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In your hands you now have the second Newsletter and I hope that you actively use this opportunity to exchange information and ideas.

This year most of our members have managed to strengthen the Federation and exchange of ideas by meeting together, for example: by common Cub camps, Scout summer camps and Rovermoots in England, Denmark, Italy, Lithuania and Germany. The exchange by groups, troops and associations are very important and excellent. A special highlight was the International Congress from the Pfadfinderbund Weltenbummler in Berlin, where 350 leaders and international guests came for this event. Everywhere you could sense the feeling from Baden - Powell's spirit and content and you feel that this lives in our associations. I'm very happy to see and feel that our youngest members (Beaver and Cubs) ease with fun and playing, the language problems on the Camps. We as Scouts are only a small Part of the European Union but you will see on our camps that we live the European Ideal effectively. I hope that, when we come together on our Jamboree next Year, this spirit lives in our hearts for a long time. You are all welcome at the Jamboree..

In other areas - like Training - we have an effective exchange, for example the Woodbead training course at Stainsby this year. The training concepts in our associations are manifold and you can all use this. Please send us your training plans, if you wish to have members from other associations on the courses, and we will publish them here in a future newsletter.

We wish to give our best regards to the Solmser Pfadfinderschaft who hold their 40th Jubilee and to the Pfadfinderbund Weltenbummler who hold their 20th Jubilee.

Our special greetings go to four new associations from Italy, Switzerland, Lithuania and Germany. We are looking forward to exchanging ideas and holding Camps with these associations.

To the end let me say one or two important things: we as the Executive Board are dependent on you as members. We wish to know what you feel and what you would like to do in the WFIS-EU. We give our best to run this Federation but you are the members and so please let us know what we can do for you. Let us have your ideas and your future programmes and let us together fill up this Federation with life.

I hope to see you at the next general meeting in Switzerland.

Yours in Scouting

Klaus Tegeder
WFIS 1. Chairman

HOW I OBTAINED THE NECKLACE OF DINIZULU AS TOLD BY THE CHIEF SCOUT

Copy of notes dictated by B-P in 1925 authenticating the story of Chief Dinizulu's necklace. Original notes are in The Scout Association's Archives, typed on Baden-Powell's head notepaper and addressed Pax Hill, Bentley, Hampshire. 'In 1879 the British under Lord Wolseley broke up the Zulu kingdom, under Cetchwayo, which had been a constant menace with its raids on both Boer and British territory, and divided the nation into eight tribes, each under a separate Chief. One of these tribes was under Dinizulu, the son of Cetchwayo. 'In 1888 Dinizulu raised a rebellion among the tribes against the British. Two of the tribes however elected to side with us. General Sir Henry Smyth took out a force against Dinizulu. I acted as Military Secretary and Intelligence Officer.'Dinizulu after a few small engagements took refuge in a mountain stronghold called the Ceza Bush, just on the border of the Transvaal. I reconnoitred the place with a few Scouts and our forces were brought into position to take it from three sides. Just before attacking I went into position with my Scouts at early dawn and found that the enemy had just hurriedly evacuated it, leaving most of their food and kit behind, and had crossed the border into the Transvaal, where of course we could not follow them.

'In the hut which had been put up for Dinizulu to live in, I found among other things his necklace of wooden beads. I had in my possession a photograph of him taken a few months beforehand in which he was shown wearing this necklace round his neck and one shoulder. 'He was at that time a splendid type of young savage and full of resources, energy and pluck. He eventually surrendered to us, was kept a prisoner for some time and was then returned to his tribe on condition that he behaved himself.

'But later on he broke out again and involved us in a further campaign which resulted in our finally taking over Zululand and annexing it.'

THE LEATHER THONG

The other important part of the Wood Badge, apart from the beads, is the leather thong itself. Baden-Powell was originally given one during the course of the Siege of Mafeking in 1899/1900 when things were not going too well. An elderly man met him and asked him about his unusually depressed appearance. Then the man took the leather thong that he had been wearing from around his neck and placed it in B-P's hand. 'Wear this,' he said. 'My mother gave it to me for luck. Now it will bring you luck.' So from these two souvenirs of his military career in Africa, the leather thong from an old man at Mafeking and from Dinizulu's necklace, B-P fashioned what is now known all over the world as the Wood Badge.

