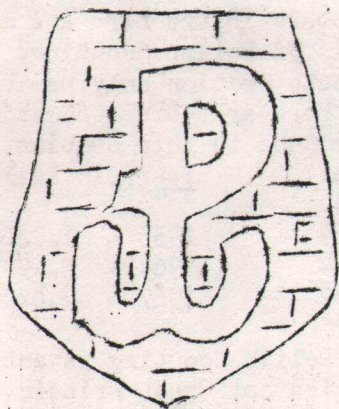


... " Amongst the bravest were the men of the Polish Home Army who fought underground during the long occupation of Poland to throw off the Nazi yoke. The raw courage shown by the Polish Underground during August and September 1944 has rarely, if ever, been matched in the history of human conflict.

... We also pay tribute to the Polish Forces who throughout all of World War II fought side by side with the Allied Forces - on sea, on land and in the air." ...

-- From speech by the -
Rt. Hon. Lester B. Pearson,
former Prime Minister of
Canada, delivered in Ottawa,
December 12th, 1964 . --



The symbol of the Underground was an anchor with letter - P at top, thus forming P W which in this case meant - "Polska Walcząca" (Fighting Poland).

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THE ONLY WAY

We all know, that over the years, a large proportion of the European immigrants and their children have developed a strong patriotic feeling toward their new country - Canada.

They have become more and more Canadian - a new breed of Canadians. At the same time, the youth of to-day, the first generation of the New Canadians, born in Canada, is looking for more fitting symbols of nationality. This generation will seek and demand a more egalitarian concept of Canadian citizenship. And as this spirit will grow stronger, the differences between Canadians of to-day and Canadians of yesterday, will disappear.

The Polish Scout Association in Canada and the members of the Canadian Ethnic Scout Conference in this country, can and should play an important role in the building of Canadian identity.

The Polish Scouts have a fine record of service toward the ideas of Scouting, the past sixty years. Its Scout history is based on service to God, Country and citizenship. To-day, the Polish Scouts, have full opportunity to practice those fine ideals. It is no longer useful to pretend to be in far-away places in Poland. Our land and country, by way of free choice or birth is here. Our fine Scout traditions should now be converted towards to-days realistic Scout work in Canada. It is extremely difficult to realise the truth, but this is the only way to contribute towards one strong Scout family. Fixed ideas and vocational fixation in Scouting are evils to be fought against. Plans for Scout work and directions must be reviewed from time to time in the light of new knowledge and experience.

The privilege of having the get-together with the Boy Scouts of Canada should become more and more frequent and in time, should lead to full mutual Scout co-operation in this country.

In this country of ours it is natural that people have different views, but to disagree because of ignorance or of no interest is deplorable and very uncivilized. In Scouting we should not waste time on adult quibbling over details. Let us all see, how our Ethnic Scout experience can work for the well-being of all Scouts in Canada.

Z.B.



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With deep regret we must say,
that this is the last edition of -
Czuwaj - .

Due to rising cost of production,
postage and very low incoming subscrip-
tions it is no longer possible to
maintain this publication.

It is very regretable, that in the
past year of our publication, we have
experienced a very low caliber of cri-
ticism and discussion on mutual Scout
problems within the frame work of the
Polish Scouts Ass'n in Canada. We are
very sorry to say, that we received in
the past year, from Polish Scout Leaders
Conference (in 1968) and from the Chief
Commissioner of the Polish Scouts in
Canada (Jan. 10, 1969) notes, which only
represented the totalitarian way of
thinking in line of controlling the
press. A phenomena which we have wit-
nessed in Poland, long before the commu-
nist regime was established.

In protest of such actions, the Editor
resigned (on March 27, 1969) from this
Association (after 25 years of service)
and it was decided to close this publi-
cation, since we do not wish to serve
under the ignorance of Polish Scouts
in Exile.

We would like to thank all those fine
Scout publications in the World for
their support and special thanks to
Mr. K. Obtulowicz from London, England .

