancellotti seemingly very

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pleased with everything, and making no mention of the "trouble" over the name. She said very nice things about the wonderful way in which you had been helping them. I think it was rather fortunate that the "draw" fell on Signora Graziadei to be first Chairman! I hope that the arrangement will work. I must say Mr. Catty seemed a little doubtful. He feels it would be better to have a permanent "chair". This would, of course, be the ideal, but for the present, when the choice would be likely to fall on someone politically involved, I think it is better that things are as arranged.

I am very glad that the Training plan has been postponed to October. You may remember that I had suggested September. I felt a little anxious lest July would prove too soon in these days when delays are so great and formalities so formidable!

I am sorry that you have had so much trouble, but in defence of Miss de Herrenschwand it must be said that the Swiss formalities are very difficult, and it is harder to arrange things from there than it is from London I believe. Anyway I feel sure that your seeing Miss de Herrenschwand will straighten things out.

With regard to money; we have now received your letter saying that the £50 had arrived, and the Bank here tells us that you have been authorised to draw it. I think there is some mistake about the £150 you mention. We have never suggested sending out any such extra sum! I am afraid we could not.

We were told that the cost of maintenance in Rome would be about 5/- a day (100 lires) each person. Allowing for extras we felt that £50 would do well for say six or seven weeks. Their outward fare would have been paid in Switzerland for which Miss de Herrenschwand holds funds. If your £50 in Rome will not be sufficient to meet their return fare please let us know at once and we will arrange to send out the necessary extra.

I forget whether I mentioned to you that of course Miss Antoinetti and Mme. de Rahm are giving their services free, so there will be no expense in that direction - only their maintenance and their fares have to be met.

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I am also interested in the offer of Miss Hammett. She is excellent. As a matter of fact, not knowing that she was being offered to Italy, we had just cabled to the Girl Scouts asking for her for Greece, where we had hopes of sending an "International Training Unit".!

Incidentally, Miss Hammett was offered to us for Italy many months ago, but the moment was not ripe. To have put Training into operation before the Federation had been established would have been to put the cart before the horse, and besides, we already had the Swiss trainers in view.

I think the Girl Scouts were a little disappointed at the time, but we did feel we knew what we were doing. What I would now like to suggest is that Miss Hammett, if she comes, should co-ordinate her plans with the Swiss Trainers. They might even work together - all the better from our point of view - or she might make a good follow-on. She is most intelligent, and would soon, if explained, follow along our general lines of policy.

I hope you had a nice time in Switzerland - a very lovable country. I hope too that you met and talked with Mlle. de Herrenschwand and that all the plans will work out nicely.

Again our grateful thanks,

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Dear Col. Warburton

We were very glad to
get a cable from Mrs Atherton-Brown
to say that all case the Lord
Lieutenant will now be
unable to accept for Mrs Villiers
(No doubt he will explain this when
he gets back in October.
I am enclosing the letter 1186
I have received about it

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Mrs de Madeiros, Miss Speak
for Miss Cef - Yes will have
received my proofs letter
concerning Hen - I hope Mrs Chas
has only re- turned I see there
are two - My dear Sisters
Before taking any steps
our end we should need
to know if they will be
pardoned? - If there is anything
Can do to please avoid

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Why should you come to us here? 2nd Aug

Yours [illegible]

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allocated to Italy - (of which
for 2 Girls £50). Whether is
left over [of the £100 for Italians]
can go towards
[to Miss de Maden - 16 July 1937]
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We view this possibility with misgiving. The children of the Rellila will have to be drawn into something, but we should prefer it to come about naturally, by individual recruitment into either organisation.

Each side accuses the other of political leanings, which is a situation to which you are well accustomed.

6. With regard to the choosing of a Presidente d'Honneur: this is a difficult point. The Esploratrici wish for the Minister of Education for the reasons I have shown above. I enclose a copy of the letter which Lady Baden-Powell wrote to Signora Draziadei on the matter, so you will understand how it stands and how it is viewed by us and what we recommend. But we have of course no power to insist! The Federated Committee must come to its own conclusions.

7. Another reason why we are anxious to see a better balance between the two, though not so much in numbers as in status and general tone, is that there is not only room for both bodies but both are desirable - a fact which I understand is appreciated by everyone from the Holy Father downwards. What everyone seems to fear is the formation of further organisations which may seek to work on guiding and scouting lines but which may have very strong political attachments. If there is an open organisation into which all can find their way working alongside a closed organisation for those who prefer it, there will be no logical reason for the formation of further scout or guide groups.

It is by no means certain that further groups can be avoided, but it is good to hope for this, and it should certainly be worked for.

8. I think I have covered the main points of "policy" from the World Association angle. The principal thing is to establish active and healthy guiding among the children themselves and to have good leaders.

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of the letter which Lady Baden-Powell wrote to Signora Graziadei on the matter, so you will understand how it stands and how it is viewed by us and what we recommend. But we have of course no power to insist! The Federated Committee must come to its own conclusions.

7. Another reason why we are anxious to see a better balance between the two, though not so much in numbers as in status and general tone, is that there is not only room for both bodies but both are desirable - a fact which I understand is appreciated by everyone from the Holy Father downwards. What everyone seems to fear is the formation of further organisations which may seek to work on guiding and scouting lines but which may have very strong political attachments. If there is an open organisation into which all can find their way working alongside a closed organisation for those who prefer it, there will be no logical reason for the formation of further scout or guide groups.

It is by no means certain that further groups can be avoided, but it is good to hope for this, and it should certainly be worked for.

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10. One further point, I would like you to see a copy of a letter written by Monsignor Montini expressing the views and and the wishes of the Pope in relation to the "Guides". Father Ruggi d'Aragona will no doubt be willing to show you this. Apart from the general indications which we think you will find helpful, even if you are not called upon to take any action, this letter will prove very valuable from the World Bureau point of view as guidance for Catholic policy in other countries.

With regard to your own work, we have absolute confidence in

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your ability to help the very interesting development in Italy.

11. I have just got a letter from Falk telling that the dates suggested suit you and Mme de Rahm, everything depending upon your getting the official invitations through in time.

Please give messages to all our friends in Italy, and the same in Switzerland when you return there.

Yours very sincerely,

ARETHUSA LEIGH-WHITE
Director, The World Bureau.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommission
AFO 394

ED/CMW/rg

ED/9E/3.14/AO

27 October, 1945

SUBJECT : Girl Guides in Italy.

TO : Mrs. Leigh White
Director, The World Bureau,
9, Palace Street, London, S.W.1.
England.

Dear Mrs Leigh White:

I am delighted to tell you that Miss De Rahm and Miss Villanova are here and at work.

I dropped in on their first lesson - about fifty leaders of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides were kneeling in a ring, blindfolded, drawing pigs, sitting up, draving tails on the pigs, etc. The two Swiss girls were alert, vivid, competent, and the Rome girls were ~~having a~~ enjoying themselves hugely. Mrs. Graziadei said to me, "I want to thank you and the International Girl Guides. This is splendid. It is exactly what we needed".

I was especially glad to see both associations well represented and working in harmony.

The two trainers are cramming their days, to get as much done as possible. They leave Tuesday for four days in Naples, then return here for a day or two, then do Florence and finally Milan for several days before returning to Switzerland.

By dint of much labor and persuasion, I succeded in getting them billeted and fed by A.C. The expenses for food here in Rome are only five shillings a day, lodging is free, and their transportation in Italy is nil. Expenses in other cities run a little higher, and there are incidentals. They had about 23 pounds sterling from Miss Herrenschwand, which they estimate will more than cover every thing - they expect to leave what is over with my officer (Major Vessolo) in Milan, to send to me. So I have your 50 pounds intact and you have another 27 pounds. This may be enough to take care of the Belgian trainers, if the cost of getting the Belgians here is not too great.

The Swiss girls, Mrs. Graziadei, and I all agree that we should bring the Belgians as soon as possible. They can go on from where the Swiss leave off, and can, perhaps, cover other centers, like ~~Florence~~, Padua, Turin, and Genoa. Hope they can stay longer.

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UNRRA has agreed to admit them to its mess. But it would probably be more convenient for them if you would arrange with the War Office to allow them to mess at the British ~~mess~~ here - two Swiss girls from the Save the Children Fund had this permission, but it has to come from London, as Rome cannot grant it.

Since I do not know whether I shall be here after 1 December, and since I leave, there won't be the same facilities for handling their arrangements, they should plan to get here before 1 December. Will they come by rail through Switzerland, or by air from Paris to Rome? You should arrange with the War Office in London for permission for them to use military transport if you want these to fly from Paris to Rome, which is much the quickest way. But they can come by rail to Chiasso instead without too much delay or inconvenience - there is, I am told, a through train from Paris to Chiasso, with Wagon-Lits and Wagon-Restaurant.

They should apply to the Military Permit Officer of the British Military Mission in Brussels for a permit to enter Italy. I shall try to arrange at this end for a telegram to the Military Permit Officer authorising him to issue the permit, but I am handicapped by not knowing their first names, their residence, or their date of birth. If you can cable that information to me - names and residence (Brussels?) and citizenship (Belgian?) are probably enough - I'll expedite matters at this end.

When do you think we can expect them and how long will they stay?

I am awfully pleased with what the Swiss girls are doing - it will make a tremendous difference in the movement here. So I look forward to having the Belgians.

Cordial greetings to you and Lady B-P.

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

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Tel. 632141-632241
Ext. 04 - 05

HQC/128 22 Oct 45

SUBJECT : Swiss Trainers for Italy

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission - Rome -

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ED/91/3.34/AC

29 September, 1945

SUBJECT : Trainers for Girl Scouts and Guides.

TO : Mrs. A. Leigh-White,
The Director of the World Bureau,
9, Palace Street, Westminster,
London, S.W.1., England.

Dear Mrs. Leigh White:

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Education Subcommission

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Lt.Col. C.W. Washburne,
Director of Education
Headquarters Allied Commission,
Education Subcommission,
APO 394, ITALY.

17th September 1945

Dear Colonel Washburne,

1. The Swiss Trainers. I found your letter of 6th September 1945 awaiting my return from Norway. I am distressed at the turn of events. I have cabled to you as follows -

"HERRENSCHWAND AT OUR CHALET ADELBODEN. SHE HAS HAD GREAT DIFFICULTIES HER END COMPLYING WITH FORMALITIES. HAVE ASKED HER CABLE YOU FULL ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AND HOPE YOU WILL CONTACT HER. IF SWISS TRAINERS FALL THROUGH WILL TRY TO OFFER OTHERS. GREATLY REGRET TROUBLE GIVEN BUT DO NOT THINK ANYTHING BUT CIRCUMSTANCES ARE ACCOUNTABLE."

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I believe she is about to leave Greece, but the suggestion is that she might be allowed to take a post with UNRRA in Italy on her [illegible] if asked for. We have cleared this with Girl Scouts by [illegible] request if you would

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3. The Belgian Trainers. I am taking this up with Belgium at once, but we must again allow for time. I expect difficulties.

These two, of course, are not in the same category as Miss Antoinetti and Miss Hammett, but they should be able to do very valuable training for the newer and less high up leaders.

The matter of their having been accepted by one organisation and refused by the other, raises a small technical difficulty, but I think it can be got over! Trainers sponsored and financed out of World Association Funds are lent to the country as a whole, and although we realise the importance of allowing some degree of ~~xxxxpxxxx~~ exception being made on occasions, the World Chief Guide

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is very insistent, in order to maintain the unity principle, that some working arrangement should be come to so that both do in fact use our Trainers in some form or another.

They need not train together necessarily, but if the A.G.I. could agree to find some use for the Belgians - sending them to Florence, for instance (we would bear the expense) - it would bring things into line and I think do good.

In fact, in the case of any city other than Rome, and in Florence in particular, it would be a very serious mistake for a World Association Trainer only to visit the Esploratrici.

I feel sure you will understand.

I am writing as tactfully as I can both to Princess Lancellotti and to Countess Graziadei making some such suggestion.

4. Policy letter addressed to Miss Antoinetti, which you hold.

This letter could be given to Miss Hammett with great advantage, but it is not on the lines which would apply to Miss de Maele's work. At least I cannot be sure about this. Miss de Maele's experience has not been quite of the same kind as the others, and she will be very good for technical training purposes, but she may not follow policy very easily.

I would, however, like to leave this to your own judgment of her. Anyway the letter does convey what is our policy.

5. Miss de Herrenschwand

I am very sorry to hear that you were unable to contact her when in Switzerland in August last.

We did mention in our telegram to you of 23rd July last that she had gone to Our Chalet, Adelboden, and I can only imagine that her flat in Berne was completely shut up.

This time I have telegraphed also to her to be on the look out for your visit to Zurich.

We have had a wonderful time in Sweden, Norway, and Denmark - the World Chief Guide and I. We shall send you the Council Fire so that you may read all about it if you so wish!, and you must forgive more just now for we are terribly busy, and in any case this letter is long enough!

Is there any chance of your going to Germany if and when you leave Italy? There is a problem for us if you like! Compared with others, Italy is child's play.

Yours very sincerely,

Arethusa Leigh-White

ARETHUSA LEIGH-WHITE
Director, The World Bureau.

P.S. In case it is of any use to you to know, I expect to be in Geneva myself about the 30th October to 10th November.

And, by the way, a thousand thanks for your co-operation and suggestions re food etc. for the Belgian Trainers.

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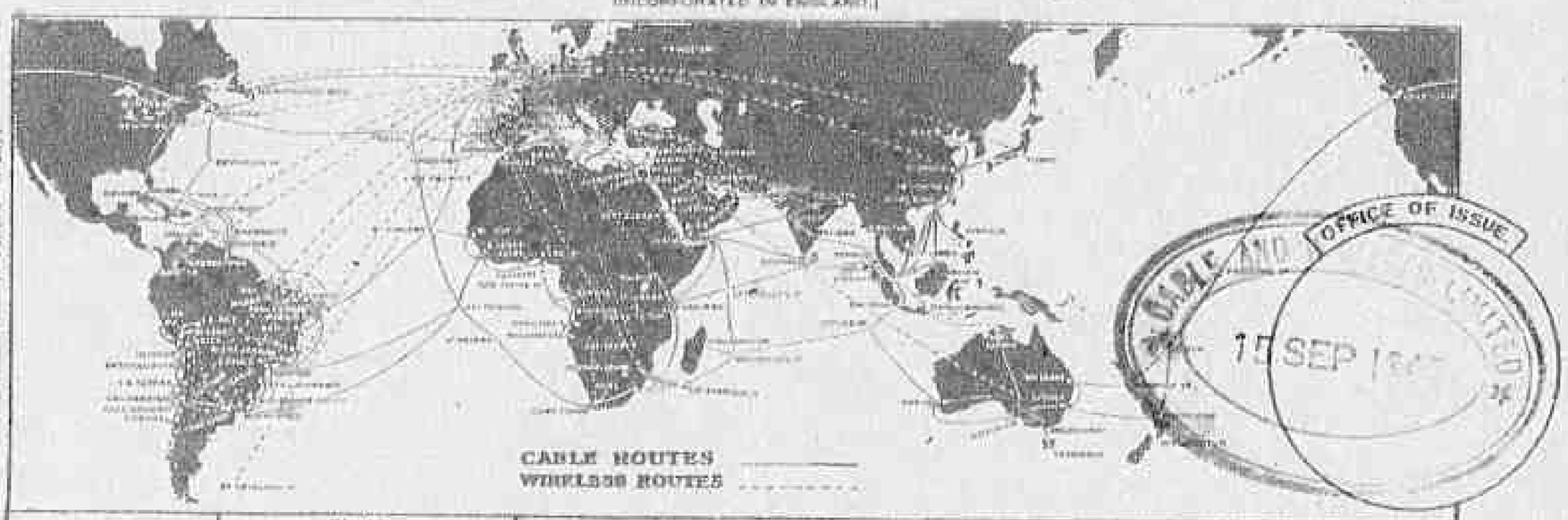
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APO 394

ED/CWW/rg

ED/9F/3.32/AC

3 December, 1945

SUBJECT : Girl Guides.

TO : Mlle. Jeanne de Rahm
Hospice de l'Enfance
Montetan 16
Lausanne.

Dear Miss de Rahm:

Thank you for your letter of 15 November. We are now trying to get the two Belgian girls here to carry forward your good work.

You did exactly what was most needed here, and everyone was deeply appreciative. It was a great privilege to have you and Miss Villanova here. And you worked so independently and responsibly that you caused the minimum of work on our part.

Thank you for coming and for the fine job you did. My greetings to Miss Villanova - and Miss Herrenschwand.

Cordially

CARLETON W. WASHBURNE
Lt. Col. A.U.S.
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Hospice de l'Enfance
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LAUSANNE

Lausanne, le 15 nov. 45

Lt. Col. Washburne, Director of Education
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ROMA

Monsieur,

Notre voyage s'est fort bien terminé, et nous voici toutes deux de nouveau au travail en Suisse. Ce premier contact avec les éclaireuses italiennes restera pour nous un de nos souvenirs scouts les plus enrichissants.

Je viens vous remercier très vivement, en mon nom et en celui de ma compagne, pour toute votre aide, pour votre compréhension et pour votre intérêt pour notre travail. Nous réalisons très bien que sans vous ce projet du World Bureau n'aurait pas pu devenir une réalité. Croyez donc en notre très vive reconnaissance.

A Milan, le mouvement est encore bien moins avancé qu'à Rome, mais il y a quelques éléments intéressants avec lesquels nous avons pu prendre contact. Nous avons aussi été visiter une section à Varese. Partout, nous espérons pouvoir maintenir les liens par des échanges de correspondance, des envois éventuels de littérature scoute. Nous espérons surtout qu'un certain nombre de cheftaines italiennes pourra venir camper chez nous en été. En un mot, nous sentons qu'il faut intensifier et prolonger le travail que nous avons ébauché maintenant.

Mrs. Leigh-White avait déjà quitté la Suisse à notre retour, mais nous avons vu Lady Baden-Powell qui a été très intéressée par nos récits. Nous allons du reste envoyer un rapport détaillé au World Bureau.

Pour les comptes, nous n'avons pas laissé le solde à Milan; notre Commissaire Internationale nous ayant donné les Frs. 200.- directement, elle préférait recevoir les comptes et le solde elle-même en argent suisse. Le solde était du reste très petit, car à Milan, notre subsistance était plus coûteuse qu'à Rome.

Nous nous permettons de faire tous nos voeux pour le succès de votre immense travail en Italie, et nous vous prions d'agréer, Monsieur, nos salutations distinguées.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommission
APO 394

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ED/90/3.32/AO

7 November, 1945

SUBJECT : Remittance for Girl Scouts.

TO : Miss Clementine Miller,
Girl Scouts,
155 East 54th St.
New York, 17, N.Y.

Dear Clementine:

The enclosed copy of Miss Rusk's letter of 9 August shows that the lost money had been received by the National City Bank.

Hope this will enable you to trace it, and that meanwhile money order is on the way.

Best wishes,

Hastily,

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

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Education Subcommission
A.C.O 394

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23 October, 1945

SUBJECT : Swiss Trainers for Italy.

TO : Hq. Commandant, AC, Milan.

Ref. HQC/128 of 22 October and HQC/119 of 15 October.