THE GILWELL SCARF

William de Bois Maclaren, a Scottish businessman and the District Commissioner for Rossneath, Dunbartonshire, paid £7,000 in 1919 to buy Gilwell Park, a 55-acre estate on the edge of Epping Forest, London, as a training centre for Scouters and as a camp site for Scouts. He also paid another £3,000 to help put the White House into good repair, as the place had been abandoned for the previous 14 years and was virtually derelict. When Gilwell Park was officially opened on 26th July 1919 Mrs Maclaren cut ribbons in Scout colours (green and yellow) that were hung across the doorway to the White House to mark the opening. B-P then presented Maclaren with the Silver Wolf as a sign of the great debt that the Movement owed to him.

Not much more is known about Maclaren, apart from the fact that he wrote several books including *Climbs and Changes*, *Chuckles from a Cheery Corner*, *The Rubber Tree*

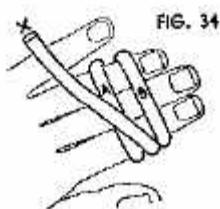
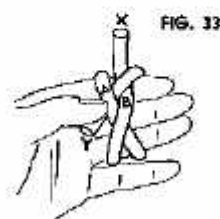
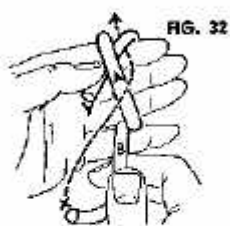
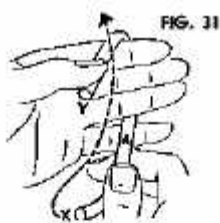
Book and Word Pictures of War (a book of poetry based on experiences of the First World War). He died in 1921.

In his honour the Gilwell staff wore a scarf made of Maclaren tartan. However to reduce the expense a scarf of dove grey cloth (the colour of humility) with a warm red lining (to signify warmth of feeling) was substituted with a patch of Maclaren tartan on the point of the scarf and worn by those passing the Gilwell practical course. In 1924 use of the scarf became restricted to Wood Badge holders only. Today the scarf is more the earth tone colour beige than grey but the reason and the date of this development has not been found.

THE GILWELL WOGGLE

For full details about the history of the woggle see the Archives Information Sheet *The origins of the woggle*. The woggle was first created in the early 1920s by Bill Shankley, a member of the Gilwell staff. He produced a two-strand Turk's head slide which was adopted as the official woggle. In 1943, John Thurman, the Camp Chief, wanted some form of recognition of the completion of each stage of the Leader Training programme and it seemed logical to present some part of the Wood Badge insignia on the completion of what was then called Basic Training. So from 1943 until 1989 the Gilwell woggle was awarded on the the completion of Basic Training and the Gilwell scarf and the Wood Badge beads on the completion of Advanced Training. The Gilwell woggle can still be bought by adults today for use with either the Group or the Gilwell scarf.

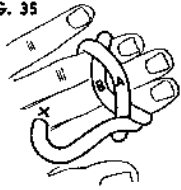
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LET'S TIE IT!

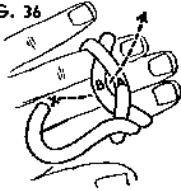
1. Place the rope or braid around three fingers of your left hand, palm up (Figure 31). The working end of the rope/braid will be known as X, and the stationary end as Y.
2. Bring end X over the stationary end Y (Fig. 31) and around the back of the hand (Fig. 32).
3. Thread end X over A and under Y, thus forming B (Figs. 32-33).
4. Turn your left hand over, palm down (Fig. 34).

FIG. 35



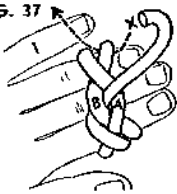
5. Loop A over B, and B under A (Fig. 35). Hold in position by placing the forefinger of your left hand between A and B.

FIG. 36



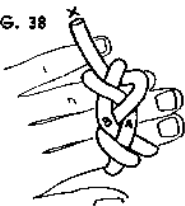
6. Thread end X under B through the crisscross loop formed by A and B (Fig. 36).