We are indebted to the Polish press
in Canada, namely; "Związkowiec" (The
Alliancer) from Toronto, Ont., and
"Kurier Ottawski" (The Ottawa Courier)
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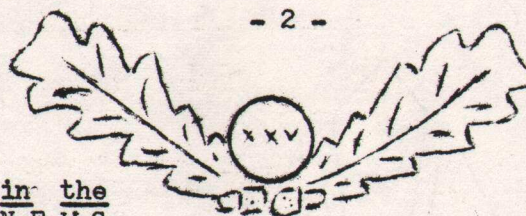
We only hope, that in a small way, we
were able to give you some independent
views on Polish Scouting .

THANK YOU !

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ture to aid the World Scout Brotherhood

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NEWS

Decoration for AVM Harvey.

The Deputy Chief Scout of Canada ,
Air Vice-Marshal James B. Harvey, A.F.C.,
C.D., (Ret.) was awarded the SILVER WOLF
the decoration for distinguished service
to the Boy Scout movement.

On this occasion, we would like to
congratulate the Deputy Chief Scout, who
has shown so much interest in the Ethnic
Scout problem in this country.

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NO
GRANT

Recently it was announced,
that the Secretary of State ,
Travel & Exchange Division in
Ottawa, did not give any financial
assistance towards the traveling expen-
ces of the Polish Scouts in Canada.

They wish to participate at a Jambo-
ree, which will be assisted by the Po-
lish Combatants Association, in Monte
Cassino, Italy this summer.

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- Membership -

The Polish Scout Movement in Exile,
recorded on January 1st, 1967 over
10.000 members. This includes; Boy & Girl
Scouts, Cubs, Rovers, Instructors and mem-
bers of Friends of Polish Scouting.

The Boy Scouts section only, has over
4000 members. Here are some statistics;
Boy Scouts and Cubs in this section:-

| <u>Year</u> (in Poland) | <u>Year</u> (in Exile) |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1920 - 21.000 | |
| 1925 - 27.569 | 1955 - 1.926 |
| 1930 - 42.094 | 1964 - 3.790 |
| 1934 - 192.867 | 1967 - 4.020 |
| 1935 - 103.471 | |

At present, Polish Scouting is active
in such countries as; Great Britain,
France, Belgium, Netherlands, West Germany,
Canada, U.S.A., Argentina and Australia .

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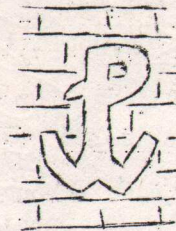
Summer
Camps

The regular yearly Scout
Camps of the Polish Scouts in
Canada, will be conducted this
summer at "Kaszuby" near Barry's Bay,
Ont., and in "Gnieszno" near Ste. Agathe,
Quebec. The camp fee will be about \$20.00
per week. The camps will last for 4 weeks.



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POLISH SCOUTS IN WARSAW UPRISING
August 1st, - October 3rd, 1944.



On August 1st, 1944 in the afternoon, the people and the Polish Home Army, under the Commander-in-Chief, General T. Bór-Komorowski, started a general rising in Warsaw, the Polish capital city.

About 40.000 men and 42.000 women took to arms in order to free this city from the last 5 years of German occupation.

Among them, were special Polish Boy Scouts units, composed from older Scout leaders; namely the "Zoska", "Parasol" - the cream of the Underground Army's units. Lots of them, left their young lives on the barricades for freedom.

The tune of "Varsovienne", the uprising song of the Polish patriots of 1830 was once again, the war song of Warsaw. The young Scouts manned the city's post office (the mail boxes at this time were marked with the Polish Eagle and Scout emblem), running with letters, about 6.000 daily, under fire. In this respect alone, the Scouts have rendered an invaluable service to the citizens of Warsaw.

They also served as runners, often crawled through miles of city sewers re - treating from one lost district to another.

The Girl Guides were always ready with first aid patrols, hospitals and feeding posts. They often helped to keep watch on the barricades.

The German tanks crushed improvised barricades, heavy bombing and artillery reduced buildings, about 34.3 % of the city, to heaps of dust. After 63 days of agony, with a quarter million Poles dead and about 26.000 German casualties, under its ruins, with no water, no food, no medicine - the smoky rubble that was once the proud city of Warsaw, - surrendered . . . -

The Polish young Scouts, served in that time, 25 years ago, its Nation, its city - well.

They gave their lives for it, and let's hope that this will never happen again.

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POLISH SCOUT PRESS .

