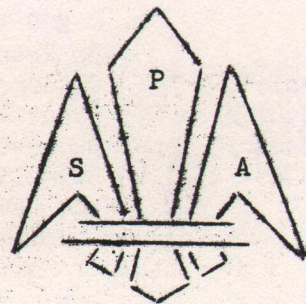


POLISH SCOUTS in CANADA

1.

The history of the Polish Scout's in Canada, goes back to the early Twenties. In the year's 1916-1918, Andrzej Malkowski, the Founder of the Polish Scouts in Poland, attended the Officer's Training Corps in Hamilton and Toronto, Ontario. Later, he fought with the Canadian Army in France. He lost his life going down with a ship, which struck a mine in the Black Sea in 1919.

But not till later, several Polish Scout Troops were active in this country. Frank Zapotoczny, set the first Polish Scout Troop at this time in Winnipeg, Mann. About 18 Polish Boy Scout Troops in the early twenties, and later, were registered at the H.Q. of the Canadian Boy Scout's Association. We know of the existence of 10 Scout Troops in Toronto, Ont.; 6 in Montreal, Que.; 8 in Winnipeg, Man.; 4 in Hamilton, Ont.; 1 in Windsor, Ont.; 2 in Brandon, Ont. and 1 in Edmonton, Alberta, before 1939. But, no special records of these early times are available. As we see, from this short record of Polish Scout Troops in Canada, the Movement was already affiliated with Canadian Scouting.

In 1938, the Polish Scout H.Q. in Warsaw (Poland) sent to Canada Mr. & Mrs. Frank Glogowski, to organize the Polish Scouts here. Their initial work in this field was very valuable, but interrupted by the outbreak of the 1939 world war.

2.

After the war, many Polish emigrants came to Canada and among them were many Scouts and Scouters, who started to organize the Polish Boy Scout's Troops again. The first was formed in Montreal, Que. in 1948, and right after this, in Toronto, Ontario. From this time on, and up to 1958, Prof. Dr. W. Szyrynski was personal representative of the Polish Scout H.Q. in London, England, for Canada.

The first Scout camp took place in summer of 1952 in North Hutley, Que. In 1953, the first summer camp was organized in Barry's Bay, Ont, and named "Kaszuby", where to-day there are permanent buildings for Cubs and Scouts for training purposes. In 1955 in St. Agathe, Que., also a Polish Scout's camp, under the name "Gniezno" was opened and served up to date for permanent Scout grounds.

The Scouter's Conference in 1953 elected its first Chief Commissioner, S. T. Orłowski, and in May 1955, the Polish Scouts Conference in Toronto, Ont, in order to unify all Polish Scouts organizations in this country, formed officially a Scout District for Canada, within the framework of; Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Rover Scouts and the Org. of Friends of Polish Scouts. This body, had its Chairmen as follows; W. J. Wrazej (1955-1957), S. T. Orłowski (1957-1959), S. Grzybowski (1959-1961), S. T. Orłowski (1961-1964), W. Gertler (1964-1967), S. Malicki (1967 -). /Cont.p.3./

NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE . . .

During the XV-th Annual Scout Leaders Conference, held in the first days of September '68 in "Kaszuby", (Barry's Bay, Ont.), Scoutmaster L. PAWLOWSKI was elected new Chief Executive of the Polish Boy Scouts in Canada.

He should receive wholehearted support and warm friendship from the Polish Scouts in this country.

Mr. K. Z. Stohandel, S.M., who relinquished his responsibilities, is to be congratulated for his abilities and above all his sense of purpose and dedication with which he served to enhance the principles and purposes of Polish Scouts in Canada.

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Editors notebook . . .

It is now a year, since the General Secretary of the Boy Scouts World organization Mr. L. Nagy, presented his "Report on World Scouting", in Seattle, Wash., August 1967 at the 21st Boy Scouts World Conference.

In this Report, one finds chapters devoted to the Hungarian and Polish Scouts Movements in their respective countries. One also finds constructive suggestions for the Ethnic Scouts Association in the Free World.

All this material is subject to extensive study. Some comments were already published.

One wonders when the Polish Boy Scouts H.Q. in London, England, will make some official statement to this effect.

