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ETHNIC SCOUTS AND THE BOY SCOUTS OF CANADA...

## A STEP FORWARD

The idea of presenting the Boy Scouts of Canada with a brief, was born in Toronto, Ontario, in February 1968.

The members of the Canadian Ethnic Scout's Conference, namely; - The Advisory Council for the Estonian Boy Scouts in Canada, Hungarian Boy Scouts Association in Canada, Latvian Boy Scouts Association in Canada, Lithuanian Boy Scouts Association in Canada, Polish Scouts Association in Canada and The Dominion Executive of Plast-Ukrainian Youth Association of Canada (in other words the Ukrainian Boy Scouts), are in the final stage of preparing and presenting their proposals to the Boy Scouts of Canada.

The documents are showing considerable interest of giving the youth of Canada an opportunity to work in the regions of a greater scope in the frame of Scout world.

It is hoped, that the Boy Scouts of Canada will give due consideration to the presentation of C.E.S.C. and find a way to create a Committee to study the long lasting problems of the Ethnic Scout organizations in this country.

There must be, naturally good Scout intentions for serious talks. **And I think** that all the numerous facts indicate that there is good will towards such propositions.

The road is not easy. There are some areas of concern in the field of; principles, aims, operating policies, promise and law, ect.

New programs of the Boy Scouts of Canada now, have come closely to those of the Ethnic Scouts, so here one can see a rather simple way to cooperate.

There should be no objection by the Boy Scouts of Canada towards the use of national language by the Scouts at their meetings.

In the field of registration (specially for the Ukrainian and Polish groups), one can see points for open discussion.

The area of field training like ; formal courses (such as basic and

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### FOUNDER'S DAY MESSAGE 22 February 1969

On this 112th anniversary of the birth of the Founder, Lord Baden - Powell of Bilwell, we would like to send our greetings to all Scouts in the World.

The general world conditions give little reason for peace of mind, but the thousands of Scouters throughout the World can gain some personal satisfaction from the knowledge, that their contribution to the youth of their countries is most worthwhile.

B.-P., a man born ahead of his time, we hope, would have recognized the need for the maintenance of our Ethnic Scouts in the family of World Scouting. Since, we have the same fundamental principles in Scouting.

So, let us have confidence in our World Scout Movement.

And let us do as he would done.  
Let held out our left hand to welcome mutual Scout work into the World Brotherhood.



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Editors notebook . . .

During the XV Annual Scout Leaders and Commissioners Conference of the Polish Scouts Assn. in Canada, held in September 1968, our publication was under criticism.

The Scout Commissioners objected to our way of requesting action on part of the Polish Scout Executive in London, England, on the subject of the "Report on World Scouting" by L. Nagy.

Here, one must say, that we welcome critical analysis as long as it serves the good of Scout organization.

But very unfortunately, the critical views of the Conference were more of personal nature and less of the real value to the Polish Scouts Assn.

In view of this, one can only say, that it makes no difference here, who is in charge of one or the other section in Polish Scouts Assn., as long as he conducts his Scout business for the benefit of the boys.

And once again, one would like to call on the Polish Scout Executive in London, England, to pick up the matter of World Scouting and give us the official view on the subject of Dr. Nagy's "Report..." Specially on his comments relating to the Polish Pathfinders in Poland and the Polish Scout Assn. in Exile.

The Poles in Warsaw, already made comments on this "Report".

They rejected it.

But at least we know their official position.

And how about the Polish Scouts H.Q. in London, England ? .

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

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NEWS...

CANADA.