The were times (in 1935) when the Polish Scouts publications in Poland, reached over 90 titles in numbers. Two years after Scouting was introduced in Poland, the Movement had (in 1912) 15 different Scout publications. In the year of the formation of World Scout Movement, Poland had produced over 20 different Scout magazines. In 1922 it was 50, in 1929 only 35 and a year later 70 and in the year 1939, again only 55 titles were published. During the last war (1939/45) over 30 different Scout publications were produced in occupied Poland, by the Scouts Underground movement, at any given time.

The Polish Scouts H.Q. in London, England, now is producing; "Biuletyn Informacyjny Naczelnictwa" (The H.Q. Bulletin), a mimeographed newsletter, issued monthly for the past sixteen years. "Ognisko Harcerskie" (The Campfire), quarterly publication, devoted mainly to the Scout Leaders. Vol. 5. No. 1. was published in January of this year. "Na Tropie" (On the trail) is one

of the best produced and published magazine. This offset publication, published since May 1956, with illustrations is mainly intended as a reading primer for young Scouts and Patrol Leaders. "W Kregu Wodownikow" (The Rovers Circle) is a mimeographed newsletter, devoted mainly to the Rover section in Polish Scouting. The Polish Girl Guides H.Q. in London, England, is publishing since January 1961, its newsletter; "Wezelek" (The knot). This fine publication is devoted to general Girl Guide news. Since June 1968, a Polish Scouter, Mr. K. Obtulowicz is publishing "Chowanna" (Pedagogic) in London. His magazine, the only independent Scout publication is concerned with historical and educational works on Scouting. In Argentina, the Polish Scouts are producing a printed magazine, "Młody Las" (The young forest). since the last few years this fine publication is coming to us irregularly. In France, "Wiesci Harcerskie" (Scout tidings) is issued about 5 times yearly. It is a local Scout newsletter, issued →

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

23). The files of the "Scout-Press-Archives" will remain as they are. The work towards completing Scout publications throughout the world will continue. Up till now, over 650 Scout magazine titles are catalogued and sample copies are filed. A special section of the Ethnic Scouts newsletters will be continued. We will welcome more material for our files, which one day, will serve as study material (now in manuscript) for publication.

24). Exchange Notes

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- "Biuletyn Informacyjny Naczelnictwa", Vol. XVI. No. 3 (182), March 1969. (Polish), Publ. London, England.
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POLISH YOUTH CONFERENCE

It was announced that the First All-Canada Youth Congress will take place in Toronto, Ontario, on the 11th, 12th and 13th day of October 1969. The official languages will be; Polish and English.

This three day symposium will make an attempt to evaluate the young people of today. The subjects for discussion are extensive. - Shall we continue to speak Polish ? - What is Polish-Canadian ? - Are we contributing to the Canadian way of life ? - Are we living in a Polish ghetto ? - Shall we reply to anti-Polish propaganda ? These are some of the questions. We hope, that there will be more as the Congress progresses.

For the Polish youth (and the Polish Boy & Girl Scouts) in this country it will be a very fine opportunity to take part in an open discussion on their future and to express their ideas.

* - - - - - * POLISH SCOUT PRESS. (Cont.)

by the Scout H.Q. in that country. "Skaut" (The Scout) is a yearly publication of the historical section of Polish Boy Scouts. In the U.S.A., "Spójnik Terenowy" (The united territory) is published regularly since March 21, 1959. This fine magazine contains sections for Cubs, Scouts, and Rovers for Polish Boy & Girl Scouts in this country. The former members of the Scout Troop "Black Thirteen" (1927) are publishing a friendship magazine "Obieżyświat". This is a Exile publication. It started in England in 1944 and is now in U.S.A. It appears 3 times a year. In Canada, the Polish Scouts have "Wici Harcerskie Kanady". This publication is mainly devoted to training materials for Boy & Girl Scouts in this country. Since the last few years, this magazine is published irregularly. A Polish Sea Scout Troop in Toronto, "Baltyk", started publishing its newsheet "Sternik" (The Rudder) in 1968. This fine troop publication did not last long, and we think that this project is now abandoned.

There are also a number of Scout news sections printed in the regular Polish Ethnic press. This is the case in the U.S.A., France, Australia, England and to some extent in Canada. All this contributes some information materials on Polish Scouts in the Free World.