Times have changed since May 1961, when the World Scouting requested elimination of the Ethnic Scouts.

To-day, the World Scout body is willing to look for a compromise formula for mutual Scout existence. The problem of "refugee" and "exile" Associations could be solved by giving them special registration.

We should not neglect this subject. Prompt action on the part of Polish Scout Executive in London, England, is requested.

*
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It would be much appreciated, if this newsletter could be subscribed.

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17th, 1968 a "Polish Scouts Evening" at the Baden-Powell House in that city. Polish Scouts and Guides from "Warszawa" and "Baltyk" Troops took part. Scout games, songs and dances were exhibited. The organizers of this excellent "public relation" evening were; S.M. Saeed Akhtar and S.M. C. Paluch. (Cont.p.5)

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NEWS..

CANADA.

The venture, "Go West Young Man" organized by the Polish Scouts in Canada, took 37 Scouts from Toronto Ont. to Vancouver B.C., for 4 weeks.

This event was under the guidance of Scoutmaster Z. Lomnicki.

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In the "Cross Canada Adventure" organized this summer, by the Canadian Ethnic Scout's Conference, 56 Scouts (13 Estonian, 5 Lithuanian, 2 Latvian, 14 Ukrainian and 22 Polish origin) took part. They were under the Leadership of Polish Scout Commissioner K.Z. Stohandel, and in 2 weeks, traveled from Toronto, Ont., to the Rocky Mountains.

Both events were made possible through the generosity (\$9,500.00.) from the Secretary of State, Travel & Exchange Division in Ottawa, Ont.

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Scoutmaster Boleslaw Hladki has been appointed Chief Commissioner of the Contingent of the Polish Boy Scouts from Canada, who will travel to Monte Cassino (Italy) in summer of 1969.

The members of the Polish Scouts at this World event are expected to be received by the Pope, Paul VI at Vatican City.

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ENGLAND.

For the first time since the publication of the "Report on World Scouting" by L. Nagy, the official Polish Boy Scouts in Exile newsletter, "Biuletyn Informacyjny Naczelnictwa", mentioned this fact. No comments on this document is offered, only a promise, that in the near future, more information on this work will be available.

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The International Scout Club in London, England held, on June 17th, 1968 a "Polish Scouts Evening" at the Baden-Powell House in that city.

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POLISH SCOUTS in CANADA. /Cont./

The annual Scout Leader's Conference proved to be an important factor in maintaining progress and activities of the Scout work in this country. In the past years, the systematic and fruitful work provided new Scout Leaders and new Scout courses, which in some way, are up to the standards of the Wood-badger Courses. And this section of the Polish Boy Scouts in Canada, was under the guidance of elected Chief Commissioners; S. Czerwinski (1951-1953), S. T. Orłowski (1953-1955), F. Gladki (1955-1956), K. Milej (1956-1957), S. Halek (1957-1958), M. Rozewicz (1958-1960), K. Z. Stohandel (1960-1961), S. Z. Podkowinski (1961-1963), S. Brodzki (1963-1965), K. Z. Stohandel (1965-1968), L. Pawlowski (1968 -).

One must say here, that the Commissioners and Chief Commissioners in the Polish Scouts in Canada, work hundreds of hours yearly and travel thousand of miles in the name of Scout activities, without pay.

3.

In January 1955, in Toronto, Ont., the Polish Scouts started publishing their duplicated monthly magazine, under the title "Wici Harcerskie Kanady". Till now appeared 82 numbers, a total of 13.200 copies and 434.800 pages, of training and information materials for Polish Scouts in Canada. A large portion of this materials is devoted to the history of Poland.

The basic achievements in the past few years are positive in the line of Scout work among the Polish Scout Troops. To-day there are Troops in; Ottawa, Ont. (1950) /the year indicates its first beginning after the '39 war./, Toronto, Ont. (1949), Montreal, Que., (1948), St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, Ont. (1952), Windsor, Ont., (1953), Hamilton, Ont. (1953), Sudbury, Ont. (1957), London, Ont. (1955), Chatham, Ont. (1958), Kingston, Ont. (1959), Oshawa, Ont. (1959), Galt, Ont., (1960), Fort Williams, Ont. (1960), Welland, Ont. (1954), Edmonton, Alberta (1955), Calgary, Alberta, (1955), Winnipeg, Manitoba, (1960) and Vancouver, British Columbia, (1959).