1. By the time your letter of 15 October reached this Headquarters the Swiss Trainers were almost due in Milan. We therefore telephoned our Regional Education Officer and asked him to clear with you as he had all details in hand.

2. We are glad to note for future reference that all such arrangements can be made directly with you through the Hq. Commandant, Rome.

3. A delay of a week in the Adjutant's office here in issuing travel orders for the Swiss Girl Guide Trainers, Villanova and De Rahm, resulted in late dispatch of these. Copies were sent for them to Switzerland a week before their departure through diplomatic pouch, but failed to reach them. Two copies were sent to Major VESSELO, Regional Education Officer, to hand to them if the others failed to reach them. A copy was sent to the Allied officer in charge at Chiasso, to enable them to pass the border.

4. The two women have arrived in Rome, and were satisfactorily cared for in Milan, despite these difficulties and thanks to your cooperation.

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

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Education Subcommission
APO 394

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18 October, 1945

SUBJECT : Girl Scouts in Italy.

TO : Gertrude Drums
Adviser
International and Intercultural Division
155 East 44th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Drums:

The president (for the current six months) of the Federation of Girl Scouts and Guides is Mrs. Emma Graziadei, Via Barnaba Oriani 56, Rome.

Under their constitution the presidency rotates each six months to a person chosen by the respective component associations. Mrs. Graziadei, president of the non-confessional Girl Scouts, Giovani Esploratrici Italiane, became, by lot, the first president of the Federation. The president of the Catholic Girl Guides, Associazione Guide Italiane, is Princess Prossedi Lancellotti, Palazzo Lancellotti, Piazza Navona, Rome.

You are hereby requested to send Girl Guide literature in accordance with your offer. You do not need special requests, however, if you address your package, not to me personally, but to:

Director of Education
Allied Commission
APO 394, c/o PM., N.Y., N.Y.

And mark the package "For Military Agency". The usual limits of weight, etc., for overseas mailing do not apply, in such cases, but only the regular domestic parcel post limits.

With appreciation of your help and interest, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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GIRL SCOUTS, INC.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS 155 EAST 44TH STREET TELEPHONE MURRAY HILL 2-2505

New York · N.Y.

October 8, 1945

Lt. Colonel Carleton W. Washburn
Director of Education
Headquarters Allied Commission
Education Subcommission
APO 394
c/o Postmaster, New York

Dear Colonel Washburn:

In the absence of Miss Rusk, who is attending meetings in London and Geneva, I am writing to inquire whether you could send us the name of the chairman of the Committee of the Federated Girl Scouts and Girl Guides of Italy. We are starting a file of all names and addresses of people who are heading the Girl Scout and Girl Guide movement in the liberated countries.

We are also anxious to send a small supply of Girl Scout literature to Italy. Would it be possible for you to send us a request for such material so that we might send it to you? It is our understanding that only in this way can we send this material.

We are very grateful to you for the help you have given us in the past and hope that you will be able to send us this information.

Sincerely yours

Gertrude Bruns

Gertrude Bruns
Adviser
International and
Intercultural Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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11 October, 1945

SUBJECT : Money for Girl Scouts.

TO : Ethel Rusk, Girl Scout,
155 E. 44th St.,
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Miss Rusk:

No sign of the money you sent for the Girl Scouts here has come. Neither has the material you sent long ago for uniforms.

To enable me to trace the money will you let me know by return mail what bank in New York sent the money, on what date, to what bank, and in what name.

As to the goods, etc., when were they shipped, by whom, and to whom were they addressed?

Packages up to domestic parcel post limits can be sent direct to me if addressed, not personally, but to:

Director of Education
Allied Commission
APO 394, New York

and marked "For Military Agency".

The Education Subcommission may, however, close in December; so anything scheduled for later arrival may have to be sent in another way.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

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

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GIRL SCOUTS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS 155 EAST 44TH STREET TELEPHONE MURRAY HILL 2-2505

New York 17 N.Y.

Sept. 5, 1945

Lt. Col. Carleton Washburne
Hdq. Allied Commission
Education Subcommissioner
APO 394, c/o PM, New York

My dear Colonel Washburne:

Miss Clementine Miller, who was recently in the office, told me that you would be interested in hearing about our Friendship Bag project which we are about to undertake within our organization for the benefit of our sister Guides abroad.

In brief, the project is that Girl Scout troops in the United States will fill bags containing needed articles such as bobby pins, wash cloths, soap, thread, and so forth, and send them through the relief agencies for various countries to Girl Guides in other lands. Each bag will contain a greeting to the Girl Guide receiving it from the troop which filled it. It seemed to Miss Miller and myself that this would be a very good way to start correspondence between troops in Italy and our troops here, which she tells me you are most anxious to get under way.

We have not yet heard that American Relief for Italy will ship these for us in bulk directed to the Italian Guides, but we hope that this will be possible. Probably within a short time packages can be sent direct by parcel post, and the outcome of this first gesture on the part of the Friendship Bags will be, we hope, a continued contact between groups here and abroad.

We have not as yet worked out any "adoption" plan other than this, but I am sure we would be glad to consider it and probably will be thinking about it shortly. If the Italian Guides would like to send us the names and addresses of troops in Italy with a bit of collected data about them as to size of town, size of troop, and so forth, we would be glad to try to match them up with troops in this country who have a particular interest in Italy.

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We were all very glad to talk with Miss Miller and to hear from her first-hand about the revival of the Italian movements, and ~~refined~~ help you have given to make this possible. We hope the $500 has by now arrived safely, and we know it is being put to a much needed use.

Very sincerely yours,

Ethel Rusk

Ethel Rusk
For the
International Committee

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Education Subcommission
APO 394

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ED/9F/3.32/AC

11 October, 1945

SUBJECT : Travel Orders - Swiss Trainers.

TO : Secretariat, Eclaireuse Suisse,
43 Junkerngasse, Berne,
Switzerland.

1. Enclosed please find travel orders for Miss Villanova and Miss de Rahm. Please transmit them immediately, since they will need them on entering Italy.

2. Enclosed also is copy of telegram sent to American Legation, Berne, authorizing permission of the above named to enter Italy. If there is any difficulty about permits please present this to Captain Katrainos.

3. I hope that this time everything is in good order and that there will be no difficulties. We look forward to having the young women here and expect them 19 October.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommission
APO 394

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11 October, 1945

SUBJECT : Transmittal of official documents - URGENT.

TO : American Legation, Berne.

1. The enclosed is an urgent official communication for the Secretariat of the Relairouses Suisse, 43 Junkerngasse, Berne.

2. Will you be so kind as to send it to them without delay or to telephone them - 20724 - to call for it immediately.

3. Thank you very much for handling this for us.

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

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11 October, 1945

SUBJECT : Transmittal of Travel Orders.

TO : Regional Education Officer,
Lombardia Region.

1. Enclosed please find three copies of travel orders for Misses Villanova and de Rahm, due in Chiasso 19 October.

2. Will you please send one copy to the Allied Officer in charge at the border in Chiasso so that he will let the girls pass? I am sending copies direct to them, but cannot be sure they will get them in time. And I don't want the Allied Officer at Chiasso to refuse to pass the girls down to you if they don't have travel orders with them.

3. The other two copies are for you to use in getting air transport for them to Rome, arrange billet, etc. If they do not have their own copies when they come, please give them these if possible.

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

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Education Subcommission
APO 394

ED/9F/3.32/AC Tel.489081-236

SUBJECT: Girl Guide Trainers from Switzerland.

TO : Regional Education Officer, 6 October 1945
Lombardia Region AMG.

1. On or about 19 October Miles. Germaine Villaneva and Nanon de Rahm should arrive in Chiasso from Switzerland.

2. They are temporarily attached to the Education Subcommission to train and assist leaders of Girl Scouts and Guides in Italy, and will have regular AC travel orders.

3. They have been instructed to report to you immediately on reaching Milan.

4. You are requested to make plane reservations for them to Rome and to make arrangements for billet and mess while they are waiting for the plane.

5. When you know when they will leave for Rome please notify this Headquarters by telephone.

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

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6 October 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of official communication.

TO : American Legation,
Berne, Switzerland.

1. The enclosed is an urgent official communication for the Secretariat Eclaireus Suisse, 43 Junkerngasse, Berne.

2. You are requested to telephone them — 2-07-24 — to call for the communication; otherwise please dispatch it to them without delay.

3. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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

Encl:
as above.

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FOR ACTION BERNE CMA SWITZERLAND FOR MLLE HERRENSCHWAND CMA

FOUR THREE JUNKERNGASSE

6855 10 October 1945 ROUTINE

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SUBJECT APPROVAL FOR SWISS GUIDES TO ENTER ITALY PD

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: AMAS 957
Date/Time of Origin: OCT 9/NFT

Message Centre No: G 467
Date Time Rec'd: OCT 9/1710A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM BERNE

TO : HQ ALCOM ROME

UNCLASSIFIED.

Pass following for colonel WASHBOURNE D of education from HERRENSCHWAND BERNE GEHINS GERMAINE VILLANOVA BRANDSCHENKENSTRASSE 31 ZURICH accompanying D DE RHAM as substitute for MARIA ANTONIETTI. Both applied to American Consulate General ZURICH for visas. Ready to leave October 19 if permission granted .

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ACTION : EDUCATION SC 7154

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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INCOMING MESSAGE
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Originator's Reference: FX 47767
Date/Time of Origin: Oct. 071804A

Message Centre No.: G 340
Date Time Rec'd : OCT 080930A
Precedence : OP PRIORITY

FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGBI

TO : US LEGATION BERNE FOR KATSAINOS INFO ALCOM(SEE YOUR 6586 OF 5 OCT)

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Allief Force permits for GERMAINE VILLANOVA and MANON DE RAHM may be issued for entry ITALY when they apply. MILLER information should be given in such cases.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommission
APO 394

ED/SE/3.32/AC

5 October 1945

SUBJECT: Swiss trainers for Italy.

TO : Secretariat Eclaireuses Suisse
Junkerngasse 43, Berne, Switzerland.

1. Immediately on receipt of Mlle. de Herrenschwand's letter of 24 September, telegram was dispatched to Allied Forces Headquarters requesting permission for Mlles. Villanova and de Rahm to come to Italy.

2. The attached letters were dispatched to the American Legation in Berne and the American Consuls in Geneva and Zurich.

3. Travel orders have been prepared and are enclosed herewith for travel of Mlles. Villanova and de Rahm from Chiasso to Rome.

4. On arrival in Chiasso have them present the attached letter (1) to the Allied Officer in charge on the Italian side of the border. He will get them transportation to Milan.

5. On arrival in Milan have them go to the Regional Education Officer, Major A.A. VESSELO, Montecatini Building, first floor, room 25. Major Vesselo's telephone number is Milan 12641, Extension 2047. He will make all further arrangements for lodging and transport to Rome.

6. If for any reason they are unable to reach Major Vesselo, have them go to the Adjutant, Milan Headquarters Allied Commission, Foro Buonaparte 16, Milan, and present letter No. 2, enclosed, which requests him to find lodging for them and arrange transportation to Rome.

7. When they reach Rome they will be brought by bus from the airport to the Allied Commission Headquarters. Have them walk upstairs from the ground floor to the first floor, then take the lift to the fifth floor and turn right to my office, room 15'. (My telephone number is 489081 Extension 236).

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8. If they find that they are going to reach Rome on Sunday (21 October) it would be well for them to telephone (or ask Major Vesselo or the Adjutant to telephone) me on Saturday from Milan. I might not be in the office Sunday at the hour of their arrival. In that case (or if they arrived at AC Headquarters between 12:45 and 1400 any day), they could leave their luggage at the dispatch office downstairs (where they come into the building) and go to my hotel, the Flora, about

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four blocks up the Via Veneto (on which the AC building faces) -- the last building on the right. There they can call my room (19) or have me found in the dining room. The telephone number of the Hotel Flora is 478841 or 478141.

9. We are looking forward with great pleasure to having these young women here.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommission
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5 October 1945

SUBJECT: Facilitation of transport for Swiss Girl Guide Trainers.

TO : Allied Officer in Charge, Chiasso.

1. This letter is being presented by Mlles. Villenova and de Rehm, temporarily attached to the Education Subcommission, Allied Commission, and here at our request.

2. Will you be so kind as to telephone the dispatch office of AC Headquarters, Milan, 12437, and ask them to send a car immediately to take them to the Monticatini Building?

3. Will you also be so kind as to telephone Major VESSELO, Milan, 12641, Extension 2047, to tell him that they are on the way to his office.

4. If Major VESSELO is not available, please have the young women taken to AC Hq. in Milan, Foro Buonaparte 16, where they can present a letter to the Adjutant.

5. Your help to these young women will be greatly appreciated.

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

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Education Subcommission
APO 394

5 October 1945

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SUBJECT: Facilitation of transport for Swiss Girl Guide Trainers.

TO : Allied Officer in Charge, Chiasso.

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3. Will you also be so kind as to telephone Major VESSELO, Milan, 12641, Extension 2047, to tell him that they are on the way to his office.

4. If Major VESSELO is not available, please have the young women taken to AC Hq. in Milan, Foro Buonaparte 16, where they can present a letter to the Adjutant.

5. Your help to these young women will be greatly appreciated.

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

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5 October 1945

SUBJECT: Billeting and Transport of Swiss Civilians.

TO : Adjutant or other Officer Concerned Milan
Headquarters, Allied Commission, Foro
Buonaparte 16, Milan.

1. This will present Mlles. Villanuova and de Relna, Swiss specialists in Girl Guides, who have been brought to Italy at our request to help organise and train Girl Guide leaders. They are attached to the Education Subcommission and are traveling on AC travel orders.

2. Will you please arrange plane space for them to Rome, and in the meantime assign them to a billet and mess.

3. All help you can give them will be very much appreciated.

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

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5 October, 1945

SUBJECT : Entry of Girl Guide Trainers to Italy.

TO : American Legation,
Berne, Switzerland,
(Att: Captain Kalsainos).

1. The Education Subcommission of the Allied Commission desires the services for one month of Germaine Villanova of Zurich and Nanon de Rahm of Lausanne to assist with the organization of Girl Scouts in Italy.

2. We have signalled AFHQ asking that permission to enter be granted immediately. If when you receive this letter you have not had a signal from AFHQ will you please signal AFHQ for the necessary permission.

3. I understand that Miss de Rahm has filed application with the Consulate in Geneva and Miss Villanova with the consulate in Zurich. If the applications have not come through, please telephone the Consulates and ascertain whether the applications have been duly filed. If they have not, will the consulates please contact the persons in question and have them fill out the necessary forms without delay. Their addresses are:

Mlle. Germaine Villanova, Care Mme. Antener, Bramschenkenstrasse 31, Zurich
Mlle. Nanon de Rahm, le Bercail, Lausanne (Vaud).

4. The Secretariat des Eclaireuses suisse, at Junkerngasse 43, Berne, telephone 2-07-24, is familiar with the whole situation and is in touch with Mlles. Villanova and de Rahm. It will be glad to cooperate with you in expediting the sending of these persons to us.

5. We want these young women on 19 October . Their services are urgently needed. We shall greatly appreciate anything you can do to get them here by that date.

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

Cy to:
Secretariat.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommission
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ED/CWW/ams

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5 October, 1945

SUBJECT : Entry of Girl Guide Trainers to Italy.

TO : American Consul General,
Zurich, Switzerland.

1. The Allied Commission in Italy desires the services for one month of Mlle. Germaine Villanova, care Mme. Antener, Brandschenkenstr. 31, Zurich to assist with the organization of Girl Scouts and Guides in Italy.

2. Miss Villanova has been instructed to call on you and fill out the necessary forms. If she has done so will you please expedite their dispatch to Berne, and notify Miss Villanova immediately when approval has been granted.

3. If for any reason Miss Villanova has not made the necessary contact with you, will you please call her in and have her fill out the application form at once.

4. We want Miss Villanova at Chiasso on 19 October. The need for her here is urgent.

5. We shall greatly appreciate all you can do toward facilitating her coming.

CARLTON W. WASHBURNE
Lt.Col., A.U.S.
Director of Education.

Cy to:
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Copy for Lt.Co[illegible] Washburne.

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Contessa E. Graziadei,
Via Napoleone III, N.8
Roma.

17th September 1945

Dear Countess Graziadei,

Thank you very much for your most charming letter of 5th September which I found awaiting my return from Norway.

As you know, we are very pleased with the way you are developing in Italy and only too happy to help you in any way we can.

We are, on the other hand, very sorry that the Swiss Trainers have been so difficult to arrange for. At the moment I am not too sure what is happening, but we have to make allowances for the very great difficulties in the way of transport and the obtaining of permits, which are the same everywhere in Europe today.

Now with regard to the Belgian Trainers; I am taking this up at once with the Belgian Girl Guides, but here again there may be delays.

I am also writing to Princess Lancellotti because although the simple technique may not be so important in their case, we have to find some way of fitting the Trainers into our own policy which is that a Trainer working for the World Association and provided for out of World Association Funds is intended for the use of the country as a whole.

I do not feel it is necessary for there to be a joint training in Rome in this instance, but some use could probably be made when sending them to outlying places or other towns - such as Florence for instance.

The matter could and should be considered in this light at a meeting of the P.I.G.E., and some working arrangement arrived at so that in a greater or a lesser degree our Trainers are made available to all and our policy upheld.

We hope that from now onwards our literature and news letters will be reaching you regularly. By the way, recent circular letter W.B.379 which was sent to the P.I.G.E. should have had "For Information" stamped on it because, as you will understand, organisations cannot take action on World Association matters until they actually become members of the World Association, and that takes a little time as you know.

And in this connection the application for recognition as a Tenderfoot Member of the World Association should come from the Federazione Italiana Guide ed Esploratrici, with a short statement giving an assurance that the P.I.G.E. accept the principles outlined in Article V of the Constitution and I of the Byelaws, 71/3 copies of which I enclose.

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It would be good if we could have this application as soon as possible, so that it could go before the World Committee meeting in Geneva in November next in preparation for the World Conference of 1946. That is the usual procedure.

With again all our greetings, and best wishes for your success in every field,

Yours very sincerely,

Contessa E. Graziadei,
Via Napoleone III, N.8
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The greatest of these undoubtedly are the visits which the World Chief Guide and I are paying in response to the invitations which have poured in upon us from one country after another as soon as they became liberated.

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These fall into two main categories -

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As soon as it was possible for them to communicate with us, the Fédération Française des Eclaireuses and the Guides de France renewed their invitation, expressing the hope that this Conference might take place in their country in August 1946.

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Mrs. Chute, American born, brought up in Italy and Switzerland where her father was an American Consul, and now

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married to an Englishman, devotes 36 hours a week to relieving Herzova. Mrs. Chute brings in a breath of internationalism which is very welcome and so is her help.

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6 October, 1945

SUBJECT : Entry of Girl Guide Trainers from Switzerland.

TO : G-5, AFHQ.

Confirming telegram.

1. The Education Subcommission of AC requires the services of the following persons for one month to train leaders of Italian Girl Scouts and Guides:

Mlle. Nanon de Rham, le Bercail, Lousanne (Vand)
Mlle. Germaine Villanova, c/o Mme. Antener,
Brandschenkenstrasse 31, Zurich.

