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## POLISH SCOUTS

After the occupation of Poland in September 1939 by the Germans and assisted by the Russians, many Poles went to Rumania and Hungary. In all the Polish settlements in those countries numerous Scout troops were established. Also in France a Polish Scout organisation was active at that time. Owing to the progress of the German armies, the Polish Scout's organisation in Rumania and Hungary had to be wound up, but new units were organised in Palestine, Cyprus, Algeria and Rhodesia.

After the occupation of France by the Germans, Polish Scout's carried on clandestine activity. In 1940 Polish scouts troops were also organised in Great Britain.

Some young Poles, banished to Russia with their families in 1939, 1940 and 1941, having been saved and transported to the Free World, formed numerous new Polish units in Persia, Lebanon, India, New Zealand, Egypt, Mexico and East Africa.

In 1945, after the defeat of Germany, many Polish Scout troops were organised in Germany, numbering 25.000 members. These were the boys who, staying in Germany with their parents, were sent to camps.

At present the Polish Scout movement spreads to all the countries of the Free World in which Poles are settled. Its work is making great progress and the number of members is increasing every year. This work is based on the Scout principles established by BADEN - POWELL.

The Headquarters of the Polish Scout Movement are set up in London, (47, Rutland Gate, London, S.W.7., England.) controlling the activities of Polish Scouts all over the world, numbering 15.000 boys and girls within framework of three independent organisations, that is to say; Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Rovers. Each organisation is headed by Chiefs elected every year, that is to say, Chief Scout, Chief Guide and Chief Rover. These three organisations together constitute the Polish Boy Scout and Girl Guides Association.

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becomes in 1913 the greeting of Polish Scouts.

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Polish Scout badge,

Fleur-de-Lys, is

worn by all

scouts on the

front of their

hats. Letters,

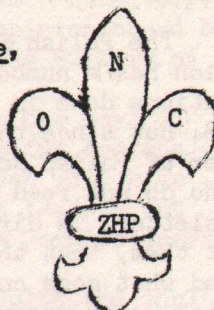
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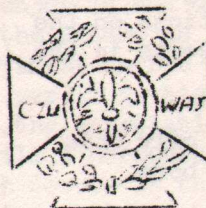
N = Study,

C = Virtue.

Letters; ZHP, stand for; Polish Scouts and Girl Guides Association.



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Polish Scout

Cross, established in 1913, is

received individually after

making scout promise and passing

proficiency test. The cross,

has a number and can not be

changed.

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POLISH SCOUTS UP TO DATE ?  
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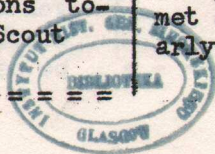
Would I say - yes - it would not be the right statement.

Would I say - no - that would not give you a clear picture either. And if, what I have to say rings in your ear, or disturbs your soul - no offence intended, but action requested.

A new look, a new approach to Scout work among the Polish Scouts in the Free World is badly needed.

Up to 1939, Scouting in Poland met a social need, which was clearly recognized by society itself.

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### Editors notebook . . .

The Polish Scouts Organization has a number of its publications done in its own language. But since there are a number of Polish Scouts in Canada who do not read Polish, this newsletter is directed mainly at them, that they may be informed what goes on within the Polish Scout groups.

They are the youth of today born in this country with an Polish background.

There is also a great need for English publications on the subject of Polish Scouts in the Free World.

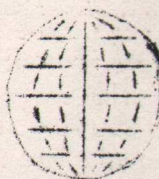
For this reason only this newsletter is born.

Since it is not an official publication of the Polish Boy Scouts, but a venture to aid the World Scout Brotherhood, it would be much appreciated, if this newsletter could be subscribed.

On our part, we shall supply you with basic information on the life and work of the Polish Scouts in Canada and the Free World.

Our comments and criticism will not always be encouraging on Scout work. We are not here to condemn or flatter, we only want to report in the name of the Scout Brotherhood.

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in the NEWS . . .

### CANADA.

From Dec.26th,'67 to Jan.1st'68, 41 Polish Scouts took part in a Winter Camp in Barry's Bay, Ontario.