In all those centres, the Scout Troops are making steady progress in their Scout work. Toronto, has a very strong sea Scout Troop, "Baltyk" (Baltic), which has 6 seacrafts. Oshawa, has one of the best organized Scout Troops in every way of Scout work. The Scout Troops from; Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg and some from Vancouver, held their local summer camps in; Flat Lakes, Pigeon Lakes, Seaba Beach and Crimson Lake in Central Canada. In 1960, Scouts from Edmonton, undertook a car trip across Canada and the U.S.A., total; 28 days and 6.171 miles. In the summer of 1960, the Polish Scouts in Canada celebrated their fiftieth Anniversary of Polish Scouting, in Kaszuby, Barry's Bay, Ont. A special activity camp took place, and invited guest from U.S.A, were present among local Ethnic Scouts in Canada. In 1966 during the observance of Poland's Millennium of Christianity in Barry's Bay, Ont., the Polish Scouts played an important role in this celebration. Right now preparations are being made for the trip to Monte Cassino in Italy for the summer of 1969, where the Polish World Jamboree will take place.

4.

Scout leadership must be provided for these young boys in the movement of Polish Scouts in Canada. In the first years after World war II, the patriotic feelings towards Poland were running very high among the Scout leaders. This was due to hopes of early return to that country. Later, the whole picture changed and the old guard finally settled in this country. Their patriotism towards Poland, became more realistic. Scout movement in those times experiences mass learning about Polish history. Life brought different results. The youth, being proud Polish - Canadian citizens of this country, felt that it had its own life to live. This naturally provided a conflict in the ranks of the Scout Executive in Canada. And only, as soon as it will be understood, that the new generation of Boy Scouts, belongs to Canada by natural virtue, the better it will be for the future of this Movement. The Polish Scouts in Canada, do have like so many other Associations the "old bones" in high places of command. And we are awfully afraid on some occasions of hurting the Scouter's feeling, but I think,

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POLISH SCOUTS in CANADA, /Cont./

we ought too, on occasion, hurt someone's feelings if it is going to do some good for the Scout Movement. The young and able new Scout Leaders should have a bigger voice in the affairs of the Polish Scouts in Canada. They will bring us a new dynamic Scout program, and they will lead this Movement. The old guard, should voluntarily join the Clubs of Former Scouts, and enjoy the progress of the young.

In order to proceed with the progress, we should continue our association with the Canadian Ethnic Scout's Conference. It is very necessary to belong to the body of World Scout Brotherhood. To obtain this privilege we should continue the work, which was started last year very successfully and strengthen the line between Boy Scouts of Canada and Ethnic Scouts.

In all this work, the Scouts have a fine chance to remain the Polish - Canadian Scouts with all their national privileges of Polish descent. Z.B.

Canadian - Polish Congress...
POLISH YOUTH CONFERENCE . . .

The Canadian - Polish Congress recently announced that in late summer of 1969 they will hold in Toronto, Ont. or Barrys Bay, Ont. a special 2 to 3 days, Conference on Polish Youth in Canada.

It is a very welcome idea and in view, of Polish youth in this country, coming to age, this Conference could produce farreaching results. Concerning the future organizational structure of the Polish community in Canada.

The Youth Department in the Canadian-Polish Congress is headed by Eng. George Grodecki, a Polish Scouter and an able organizer.

To prepare ground work for this forthcoming Conference, he traveled to; Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver, B.C.. Since, the Polish Boy Scouts are members of the Canadian-Polish Congress, one can only hope,

Polish Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Membership in Canada.