2. The plan for having these trainers come to Italy was developed by Lady Baden-Powell on her visit to Italy in July, in consultation with the Italian Federation of Girl Scouts and Guides and the Education Subcommission.

3. Request was made, for this same purpose for a Miss Antonietti and Miss de Rahm in August and was approved by AFHQ. Delays in getting permission to them in Switzerland resulted in postponement of the mission. Miss Antoniettis illness has resulted in the substitution of Miss Villanova.

4. The two young women have been told to file application for entry with the American Consulates at Geneva and Zurich respectively.

5. It is requested that a signal be sent to the American Legation in Berne to grant permission to enter Italy.

6. While in Italy both young women will be attached to the Education Subcommission, AC

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. CARR, Brig.
VP, CA Section.

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SECRÉTARIAT CENTRAL
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Berne, September 24th 1945

Colonel C.W. Washburne
Director of Education
Education Subcommission
APO 394
R o m e

Subject: Girl Guide Trainers
ED/9F/3.32/AC

Dear Colonel Washburne,

I am glad to be able to tell you, that we have found a substitute for Mlle Antonietti, in the person of:

Mlle Germaine Villanova c/o Mme Antener
Brandschenkenstrasse 31 Zürich

Her native language is italian, she is of catholic confession, and an experienced trainer.
She and Mlle de Rham are ready to leave for Rome on October 19th.
According to your suggestion, I went to the American Legation, but after my third visit was told, that Captain Kalsainos did not want to see me, and that the persons in question should applicate for visas at the American Consulate General in Zürich, or Geneva. As Mlle Villanova lives in Zürich she will apply for both in Zürich.
I trust that this time they will get their visas in time, and we shall be very grateful to you, for assisting their demand.

Yours sincerely,

Ida de Perrot-Schaad

Could any respective correspondance be addressed to:
Secrétaiat des Eclaireuses suisses
Junkerngasse 43 Berne
as I have to take in charge again the International Guide Chalet in Adelboden for the next weeks.

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Education Subcommission
AFO 394

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ED/GF/3.32/AC

5 October, 1945

SUBJECT : Entry of Girl Guide Trainers to Italy.

TO : American Legation,
Berne, Switzerland,
(Att: Captain Kalsminos).

1. The Education Subcommission of the Allied Commission desires the services for one month of Germaine Villanova of Zurich and Nanon de Rahm of Lausanne to assist with the organization of Girl Scouts in Italy.

2. We have signalled AFHQ asking that permission to enter be granted immediately. If when you receive this letter you have not had a signal from AFHQ will you please signal AFHQ for the necessary permission.

3. I understand that Miss de Rahm has filed application with the Consulate in Geneva and Miss Villanova with the consulate in Zurich. If the applications have not come through, please telephone the Consulates and ascertain whether the applications have been duly filed. If they have not, will the consulates please contact the persons in question and have them fill out the necessary forms without delay. Their addresses are:

Mlle. Germaine Villanova, Care Mme. Antener, Kramchenlenstrasse 31, Zurich
Mlle. Nanon de Rahm, le Bercail, Lausanne (Vand).

4. The Secretariat des Relations suisse, at Junkerngasse 43, Berne, telephone 2-07-24, is familiar with the whole situation and is in touch with Mlles. Villanova and de Rahm. It will be glad to cooperate with you in expediting the sending of these persons to us.

5. We want these young women on 19 October . Their services are urgently needed. We shall greatly appreciate anything you can do to get them here by that date.

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

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Cy to:
Secretariat.

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Education Subcommission
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ED/9F/3.32/MC

5 October, 1945

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SUBJECT : Entry of Girl Guide Trainers to Italy.

TO : American Consul General,
Zurich, Switzerland.

1. The Allied Commission in Italy desires the services for one month of Mlle. Germaine Villanova, care Mme. Antener, Brandschenkenstr. 31, Zurich to assist with the organization of Girl Scouts and Guides in Italy.

2. Miss Villanova has been instructed to call on you and fill out the necessary forms. If she has done so will you please expedite their dispatch to Berne, and notify Miss Villanova immediately when approval has been granted.

3. If for any reason Miss Villanova has not made the necessary contact with you, will you please call her in and have her fill out the application form at once.

4. We want Miss Villanova at Chiasso on 19 October. The need for her here is urgent.

5. We shall greatly appreciate all you can do toward facilitating her coming.

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

Cy to:
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SUBJECT SWISS TRAINERS FOR ITALIAN GIRL GUIDES PD

SWISS TRAINERS FOR ITALIAN GIRL GUIDES READY TO COME TO ITALY AUSPICES EDUCATION SUBCOMMISSION PD PAREN TO AFHQ G FIVE SECTION FROM HQ ALCOM PAREN PLEASE SIGNEL APPROVAL TO AMERICAN LEGATION BERNE FOR GERMAINE VILLANOVA AND NANCHI DE RAHM TO ENTER ITALY VIA CHIASSO PD

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5 Settembre, 1945

ALLA : Principessa Lancellotti
Piazza Navona
ROMA.

Gentile Principessa,

Le mando parte di una lettera che Miss Miller ha scritto al Col. Washburne.

Le saro' grata se vorra' farmi avere tutte le informazioni richieste nel piu' breve tempo possibile.

Le accludo una lettera di Mrs. Leigh-White.

Con i miei saluti,

GABRIELLA ROMBO
Education Subcommission.

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Education Subcommission
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5 Settembre, 1945

ALLA : Sig.ra Graziadei
Via Barnaba Oriani, 56
ROMA.

Gentile Signora Graziadei,

Le mando parte di una lettera che Miss Miller ha scritto al Col. Washburne.

Le saro' grata se vorra' farmi avere tutte le informazioni richieste nel piu' breve tempo possibile.

Le accludo due lettere di Mrs. Leigh-White.

Con i miei saluti

GABRIELLA ROMBO
Education Subcommission.

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ol Col Wg - Wm W Dyer

WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY CLUB
THE BILTMORE · 40 VANDERBILT AVENUE · NEW YORK 17

August 21st

Dear Col. Warburton:-

I am in N.Y.C. for a few days having come down from Ontario on business. One of the reasons I came was to discuss with the U.S. the possibility of joining their staff. They had asked me to come to talk with them when I reached N.Y. last June but I intended 7129

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that time to stay with the
ARC. Their decision not to
send me back to Italy made
me reconsider the U.S. corpo-
ration. A brand new International
Division (also "Intercultural")
is being developed within the
American organization and three
of us have been chosen to work
on this. It is a job I'll love I
shall like. The only difficulty
now is the time element, but

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WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY CLUB THE BILTMORE · 40 VANDERBILT AVENUE · NEW YORK 17

article for the Dec. number should be ready by Oct. 1.

I shall be at Wanderemere, Muskoka, Ontario, Canada until Sept. 21 so I should think the mag address are there. After that Columbus, Indiana will do.

I'm still wondering when I shall see Kay again and hoping that my new job will take me travelling across the Atlantic 7128

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one / three days.

I hope that by the time the material for congress has come.

Most sincerely.

Clementine Zuiker

P.S. I'd very much appreciate as complete a story as I can get on the Korea funds so I hope that nothing / untoward will be omitted.

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THE BILTMORE 40 VANDERBILT AVENUE · NEW YORK 17

2. Just what were the Finds doing & how were they expanding during the month before the Fells entered Rome?

I was told that by the time the Germans left there were more than 100 Finds in the city. Details of this romantic underground revival will be interesting so the editor tells me.

3. What is their present program?

I got the impression that they are helping toward reconstruction

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by camp for children in camps of displaced persons. Could we have more detail on this side of their program?

I have the long pictures taken at the Vela Dria Campfield in August 1944. If they have any others of interest I'd like very much to have them.

Please tell your secretary that I'd like to have the information as soon as I can since Miss Bien tells me that the

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THE BILTMORE · 40 VANDERBILT AVENUE · NEW YORK 17

I think that I shall be able to
come on and assume my res-
ponsibilities about October 1st.
When in C.S. Hdq. yesterday
the editor of the American Girl,
Miss Esther Brien, asked me for
material for a story or 2 for
their International issue which
is coming out in December.
I am writing you now to ask
if you secretary can not get

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some of the information I need.
As you know. I feel that I
can get a much quicker response
this way than if I were to write
to the Italian women directly.
Although I have heard the
Guida in Rome tell their re-
trial which still under Fascist-
German rule. I need a few more
details to make it an interesting
story.

1. What is the name of Giuliano
di Carfagna's uncle who started
touring in Italy?

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RE MY CABLE 14TH SEPT TRAINER FOR ITALY GIRL SCOUTS

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 210.482

28 June 1945

SUBJECT: Visit of Girl Guide Trainers.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your ED/2A/1.0 /AC undated of June 1945.

2. There is no objection at this Headquarters to the proposed travel of Signora Antonietti and Mlle. de Rahn.

3. Applications for Allied Force Permits pursuant to AC/14080/23/FS dated 14 June 1945 must be made, however, to the U.S. Military Attache in Berne.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

M. J. HILL
1st Lt., AUS

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Education Subcommission
AFO 394

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6 September 1945

SUBJECT: Aid to Girl Scouts.

TO : UNRRA.
(Att: Mr. Keeney)

1. When Lady Baden-Powell was here, at a conference with UNRRA representatives, at the Grand Hotel, we discussed the possibility of UNRRA providing messing and billeting facilities for two Girl Guide trainers from Switzerland. I believe that it was stated that UNRRA could do this.

2. In regard to the Swiss trainers, I think I can arrange to attach them to the Education Subcommission, and thus provide billets and mess without calling on UNRRA.

3. But now it appears that two more trainers -- this time from Belgium, are desired by the non-confessional Girl Scout association (Giovani Esploratrici Italiani), and that Mrs. Leigh-White of the World Bureau is willing to arrange for them to come. The Girl Scouts can provide housing for them, but ask our help in arranging for mess.

4. These Belgian trainers will not be here for about two months. I don't know whether the Education Subcommission will still be in existence then. Yet I must now let them know whether they can eat if they come -- as you know, commercial restaurants are prohibitive.

5. Can you arrange to have these two Belgian Girl Scout leaders attached to your mess when they come?

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

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Education Subcommission
AFO 394

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6 September 1945

SUBJECT: Guide Trainers.

TO : Mrs. Leigh-White,
World Bureau of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts,
9 Palace Street, Westminster,
London S.W.I.

Dear Mrs. Leigh-White:

The enclosed letter from Mrs. Graniedei and copy of my letter in regard thereto to UNRRA are self-explanatory.

I am very much puzzled as to why I don't hear from Ida de Herrenschwand. I wrote and wired her when we first decided to postpone the trip of the Guide Trainers to October. I tried daily, for four days running, to reach her by telephone when I was in Berne early in August — her telephone never answered. On my return to Rene I wrote to her again asking whether everything was in order and when we might expect the trainers. No answer.

I shall probably be in Zurich 16-21 September, and then stop briefly in Berne and Geneva before returning here, and shall try again to reach her by telephone.

Meanwhile the Girl Scouts and Guides are on tenterhooks — they don't know whether to make their plans for training courses, nor on what dates.

Can you throw any light on Miss de Herrenschwand's failure to communicate with me, and have you any way to get action from her?

Cordial greetings to you and Lady Baden-Powell.

Sincerely,

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

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Encl:
as above.

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UNIONE NAZIONALE
GIOVANI ESPLORATRICI ITALIANE
GIRL - SCOUTS D'ITALIA

Sede Centrale

ROMA, 5 Settembre 31 agosto 1945
Via Napoleone III N. 8

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Protocollo N. 137

Col.Prof.C. Washburne
Education Subcommission A.C.
Via V.Veneto
Roma

Caro Colonnello,

La principessa Lancellotti mi ha rimessa l'acclusa lettera mandatale da Mrs Leigh White, contenente la proposta d'inviare in Italia due trainers belghe.La cosa non interessa l'A.G.I., mentre noi G.E.I. avremmo molto piacere di avere tra noi queste due istruttrici. Al riguardo, saremmo a chiederle di darci il suo aiuto, in modo simile-ma più limitato- a quello già deliberato per le due istruttrici svizzere. Poichè per le istruttrici belghe di cui oggi si tratta il problema dell'alloggio è risolto, secondo quanto le ho accennato a voce, si tratterebbe di assicurare loro il vitto -e questo soltanto-per la durata del loro soggiorno, previsto in mesi due.

Il di Lei costante interessamento ai nostri piccoli problemi mi induce a sperare bene anche questa volta.

Colgo l'occasione per informarLe che abbiamo conchiuso il primo campeggio con le nostre ragazze si è trattato di un campo scout nel vero senso della parola: tende, aperta campagna, nessun ajuto esteriore, se non quello organizzativo del C.E.I.

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Il successo è stato completo, sia presso le ragazze sia verso le loro famiglie. Ne stiamo già vedendo gli effetti proselitistici.

Anche la Radio si è occupata dell'avvenimento, con

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un apposito radioreportage.

Voglia gradire, gentile colonello, i miei migliori saluti

Ennio Ricciardi

per il Presidente Commissario
dell'A. N. G. E. I.

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COPY for Record Committee

June the 22nd. 1945

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Dear Mrs. Leigh-White,

I have learned yesterday you have been looking for captains to send to Italy as instructors.

I wonder if my sister, who is also a guide, and myself might eventually be of any assistance to you.

We talk Italian fluently and we have been in Italy long enough to have some acquaintance with Italian customs and habits. We also have relatives in Italy.

In a few weeks my University Examinations will end and either one or both of us would be delighted to accept a mission.

Mrs. Morel and Miss Scoumanne will gladly inform you about my record as a captain.

We are all so deeply happy to welcome to Belgium Lady Baden-Powell and yourself. After five years isolation, Belgian Guides hope now to take again an active roll in the large international guides family.

I beg to remain very truly yours,

(Signed) LUISELLA DE MAELE,

Cheftaine adjointe lère troupe G.G.B.
17 place Georges Brugmann.
Brussels.

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Education Subcommission
APO 394

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22 August, 1945

SUBJECT : Girl Guide Trainers.

TO : Ida de Herrenschwand
43 Junkerngasse, Berne,
Switzerland.

Dear Mrs. De Herrenschwand:

I have heard nothing from you, or Miss de Rahm or Miss Antonietti. You know that permission to come to Italy has been granted and merely has to be picked up at the American Legation in Berne. You know, too, I hope, that after Mrs. Leigh White said the trainers must be back in Switzerland by 20 August, we decided to have them come in October for a longer stay. May I be assured that they will be here in October, and may I know when, and for how long?

I was in Berne 4-10 August, and telephoned you two or three times a day, daily - at 20724. But I never got a reply. I may be in Zurich 17 September for a few days, and may stop in Berne en route to Geneva later that week. If so, how can I get in touch with you?

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

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

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Sig.na Rambo

Roma, 11 Giugno 1945

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UN APPREZZAMENTO ED UN RINGRAZIAMENTO.

Desidero ringraziarvi del privilegio d'essere stata chiamata qui a parlarvi del Movimento Giovani Guide e Giovani Esploratori, e ringraziarvi anche per l'interessamento in questo Movimento che e' tanto vicino al mio cuore.

A Roma rimarro' ancora poche ore, e mi e' gradito esprimere la mia riconoscenza per la cordiale accoglienza che mi e' stata fatta e la mia soddisfazione per avere trovato il Movimento Esploratori e Guide cosi' bene organizzato in Italia.

Lascio Roma felice di quanto ho veduto, e piena di speranze per il bene che il Movimento Scautistico portera' a questo Paese.

Ma non e' dell'Italia che desidero parlarvi, poiche' voi conoscete la situazione scautistica assai meglio di me; desidero semplicemente dipingervi un quadro del mondo passato, quando regnava la pace, e dipingerlo in contrasto al mondo di oggi con nello sfondo il Movimento Scautistico.

Lo Scautismo comincio' (e dicendo "Scautismo" intendo il Movimento Scautistico di ragazzi e ragazze di tutte le eta') in un'epoca in cui l'educazione non si svolgeva seguendo i metodi odierni, quando, a parte il libro di testo, ben poco si faceva per insegnare ai giovani i loro doveri e le loro responsabilita' nella vita.

Centinaia di migliaia di ragazzi non erano che materiale umano sciupato perche' inadatti mentalmente e fisicamente ai loro doveri: constatando questo nel proprio paese, mio marito inizio' il Movimento Scautistico, senza rendersi conto che sarebbe divenuto universale in valore e potenza; se ne accorse solo molto piu' tardi. Scopo del Movimento e' quello di sviluppare il carattere di ogni singolo ragazzo in modo che egli possa divenire il cittadino utile, prezioso di cui la sua Patria ha bisogno, e perche' possa vivere una vita migliore contribuendo al benessere del mondo in cui viviamo e nel quale Iddio ci ha voluti per un Suo fine.

I quattro punti principali dello Scautismo sono:

1. Lo sviluppo del CARATTERE, per mezzo della Legge e del ~~l'Esploratore~~ Fanciullo Scout, e del sistema di SQUADRIGLIE/GRUPPI, che insegna la disciplina, la fiducia, la generosita', il controllo di se stessi, l'iniziativa e cosi' via.

2. LAVORO - Lavorando per essere pronti alle prove e per ottenere un distintivo che e' incoraggiamento tanto per i ragazzi e le ragazze di intelligenza mediocre quanto per i precoci, il senso d'orgoglio per l'opera compiuta, per l'ostacolo superato, per la difficolta' vinta, ecc. contribuisce allo sviluppo del rispetto, della fiducia in se stessi, della tenacia e di tant altre buone qualita'.

3. SALUTE - Con l'igiene, con i giuochi, con il campeggio, ecc. si ottiene la salute dei ragazzi facendo si' che essi sentano che Iddio ha donato loro un corpo sano e che spetta loro il mantenerlo tale affinche' essi

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per avere trovato il Movimento Esploratori e Guide così bene organizzato [illegible] Italia.

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4. SERVIZIO - A questo ideale si arriva praticando la "buona azione", e il ragazzo si abitua a sacrificarsi e a pensare al bene altrui fin dai primissimi anni della sua vita. Cominciando con piccole azioni utili e benefiche il ragazzo col crescere degli anni sentira' sviluppare la volonta' generosa in se stesso e si riverseranno cosi' nella comunita' azioni buone mentre il ragazzo si formera' un piu' chiaro concetto dei sacri comandamenti del dovere verso Dio e verso il prossimo.

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Potra' sembrarvi che tutto questo suoni bene in teoria ma che forse in pratica la cosa sia diversa. Mia unica risposta a questa eventuale obiezione e' che il risultato e' "ottimo" e lo e' sempre stato per 38 anni, sin da quando cioe' il Movimento Scautistico ebbe inizio nel 1907 e si estese per forza propria senza l'ausilio di alcuna forza estranea da paese a paese incidendo sulla vita di milioni di persone col passare degli anni.

IMPORTANTI ASPETTI:

Il Movimento Scautistico e' aperto a tutte le razze e a tutte le nazionalita', non sottosta' ad una determinata comunita' ne' ad una determinata chiesa, ne' a un determinato governo o partito; e' un Movimento libero di gente libera che ha per regola fondamentale lo sforzo volontario e la liberta', e tutti i gruppi di Esploratori e di Guide di tutti i paesi sono fusi insieme nella Associazione Mondiale basata sulla Promessa comune, sulla rinuncia al proprio egoismo per il bene comune; esso possiede un nome comune, un'uniforme comune, attivita' e programmi comuni; la Legge comune ed il comune ideale di buona volonta' e di amicizia nonche' la luce.