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On Jan.27th,'68,31 Polish Boy Scouts and Girl Guides participated at the semi annual meeting in Toronto,Ont.They came from;Toronto,Montreal,Hamilton,Welland and Oshawa.

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On March 10th,68,Toronto was host to the traditional "Jamboree on Ice".It was a very colourful event and for the first time,the Polish Girl Guides and Hungarian Boy Scouts,had a go at hockey.

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On May 4th,68,the Polish Scouts took part in Polish Independence Day. They had a special Field Day,and in the afternoon,the Scout Executives in Canada,met to discuss programs for a trip to Italy in 1969.

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Polish Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in Canada had their "Scout Week" from the 6th to 12th of May 1968.Special Scout events took place during this time.

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August 3rd to 30th,1968,the Polish Scouts will travel through Canada,from Toronto,Ont. to Vancouver,B.C., by bus. It is estimated,that the "Go West Young Man" will cover about six to seven thousand miles on this trip.

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The regular yearly Camps of the Polish Scouts,will be conducted in summer at "Kaszuby",Barry's Bay,Ont.And at "Big White Shell" in Manitoba and Meadows Hillsdale,Banff,Alberta.

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The Annual Commissioners meeting will take place in "Kaszuby" (Barry's Bay, Ont.) from August 31st,to September 2nd 1968.Special reports on the work of the Boy and Girl Scouts will be tabled. Contacts with the Boy Scouts of Canada will be discussed. Also,plans for travel to Europe in 1969. At this meeting, elections of new Scout Executives will be performed.



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POLISH SCOUTS UP TO DATE ? (Cont.)

Scouting then, was a formal educational system. Since this time, the Scout Movement, which served so well in the First and Second World War defending the freedom of its country, did almost nothing for its own organization.

The basic Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Polish Scouts are now 32 years old. Some improvements have been made in recent years. But, the lawmakers of the Polish Scouts seem not to notice, that, in this last half century, (radio, aircraft, television and the whole globe) made tremendous progress. The young generation follows this trend. Yet, we have heard the saying, "We have done so for the past thirty years and therefore it is tradition, - we can not change it now." -

Today a number of Polish Proficiency tests are outdated. The boys in the troops are working very hard and successful, but they are looking to modernization in this line. Their Organization is only trying to keep up with them, very, very, slow. Polish Scouts are taught Polish history, which in my opinion, should be left to Polish schools and parents. The Scouts should be taught the history of the Scout Movement and its accomplishments.

We know, that for high standards in Scouting, we must have the boys wholehearted support. A boy joins Scouting in search of adventure, fun and challenge. Unless this challenge is constantly before him, his interest will wane.

We have successful training courses for our young Scout leaders, but lack badly in training courses for Commissioners. How many Polish Commissioners are up to-date with World recognized Gilwell requirements ?

Scouting is for boys. That's true ! But it is also for adults, and adults must achieve satisfaction from working in the Boy Scouts Movement. Nowadays any form of character training that has no International element, is way behind the times and lacking in something fundamental. Polish Scouting is unaware of the structure of the World Scout Organization. How many leaders have read the Constitution of the Boy Scouts. World Conference ?

Life is made up of extremes. Those who enjoy it and who usually make worthy contributions to it, are those who have the wisdom to find balance.

Next year (in 1969) the Polish Scout Movement in the Free World will hold its first World Conference, since the last war. It is high time for such a gathering. And, in view of to-day changing times, the Association of Polish Scouts in the; U.S.A., Canada, Australia and elsewhere will, I hope, ask the Executive body in England, to form a World Federation of Polish Scouts in the Free World. In the Free World we can't change our Scout Constitution. At home, the organization carries only the name "Scouts". So, a Federation is the only logical way to keep the Movement intact.

We must not forget, that in the Free World, we have the duty to prepare our Scouts to be, good citizens first. In second place, we have the duty to give them the tradition of Polish origin. This point is very hard to understand for the Executive of Polish Boy Scouts in England, which still lives in the past.

It is time, to ask ourselves where do we stand in this world, which is changing in every way at jet speed.

One thing is sure. We must seek contacts and associations with local National Scout Movements. We must go all out and look for new and modern methods of training. The Polish Boy Scouts in the Free World have to come out of their national shell, into the World of Scout Brotherhood. (Z.B.)