The staff of Polish Scouts Association in Canada for the year 1968-

1970 is, as follows; -

Chief Commissioner - L. Pawlowski,  
Deputy Chief Commissioner - S. Podkowski, Secretary - B. Cholewo, Treasurer - J. Wiktorczyk, Training Section (Boys & Rovers) - J. Grodecki, S. Orłowski, J. Wieckowski, Commissioner for Rovers Section - K. Z. Stohandel, Commissioner for Cubs Section - J. Grodecki, Public Relation & Press, - S. Halek and B. Cholewo, Commissioners for Training of Scout Instructors - S. Orłowski, J. Grodecki, S. Podkowiński, Members of the H.Q. - B. Włodarczyk, M. Rozewicz, Delegates to C.E.S.C., - K. Z. Stohandel, S. Podkowiński, J. Więckowski. Manager, Scout Shop, (Mrs.) E. Lotamoza.

The H.Q. is in Toronto, Ontario, 159 Pearson Ave, Toronto 3, Ont. - Canada.

The semi-Annual Conference of the Polish Scouts Assn. and Polish Girl Guides in Canada, was held for two days in early December '68., in Toronto, Ont.

The main subject of this Conference was to receive yearly reports. The conducted discussions here in regards to the planned trip to Italy in summer of 1969. It was estimated, that the trip, should take the Scouts to France and Italy, for a period of 3 weeks. The cost is an estimated \$ 462.00 per person. 140 to 172 persons are expected to take part from Canada.

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THANK YOU . . .

We would like to say - Thank you - for all those fine Christmas and New Year wishes, which we received from Scouters of many countries.

Again, we wish you all -  
a Happy New Year -

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Polish Girl Guides ...

COMMITTEE ON POLAND . . .

The Polish Girl Guides held their 3rd (1st in 1954, 2nd in 1964) Commissioners Camp, from Aug. 30th, to Sept. 2nd, 1968 in Girl Guides Camp in Stella Place in France. There were 41 participants from ; U.S.A., England, Australia and France.

Among general planning, for the next 10 years, the Girl Guides, held also every day a special discussions. One very important suggestion was made.

It is a call to the H.Q. of Girl Guides (in London, England) to establish a Committee which would record and inform the important events in Scouting of to-days Poland.

And one can say, that in the past, we kept silent about the Polish Scouts in this country. A research Committee in this line, would be a very welcome addition to our organization.

It is true, that in a way, the political and ideological views of the Scouts in Poland and in the Free World are apart. And there are good reasons for it.

But, one would like to think, that there are ways for us, in the Free World to profit from the achievements of to-days Scouts in Poland.

In the field of publications, youth research, after taking out all the political flavour from such materials, we could adopt it, to our standards here. It would be useful for us, to devote some research concerning the whole organization of Polish Scouts in Poland.

The Polish Scouts Association in Canada, could show some interest towards those problems. After all, we travel to visit Poland.

Lets be critical towards the Warsaw Scout Leaders, but lets not forget, that even from them, we can learn some Scoutcraft.

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THE SCOUT MOVEMENT IN POLAND

The first news of the beginning of the Scout movement in England reached Poland in 1909. There appeared then a press article, the author of which obtained his information directly from Baden-Powell, the founder of the method of education.

The first Scout units were formed in 1910. Scout ideals began to spread among the Poles at a time when their country was still enslaved, being partitioned by the three Powers of that time; Russia, Germany and Austria-Hungary.

The Scout movement flourished particularly in the part of Poland under Austrian occupation, because it was able to

A STEP FORWARD /Cont./

Woodbadge), workshops, recognition of their trainers, must come under mutual consideration.

There is also a large field to consider in the line of; uniforms, Scout symbols, stripes, Scout badges and emblems, books and manuals, joint activities such as camping, camporees, Jamborees, and so forth.

The Committee, should find ways and solutions to Ethnic Scout property and finance.

The list is not complete, but give only some of the aspects facing the future negotiations.

An assesment may be necessary, but before this is done a full and frank exchange of views will be called for and respect and tolerance for each other's position will be essential.

The proposal seems likely to be debated widely, and with differing opinions among many Scouters during the time to come. But, as long as this is done in good faith and for the benefit of our Scout youth in Canada, it will be worth every effort. Z.B.