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Per illustrarvi come lo spirito del Movimento possa destare un senso di fiducia e di speranza bisognerebbe raccontare la storia di un gruppo di persone

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di nazionalita' diverse internate in una citta' isolata nella Cina del nord che per quattro anni non potc' comunicare col mondo esterno. Esso formarono gruppi di Esploratori e Guide e le prime lettere trasmessemi dicevano che l'organizzazione procedeva in modo brillante.

Nel Nord del Canada' una Scuola Missionaria per i bambini degli Esquimesi e dei cacciatori di pelli venne aperta a 600 miglia di distanza dall'abitato, e 10 miglia dal Circolo Artico. Questi bambini erano semi selvaggi, non avevano mai visto nessuno, e ci volle molto tempo per civilizzarli, ma il Metodo Scautistico venne introdotto e niente poteva essere piu' salutare.

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Non ha limiti nella sua realizzazione e in cio' che e' in grado di conseguire purche' sia seguito [illegible] pieno e sia sviluppato nelle sue linee originali.

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28 July, 1945

SUBJECT : Remittance for Guide Trainers.

TO : Mrs. Leigh-White,
Director,
The World Bureau,
9 Palace Street, Westminster,
London, S.W.1, England.

Dear Mrs. Leigh-White:

The L.50, originally sent for Lady Baden-Powell, has arrived. I'll be watching for the other L.50, which so far has not come.

It is my understanding that I am to hold both sums until the trainers arrive and then reimburse them for expenses with this money. I suppose any part not used by them is to be returned to you. Is this correct?

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

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ATTO COSTITUTIVO

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FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA GUIDE ED ESPLORATRICI

Nel giorno 27 luglio 1945, nell'Ufficio della Sotto-Commissione Alleata per l'Educazione ed in presenza del Colonnello Prof. CARLETON WASHBURNE, Capo della Sotto-Commissione per l'Educazione, si sono riunite le Commissarie Centrali dell'Unione Nazionale Giovani Esploratrici Italiane, Signore Grazidei Emma, Rocci Mary, Romoli Elena all'uopo delegate dal Commissariato Centrale dell'Unione, come dall'allegata deliberazione, e le Commissarie Centrali dell'Associazione Guide Italiane, Principessa di Prossedi, Contessa Giuliana di Carpegna, Signora Josette Lupinacci all'uopo delegate dal Commissariato Centrale dell'Associazione, come dall'allegata deliberazione, le quali, a nome ed in rappresentanza delle due suddette Associazioni, convengono di federare le stesse sotto il nome di FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA GUIDE ED ESPLORATRICI (sigla F.I.G.E.), nei limiti e nello spirito dello Statuto che segue:

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3 - Lo scopo della Federazione e' quello di promuovere la mutua intesa fra le due Associazioni per il raggiungimento dei fini comuni nello spirito di fraternita' delle Leggi Scout, nonche' di svolgere le attivita' specifiche di cui agli articoli seguenti.

4 - Le attivita' specifiche della Federazione, da svolgere nell'interesse delle Associazioni federate, sono :

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a)- I rapporti con le Autorita' Governative Centrali, limitatamente agli interessi comuni delle due Associazioni;

b)- I rapporti con l'Estero e le Associazioni scoutistiche straniere ed anche, di intesa dei rispettivi organi centrali, la collaborazione per la formazione dei capi, l'assistenza religiosa, l'assistenza sanitaria ecc.

5 - Le Associazioni federate mantengono integralmente la loro autonomia organizzativa ed educativa in base ai rispettivi statuti.

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10- Ogni anno, due membri, uno per Associazione, decadranno dal loro mandato e due saranno rieletti. Eccezionalmente, questa rotazione avra' inizio gia' dalla fine del primo anno.

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Letto e confermato il presente atto in triplice esemplare, le sopradette firmano come segue :

UNIONE NAZIONALE GIOVANI ESPLORATRICI ITALIANE

Maria Massimo Lancellotti
Pcssa di Frosolone

(Graziadei Emma) (Principessa di Frosolone)

(Rossi Mary) Giuliana di Carpegna
(Contessa Giuliana di Carpegna)

Savina Mantovani per Elena Romoli
(Romoli Elena) (Josette Lupinacci)

CARLETON W. WASHBURNE
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THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS
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THE WORLD BUREAU,
9, PALACE STREET, WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, S.W.1, ENGLAND

5th July 1945

Lt. Col. Washburne,
Education Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, A.P.O. 394.

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Dear Colonel Washburne,

Here we are home again - after completing our European tour of ten weeks. We had very interesting though very busy times both in Luxembourg and in Belgium.

I do hope that the Swiss Trainer plan has materialised, and that Signorina Antoinetti and Mlle. de Rahm are already with you.

Would you be so good as to read the enclosed letter before handing it on to Signorina Antoinetti? It gives an outline of our World Bureau attitude and point of view regarding the policy to be followed.

Signorina Antoinetti is of course visiting Italy primarily for the reason of Training and helping with organisation, and is not expected deliberately to enter the field of "policy". The desire is that the Federation should be encouraged to find its <u>own</u> solutions but things being as they are, it is as well for Signorina Antoinetti to know something of the background against which she is expected to work.

Mr. Logan and Mr. Catty came in to see me yesterday, and we had a long talk. Both seem pleased with what has been done whilst we were in Rome but, of course, like myself, both are well alive to the many

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difficulties and snags which beset and will, I fear, continue to beset the Movement in Italy.

I am on the point of writing a good long letter to Mr. Swift Newton - also to Miss Rusk. I know the Girl Scouts will be very much interested in what we have to tell them.

We look back upon our visit to Rome with the very greatest delight, and we shall never cease being grateful to you in particular for your kindness, your interest, and your splendid support.

We look forward to hearing from you some day.

Yours very sincerely,

ARETHUSA LEIGH-WHITE
Director, The World Bureau.

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SUBJECT : Federation of Girl Guides and Scouts.

28 July, 1945

TO : Mrs. Leigh-White,
The World Bureau,
9, Palace Street, Westminster,
London, S.W.1., England.

Dear Mrs. Leigh-White:

The enclosed documents tell their own story. All is well.

I have wired Ida de Herrenschwand that the Federation prefers a longer visit from the trainers in October to one of only a couple of weeks now. I shall probably see her next week, although I haven't yet got final clearance on my own trip . I think the Federation will be in much better shape to use the trainers about 1 October. They will have time to make full plans for inclusion of leaders in other parts of Italy.

Best wishes to you and Lady Baden-Powell.

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

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Dear Col. Washburne:-

I arrived in New York on Aug 27th to find that the National Board Girl Scouts was having a meeting that day. They were so pleased to be able to have first hand news & Kay and asked me to talk to them. From them I learned that 700 yards of khaki material is being shipped to Italian guides and I cautioned them to address the shipment to you. They are winding up thread and are sorry not to be able to send any navy blue

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material but none is available.
The Commissioner of Naval was
present at the meeting and told
us that Naval Guides have recently
sent a consignment of material to
Italian Guides.

I told them of your scouting kit
idea and of your suggestion that
American troops adopt Italian
troops. I am expecting some
action on both of these ideas, and
will inform you when I hear
what has been done.

They were as interested to hear
of Lady B.P.'s & her visit, as well
as of the prospective training

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course to be offered by Girl Guides.
I was told that Miss Katherine
Hammett, one of our Girl Scout
camping experts, who has been
working in Greece with UNRRA
can be available & the Italian
Guides would like to have her
give them some training. The
American Scouts, however, would
like to have the Italian Guides
ask for her help as they would
not want to send her in unless
they want to have her. I don't
know what arrangement can
be made but they seem to think

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that she could be released by UNRRA for that purpose. If you and the Italian Govt like the idea - you might suggest that they put in a request through you for her service.

I have ordered another package of material to be sent to you which you may turn over to the Federation for me.

I shall be going to Canada for several weeks and then hope to return to Italy in August. In case you want to get in touch with me I can be reached at —

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Windermere. Muskoka
Ontario, Canada

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thought I'd at:-

American Red Cross
Area 1 A.P.O. 512
U.S. Army

In clearing out my desk today I
found the enclosed letter which
reminded me that I hadn't
written to you.

Best wishes -

Sincerely Miller

P.S. Your letter to Julian telling
had B.P.'s visit was waiting here for
me on my return.

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28 July, 1945

SUBJECT : Visit of Swiss Girl Guide Leaders.

TO : British Embassy, Rome.

1. A telegram received yesterday from Mrs. Leigh-White of the World Bureau of Girl Guides states that de Rahm and Antonietti, Swiss Guide leaders, must return to Switzerland by 20 August, and asks whether it is preferred they come now for short visit or postpone visit to October.

2. At a meeting with the Italian Federation of Girl Guides last evening, it was the unanimous agreement that a stay of less than three weeks now would be much less desirable than a longer stay beginning in October.

3. Mrs. Leigh-White's telegram requested that the decision be cabled to Ide de Herrenschwand, Chalet Adelboden, Berne.

4. We will greatly appreciate your cabling your Legation in Berne, asking that this decision be communicated to de Herrenschwand.

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

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SUBJECT : Girl Guides.

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26 July, 1945

TO : Mrs. A. Leigh-White, Director
The World Bureau,
9, Palace Street, Westminster,
London, S.W.1, England.

Dear Mrs. Leigh-White:

I've been delaying reply to your letters until I could give you more definite news, but feel that I had better send you an interim report now without waiting longer.

The Federation is not yet established! Everything was ready for signing weeks ago, but the illness of one of the principals resulted in postponment. Then I was away for twelve days and they waited for my return. Meantime the Esploratrici decided that the Guides must add the word "Catholic" to their name. The Guides were as mad as wet hens about such interference. I found both groups, especially Princess Lancellotti and Mrs. Graziadei, the two presidents, bitter, obstinate, and intransigent about the matter.

Last week I spent an hour and a half with each president, separately. This week I spent a couple of hours with the leaders of each group, separately. I can't say I was very successful with either. I finally decided that the Esploratrici would have to yield - they had made no such demand when you and Lady Baden-Powell were here, and, although I thought their suggestion was reasonable and had tried hard to persuade the Guides to accept it, I felt the Esploratrici had no right to demand the change and should not risk wrecking the whole federation over so small a point. Actually, Mrs. Graziadei was almost willing to destroy the whole thing rather than yield - and so was Princess Lancellotti. Mrs. Rossi was sane, unemotional, and very helpful - really the only entirely reasonable and objective member of the group.

Anyway, it is now decided that no more pressure will be put on the Guides to change their name, and that all will meet in my office tomorrow evening to sign the articles of Federation. Mrs. Rossi is going to make a brief little speech on the Esploratrici withdrawing their request so that all can work together harmoniously in true Scout spirit. Here's hoping it comes through! If you receive the signed document you'll know

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all is well. I may not have time to write to you Saturday as I probably shall be leaving for Switzerland Sunday morning (for a week) and am liable to be swamped getting my desk cleared.

As to Antonietti and De Rahm: I don't know what's keeping them. Mail and telegrams seem to be hopelessly slow.- mine to de Herrenschwand and hers to me cross, at cross purposes. I've made all arrangements from this end, got the necessary permissions from AFHQ, and wired both directly and through the British Embassy that all they need do is call at the American Legation in Berne and get their passes. They seemed vague as to how to get here - I should have thought they could have worked that out from Berne. But in my last wire, through the British Embassy, I told them to take the plane from Geneva to Paris and Paris to Rome and report to me on arrival. To expedite this I'm trying to get travel orders issued here and wired to Air Transport Command in Geneva - but this should not be necessary.

I haven't heard a word about the arrival of either the original L.50 or the later L.150. The Allied Finance Agency is trying to trace it for me. It would be helpful if I knew to what bank it was sent, when, and from what bank.

Probably before you get this letter everything will be in the clear - the constitution of the federation signed, the Swiss guiders here, the money in hand, and all proceeding harmoniously. At least that's my fond hope! I'll see Ida de Herrenschwand in Berne Monday or Tuesday (if I go Sunday, as I hope). and if the Guiders haven't already left I should be able to speed their departure. If the Guiders arrive from Switzerland while I am away, Miss Rombo will take care of them and give Antonietti your excellent letter.

Best wishes to you and Lady Baden-Powell.

Cordially,

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

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THE WORLD ASSOCIATIO OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIR SCOUTS
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DER WELTBUND DER PFADFINDERINNEN

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THE WORLD BUREAU,
9, PALACE STREET, WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, S.W.1, ENGLAND

52A

6th July 1945

Lt.Col. Washburne,
Education Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
APO 394, Italy.

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Dear Colonel Washburne,

Since writing to you yesterday, we have received a telegram from Switzerland saying that "all is in order" their side but that the "order of mission" or invitation, or whatever it is called, from your side enabling their permits to be issued had not arrived.

The Foreign Office here have telegraphed to the Embassy in Rome asking that "military permits" be expedited through the Legation in Berne as it is felt that these would be sufficient to secure the transport of the Trainers and their entry into Italy.

The urgent point is that if the Trainers do not get off by about the 15th July as arranged, they will not be able to come as their time is limited.

But I am told that in addition to these permits it is advisable for Signora Antoinetti and Mlle. de Rahm to have some kind of invitation (which they call an order of mission) in their hands, especially if they are moving about.

If such a letter or "order" has not yet been sent to them, and I gather there is still great delay in the

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mail, would you be good enough to see that they are given one on arrival?

Has the £50 ever reached Rome? We are instructing the Bank here to arrange for you to be able to draw upon it. But if the arrangement falls through - banks can be very sticky - we shall arrange for another sum to be sent out to you direct.

Thanking you as always for your interest,

Yours sincerely,

ARETHUSA LEIGH-WHITE
Director, The World Bureau.

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Education Subcommission
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tel.489081-236

SUBJECT : Visit of Guide leaders to Italy. 24 July, 1945

TO : British Embassy, Rome.

Reference your 27/31/45 of 21/7/45 enclosing Foreign Office telegram No. 785 of 18 July.

1. AFHQ has notified the United States Legation in Berne to issue permits immediately, on application, to Antonietti and De Rahm for entry into Italy. They should apply at once to the United States Legation.

2. Their best way of reaching Rome is Air Transport Command plan from Geneva to Paris and from Paris to Rome.

3. On arrival in Rome they should report to the Education Subcommission, Allied Commission. We should be notified when to expect them.

4. As the need for them is immediate, we shall appreciate your telegraphing this information to your representative in Berne.

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

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Telegram addressed to Rome No.16 of 18th July.

Foreign Office telegram No. 785 to you.

Ida de Herrenschwand, our Chalet Adelboden requests following message be passed to Colonel Washburne. Begins:

Received your letter June. Getting permits according suggestions. Permits probably not issued before end of July. Could you give particulars by British Legation, Berne, about transport journey, place, time, for Antonietti, De Rham. Ends.

Norton.

Copy for Colonel Washburne.

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With the compliments of

His Majesty's Ambassador at Rome.

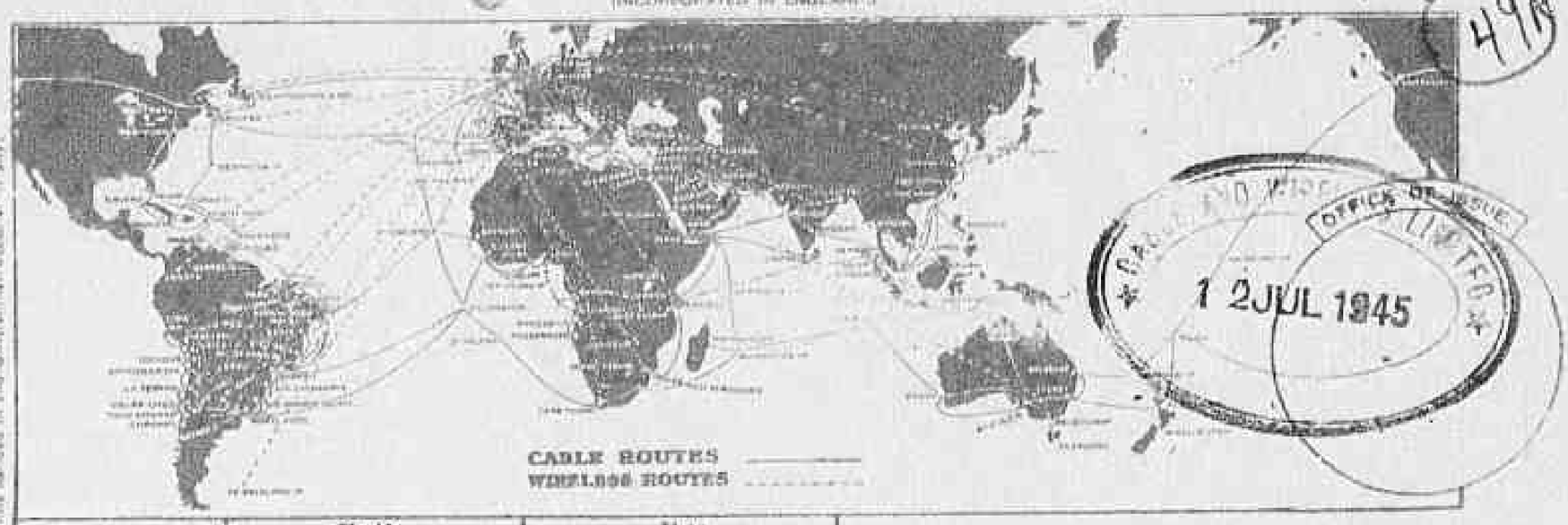
Colonel Washburne,
Education Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
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ARETHUSA LEIGHWHITE THE WORLD BUREAU +

MARK YOUR REPLY "Via Imperial"

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FOR ACTION FREEDOM FOR G FIVE

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SUBJECT VISIT OF GIRL GUIDES TO ITALY FD

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Issue immediately on application permits for ITALY to 2 girl guides officials, ANTONIETTI and DE RAHM. Send applications forms for our records. For ALCOM. This is action on your 1925 dated July 17.

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FOR ACTION BERNE CMA SWITZERLAND FOR MLLE DE HERRENSCHWAND

2252 21 July 45 ROUTINE

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PERMITS FOR ITALY FOR ANTONIETTI AND DE RAHM PD

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10th July, 1945.

To: Colonel Washburne, Education Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.

From: The British Embassy, Rome.

The following telegram has been received for you through the Foreign Office from Mrs. Leigh White of the Girl Guide Association. Begins:

"Can you please expedite issue of A.M.G. entry permits for Signora Antonietti and Mlle. de Palm. All other arrangements have now been made for their journey to Italy from Switzerland on July 15th. I sincerely hope their departure will not have to be delayed."

Ends.

B.P. Pavitt.

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Tel. 489081-236

22 June, 1945

TO : Mr. Eric Hazelton,
British Council,
British Embassy.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Thank you for your note of 21 June. I sent the enclosed letter to Miss de Herrenschwand. Do you think any more should or can be done? Do you think you should wire her that this letter is on its way?