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S. P. A. NEWS..

The "Scout-Press-Archives", founded in 1965, would like to report; -

1). Up to date, the Archive has compiled about 600 titles of Boy Scout publications in the World. All this material is located in Canada. There are special files for each sample magazine and cross-references with descriptions and data about each publication.

The Archive would be very grateful for receiving more Scout publications

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S.P.A. news.. (Cont.)

2). The Polish Scouter in England, Mr.K. Obtulowicz is completing his archive of Polish Boy and Girl Scouts publications.

Till now, about 2000 titles are completed. This work will be published in the next two years. Our Archive is assisting in this task.

3). Preparations are made to publish two up to-date Song Books for Polish Scouts. One by the Scout H.Q. in Toronto, Ont. and the other by a Scout group in Montreal, P.Q..

4). The booklet, under the title; "The Organization of World Scouting" in Polish by Mr.Z.Buczewski is complete. This work contains material describing the functions of the World Conference, Committee and World Bureau. Also, for the first time, the Constitution of the Boy Scouts World Conference is translated from English to Polish. This work (34 pages) can not be published for lack of funds.

5). The Canadian Ethnic Scout's Conference in Toronto, Ont., published in July 1968, a souvenir book of the "Centennial Ethnic Scouts Jamboree", held in summer 1967 in Kaszuby, Ont. The participants at this Jamboree, were Troops of the; Estonian, Lithuanian, Hungarian, Ukrainian, Latvian and Polish Boy Scouts in Canada.

This work, under the title: "Centennial Link - Ethnic Scout Jamboree 1967" (\*), contains a short essay devoted to this past event. A letter with greetings from Mr. R.T. Lund, Acting Director, Boy Scouts World Bureau is included. This excellent produced booklet with many pictures and sketches will serve its purpose.

(\*) "Centennial Link- Ethnic Scout Jamboree 1967". Publisher; Canadian Ethnic Scout's Conference, Cover title. Photo-print. Text in English. 14 x 21 cm. 32 pages. 29 illustrations. July 1968, Toronto, Ont, Canada.

SORRY ...

This issue of CZUWAJ is late on account of Canada's postal strike.

We are sorry !

" CROSS CANADA ADVENTURE "

This year, the Canadian Ethnic Scout's Conference is organizing a "Cross Canada Adventure", from Toronto, Ontario to Jasper, Alberta. Boy Scouts of Lithuanian, Latvian, Estonian, Hungarian, Ukrainian and Polish origin will participate. Also the Boy Scouts of Canada and Les Scouts. Catholique du Québec are invited. The contingent will leave Toronto, Ont. on Aug. 9 by train, arrive Winnipeg, Manitoba on Aug. 10 and 11th; then on to Edmonton, Alberta on Aug. 12th. From there, they will go by bus to Calgary, Alberta and Banff, arriving at Hillsdale Meadows, Aug. 14th. From Aug. 15 to 20th, camping will take place in the Rocky Mountains (Jasper, Ice Field, Lake Louise and Miette Spring). Return trip, by bus to Edmonton is planned for Aug. 21st, to arrival in Toronto, Ont. on Aug. 23rd. This event, was made possible through the generosity of the Secretary of State, Travel and Exchange Division in Ottawa, Ontario.

GENERAL NEWS...

Polish Boy Scouts in Exile will participate this year in the 5th Central Training Camp "Tatry" (Polish Gilwell Camp) in Urbes, France. This camp will be held from 28th of July to 17th of August 1968.

Troop of Polish Boy Scouts in Exile, from England will take part in the XIII National Camp of Portugal, (CNE) to be held from August 17th to 25th, 1968 in Portalegre, Portugal.

The Polish Scouts in Canada recently received the sum of \$500.00. from the "Mickiewicz Foundation" for the training of its Scout leaders.

Preparations are being made for the World Jamboree and Conference of the Polish Boy Scout's and Girl Guides Association in Exile. This world event will take place in Monte Cassino, Italy, from 29th of July to 11th of August 1969. It will be the first time, since the end of world war II, for such a World Jamboree of the Polish Scouting in Exile, to take place.