Year	Commissioners	Wolf Cubs.	Boy Scouts	Rover Scouts	Total	Grand Total	Scout Troops.
1960.	46.(44).	289.(464).	280.(260).	20.(18).	635.(786).	1,421.	35.(50).
1961.	46.(33).	391.(339).	401.(325).	20.(18).	832.(715).	1,547.	47.(12)?
1962.	47.(42).	378.(333).	431.(368).	20.(29).	876.(772).	1,648.	42.(45).
1963.	49.(53).	318.(421).	521.(650).	26.(24).	914.(1,148).	2,062.	35.(50).
1964.	33.(60).	341.(376).	510.(471).	58.(28).	942.(935).	1,877.	40.(45).
1965.	37.(65).	248.(281).	507.(462).	103.(*).	895.(808).	1,703.	36.(37).
1966.	65.(*).	201.(*).	427.(*).	130.(*).	823.(*).		37.(*).
1967.	43.(89).	* (241).	* (464).	* (*).	* (794).		39.(36).
1968.	33.(*).	82.(*).	199.(*).	83.(*).	377.(*).		21.(*).

Figures in parentheses rep. Polish Girl Guides in Canada.

(*) No figures available.

Grand total for membership of ; Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Friends of Polish Scouts, represented in year; 1962 - 2,338 members, in 1963 - 2,652 members and in 1964 - 2,700 members.

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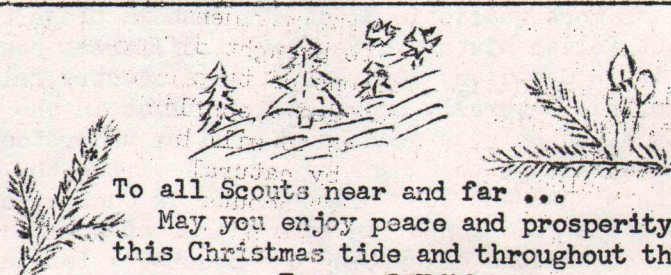


Called to Higher Service

We deeply regret the passing of Eng. Henryk WILK of Ottawa, Ont., on August 19, 1968.

He was a member of the Polish Boy Scouts in Canada and has rendered outstanding service to the Movement.

that their representatives will play an active part in this important event.



To all Scouts near and far ...
May you enjoy peace and prosperity this Christmas tide and throughout the year,
From - CZUWAJ.



CANADIAN ETHNIC SCOUT'S CONFERENCE FIRST YEAR

As a world organization, the Ethnic Scout's are known under the name; "Council of Scout Associations in Exile".

In Canada, on the 12th of October 1967, in Toronto, Ont. the Ethnic Scouts Associations composed of; Estonian, Hungarian, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Latvian and Polish Scouts, formed a committee under the name; "Canadian Ethnic Scout's Conference".

The purpose of this Conference is to promote unity and common understanding of the fundamental principles of Scouting, and help coordinate Scout events among Ethnic Scout organizations.

In the past year, the Conference organized a very successful "Centennial Ethnic Scout Jamboree" in Barry's Bay, Ont. Published a fine brochure with pictures about the Jamboree. This year organized "Cross Canada Adventure" - a trip for Boy Scouts from those National Scout Groups. They travelled from Toronto, Ont. to the Rocky Mountains and back.

In the field of cooperation with the Boy Scouts of Canada, two important meetings (December 1967 and February 1968) took place. The result, a Brief from C.E.S.C. to the Boy Scouts of Canada in order to establish future and possible ways of mutual Scout cooperation. Also, the Conference published up to-date, 9 issue of its "Centennial Link" newsletter.

The Conference was honoured by the Canadian Government in 1967. It received 8 Centennial Medals in recognition of its valuable service to the nation.

The work of this Conference is now beginning its second year with new plans and programs for the future.

In my opinion it would be time to try and establish branches of the C. E.S.C. in Winnipeg, Man. and Montreal, Que.

Z.B.

in the NEWS. (Cont.)

Polish Scout Troop under S.M. P. Nowak from London, England, spent a weekend (12/14 July '68) at Gilwell Park. They took part in International Scout Reunion. During their stay a national Polish flag was hoisted.

Scouter Jan Rowinski recently was elected President of the Club of Former Polish Scouts in England.

In the past years, this Club contributed much, towards the completion of historical works on Polish Scouts in Poland and in Exile.

The Club, publishes a yearly magazine "Skaut" (Scout) in Polish.

CANADA.

The District of Polish Scouting in Canada will hold its semi-Annual Meeting in October '68 in Toronto, Ont.