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

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME. 428

ASO/4/A.

21st June, 1945.

Dear Colonel Washburne,

You will remember the telegram sent on your behalf on the 11th June with a message from Lady Baden-Powell to Ida de Herrenschwand, 43, Junkerngasse, Berne.

We have now received a telegram for you from Ida de Herrenschwand as follows:-

"Can you send to British Legation, Berne, an instruction to issue permits and facilitate transports for entry into Italy of guide trainers Maria Antonietto, Via Dufour 1, Lugano (Tessin), Nanon de Rham, le Bercail, Lausanne, (Vaud), advising me that this has been done."

Yours sincerely,

Eric Hazelton.

Lt. Col. Washburne,
Education Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.

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clk for Miss Jarboe

ALW. WORLD ASSOCIATION of GIRL GUIDES and GIRL SCOUTS.

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11th June 1945

Dear Miss de Rahm.

You have probably heard that we were turning over in our minds the possibility of sending two Swiss Trainers toItaly to help the Italian Guide Fede?ation, which is in its infancy, train their Leaders.

This proposal has met with the approval of all concerned. We are inviting Signora Antonietti of Lugano for one and we are very anxious to ask you to be the second. We do hope that you will consent.

There are of course a lot of questions to be gone into carefully an in detail not the least of which is the date. In order to save both time and trouble we have asked Falk to take the matter in hand on our behalf and we should be grateful if you would get in touch with her as soon as possible and discuss the whole matter with her.

We still look back upon our time in Switzerland as one of great interest and of real pleasure and we look forward to the possibility of our returning there in the autumn.

The Chief Guide joins in sending you every kind of good message; she especially hopes that you will be able to accept our invitation to go to Italy on our behalf.

Yours very sincerely,

Olive

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Written from

Albergo Grande

11th June 1945 ROMA.

Dear Signora Antonietti.

This is just to let you know that the suggestion that you might be able to visit and help with the Training of Leaders in Italy has met with the very greatest succes on all sides.

The matter now turns largely upon whether you and Mlle de Rahm can come for the dates which are suggested and which are a little earlier that we contemplated when we were with you.

As you know Falk is our accredited representative in Switzerland and as there are a lot of formalities to be gone into and authorities to be settled with we have delegated full authority to Falk and I know you will be ready to co-operate with her to the full in order to bring this scheme ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ to completion.

Your invitation will, for official purposes, be transmitted to you through Falk but this is to tell you that both the Italian ~~Girls~~ Guide Federation and the various authorities in control here are ready to welcome you with open arms and to help you and make you comfortable in every way.

As soon as it has been agreed upon officially and the dates fixed the Italian Guides will be writing to you direct about the actual programme they would like carried out. One one thing they are very keen and that is to hold a joint Training Camp for Leaders and this will need much help and advice in organising and planning the programme. There will of course be smaller and more local events as well

There is no doubt in our mind that this is a grand opportunity to do a fine piece of after-war rebuilding work and I know how happy you all will feel to know that Switzerland can play a practical part in this. We in the World Bureau are also going to be extremely grateful to you.

A little nearer the time I will write to you again and give you some idea of how matters stand and the points upon which you may best be able to help. In some ways things have gone better than we expected but in others there are a few snags still to be wary of!

We have thought often of you and of your charming mother. We send our greetings to all our friends in Tessin, I have got the meassage

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off to your friend but I doubt whether I can receive an answer to send you before I leave Rome. I am doing what I can to arrange for its transmission to you after I go but do not feel too anxious if none reaches you just yet.

With all good wishes

Yours affectly

Alan

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Copy for Col Washburne

ALW.

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

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written from

Albergo Grande ROMA.

11th June 1945.

To Mlle de Hessenschwand.
43 Junkerngasse
BERN.
Switzerland.

My dear Falk. (Telegram came for Lady de H.)

You will I hope have received the following telegram from us;

"All here delighted with suggested visit Antonietti and Derahm stop. Date wished mid—July four to six weeks. stop. If this suits all concerned please act our behalf and clear with Swiss Authorities and Federation and proceed with necessary formalities without delay stop, Communicate now onwards direct with Lt Colonel Washburne, All com copies London. letters follow."

That we hope will have given you the picture in a nutshell and enable you to take the preliminary steps of finding out whether Marie Antonietti and Miss De Rahm can manage at that time.

Either with this letter or by the next possible mail. 7091 the actual letter of invitation will arrive from the Allied Commission. This you will need in order to get the necessary permits both to leave Switzerland and enter Italy.

There may be some further formalities to be gone into and it will save endless time and trouble if you and Colonel

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Washburne communicate with each other direct and this you have our full authority to do; also to take any steps which we may not have forseen and which are necessary in order that the proposal be carried out.

I cannot tell you with what enthusiasm this idea has been received on all sides here. More-over we are quite convinced the Chief Guide and I, that the ground is ripe for cultivating. The girls we have seen and the Leaders we have met strike us as being most intelligent, full of good will and longing to get on with the job in the right spirit. We have been most impressed.

We have splendid help and every encouragement from all the various authorities and it is also they who are doing all in their power to facilitate our present proposal.

The principle matters are;

a) /TRAVEL. The permits should not be difficult. You will need to go into the route and manner with Col Washburne.

The cost you should be able to defray out of the 450 Swiss Francs you hold of World Bureau funds. Whether this should be payed out of Thinking Day or some other fund can be settled later. The point is you have enough on hand to meet the cash payments on the spot.

eventually

b) MAINTENANCE and ACCOMODATION

It became quite clear that these could not under prezent circumstances be met by the Italian Guides themselves. There is not only the shortage of food but the cost in Italian currency is prohibitive

With the kind co-operation once again of the Allied authorities, whether military or civil, it will be possible we think to arrange for the two Swiss Trainer to be housed and fed under Allied Rationing scheme.

This will simplify matters and also keep expenses to a minimum.

c) FUNDS. For Travel I have referred above.

For Maintenance etc we shall arrange to transmit a sum from England here to cover the period The approx cost of living will be about 5/ a day each

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I gathered from Signora Antonietti that they would undertake the work voluntarily provided that all expenses were paid. We shall need to allow a little for unexpected extra expenses and it is possible that both will wish to take a little money for their own private expenditute.

The best way to arrange this will be for them to deposit with you the sum they would like to have and we shall authorise who-ever holds our fund in Switzx Italy to remit the same amount to them in Italian currency.

I did not happen to discuss the financial aspect with Miss de Rahm; as a matter of fact I did not mention the matter with her at all. But we discussed the whole question with Marie Antonietti herself and with you and Therese Ernst. It will be necessary for you to deal with this for us. I imagine the Federation are perfectly in accord with the whole proposal but for the sake of " correct procedure" it will be as well for the Federation to be approached officially and for us to have a written acceptance of the scheme from them.

CORRESPONDENCE.
The address which we agve you on the cable is the telegraphic address but as you will probably be doing much by the post the full address is as follows;

Lt: Colonal Washburne

Education Sub-Commission

Allied Commission A.P.O. 394.

I do not know which will be the quickest and most reliable way for you to get your letters through to Italy, especially as the ordinary post can hardly be said to be functioning normally at present, but I feel sure that if you apply to the Chancery of the British Legation in our name there you will be helped or at least advised.

Copies of all important lettrw will need to be sent to the Bureau for records purpose.

As far as I can see at present there is nothing else to ask of you but in any case we know you will use your discretion in every way and that you the entire confidence of the World Bureau in this as in every other matter; the point is , seeing that all are agreed in pricipae that we should bring the plan off.

As soon as the official side is a certainty the Italian Guides and Marie Antonietti should get in direct touch with one another and do some planning in advance. As you know we have suggested

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four to six weeks but whatever we do we must not spoil our ship for a ha'porth of tar, as the saying is, as long as funds and the Trainers convenience can meet it.

I add ~~at the bottom of this~~ the names and addresses of the heads of the two Associations but as we have just succeeded in getting them together on the Federation basis I think it would be wise to start from the beginning addressing the letters to;

The Secretary of ~~the~~ Federation Scoutismo Femminile d'Italia

c/o Col; Washburne.

Milan.

etc.

I am not sure whether the name is actually settled but you will soon have whatever is decided u on.

I cannot begin to tell you what a wonderful time we have had here; the usual programme of course of rather scrambling days and letter writing at night! But it has been so well wotth while. We went up to Florence for a night and were very please with what we saw there. We had a special and private Audience with the Pope last Thursday.

We leave tomorrow for Paris by air; we go to Luxembourg on the 14th and to Brussles on the 19th. We expect to get to London on or about the 28th June. All your replies to these letters will need to go straight there as no possibility of anything catching up with us anywhere

Our fondest love to you and I do hope everything is as clear and as plain sailing as it is possible for us to make it at this stage.

Yours very affectly.

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FROM
THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS.
WORLD BUREAU

TELEPHONE
VICTORIA 5674

9, PALACE STREET,
WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, S.W.1., ENGLAND

TO

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION IF NECESSARY.

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FEDERATIONE Scoutismo FemminaeItaliano
(this name is not yet quite decided)

The Secretary
c/o Lt Col; Washburne
Education Sub-Commission
ALLIED COMMISSION

A.P.O. 394.

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Signorina Guiliana Di Carpegna

Largo dei Fiorentini 1, 7089

Flat 5. ROMA.

UNIONE NAZ-IONALE ESPLORATRICI ITALIANE

Presidente

DATE

Signora Graziedei
Via Barnaba Oriani 56
ROMA

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Copy to Edith Wadbrook.

World Association Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

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Written from the

Albergo Grande

ROMA.

11th June 1945.

Dear Signorina Guiliana (di Carpegna)

1. As there is as yet no particualr person acting as Secretary to the new Federation I think I had better write to you as International Commissioner of the A.G.I. to " mettre en point" one or two matters connected with Signorina Antonietti's proposed visit next month.

2. The Chief Guide and I take it that the meeting the other day did officially accept the offer of the World Bureau that this Swiss Trainer accompanied by Mlle de Rahm should visit Italy and as soon as could be arranged for the purpose of giving you any help you feel you need in the training of your leaders, the forming of your companies , local committees and so on.

3. But in order to put the matter " en regle" in our files we should appreciate having a short line from you accepting the offer of the World Bureau.

4. It was also agreed that the Federation should ask the Education Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission to support this proposal and forward official invitations to the two Trainers concerned. I expect you will do this as soon as possible as then we can get on with the other formalities.

5. In the meantime you may like to write a line to Signora Antonietti herself; her addres is;

1. Via Dufour

LUGANO, Tessin.

She is of course Italian speaking.

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6. As soon as you know for certain that they CAN come you will be wise to getinto consultation with Signorina Antonietti about the programme which you would like her to carry out, especiallly that part which relates to the joint Camp.

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7. In order to avoid delay we have asked our World Bureau in Switzerland, Mlle de Herrenschwand, to take the matter in hand so you should also correspond with her if you find the need for further advice in the matter.

8. We shall of course always be glad to get your letters, or copies of your letters, in the World Bureau and we hope you will continue to write to us on any and every matter; we are intensely interested in all that takes place and the more so since we have been here. But you will find Mlle de Herrenschwand the most understading and helpful of persons and she as our full confidence. So that if you want a quick reply about anything you can always consult with her.

9. I cannot tell you with what regret we leave Rome; our visit has been all too short. But it has been full of interest and we have been most encouraged and impressed by all we have seen. We want to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for the lovely reception you gave to us and for the confidence which you have placed in us, You may rest assured that anything we can do for you in the Bureau will only be a pleasure.

10. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking your mother for her hospitality and also for the interest which she also takes in the Movement. I also owe many thanks to your aunt and I trust one day I may be priviledged to stay with her in her home on Capri.

11 With every good wish and again ten thousand thanks for every thing,

Yours affectly

ltr w/ two addens attached

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WORLD ASSOCIATIO. OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SC .TS.

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written from

Albergo Grande.

ROMA.

10th June 1945/.

Dear Mr Keeny,

As the result of a very interesting conversation which Lady Baden-Powell and I had with Mr Nadzo, Mr Hotchkiss and another representative of UNRRA, we are setting down in writing a suggestion which we put forward and which listened to with interest and sympathy.

We have been given to understand that certain types of work in connection with Italian Refugee Camps are being helped or promoted by UNRRA. We are particularly interested in the welfare and character training of children and especially so in relation to the newly liberated countries ; we were in fact invited to this country for the purpose of helping and strengthening the Scout and Guide Movements now getting under weigh in this country.

We wonder whether you have under consideration any plan for the organising of playtime and leisure in which qualified members of our Association might be of service to you.

As you no doubt know the Scout and Guide Movement aims at developing character abd self discipline through the play medium carried out by Lord Baden-Powell's well known and world wide methods.

Our suggestion is that were you to make th request for a certain munber of leaders trained in these methods - either in Great Britain or the U.S.A. (or in certain other countries for that matter)-might very conceivably be available for this purpose and would be ready to work with you if asked for by you.

I should perhaps say that we are only entitled to speak on behalf of the Girl's organisations though we feel sure that the Boy Scout organisations would be equally interested in so far as they in a position to act in this way.

Such workers would naturally expect to have to fit in with other requirements of the Camp in so far as time permitted but their value woukd lie in their trained experience in the handling and training of children between the ages of six years and 14 years.

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We realise the importance of relief workers knowing something of the language of the country to which they are assigned but I should point that in dealing with " play-work" of this nature when more depends upon practical activity and demon-

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than upon the spoken word, the language question does not loom quite so large.

One further point where Italy in concerned; we understand that the children will eventally return to homes somewhere and although we do not suggest that the " Play-Workers" should actually form troops or companies, by working along Scouting and Guiding lines they will be helping to fit the children into the Movement where it already exists ; if not it will certainly have helped into making them fitter for social and community life.

Such work , you will realise would have the advantage of being "long term" in objective.

Should it seem to you that there is something in this idea. would you write to me at the address given below and I will see that your suggestions get to the right quarters. At present of course th this proposal is only tentative and made as the result of our experiences here on the spot.

If there is any other direction in which you think our Association can be of use to you, you have only to let us know. Incidentally there are other directions in which individual members of the Movement might be able to be of service to you but our specialised interest is connected entirely with children.

Yours very sincerely,

Arethusa Leigh-White

Arethusa Leigh-White

Director, World Bureau.

9 Palace Street, Westminster. LONDON S.W.1.

P.S. Lady Baden-Powell and I leave for Paris, Luxembourg and Brussels timorrow and it will not be possibke for letters to catch up with us. We hope to be abck in London about the 28th of this month.

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FROM
THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS,
WORLD BUREAU

TELEPHONE:
VICTORIA 5674

9, PALACE STREET,
WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, S.W.1., ENGLAND

TO_____

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION IF NECESSARY.

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Dear Colonel Washburne

I thought perhaps these few notes recorded on paper might be of use to you and serve at the same time as an " aide-memoire" for ourselves.

But I must ask you to forgive the very bad typing ; I am in any case no expert and this is a strange machines whose little tricks I have not had time to learn!

I cannot thank you enough for your help and for your most encouraging sense of co-operation.

Hoping we may meet again some day.

Yours sincerely

Adèle Lapsley

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Col; WASHBURNE:for information.

REF; Visit of Signorina Antonietti to Italy, accompanied by de Rahm .

PROCEDURE.

1. Italian Federation accepts the proposal made by the World BUREAU.

2. Italian Feceration writes to Allied Commission asking for its co-operation

3. The Allied Commission sends invitation for Signora Antonietti through the World Bureau;

N.B. In this instance direct to the Bureau's representative in Switzerland, Mlle de Herrenschwand ; a copy of the letter to be sent to the Bureau in London.

4. The World Bureau instructs Mlle Herrenschwand to act in all ways necessary, and to communicate direct with the Allied Commission; a copy of this letter to go to the Allied Commission.

5. The World Bureau takes responsibility for defraying the travel cost of Signa Antonietti and Mlle de Rahm from one or other of the funds at its disposal; Also for the cost of reasonable maintenance during their stay in Italy. Their services will be voluntary.

6. The World Bureau holds a small sum of money in Bern which should suffice for Travel purposes. It will be necessary to arrange for a sum of money to be transmitted to Italy for the puepose of meeting maintenamce.

8. The period suggested is four to six weeks from the middle of July is this can be made to suit Signa Antonietti but if it is necessary to stay a little longer and the funds at hand permit, this time can be extended.

9. As soon as it is known for certain that this visit can take place the Italian Federation should get into direct touch with Signora Antonietti and arrange the broad lines of the programme well in advance.

10. In order to avoid delay perhaps the Allied Commission would be willing to inform the Italian Federation when

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COLONEL WASHBURNE; for information.

REF; Visit of Signora Antonietti to Italy.

PERSONALITIES.

Mlle de Herrenschwand 43 Junkerngasse. BERN.

is the Guider-in-Charge of the World Association center in Switzerland known as " OUR CHALET" Adelboden, and is the World Bureau representative in that country.

She is also the International Commissioner for the Swiss Federation of Eclaireuses(Girl Scouts).
~~the Swiss~~

Signora Marie Antonietti 1 Via Dufour, LUGANO.

is the Regional Commissioner for the Canton of Tessin and is Italian speaking. She also speaks perfect French and some English. She is a Catholic.

She is hightly qualified on the administrative side, the formation of companies, local committees and the running of training camps, programmes etc. She also knows the policy and objectives of the Movement.

Mlle de Rahm. C/O La Federation des Eclaireuses Suisses

43 Junkerngasse BERN.

is a fully qualified technical Trainer in all practical work. She speaks French and English She is a Protestant.

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Mrs. Leigh-White

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

Dowden - World Adviser

9 Palace Court

London W. 2.

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Lady B-P- World Chief Guide

Miss Leigh White, Director, World Bureau, ~~Girl Guide~~

World Assn of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts.

Mme. de Kerraoul, Ch. World Committee,

World Assn, etc.

120 Rue d'~~Assas~~ Assas, Paris.

Miss Elizabeth Fry, Treas. World Committee,

9 Palace st. London SW 1

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ROME June 10' 1945

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Dear Signora Graziadei

I shall be seeing you,I hope, again before I leave,but I feel I must just put down in writing something that I wanted to talk to you about to-day,and that is the question of the "president d'Honneur" of the now definitely formed Guide Federation here in Italy.

I see, on re-reading the Statutes of the Boy Scouts Organisation that they have appointed into this position THE MINISTER OF EDUCACTIO as such. That is of course their affair, and not our in the Guide world

But from the Guide world point of view I cannot urge too strongly that such a step should NOT BE TAKEN bymyour Guide Movement .

For one thing we do not have MEN AS PRESIDENTS IN THE Girls Movements , and you would be taking an action which is entirely new ,and is also contary to the practise anywhere else.

It might be extremely awkward for you to institute such a proceeding ,not only for you yourselves but for the World Assoication if - as might happen - the World Conference questions such an arrangement .

May I point out that if you took such a step youn would be allying yourself with one form of government which happens at the time to be in office ; and as one of our strongest principles of policy in the free Guide Movements of the world has been to never tie ourselves to any political party , I cannot stress too strongly the imprudence of such a move ,particularly at the present moment.