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develop in the open there. Under the Russian and German occupation clandestine Scout Units were formed.

In 1912 Andrzej Malkowski, one of the principal promoters of the Scout movement in Poland, went to London, (England) in order to acquaint himself with Scout activities on the spot and to collect material for a new edition of a book entitled "Scouting". He returned from this journey with an invitation to the Jamboree at Birmingham. This invitation was accepted, and the Poles were represented at the Birmingham Jamboree in 1913. This delegation, numbering 54 persons/Cont.p.6/

# S.P.A. NEWS

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

11). The National Council of the Boy Scouts of Canada published a new book under the title; "Canadian Scout Handbook", in late summer of 1968.

This comprehensive work, is a collection of subjects. It covers the new program, Canadian Scouting, known as "Scouts '68".

The are sections of the book, devoted to; Scoutcraft, personal fitness, safety, leadership, water safety, winter activities, home and community activities, conservation and special sections for new badge requirements.

J.B. Harvey the Deputy Chief Scout of Canada, wrote the forward. "The new handbook" - I quote - "not only captures the spirit and flavour of the past, it also brings the latest information on the new Boy Scout programs..."

And how true it is. The exciting feature of this book is the unique achievement of blending the yesterday with to-day and of tomorrow. I hope, this work, will serve the youth in Canada for many years to come.

Boy Scouts of Canada, "Canadian Scout Handbook". Publ. Sept. 1968. Ottawa, Ont., 448 p. 20 x 14 cm. Over 1.200 colourful photographs and drawings. Cat. No. 20-551. \$1.95.

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12). Polish Boy Scouts in England, recently published a short study by Scoutmaster S.W. Wojstomski, describing the work and contribution of Polish Scouts and Girl Guides, in Poland from 1914 to 1921. This well documented book, under the title "Naprzód Skauci" (\*), /Forward Scouts/, fills a gap in our knowledge about those times and the Scouts military contribution towards the restoration of new Poland, in that time.

A special section deals with the modern times (1939-1968) in Polish Scout situations; of to-day Poland and Scouts in Exile.

This publication was made possible through the special interest of the Club of Former Polish Scouts in England.

The subject of the book, should be of

great importance and abiding interest to Polish Scouters.

(\*) Phm. Stefan Witold Wojstomski, "Naprzód Skauci". Cover title: 13 x 21 cm. Text in Polish. 103 p. Publ. Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego. May 1968. London, England. Price \$ 1.00.

13). Exchange Notes.

"The Howl", September 1968. Publ. Liverpool, - England.

"The Scout Leader", Vol. 46. No. 2. Oct. 1968. Publ. Ottawa, Ont. - Canada.

"The Lighthouse Flash", No. 6. Aug. 1968. Publ. Durban. - S. Africa.

"Biuletyn Informacyjny Naczelnictwa", Vol. XV. No. 8-9 (175-176), Aug. - Sept. 1968. (Polish). Publ. London, - England.

"Roaring Twenties", Vol. 3. No. 4. Oct. 1968. Publ. London, - England.

"The Bugle", Vol. 9. No. 10. August 1968, Publ. Durban. - S. Africa.

"World Scouting - Scoutisme Mondiaal", Vol. 4. No. 3. July - Sept. 1968. Publ. Geneva, - Switzerland.

"World Scouting - Scoutisme Mondial", Vol. 4. No. 4. October - December 1968, Publ. Geneva - Switzerland.

"The White Horse Express", Vol. I. No. 1. October 1968. Publ. Melksham, Wilts. - England.

"Na Tropie", Vol. XXI. No. 10. October 1968 (Polish). Publ. London, - England.

"Chowanna", Vol. I. No. 2. October 1968. (Polish). Publ. London - England.

"Network Scouting", Vol. I. No. 1. Sept. 1968. Publ. Assen - Holland.

"Biuletyn Informacyjny Naczelnictwa", Vol. XV. No. 10. (177). October 1968. (Polish). Publ. London, - England.