Basically, there will be presentations of yearly reports and general discussions on plans for the trip to Italy in 1969.

Poland...

THE IV SCOUT CONFERENCE

The Polish youth organization, under the name "Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego" - Union of Polish Pathfinders -, has held its IV Scout Conference, during the 14, 15 and 16th of October 1968 in Warsaw, Poland.

This youth organization, bearing the Scout name, is unfortunately only structurally similar to Scout training and Scout organization.

The political influences on the youth made them devoted servants to the State. This was very evident during the session of the IV Congress. Basically, it was said, that the Scouts should implicate in their Scout work, the regime and political education.

The Union is not a member of the World Scouting, but belongs to the World Union of Socialist Youth a communist movement.

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S. P. A.

NEWS

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

6). A new Scout magazine, under the title "Chowanna" (Pedagogic) appeared in June 1968 in London, England. (*)

This youth publication (offset, 17 x 21 cm.) is written entirely in Polish and contains subjects of interest to Scout Leaders and Commissioners.

The publisher and editor, Mr. K. Obtulowicz is a Polish Scouter.

This is not a official publication of the Polish Boy Scouts, but a venture to invite the Polish Scout Leaders to participate in discussion on to-days Polish Scout problems in the World.

This magazin constitutes a leading publication among the bulletins published in England for the Polish Scouts. (*) Yearly subscription in U.S. and Canada, \$1.25. Address; 76, Cleveland St., London, W.1. - England.

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7). The Polish Boy Scouts in Argentina are publishing a printed magazine in Polish for Scouts, under the title ; - "Młody Las" (Young Forest).

The May '68 issue of this fine publication is entirely devoted to the memory of Polish Marshal Josef Pilsudski, who was for some time the Patron of this Movement in Poland.

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8). "Scout Memorabilia" is a special publication devoted to the interest of Scouting history. It opens a new hobby collecting Scout memorabilia. Also much enjoyment can be shared in learning about the Scouts in the World.

This publication, full of good reproductions is a very handy helper in promoting this hobby. Offset printed, 15 x 23 cm. magazine is in its third year of publication and you can obtain a sample copy, by writing to the publisher and editor. Mr. Harry D. Thorsen, Jr., 387 Sunset Road, Winnetka, Ill. 60093. - U.S.A.

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9). Exchange Notes.

"The International Panther", Vol. 13. No.2, Summer 1968., Vol. 13.No. 3. Autumn 1968. Publ. Liverpool., England.

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POLISH PRESS IN CANADA

The Polish language press in Canada and its leading publications, namely, "Związkowiec" (The Alliancer), "Głos Polski" (Polish Voice) published in Toronto, Ont., and "Czas" (Polish Time) from Winnipeg, Man., are giving each year considerable space to the subject of Polish Scouting.

One can find there articles devoted to the work of Polish Scouting in general, special notes about district work and local Troops.

I think, we should thank them, and also the smaller publications, for their support they give in presenting Scouting to the Polish public in Canada.

Z.B.

-Thank you, for your note about the Ethnic Scouts in Canada. - Ed.

- "Scout Memorabilia", Vol. III, No. 2. 1968. Publ. U.S.A..

- "Młody Las", May 1968. (Polish), Publ. Argentina.

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- "Na Tropie", Vol. XXI, No. 7-8, July - August 1968, Vol. XXI, No. 9, September 1968. (Polish), Publ. England.

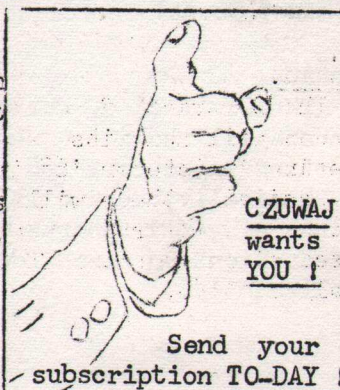
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10). The Archive would be very grateful for receiving more Scout publication for its file.

... "Attention paid to an office and respect for it", said Right Reverend H.R. Hunt of Toronto, " should be determined by the

quality of service given by the person who holds that office" ...

How true it is Ed.



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