I would strongly recommend that unless the quite perfect and obvious WOMANS' NAME suggests itself to the Federation it would be far wiser not to fill the position at all for the time being . 7083

With kindest thoughts.Yours sincerely

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GIRL SCOUTS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS 155 EAST 44TH STREET TELEPHONE MURRAY HILL 2-2505

New York 17, N.Y.

May 23, 1945

Lt. Col. Carleton W. Washburne
Director of Education
Headquarters Allied Commission
Education Subcommission
APO 394
c/o P. M., N. Y.

My dear Col. Washburne:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 10th and your suggestions which we shall use as guides in the future.

I have checked with the National City Bank here in New York and find that the sum of $500 was sent to you on April 12th by way of the Bank of Naples. The bank suggested that you write to the Bank of Naples and tell them that under reference D 275711 this amount was sent directly to you and should have been received at about this time. Let us know if you encounter any difficulty and we can check up on this end again with the bank. The bank thought that it might be wise for you to write the Bank of Naples rather than wait for them to get in touch with you.

We shall be very interested in hearing how the money is used by the Girl Guides. It gives us great pleasure to be able to send it to them.

I do hope you will have a chance to see Miss Miller before she returns to this country on leave. I believe she is due home within a month or so.

Sincerely yours,

Ethel J. Newton

Mrs. E. Swift Newton
Chairman
International Committee

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For Colomel Washburne .
COPYES OF SOME (THE "THANK LETTERS " fro. the Chief Guide
They are not, as you see , dealing with BUSINESS at all,but only
re her visit t o ROME Merelyfor information ,& they have no
value for ROME
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June 11th 1945

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And now I shall be off in a few hours, and I just feel I MUST write this little note , to say "a rividierci " and another very warm THANK YOU for your kind welcome here .

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Now ,as I have told you ,I shall watch your progress with such a greatly enhanced interest ,being able to visualise you in my mind's eye .

I recognise very fully that you have many difficulties to climb over ,but these are but a challenge to you, I am sure, to go forward to build up the Guide Movement slowly and surely onto a wide scale for the good of ALL girls in this country .

I hope that you will be able to gather round you a sturdy body of workers and supporters , and what an adventure it will be

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as well as the other Guides at the Rally yesterday ,

and I do think it was splendid that so many were able to come there , and with so little warning in time too ! I am sure that they will feel greatly encouraged by having taken part in the day's doings ,and I wish you could have been there for that later part of the Rally too.

It was sad luck that your husband could not be there ;but I hope he will soon get back from the North again all right.

I am not writing to him direct personally ,nor to Mr Mazza of the "Aschi" ;but am sending a letter of thanks for my visit to the Scouts to Mr Monass as President of the "Federation" , asking him to hand on to everyone my message of gratitude for your most kind welcome amongst you here in Italy .

With best wishes to you in your great undertaking ,& Guide greetings to all your Committee and member

Yours very sincerely

World Chief Guide

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ROME 11th June 1945

Dear Dr Savini

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I had HEARD this story about you and your Scout flag , in England ,but never knew the name of those to whom it all happened ,though I had QUOTED the story to many audiences ,who had counted it as a great tribute to YOU and to SCOUTING !

So you can imagine HOW pleased I have been to meet you and your brother and also your mother , and to know you as PEOPLE ,and not merely as legendary figures in a remarkably romantic and inspiring Scout episode .

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Robert Baden-Powell

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COPY of letter from the Chief Guide ROME . June 11th 1945

Dear Mignor Monass

I am writing to you ,as the President of the Federation of the Scouts of Italy , to offer to you,and to all your Scouts of all groups ,and their leaders , my sincere thanks for your most kind welcome in your midst .

I have been greatly touched by this friendly greeting here, and have been so specially pleased to have met and seen so many of you during my short stay .

It was extremely good of you all to arrange that splendid Rally ,so that I might meet so many friends , and at such short notice too,and I think it was wonderful that so many were able to muster for that most enjoyable time all together at the park of the Villa Doria.

It was a scene that I shall never forget ;and I feel that nobody could fail to be inspired by such a sight of hopeful happy Scouts and Guides coming together as a big body , evidently full of enthusiasm , and out to do their best, through Scouting and Guiding ,for the future .

Indeed I was impressed by the quantity and quality that I saw; and I think you and all your co-workers can feel a rightful sense of pride at having so quickly re-built Scouting in Italy ,for I am fully alive to the difficulties and problems that you have to contend with .

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I am sure that that ultimate success will bring you all your greatest reward for the big efforts you are now making , and I trust that these will all be crowned with success .

I shall now of course watch your development with a specially enhanced interest as time goes on,and shall hope to meet some of your number at the Jamboree in France next year, when @- at long last once more the finest group of Italian Scouts comes to comes to share in the great event .

I am not sending a seperate letter to either Mr Mazza or Mr Graziadei ; but would ask you please ,in your capacity of President of the whole Federation of Scouting to convey to one and all my THANKS for my happy time ,for your welcome and many small courtesies ; and also my BEST wishes for all success in these coming years .

Yours very sincerely

World Chief Guide

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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KD/9F/3.32/AC

20 June, 1945

SUBJECT : Visit of Guide Trainers to Italy.

TO : Mlle de Herrenschwand,
43 Junkergasse, Bern,
Switzerland.

1. During the visit of Lady Baden-Powell and Mrs. Leigh White to Italy, arrangements were made to send the following two persons to Italy for a period of approximately six weeks, beginning 15 July, to help the Guide movement here and train Guide leaders:

Signora Marie Antonietti, 1 Via du Four, Lugano
Mlle. de Rahm, c/o Federation des Eclaireuses Suisse,
43 Junkergasse, Bern.

2. This visit is approved by the Italian Federation of Girl Guides and by the Civil Affairs Section of the Allied Commission. It is officially requested that the above named be sent to Rome on 15 July.

3. During their visit these ladies will be attached to the Education Subcommission of the Allied Commission. Lodging, mess, and local transport will be arranged by this Subcommission.

4. It is understood that the expenses of the persons concerned will be born from funds of the World Association of Girl Guides and Scouts.

5. Arrangements are being made at AFHQ here for necessary permits as far as they are needed from this end. It is requested that the necessary arrangements be made in Switzerland through the British or American consulate.

6. Please assure Signora Antonietti and Mlle. de Rahm that a very warm welcome awaits them and that the service they can render for Italian Girls is greatly appreciated both by the Federation of Girl Guides and by the Allied Commission.

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP, CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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20 June, 1945

SUBJECT : Visit of Girl Guides Trainers.

TO : C-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. During the visit to Italy of Lady Baden-Powell and Mrs. Leigh-White arrangements were made to invite to Italy, for temporary attachment to the Education Subcommission, two Italian speaking Swiss women of the World Bureau of Girl Guides, to train Italian Girl Guide leaders.

2. This has the support of the Italian Federation of Girl Guides, who desire and need this help.

3. All expenses will be paid by the World Bureau of Girl Guides.

4. It is requested that permits to enter Italy for the above named purpose be issued to the following:

Signora Marie Antonietti, 1 Via Dufour, Lugano, Switzerland
Mlle. de Rahm, c/o La Federation des Eclaireuses Suisse,
43 Junkergasse, Bern, Switzerland.

5. It is further requested that the above named be temporarily attached to the Education Subcommission.

For the Chief Commissioner:

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP, CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommission
APO 394

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Tel.489081-236

SUBJECT: Trainers for Girl Guides.

TO : Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section.

18 June 1945

1. Lady Baden-Powell and Mrs. Leigh-White have offered to send to Italy, at World Bureau expense, two Italian-speaking Swiss women who are experts on girl guides, Mlle. M. Antonietti of Lugano and Mlle. de Rohn of Berne. These women would come for about six weeks to help in the organization of the Girl Guides in Italy and to train a group of leaders. The Federation of Girl Guides and Scouts in Italy, now in process of formation, has indicated its strong desire to have this help.

2. Lady Baden-Powell said she had mentioned this matter to you and you had indicated general approval.

3. May I arrange to invite these two women to come to Italy and be temporarily attached to the Education Subcommission, for rooms, mess, and transport, so that they can follow through on the excellent work Lady Baden-Powell did while here?

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

Certainly, but if their stay is a long one they may have to be attached to some other body. Suggest you get them here as soon as possible

18 June

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Education Subcommission
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Tel.489081-236

SUBJECT : Girl Guides - Italy.

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TO : Miss Clementine Miller,
Asst. to the Field Director,
American Red Cross,
15th Evacuation Hospital,
APO 464 U S Army.

Dear Miss Miller:

I wish I'd known you were in Milan - I've just come from there. Too bad we missed.

Lady Baden-Powell and Mrs. Leigh-White are here, are going to Florence tomorrow, returning here, and then leaving Italy early next week. So it looks as if they were going to miss you too. I'm sorry and so are they.

I'm glad you found the Florence Guides doing well and that you are working on those in Milan. Have you been in touch with our Regional Education Officers there - Major VESSELO and Captain OPENSHAW? They live at the Principe e Savoia Hotel, and their office is in the Lombardia Region Hq. building a few blocks from the hotel - I've forgotten the name of the building.*

We shall look forward to receiving the literature Mrs. Newton is sending, and will give it to the Guides in Rome.

Do surely stop in Rome before you go back.

With best wishes,

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

* Montecatini

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

15th Evacuation Hospital
APO 464 U S Army

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22 May 1945

Carleton W. Washburne, Lt.Col.,AUS
Director of Education
Headquarters Allied Commission
APO 394

Dear Col. Washburne:

My Red Cross job has not permitted me to visit Rome as I had hoped to do. However, there is still a possibility that I may be able to stop over on my way to ARC headquarters in June.

I heard from Mrs. E.Swift Newton of Girl Scouts a short time ago. At my request, she is sending a package of G.S.literature to you to be turned over to the Rome Guides. She is sending a duplicate package to me in care of Miss Brandon for the use of the Florence Guides.

Before moving, I visited the Florence Guides several times and was delighted with their initiative and enthusiasm. Dott.Calzecchi who is in charge of the Florence troops is a Latin teacher who for the moment is the secretary of the Marchese Fossi of the Corriere della Sera. She is an ideal Scout leader.

Mrs. Newton also told me that she had written Lady Baden-Powell, asking her to get in touch with me when she visits Italy so that we might talk about how American Scouts can help. If you have an information as to the date of Lady Baden-Powell's visit to Rome, will you please let me know. It might be possible for me to arrange to see her. I would like very much to talk with her before

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

I go back to the States.

I am very anxious to meet the Rome Guides and hope that I can arrange to stop off when I go down to Naples. We are in Milan at present and I intend to investigate the Scout situation here as soon as I can.

Most sincerely yours,

Clementine Miller

Clementine Miller
Asst. to the Field Director

JUNE 12th early morning

Dear Colonel Washbuune

Just in case you are too busy,and you do not come along this morning before we leave I feel I MUST just write this line, to put it down in black and white about how VERY much I have appreciated all that you have done for me , and for the Guide Movement this week .

First of all I realise that it was so largely thanks to you that I got here at all ,and secondly I realise what the Movement owes you too.

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BUT after all it IS the "premier pas qui coute" ; and from the tiniest beginnings big things grow ;and I do feel that this thing WILL develop and ultimately do greatgood for these people .

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It was so extremely good of you to give so much of your time and thought ,in the midst of all your busy life ,to this very small fry !

I have appreciated more than I can say your thoughtfulness in planning for me, your generous assistance over the meetings ,all that you said at the gathering last evening ; and now I go on my way full of pleasure at what I have seen , full of hope for what we are GOING to see ,and refreshed by the kindliness shown to me by you and my new found friends .

Yours very sincerely

Olave Baden-Powell.

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Roma, 11 Giugno 1945

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UN APPREZZAMENTO ED UN RINGRAZIAMENTO.

Desidero ringraziarvi del privilegio d'essere stata chiamata qui a parlarvi del Movimento Giovani Guide e Giovani Esploratori, e ringraziarvi anche per l'interessamento in questo Movimento che e' tanto vicino al mio cuore.

A Roma rimarro' ancora poche ore, e mi e' gradito esprimere la mia riconoscenza per la cordiale accoglienza che mi e' stata fatta e la mia soddisfazione per avere trovato il Movimento Esploratori e Guide cosi' bene organizzato in Italia.

Lascio Roma felice di quanto ho veduto, e piena di speranze per il bene che il Movimento Scautistico portera' a questo Paese.

Ma non e' dell'Italia che desidero parlarvi, poiche' voi conoscete la situazione scautistica assai meglio di me; desidero semplicemente dipingervi un quadro del mondo passato, quando regnava la pace, e dipingerlo in contrasto al mondo di oggi con nello sfondo il Movimento Scautistico.

Lo Scautismo comincio' (e dicendo "Scautismo" intendo il Movimento Scautistico di ragazzi e ragazze di tutte le eta') in un'epoca in cui l'educazione non si svolgeva seguendo i metodi odierni, quando, a parte il libro di testo, ben poco si faceva per insegnare ai giovani i loro doveri e le loro responsabilita' nella vita.

Centinaia di migliaia di ragazzi non erano che materiale umano sciupato perche' inadatti mentalmente e fisicamente ai loro doveri: constatando questo nel proprio paese, mio marito inizio' il Movimento Scautistico, senza rendersi conto che sarebbe divenuto universale in valore e potenza; se ne accorse solo molto piu' tardi. Scopo del Movimento e' quello di sviluppare il carattere di ogni singolo ragazzo in modo che egli possa divenire il cittadino utile, prezioso di cui la sua Patria ha bisogno, e perche' possa vivere una vita migliore contribuendo al benessere del mondo in cui viviamo e nel quale Iddio ci ha voluti per un Suo fine.

I quattro punti principali dello Scautismo sono:

1. Lo sviluppo del CARATTERE, per mezzo della Legge e del Giuramento dell'Esploratore, e del sistema di SQUADRA che insegna la disciplina, la fiducia, la generosita', il controllo di se stessi, l'iniziativa e cosi' via.

2. LAVORO - Lavorando per essre pronti alle prove e per ottenere un distintive che e' incoraggiamento tanto per i ragazzi e le ragazze di intelligenza mediocre quanto per i precodi, il senso d'orgoglio per l'opera compiuta, per l'ostacolo superato, per la difficolta' vinta, ecc. contribuisce allo sviluppo del rispetto, della fiducia in se stessi, della tenacia e di tante altre buone qualita'.

3. SALUTE - Con l'igiene, con i giuochi, con il campeggio, ecc. si ottiene la salute dei ragazzi facendo si' che essi sentano che Iddio ha donato loro un corpo sano e che spetta loro il mantenerlo tale affinche' essi possano lavorare non solo per la propria esistenza ma anche per quella del proprio Paese.

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Potra' sembrarvi che tutto questo suoni bene in teoria ma che forse in pratica la cosa sia diversa. Mia unica risposta a questa eventuale obiezione e' che il risultato e' "ottimo" e lo e' sempre stato per 38 anni, sin da quando cioe' il Movimento Scautistico ebbe inizio nel 1907 e si estese per forza propria senza l'ausilio di alcuna forza estranea da paese a paese incidendo sulla vita di milioni di persone col passare degli anni.

IMPORTANTI ASPETTI:

Il Movimento Scautistico e' aperto a tutte le razze e a tutte le nazioni, non sottosta' ad una determinata comunita' ne' ad una determinata chiesa, ne' a un determinato governo e partito; e' un Movimento libero di gente libera che ha per regola fondamentale lo sforzo volontario e la liberta', e tutti i gruppi di Esploratori e di Guide di tutti i paesi sono fusi insieme nella Associazione Mondiale basata sul Giuramento comune, sulla rinuncia dei propri desideri per il bene comune; esso possiede un nome comune, un'uniforme comune, attivita' e programmi comuni; la Legge comune ed il comune ideale di buona volonta' e di amicizia ne e' la luce.

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Per illustrarvi come lo spirito del Movimento possa destare un senso di fiducia e di speranza bisognerebbe raccontare la storia di un gruppo di persone

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di nazionalita' diverse internate in una citta' cinta di muri nella Cina del nord che per quattro anni non pote' comunicare col mondo esterno. Esse formarono gruppi di Esploratori e Guide e le prime lettere trasmessemi dicevano che l'organizzazione procedeva in modo brillante.

Nel Nord del Canada' una Scuola Missionaria per i bambini degli Esquimesi e dei cacciatori di pelli venne aperta a 600 miglia di distanza dall'abitato, a 10 miglia del Circolo Artico. Questi bambini erano semi selvaggi, non avevano mai visto nessuno, e ci volle molto tempo per civilizzarli, ma il Metodo Scautistico venne introdotto e niente poteva essere piu' salutare.

Il Programma Scautistico e' una ferza di provata stabilita'.

Non ha limiti nella sua realizzazione e in cio' che e' in grado di conseguire purche' abbia l'appoggio pieno e sia sviluppato nelle sue linee originali.

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To: Lt-Col. Washburne.

From: Mr Catty.

21 May 1945.

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Lady Baden Powell's visit

I have sent a telegram in the sense of the following to Mr LEIGH WHITE World Bureau, Girl Guides, 9 Palace Street West-minster, S.W.1. London : dated 20th May.

" Your telegram received.

Education Sub. Commission of Allied Commission will be glad to arrange accomodation and transport.

Please notify date and point of their arrival as early as possible to Lt Col WASHBURNE, Direction of Education, Headquarters Allied Commission

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10 May, 1945

TO : Mrs. E.Swift Newton
Chairman
International Committee
Girl Scouts
National Headquarters
155 East 44th Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Newton:

I'm not sure I acknowledged your note of 20 February. I sent it to Mr. Catty for his information and just got it back.

I saw Miss Miller in Florence, and while she promised to come to Rome and talk with me more fully, she has not done so. When Mr. Catty was in Florence recently he failed to find her - perhaps she had been moved to another location.

I note that you sent soap to the Girl Scouts through Italian War Relief. I'll try to reach them and see that the soap gets to the right persons. Hereafter, I suggest that any thing you send to the Girl Guides be sent through the Education Subcommission as we are the only organization that knows how to reach them.

The five hundred dollars that you said you were sending has not come. Did you ask the bank to transmit it to us? How and when did they do so? The Finance Subcommission tells me that such remittances are quite simple and that the bank should have no difficulty in sending the money through the Bank of Italy.

The Girl Guide work here is looking up a lot. Courses for leaders are under way, new troops are being formed; and there was a good rally, which Mr. Catty and I attended, Sunday before last (St. George's day).

With appreciation and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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GIRL SCOUTS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS 155 EAST 44TH STREET TELEPHONE MURRAY HILL 2-2505

New York 17·N·Y·

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February 20, 1945

Major Carleton W. Washburne
Deputy Director
Allied Control Commission
APO #394
c/o Postmaster New York, N. Y.

My dear Major Washburne:

I do hope that it will be possible for some of our former Girl Scouts in Italy to do something for you in the work that you are trying to establish there. At any rate, I understand that the World Bureau has sent a Guider from Switzerland to confer with you.

There is a former member of one of the sub-committees of the International Committee at present in Italy with the American Red Cross Hospital Service, Miss Clementine Miller. I am asking Miss Miller to get in touch with you and if she should fail to do so, she is at the 15th Evacuation Hospital, APO #464. We understand that Miss Miller will be returning to the United States shortly for a leave and could, therefore, bring any report that you wish to send to us, and if she is returning to your theater of operations could report to you on her return.