"Węzelek", No. 36. October 1968. (Polish Girl Guides). Publ. London, - England.

"Scout Memorabilia", Vol. III. No. 5., Nov. 1968. Publ. U.S.A.

"The Scout Leader", Vol. 46. No. 4. Dec. 1968. Publ. Ottawa, Ont. - Canada.

"Na Tropie", Vol. XXI. No. 11. November 1968 (Polish). Publ. London, - England.

"Network Scouting", Vol. I. No. 4. Nov. 1968. Publ. Assen - Holland.

"World Scouting - Scoutisme Mondial", Vol. 5. No. 1. January - March 1969, Publ. Geneva - Switzerland.

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14). The Archive would be very grateful for receiving more Scout publications for its file.

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OTTAWA SCOUTS HONOR POLISH MINISTER.  
From: "The Ottawa Journal", June 22, 1944.

Boy Scouts of Ottawa this afternoon presented Hon. Victor Podoski, Polish Minister to Canada, with an engraved set of book-ends as a farewell gift before his departure for overseas.

Mr. Podoski was a close friend to Ottawa Scouts during his stay in Canada. A message from Canadian Boy Scouts was given to Mr. Podoski to deliver to the Boy Scouts of Poland.

Gerald H. Brown, Dominion Scout Secretary, made the presentation at the Legation, 333 Chapel St., and John A. Stiles, Chief Executive Commissioner for Canada, delivered the message.

A guard-of-honor formed by six King Scouts, joined in the ceremony.

Mr. E. L. Callow, Ottawa District Secretary, officially represented Ottawa.

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S.P.A. NEWS ... (Cont.)

15). The new manual for Scout Leaders in Canadian Scouting titled; "Handbook for Troop Scouters & Counsellors" is a well produced book. It gives in 25 chapters the basic guidance on the operation of the new Boy Scout program.

One should regret, that no special chapter is devoted to the subject of World Scouting.

But at the same time this book will be of great help to Scouters in Canada in their work with Scout Troops in this country.

Boy Scouts of Canada, "Handbook for Troop Scouters & Counsellors". Publ. Sept. 1968. Ottawa, Ontario. 282 p. 21 x 13 cm. Over 200 drawings. Cat. No. 20-552. Price; \$1.95.

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The Secretary-General of the Boy Scouts World Bureau, Laszlo Nagy - said; -  
... "Our Founder, a pragmatic genius, taught us clearly never to start out with a preconceived idea, but to observe, to scrutinize and to question reality. However, reality as it appears in this tormented year of 1968, where the rights of the smaller are violated with impunity by the larger, compels us to reconsider the mistaken assumptions on which we base our comfortable apolitical stand." ...

About the Nagy Report ...  
THE WARSAW VIEW ...

Early last year, Mr. Wiktor Kinecki published in the Scout magazine "Drużyna" (Detachment) a lengthy article based on the "Report on World Scouting" by dr. Laszlo Nagy, the Secretary-General of the Boy Scouts World Bureau.

Its author is a member of the Central Committee of to-days ruling political party in Poland and also a Chief Scout of the Polish Scout Movement, under the name "Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego", (Union of Polish Pathfinders) with a membership of over 2 million girls and boys in Poland.

In his comments on World Scouting, Mr. Kinecki is critical, except for their work in Africa. He tries to point out, that only the youth work in the socialistic block has a real true way of existence.

Mr. Kinecki in this work mentions the work of the Polish Scouts in Exile, which is in his view, on its way out.

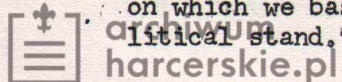
One can advocate a plan for future cooperation; but Mr. Kinecki's proposals are a onesided affair and tailored to his demands only.

Let it be assumed for the sake of argument, that some day an agreement will be reached for the recognition of Polish Scouts in Poland in to-days structure and the World Conference of the Boy Scouts World Movement.

This, as a first step, could come, as Mr. Kinecki is suggesting, in form of mutual exchange of informations in the field of cultural and sport activities. Furthermore, Mr. Kinecki sees possible ways of exchanging informations, books, periodicals, ect., of interest in training the youth in the world.

On the other side, Mr. Kinecki is not giving any concession from his side and stands strong in his official political line.

Dr. L. Nagy, said plainly; " The basis for recognition is the acceptance of the basic aims and principles of Scouting as set forth in the Constitution - including the Scout Oath and Law. The Conference welcomes all who can accept them. " -



THE SCOUT MOVEMENT IN POLAND (Cont.)

included Scouts from all three sections of Poland. In spite of the protests of the diplomatic representatives of Austria-Hungary, Germany and Russia, the Polish delegation hoisted its national flag and rectified the mistaken view that it was an Austrian delegation. In local papers numerous photographs appeared with the inscription; "From Poland to Birmingham"... The camp of the Polish Scouts was visited by The Duke of Connaught, cousin of the King, and Baden - Powell.

The Scout movement kept spreading and reached more and more groups of young people. The Polish Scouts took a very active part in the struggle for freedom, both during the First World War and the Polish-Soviet War and in 1939/45 war.

The Polish Scout delegation about to go to a Jamboree at Olympia in 1920, was disbanded and its members enlisted in the army. A telegram was sent to London, stating that "the Polish Scouts are unable to go to London as they have to help in the defence of civilisation". After the victorious war against the Bolsheviks, the Polish nation had to rebuild its country devastated by war and to make good the consequences of 150 years of foreign domination. The Polish Scout movement took a very active part in this work, which went on unremittingly until 1939. More and more boys joined the Scout troops; numerous camps and courses were organized, fresh-water and sea sailing was developed, gliding, aviation, parachute training, mountaineering and hiking. Permanent Scout centres were created. Troops of Wolf Cubs were developed on a big scale. We also took an active part in the international Scout movement. At the moment of the outbreak of the last World War there were 127.000 Boy Scouts in the ranks of the Scout Troops.

Polish Scouts took a very active part in the struggle against the German and Bolshevik invaders, joining the auxiliary services and air defence. After the catastrophe in September 1939 a new period of work started, clandestine units operated in the home country, carrying out educational tasks side by side with Scout units entrusted with purely military tasks. Outside the home country, Scout activity was carried on under the control of our Scout authorities.

The headquarters of the Polish Scout movement were established first in Paris, France, then in London, England, where they still remain. Z.S.

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WORLD SCOUTING

22nd Boy Scouts World Conference.

Plans are moving ahead for the 22nd Boy Scouts World Conference to be held August 21-28, 1969 at the Otaniemi (OH-tah-NYEH-mee) Conference Centre near Helsinki, Finland.

The 400 delegates expected each member country's delegation has six votes will have one of the world's most exciting and flexible meeting facilities at their disposal with complete translation, projection, sound and lighting capabilities. The many movable walls permit unlimited combinations of meeting rooms... This will be the first Conference since the reorganization of the World Movement begun by decision of the 21st World Conference in Seattle Washington in 1967. Training will be a major emphasis and a variety of stimulating and helpful presentations and exhibits are anticipated.

New member country ...

The formal application for membership of World Conference has been approved by the World Committee and accepted by member country and the Kingdom of Swaziland (Membership of 600 in 1967) and Surinam (formerly known as Dutch Guiana) with membership of 1.800 Scouts, are now member countries of the World Scout Brotherhood.

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13th World Jamboree - Japan 1971.

The theme of the Jamboree is - "For Understanding". National contingents which may be as large as they please, will truly enjoy the site of the Jamboree which is one of the most beautiful in the world. The Jamboree campsite is located close to Mt. Fuji, reaching to 3,772 meters. (From; "World Scouting"-Geneva).