The Girl Scouts have sent some soap to Italy through the Italian War Relief Committee, and regret deeply that it was impossible to sent it directly through the Scouts. With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Ethel J. Newton

Mrs. E. Swift Newton
Chairman
International Committee

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Dear Mrs Leigh-White,

The suggestion that Lady Baden-Powell and you should visit Italy as early as possible is one which has the full support of the Allied Commission.

While detailed arrangements for travelling between Switzerland and Italy must obviously depend on the military situation, it is very much hoped that you will not postpone your visit to this country any longer than is necessary.

Yours sincerely

G.R. UPJOHN Brig,
VP CA Section

Mrs LEIGH-WHITE LBE
The World Bureau
9, Palace Street,
Westminster,
LONDON S.W.1

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5 April 1945

TO: Mrs. E. Swift Newton
Chairman
International Committee.

Dear Mrs. Newton:

Your letter of 22 March was received with much gratification on both Mr. Catty's part and mine, and the news in it will cheer and spur on the work of the Girl Guides.

When we receive the 500 dollars we shall see that an exact accounting of the expenditures is received by you.

As to color of uniforms, it should be khaki.

Mr. Catty has just come from the first lecture given to Guide leaders under the non-denominational Union of Girl Guides. He reports that twenty five potential troop leaders were present and that the meeting was excellent.

I saw Miss Miller briefly on a recent visit to the city where she is stationed, put her in touch with our Regional Education Officer there and through him with an English Guide representative, and arranged for her to come down and see me when she has got oriented as to the work in her Region.

With appreciation and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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GIRL SCOUTS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS 155 EAST 44TH STREET TELEPHONE MURRAY HILL 2-2505

New York 17, N.Y.

March 22, 1945 (20A)

Major Carleton W. Washburne
Director of Education
Headquarters Allied Commission
Education Subcommission
APO 394
c/o Postmaster, N. Y.

My dear Major Washburne:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 19th. We are sending you through the National City Bank here in New York $500 to be held in trust to budget out for the needs of Guide development in Italy as you suggested. We will attempt to spend the rest of the $1,000 appropriation for uniform material by the yard. Judge Marchisio has offered to help us with the purchase and shipping and we will make sure that needles, thread, buttons and so forth go with the material. Would you let us know as soon as possible what color material the Italian Guides wish to have for their uniforms? Judge Marchisio cabled to Rome asking his agent to find this out for us a couple of weeks ago but we have had no reply.

We are delighted with the way things are moving ahead in Italy and I am sure a great deal of the credit goes to you. We hope that Miss Clementine Miller, a former Girl Scout worker, now serving with the Red Cross, has been able to talk with you and that she will be able to bring us a report from you when she returns to this country in the early summer.

Please give our greetings to the Italian Guides and tell them we wish them much success.

Very sincerely yours,

Ethel J. Newton

Mrs. E. Swift Newton
Chairman
International Committee

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(copy of Air Mail Letter Card)

To Mrs LEIGH-WHITE, O.B.E. Director, World Bureau Girl Guides
9 Palace Street, Westminster?, London

From Mr F.R Catty, Aliied Commission, CMF;

No 3. 22nd March 1945

Dear Mrs Leigh-White,

I have today received your letter of 15th March, which was a very great encouragement. They really are trying to build something here and they do come to me from time to time to ask for opinions and whether they can get help from outside, so the clear lead you have given is very valuable in anything I am able to do for them.

I have already arranged for the International Commission-er of the Catholic Guides and the President of the National Guides to come and see me early next w eek and will pass on to them as much of your letter as is appropriate. I will also let Major (now Lt Col) Washburne see it. What you are sneding through Mr Howard has not reached me yet but will be very useful when it does. Every single book of the original consignment from IHQ has been out on loan for some time to one or other of the two Associations and they have been asking for more. I know they are translating to some extent themselves but they will probably say that copies already translated from the Girl Scouts of America will help, because one of the things we find most difficult here is to get paper for them when they have a manual of their own or a translation ready. One question I have been asked rather urgently is " How about legal translation-rights if they want to publish their own translations of English text-books here ?" I said " Lets see them in the manuscript first and by that time I'll find out ". Do you know the answer ? Howard could advise. He made an arrangement in regard to Scout text-books; Could you let me Know?

There is new information about the National (non-denominational) Guides. They asked me to a first meeting of what is now their Central Committtee . The project of fusion with the Ctholic Guides has been dropped and the new plan is to work as the " Unione Nazionale Giovane Guide Italiane", corresponding to the Corpo Nazionale of Scouts. The Corpo Leaders were present at this first meeting , but I dropped them a hint that it would be tactful to loosen the connexion as soon as possible and they are doing that. Officers are;;;;

President / Signora GRAZIADEI (wife of a Vice President of the Corpo Nazionale.

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Secretary : Signorine Elena LUZZATTA.

Signorina CORCOS, with whom I have been in contact for some months, and who had from me some of the most important English handbooks in the first consignment from IHQ, is in charge of training. I had a talk with her today. Her plan is to have first a course for "aspiranti" i.e. officers in training, befroe they open any companies. This seems to me good up to a point provided the course consists of doing things, not just talking about the principles of Guiding (which was the weak point of a corresponding course for aspiranti of the Corpo in which I took part). I think she has got the idea, however, and some of it will be done by an English-speaking lady, whose name I don't yet know but who came and talked to me about the one Compar which existed in former times and which she knew.

There are also three Guiders in a British Hospital (VADs) who have been to see me . They are rather coy, alleging thay can't speak Italian. But with the example of the British Rovers here infront of them (nearly all of whom have" adopted " an Italian troop each and get on very well) I don't think they can hold out on us. I suggested to Miss Corcos that she try to have just one actual Company of girls to give all this committee-ing and course-ing a touch of reality from the start, but I don't know how that will be received.

Will write again shortly

Yours sicerely

F.R CATTY (usually called PU SI "inside the family")

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Correspondence.

TO : Mrs. Mark Kerr, O.B.E.
International Commissioner
Girl Guide Association
19 Draycott Avenue
London, S.W. 3
England.

20 March 1945

Enclosed correspondence transmitted to you by request of the Girl Guides.

CW Washburne per JHR authorized s/c

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

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Correspondence.

TO : Mrs. A. Leigh-White, O.B.E. 20 March 1945
Director World Bureau
Girl Guides and Girl Scouts
9 Palace Street, Westminster
London, S.W. 1
England.

Enclosed correspondence transmitted to you by request of Associazione Guide Italiane.

C. W. WASHBURNE
Lt. Col., A.U.S.
Director of Education

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THE WORLD BUREAU,
9, PALACE STREET, WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, S.W.1, ENGLAND

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13th March, 1945.

Brigadier Upjohn,
Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section,
H.Q. Allied Commission,
C. M. F.

Dear Sir,

I have been advised to write to you on the following matter. As you are probably aware, a very promising Girl Guide organisation is starting in Rome and it has been suggested by Major Washburne, of the Education Sub Committee, that we should send a representative to Rome in order to help and encourage the new organisation in the same way that the Rev. P. Logan helped the Italian Boy Scout organisations. The reports which we have had from Mr. Catty and from Mr. Logan himself support this suggestion and the idea is that Lady Baden-Powell, the World Chief Guide, and myself - or possibly some other World Association worker - should visit Rome in June next.

We expect to be in Switzerland during May and it would seem convenient that we should go on to Italy in June, but of course we know nothing at present of what travel facilities are likely to be

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available.

All we do know is that in order to obtain the necessary permit facilities this proposal must have the support of the Allied Commission. We would very much appreciate your help and advice in this matter.

Yours ver sincerely,

Arethusa Leigh-White,
Director, World Bureau.

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20 January 1945

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TO : Mrs. LEIGH-WHITE, OBE
World Bureau
9, Palace St., Westminster
London, S.W.1, England.

Dear Mrs. Leigh-White:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 20 December with enclosure to Countess Carpegna, which has been delivered.

The reason for addressing you earlier through the Boy Scouts was that none of us here had the address of the World Bureau.

Best wishes.

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

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THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS
L'ASSOCIATION MONDIALE DES GUIDES ET DES ECLAIREUSES
DER WELTBUND DER PFADFINDERINNEN

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THE WORLD BUREAU,
9, PALACE STREET, WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, S.W.1, ENGLAND

20th December, 1944.

Major Carleton W.Washburn,
A/Director of Education,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
Education Subcommission,
A.P.O. 394.

Dear Major Washburn,

Would you very kindly hand on the enclosed to Signorina di Carpegna, which is in reply to her letter of 21st November, transmitted to us through the British Girl Guides Association.

Would it be possible for you to arrange in future that letters addressed to us in the World Bureau should come to us here direct? I should perhaps make it clear that, although we are all part of one "family" as it were, the functions of the Girl Guides Association and the World Bureau respectively are quite distinct.

Thanking you very much for your interest, 7057

Yours sincerely,
Arethusa Leigh-White

Arethusa Leigh-White,
Director, World Bureau.

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27 Dec. 1944

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SUBJECT : Girl Guides in Italy

TO : Arethusa Leigh-White
Director, World Bureau
9 Palace Street, Westminster
London, S.W. 1

Reference your letter of 5 December, 1944

Dear Miss White,

Thank you for your letter and the Constitution and pamphlet. They give us just the information we want. Mr. Catty is passing the constitution and pamphlet on to the Rome organization of Girl Guides, which, by the way, has been recently approved by the Pope.

What you say about channels for sponsoring local troops is exactly in accord with our intentions - i.e., we propose, insofar as possible, to have local American troops, in the first instance make their contacts through the American International Committee of the Girl Scouts, through us to the embryonic national committee of Girl Guides in Italy, and that with the local troops. For the transmittal of goods that is the only present means of establishing contacts, and for first correspondence it is the best means.

I am glad you approve having Mr. Logan and Mr. Catty act for you informally until you can send a Senior Guide here for full time work.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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5th December, 1944.

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

Your Ref: ED/6.12A/AC.

Dear Major Washburne.

1. We were most interested to receive, through Colonel Wilson, your letter of the 8th November last, addressed to Lady Baden Powell. We appreciate the interest which the Education Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission is taking in the organising of Girl Guides in Italy, and at once take advantage of your kind offer.

Would you be so good as to forward the enclosed letters to the Princess Doria.

2. Thanks to the courtesy of Colonel Wilson, we have seen all Mr. Logan's reports and we believe we understand the position. Colonel Wilson has written you that the World Bureau, of which I am the Director, is the Girl Guide counterpart of the Boy Scout International Bureau. We shall be most glad to communicate directly with you, as well as with the heads of the

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Movement itself in Italy.

3. We are hoping shortly to send a qualified senior Guider to act as our representative in the Middle East and the Mediterranean area, as questions relating to the Guide aspect of the Movement appear to be cropping up in several directions. We asked Mr. Logan to act provisionally on our behalf and whenever possible to consult with our two Girl Scout "observers" i.e. Miss Katherine Hamnett in Palestine and Miss Catherine McCullough in Egypt, now working with UNRRA. They will, we hope, continue to work as observers in conjunction with our special representative.

4. We are now giving careful consideration to your suggestion that we should send out a representative to Rome direct and you will hear further from us in due course. We are very much alive to the situation which will have to be met in Italy and we know that political, religious and social problems, when they relate to girls, are often more difficult to solve than for the boys, especially in countries where the conventions are more rigid for girls than for boys, and where public opinion is still uninformed where organisations for girls are concerned.

Pending the arrival of our representative in Rome we shall be very grateful for Mr. Catty's help. He seems to understand the advisability of moving very slowly where questions of policy and administration are concerned.

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We send you under separatecover a copy of our Constitution and By-laws, also a pamphlet which will give you some idea of the conditions under which a national Guide organisation becomes a recognised member of the World Association, which we understand the Italian Movement wishes tobecome. This you will realise takes time: meanwhile we give all the help and guidance we can when this is asked of us. We draw your special attention to article 5 of Constitution and to By-law 3.

As regards literature, we have already sent some with that despatched by the British Girl Guides Association and are at present working on the question of translation of suitable material into Italian.

5. With regard to the question of local American "troops" sponsoring local Italian "companies", we have already heard from the Girl Scouts of America asking for guidance in this matter. You will appreciate that a question of policy arises. It would seem to us wiser to encourage local companies in the first instance to become associated with some central group of their own nationality rather than to encourage their being directly sponsored by individual troops of another country. Later on, once the national linking up is established - even though for the time being the link can only be on paper - there is no reason why direct relationship between the troops and companies of the two countries should not be established. We realise fully all the difficulties which must necessarily arise where there is lack of proper communication and so on: but that in putting forward this general policy we make allowance in our minds for possible variations in the way in which people on the spot may have to deal with local problems.

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We would, however, suggest that whatever material help the Girl Scouts of America, or for that matter any other country's organisation wishes to give to the groups forming in different parts of Italy, the offer in principle should be at this stage as from one organisation to the other, i.e. the International Committee of the Girl Scouts communicating through you with the Italian Guide Central Committee or committees established in Rome, or elsewhere, as the case may be. We have in the meantime cabled to the Girl Scouts of America making concrete suggestions as to the kind of help needed.

Once more thanking you for your interest and willingness to co-operate,

I beg to remain,
Yours sincerely,

Arethusa Leigh-White

Arethusa Leigh-White,
Director, World Bureau.

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SUBJECT : Girl Guides in Italy

TO : Mrs. S. Swift Newton,
Chairman, International Committee Girl Scouts,
National Hq. 155 E 44th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Newton,

Thank you for your encouraging letter of 17 November.

In regard to the quotation from the Director of the World Bureau :

By "sponsoring" of course we mean "taking a friendly interest in" a given troop. It would involve knowing about it, correspondence with it, friendly advice for it, and, when possible, tangible aid to it in the way of literature, equipment, clothes, etc., as needed and as available. Of course it does not involve any official jurisdiction.

As to the group in Rome, Mr. Catty and Mr. Logan (representing British Boy Scouts) and I have met with their leaders and discussed plans with them. I am glad to hear that the British Girl Guides have "taken them under their wing" - so far, they have only had very nice and encouraging letter from Lady Baden-Powell. I have written to her asking that she assign some woman (British or American) here to follow through on the Girl Guide movement as Mr. Catty and Mr. Logan are doing for Boy Scouts. Meantime, these two men, with moral support from me, are looking after the Guide movement.

The enclosed give the general picture as far as Boy Scouts are concerned. The Guide movement is much less developed. The "Corpo" (non-confessional Boy Scouts)have a paper organization for Girl Guides, which may develop effectively. The "AGEI" (Catholic Boy Scouts) is less interested. Yet the Rome groups lean toward affiliation with the Vatican. There is no national Girl Guide organization yet, although the Rome group hope to become such.

Now that we know that American Girl Scouts may be able to sponsor local troops here, we can give more encouragement

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to the formation of such troops. We shall keep both you and the Director of the World Bureau (Lady Baden-Powell?) informed of all developments.

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

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5 December 1944

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SUBJECT : Transmittal of enclosed correspondence.

TO : Director, World Bureau, Girl Guides
38 Buckingham Palace Road
London, SW I.

The enclosed correspondence is self-explanatory. We shall keep you informed of developments.

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

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TO : Mr. Catty. 5 December 1944

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Enclosed please find copy of a letter from the Girl Scouts in the U.S.A., and copy of my reply, for your file.

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

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GIRL SCOUTS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS 155 EAST 44TH STREET TELEPHONE MURRAY HILL 2-2505

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November 17, 1944

Major Carleton W. Washburne
Deputy Director
Allied Control Commission
APO #394
c/o Postmaster New York, N. Y.

Dear Major Washburne:

Miss Rusk wrote to you on September 28 for the International Committee of the Girl Scouts, stating that we must clear your requests with our World Bureau. We have now received word from London which gives you an opportunity, I hope, to carry on some work with the girls who are interested in Scouting. I am quoting from a letter received from the Director of the World Bureau which I think makes our position clear. Knowing of your work in the educational field here in the United States, I feel that you will have a real understanding of the intricacies of the situation.

> "Now with regard to the sponsoring of companies of Girl Guides in Italy. This is a little complex, and we shall need to act with much tact and discretion, in view of past history and present conditions. So far we have no news of groups starting other than in Rome. The Chief Guide heard directly from an Ex-British Guider working with the Y.M.C.A. of 100 girls who had got together and formed themselves into Guides, under the leadership of two sisters. They had held meetings in the catacombs for some time! The British Girl Guides have taken them under their wing somewhat informally and we have written to them from the World Bureau. As you quite rightly say it is contrary to our policy for any one country to make itself responsible for another, but a good deal turns on just what is implied by 'sponsoring'. I think we may give that a more formal interpretation than you do. If other groups emerge I think it would be splendid for actual troops in the U.S.A. to take a motherly and friendly interest in them and help them along until they are well on their feet. If there should happen to be one or more ex-Girl Scouts in the offing to advise that would ensure the right kind of help being given. What we must avoid wherever we can is the possibility of troops being formed in a country under the direction of any outside authority which is Governmental or Military in character, or even of forming themselves just <u>in order</u> to get help from the U.S.A."

If you will send us information regarding the troops in which you wish our Girl Scouts to become interested we shall be glad to cooperate with you.

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We would be very grateful if you could send to us from time to time, any news you may gain of Scouting in Italy, or any news of the desire for Scouting. We will in turn be happy to help wherever we can.

With every wish for success to you, I am

Sincerely,

Ethel J. Newton

(Mrs.) E. Swift Newton
Chairman
International Committee

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2 December 1944

SUBJECT : Transmittal of enclosed correspondence.

TO : Lady Baden Powell
c/o Girl Guide International HQ
Buckingham Palace Road
London.

Attached is transmitted to you as requested by Signorina di CARPEGNA.

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

Enclosure.

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Miss Nega please attach a copy of the report on Girl Guides

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8 November 1944

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TO : Colonel J.H.WILSON,O.B.E.
Director, The Scouts International Bureau,
36 Buckingham Palace Road
London, S.W. I.

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Dear Colonel Wilson

1. The enclosed report is submitted to you for Mr. Catty.

2. Will you be kind enough to give the enclosed letter to the International Commissioner of the Girl Guides? I don't have her address, but understand that the headquarters are very close to yours.

Sincerely

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

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8 November 1944

SUBJECT : Guides in Italy.

TO : International Commissioner, Girl Guides,
Care of Director, The Scouts International Bureau,
38 Buckingham Palace Road
London, S.W. I.

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Dear Lady Baden-Powell

1. The Education Subcommission of the Allied Commission is glad to give encouragement to the organization of Girl Guides in Italy and to serve as a means of communication between International Headquarters and Italian organizations.

2. A representative of the British Boy Scouts, Rev. LOGAN, visited here recently and in addition to getting the Boy Scouts off to a good start, helped to encourage the incipient Girl Guide Movement. He has reported very fully to Colonel WELSON of the International Boy Scouts, and I believe you will find his reports well worth reading.

3. Mr. LOGAN left,as his representative here, our active Boy Scout leader, Mr. F.R. CATTY, who has taken the Guides unofficially under his wing, with much interest, tact and intelligence. I enclose a copy of his report of his last meeting with the best organized group.

4. It would be a great help if you would either (a) designate Mr. CATTY as your provisional representative to encourage and help the Guide movement here, to report progress to you, and to transmit from you literature and suggestions to the Guides in Italy; or (b) send or designate some other person to perform these functions. If you do the latter, and it requires time, I suggest that in the interim you follow alternative (a).

5. I have asked the Girl Scouts of America to organize a plan for having local American troops sponser local Italian troops, sending materials, etc., through the national organization for distribution through us. A letter received yesterday from New York indicates that this proposal has been put up to you for approval.

With best wishes, I am
sincerely yours,

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

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Copy sent to Mrs. Catt's 4th address

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GIRL SCOUTS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS 155 EAST 44TH STREET TELEPHONE MURRAY HILL 2-2505

New York 17, N.Y.

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September 28, 1944

Major Carleton W. Washburne
Deputy Director
Allied Control Commission
APO 394
c/o Postmaster, N. Y.

My dear Major Washburne:

This is in answer to your letter of September 12th directed to Miss McKee.

The International Committee of the Girl Scouts has considered your request and finds it most interesting. In matters of this sort, however, it is necessary for us to clear any international contacts we make in formerly occupied or enemy countries with our World Association office in London. Just as soon as we hear from them we shall let you know whether we can undertake the project outlined in your letter or not.

I am sorry there has been such a long delay in all this, but you are right in supposing that Lt. General McFarlane's letter never reached us.

Thank you very much for your interest in Scouting. I recall very well the nice message you brought us from Ecuador some years ago.

With good wishes to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Ethel Rusk

Ethel Rusk
for the
International Committee

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THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS

It was in 1908 that the idea of "Scouting" was launched in Great Britain by Robert Baden-Powell (later Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell). The result of his book, "Scouting for Boys," was that an enormous number of boys, not only in England but in many other countries, insisted on becoming "Boy Scouts," and Lord Baden-Powell was obliged to set up an organisation to control this new Movement. A further result, quite unexpected by Baden-Powell, was that a number of girls, attracted not only by the games and activities suggested in "Scouting for Boys," but even more by the ideals embodied in the Scout Law and Promise, clamoured to become Scouts too. Lord Baden-Powell eventually acceded to this desire, and together with his sister, Miss Agnes Baden-Powell, founded in 1910 the Association of Girl Guides.

As had happened with the Boy Scouts, the Girl Guides quickly sprang up in many countries beside Great Britain. The first countries in which the Movement became organised were Canada, South Africa, Denmark, Suomi-Finland, Poland. In 1912 the Girl Scouts were founded in the United States by Juliette Low, and subsequently one country after another took up the idea, till in 1938 thirty countries possessed organized national associations. Besides these, there were, and still are, in many other countries, groups of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts doing good work, but not yet nationally organized.

Practically all countries have based their Guide or Girl Scout associations on the original principles laid down by Baden-Powell, and in particular on the Law and the Promise, which are the same, with only slight variations for all nations. Each country has, of course, brought its own special contribution to the Movement, not only in numbers, but in ideas and methods, so that the original scheme, started in Great Britain, has been greatly enriched.

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Before the war of 1914-18, there was not much communication between the countries in which Guides or Girl Scouts were springing up; most of the girls' associations took their inspiration and information directly from their brothers, the Boy Scouts, and so developed a national individuality of their own. During the war no interchange of ideas between the countries took place, but immediately after the close of the war, owing to the initiative of the wife of the founder, Olave Baden-Powell, an International Council was formed, with the idea of establishing contact between the different countries in which there were Guides or Girl Scouts. The International Council met first in February 1919, and this Council initiated the series of biennial conferences which were held subsequently, the first of these took place at Oxford, in England, in 1920.

The International Council functioned for nine years, during which all the principal women interested in Guiding in the different countries came to know each other. They discovered the value and the pleasure of international co-operation and they came to desire a closer organisation, in which each country should take part, on an equal footing, and should have a share in determining the policy of the whole.

With the approval and active help of the founder, Lord Baden-Powell, a World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts was set up in 1928; a simple Constitution drafted by the delegates to the Fifth World Conference in Hungary was ratified two years later by the Sixth World Conference, meeting at Foxlease (England), and the Constitution in its present form was adopted by the Ninth World Conference of 1936, meeting in Sweden.

The formation of the World Association has led to much greater unity, to a clearer comprehension of the aims of the Movement, and to a spirit of real friendship and affection between its members.

The World Association

The object of the World Association is, as stated in its Constitution, to promote unity of purpose and common understanding in the fundamental principles of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting throughout the world, and to encourage friendship between the girls of all nations.

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In the World Association are included all those countries which have a self-governing national organisation recognised as genuinely endeavouring to work on the lines laid down by Baden-Powell, and accepting the principles of the original Promise and Law.

The main principle of the Movement, as stated by Baden-Powell, is that it should be open to children of all races, nations, creeds and classes, and consequently all national organisations forming part of the World Association should be non-political.

The Association is based on the original Promise and Law, which are the foundation stones of the Movement and are as follows:

THE ORIGINAL PROMISE

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best:

1. To do my duty to God and the King,

or

God and my country

2. To help other people at all times,
3. To obey the Guide Law.

Note.—Some countries have "King and Country"

THE ORIGINAL LAW

1. A Guide's honour is to be trusted.
2. A Guide is loyal.
3. A Guide's duty is to be useful and to help others.
4. A Guide is a friend to all and a sister to every other Guide.
5. A Guide is courteous.
6. A Guide is a friend to animals.
7. A Guide obeys orders.
8. A Guide smiles and sings under all difficulties.
9. A Guide is thrifty.
10. A Guide is pure in thought, in word and in deed.

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There may be differences in the wording of the Promise and Law to suit each country, provided that the fundamental principles remain the same.

At the Sixth World Conference, in 1930, the question of the Promise was thoroughly discussed, and the following definitions were agreed upon:

(*a*) *God*, as the expression of the highest spiritual principle. ("Principle" is that which creates, constitutes, governs, sustains and contains all.)

(*b*) *Country* or *King*, meaning loyalty to the constituted authority.

It has always been maintained in the Movement that the spiritual aspect of the first part of the Promise is the life-giving spark which ensures that Guiding and Girl Scouting shall live in the hearts not only of the children for whom the Movement was brought into being, but also of the adult women who serve as leaders to the children.

It is, therefore, essential that the fundamental principles embodied in the Promise as originally given to the Movement by Baden-Powell, the founder, should be maintained, and it is for this reason that the word "principle" was defined.

The Promise thereby becomes applicable to children of all creeds and all races, and they can unite in upholding the loyalties which are so necessary to human endeavour to live well.

Membership of the World Association

There are two grades of membership of the World Association:

(*a*) Tenderfoot Members.

(*b*) Full Members.

A *Full Member* is one which has an organised, self-governing, national movement, consisting of groups, companies or troops in more than one part of the country, with a responsible, central national committee; it must adhere to the principles of the original Promise and Law, must have adopted the trefoil (emblematic of the three parts of the Promise) as its badge, and must pay its quota towards the expenses of the World Association; it must send an annual report of its membership and activities to the World Bureau.

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A *Tenderfoot Member* must fulfil the conditions mentioned above, except that its central organisation need not be so fully developed as for full membership.

Tenderfoot membership is intended for those countries in which Guiding or Girl Scouting is still comparatively new and not yet sufficiently strong or established to be called really "national," by which is meant representative of the country as a whole.

Before a country can be recognised as a Tenderfoot Member of the World Association, it must have been visited and favourably reported on by an experienced Commissioner belonging to a country which is a Full Member of the World Association.

World Conference

The authority of the World Association is exercised through delegates appointed by countries which are Full Members, meeting in conference every two years. Each country which is a Full Member has one vote; it may send to the conference two delegates representing their country as a whole.

Countries which are Tenderfoot Members have no vote, but are entitled to send two delegates to the conference.

World Committee

The business of the World Association is carried on between the Biennial Conferences by a World Committee of nine members, elected by ballot at the meetings of the World Conference. These members are nominated by the countries which are full members of the World Association, but are elected in their individual capacity on a basis of their experience to consider the interests of the Movement as a whole and not as representing any particular country. They are elected for six years and retire in rotation, three at each Biennial World Conference. The World Committee meets at least once a year.

World Bureau

The Secretariat of the World Association is the World Bureau; it is supervised by a Director on behalf of the World Committee.

The World Bureau has, since it was first set up in 1928, been located in London. It has a staff of several members, both professional and voluntary.

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The World Bureau issues several publications, including a Biennial Report, and a quarterly magazine called "The Council Fire."

The expenses of the World Bureau, and of the World Association in general, are met by a quota paid annually by each country which is a member of the World Association, in proportion to the number of its Girl Guides or Girl Scouts.

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The above is a summary of the Constitution of the World Association; that is to say, of the framework on which an edifice of friendship and co-operation has been built up between Girl Guides and Girl Scouts of many nations. When the World Association was set up in 1928, it was not altogether easy to create unity between movements belonging to over twenty different countries, with strong individualities, and Guide traditions to which they had become much attached. For instance, each country had a different badge and different versions of the Law and Promise; it was obviously in the general interest that a common symbol should be adopted, so that girls in different countries should recognise each other as belonging to the Movement, and much confusion would be saved if a common version of the Law and Promise could be agreed upon.

These things could not be done all at once; the suggestion that any particular country should give up its own symbol or rearrange its Laws aroused strong protest. But gradually, by the mutual exercise of patience and tolerance, and by thought of the common aim, the good of the children whom the Movement was serving, unity was attained. All countries adopted the trefoil as the common symbol, and incorporated it in their national badges, and all countries adopted the same Promise and Law, with only slight variations in wording.

It may be claimed that within a short space of years a very strong friendship, based on mutual respect, was built up, which even the storm and stress of war has been unable to destroy.

Inspiration.

One of the principal unifying factors was the inspiration provided by the personalities of the World Chief Scout and Chief Guide, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. For many years before Lord Baden-Powell's death in 1941 he and his wife travelled to nearly

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all parts of the globe to visit Scouts and Guides. In the course of these journeys they were seen and heard by many thousands of boys and girls, as well as by thousands of men and women who had grown up in Scouting and Guiding. Lord and Lady Baden-Powell won all hearts by their simplicity and kindness, and by the interest which they showed in each individual. Their visits left a lasting impression, which still continues to express itself in enthusiasm for the Movement.

Our much-loved Founder, B.-P., is no longer with us, but his influence remains an active force in the Movement, and his chosen helpmate, Lady Baden-Powell, is with us to carry on his work.

Thinking Day.

This affection for "the Chiefs," and the belief in the value of their work, has found additional expression in the celebration of "Thinking Day," February 22nd, the birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. On this day Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world "think" of each other, and their thoughts and prayers surely form a spiritual force and inspiration. This form of celebration has grown up quite spontaneously among all members of the Movement, and, in addition, a Thinking Day Fund was instituted some years ago. To this Fund the children contribute voluntarily some small sum, and the Fund forms a reserve to be used for the benefit of Guiding or Girl Scouting wherever it may appear to be most needed.

World Flag.

The unity of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts is symbolised by the World Flag, which was adopted by the Sixth World Conference, meeting in 1930. The World Flag consists of a gold trefoil on a bright blue field. It is flown at "Our Chalet" and at all international gatherings of Guides and Girl Scouts, and it is carried by many troops and companies in addition to their national flag. It is the symbol of loyalty to the spiritual ideal, which comes even before loyalty to one's own country.

Left-hand Shake.

Another bond between Guides and Girl Scouts is the custom of greeting each other with the left hand instead of the right. This was instituted by the Founder as a sign of fraternity, the left hand being the one nearest the heart.

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World Association Uniform.

A seemingly trivial measure which has certainly contributed to confidence in the impartiality of the central organisation of the World Association was the adoption for the use of the members of the World Committee and World Bureau Staff of a special uniform. During their period of office they wear this uniform instead of that of the Guides or Girl Scouts of their own country.

Thanks to this common uniform and its reminder of world responsibility, those women administering the Association feel that they are working for the children of the world, and not only for those of their own home land.

World Centres.

The World Association has two homes of its own. The first of these is "Our Chalet," situated in beautiful surroundings on the slope of a mountain across the valley from Adelboden, in Switzerland. "Our Chalet," which can hold up to about seventy people at a time, was built in 1932 and was given to the Guides and Girl Scouts of all nations by an American friend, Mrs. Storrow. Members of the Movement from all countries have come there for training, discussion, excursions, mountain-climbing, and winter sports. Guides and Girl Scouts from all over the world look upon it as their home, and many have found there happiness and friendship under the leadership of the Guider-in-Charge.

The second centre for Guides and Girl Scouts, inaugurated in May 1939, is a small hostel in London called "Our Ark." (The Ark is the symbol of a secure home.) It is situated at 11 Palace Street, Westminster and has 23 beds. The fittings and furniture were given by Guides and Girl Scouts from many parts of the world, and each room, therefore, has a distinct character. During the first few months of Our Ark's existence it gave hospitality to many nationalities. Since the outbreak of war most of the inmates have been British, but a few others have been warmly welcomed as residents, and the small rooms have been crowded with guests from different countries on Thinking Day, at Christmas, and on other special occasions.

Co-operation between Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

During the years preceding 1939 the co-operation between the Guides and Girl Scouts of the different nations was greatly increasing. The principal forms of co-operation were the following:

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OUR CHALET

1. *Interchange of correspondence.*—Girls who wish to write to their comrades in other lands are linked through the medium of the "Post Box," which has a secretary in each country. The correspondence has resulted in the formation of many "pen friendships," and these have often led to personal friendships in course of time.

2. *Interchange of Visits.*—Each year before the present war companies or individual Guides and Girl Scouts have visited each other in different countries, and have found a warm welcome and generous hospitality. Through intercourse with their fellow Guides they have come to understand the character of the people of the countries they have visited, and to appreciate their peculiar conditions and problems.

3. *World Gatherings* have frequently been held in one country or another, with a certain number of guests invited from each of the members of the World Association. The first of these big International meetings was the World Camp, held at Foxlease (England) in 1924, at which there were about a thousand campers from different countries. In later years very successful camps were held in Switzerland, France, Belgium, Poland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, England, Scotland, Ireland, the United States of America and elsewhere.

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The largest world gathering of all was held in Hungary in August 1939, only a few weeks before the outbreak of war. This camp was called the "Pax Ting" (from the Latin word for Peace, and the Icelandic word for Parliament). It was admirably organised by the Hungarian Girl Scout Association, and was attended by about two thousand Hungarian Girl Scouts and two thousand Guides of other countries.

In the United States a Fund has been instituted in memory of the beloved founder of Girl Scouting in that country, Juliette Low. This Fund is administered by a special committee, and is used to foster friendship between the Girl Scouts and Girl Guides of different nationalities. Many international gatherings have been held under the auspices of this committee; for several successive years girls chosen from different countries met together at "Our Chalet" for a few weeks among the mountains. In 1937 the Juliette Low Memorial Fund provided the means for a "Silver Jubilee Camp" in New York State, to which was invited one girl from every country belonging to the World Association. In 1940 and 1941 Western Hemisphere Encampments were held in New York State and in Massachusetts. These have contributed greatly to increased knowledge and understanding of the Movement throughout "the Americas."

All the above activities will be resumed after the war, as soon as circumstances permit.

4. *International Training.*—No nation has a monopoly of good Guiding or Girl Scouting, and each nation has a great deal to learn from the others. Those countries where Guiding has existed for many years have experience in organisation and in methods which can be of use to countries where the Movement was started later. On the other hand, the newer countries have a great deal to give in the way of enthusiasm, original ideas, and fresh inspiration. With the object of pooling ideas, the Training Sub-Committee of the World Committee has arranged frequent International Training Courses, sometimes held at "Our Chalet" and sometimes in other places. At these trainings leaders of all ranks have met and discussed their various problems and experiences, and have gained much from contact with each other.

The World Association in Wartime.

The work of the World Association has been carried on as far as possible by the World Bureau, though naturally the activities have

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been very much curtailed. Wartime conditions have led to the institution of the following committees. Both are provisional, and their functions, together with the activities connected with them, will need to come up for ratification by the World Committee when that body can meet once again.

The Interim Committee to the World Committee.

In June 1941 an Emergency Group was called together in the World Bureau and met again early in 1942. In June 1942 the Interim Committee was set up, with the sanction of five full members of the World Committee. It comprises all accessible full members, ex-officio members, sub-committee members and substitute members of the World Committee and certain co-opted members. This committee was constituted for the purpose of dealing provisionally "with any necessary business of the World Committee in so far as it refers to the immediate needs of the present situation."

Under the ægis of the Interim Committee, certain functions of the sub-committees, especially those relating to Finance and to Training, have been revived.

The Western Hemisphere Committee and Centre.

In October 1940, thanks to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, working in co-operation with the World Bureau, an office to deal with the increasing volume of work arising within the Western Hemisphere was set up in New York, known as the Western Hemisphere Center. This centre, as a branch of the World Bureau, is supervised by an advisory Committee comprising members from Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Mexico, the U.S.A., and the British Colonies. The committee meets at regular intervals in one country or another, and considers and advises upon matters relating to developments in that Hemisphere, keeping in close touch with the World Bureau, and referring all major projects and matters of policy to the Interim Committee.

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Conclusion

It can be claimed that the World Association has remained very much alive during the war years. Although many communications have been cut, and very scanty news has been received at the World Bureau from a number of the countries belonging to the Association, it is known that Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in very

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many places have remained true to the ideals and principles of the Movement. In the countries which have suffered least from the war many members are preparing themselves by every means in their power to go to the help of their sisters, and will count themselves privileged if they can contribute material assistance, while prepared to receive spiritually from those others who will have so much to give through their courage and endurance.

The World Bureau is watching carefully all developments with a view to seeing how help can best be given to rebuild Guiding and Girl Scouting in the countries where it has suffered most from war conditions.

The World Bureau is also studying the changes affecting Youth throughout the world, in order to see what part our Movement can play in helping to produce a better future.

To sum up, the Guide and Girl Scout Movement is certainly a force making for tolerance, mutual understanding, and goodwill between the girls and women of different countries, and where it is being carried out at its best, it can do wonders in this direction. The Law and Promise provide the inspiration, the soul of the Movement, whereas its activities, games, camping, woodcraft, are its outward manifestation. These activities and methods are an immense attraction to children of practically all nations. The almost universal response to the original appeal launched by Baden-Powell, and the fact that so many national movements have followed along the main lines traced by him—while allowing for wholesome and fruitful differences in detail—prove that the fundamental needs of young people are much the same all over the world; it has also been proved that through the medium of Scouting and Guiding understanding may be achieved and deep and lasting friendships formed. There is, therefore, in the hands of those who are leading this Movement a precious instrument for the furtherance of the highest aims and ideals of mankind, and for the achievement of a just and lasting peace.

One can safely say that Guides and Girl Scouts are waiting eagerly for the war to end, when they will be free to meet again and so devote themselves to achieving the ideals of friendship and comradeship, and to preparing a happier future for the next generation.

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The picture on the cover shows the Founder of the Scout and Guide Movements, Lord Baden-Powell, blowing the Kudu horn with which he used to sound reveille at his first Boy Scout camp at Brownsea Island in 1908.

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