FIG. 37



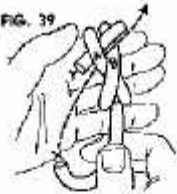
7. Thread end X over A (Fig. 37), and under B again (Fig. 38). 8. Turn your hand over, palm up (Fig. 39). Bring end X alongside of and parallel to end Y by threading the strand under A and over B (Figs. 39-40). Follow the direction of the dotted arrow.

FIG. 38



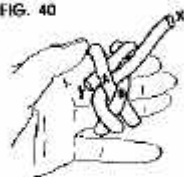
9. The Turk's-Head neckerchief slide is formed by following this strand Y around three times; i.e., until there are three rope/braid strands parallel to each other all around the slide (Figs. 40, 41, 42).

FIG. 39



10. The second time around is indicated in Fig. 41 as well as the beginning of the third time around. Fig. 42 indicates end X on the completion of its third time around.

FIG. 40



11. In doing this it may be necessary to take in the slack from time to time in order that there will be a sufficient amount of material to complete the slide.

FIG. 41



12. A fid or any blunt-pointed tool is a useful aid in this step. It is important to adjust the slide so that it will be neat as well as the right size. Then, too, it will be necessary to remove the slide from the fingers when you thread end X around for the second and third time (Figs. 41-42).

FIG. 42



13. The slide ends at the same point at which it was begun (Y). This completes the neckerchief slide. The tassel is intended to dangle in front of the slide when it is on the neckerchief.



Let's sing together around the campfire...

"Ging Gang Gooli"

During the first World Jamboree B.P. was looking for a song that everyone could sing, no matter what their language was. Ging Gang Gooli was the result. It is of no language, but it means a lot of fun. The story was apparently created later.

In the deepest darkest Africa there is a legend concerning the Great Gray Ghost Elephant. Every year, after the rains, the great gray ghost elephant arose from the mists and wandered throughout the land at dawn. When he came to a village, he would stop and sniff the air, then he would either go around the village or through it. If he went round the village, the village would have a prosperous year, if he went through it, there would be hunger and drought.

The village of War-Cha had been visited three years in a row by the elephant and things were pretty bad indeed. The village leader, Ging-Ganga was very worried, as was the village medicine man Hay-la-shay. Together, they decided to do something about the problem. Now Ging-Ganga and his warriors were huge men with big shields and spears. They decided to stand in the path of the elephant and shake their shields and spears at it to frighten it away. Hay-la-shay and his followers were going to cast magic spells to deter the elephant by shaking their medicine bags, as the elephant approached. The medicine bags made the sound - shalawally, shalawally, shalawally.



Very early in the morning of the day the Great Gray Ghost Elephant came, the villagers gathered at the edge of the village, on one side were Ging-Ganga and his warriors, (indicate right) and on the other was Hay-la-shay and his followers (indicate left). As they waited the warriors sang softly about their leader - Ging gang gooli, gooli, gooli, gooli, watcha, Ging, gang goo, Ging, gang goo, Ging gang gooli, gooli, gooli, gooli, watcha, Ging, gang goo, Ging, gang goo. As they waited the medicine men sang of their leader - Heyla, heyla sheyla, Heyla sheyla, heyla ho, Heyla, heyla sheyla, Heyla sheyla, heyla ho.

And they shook their medicine bags - Shalli-walli, shalli-walli, Shalli-walli, shalli-walli.

And from the river came the mighty great gray ghost elephant's reply - Oompa, oompa, oompa...

The elephant came closer, so the warriors beat their shields and sang louder (signal warriors to stand and beat their thighs in time) - Ging gang gooli, gooli, gooli, gooli, watcha, Ging, gang goo, Ging, gang goo, Ging gang gooli, gooli, gooli, gooli, watcha, Ging, gang goo, Ging, gang goo.

Then the medicine men rose and sang loudly - Heyla, heyla sheyla, Heyla sheyla, heyla ho, Heyla, heyla sheyla, Heyla sheyla, heyla ho. And they shook their medicine bags - Shalli-walli, shalli-walli, Shalli-walli, shalli-walli. And the mighty great gray ghost elephant turned aside and went round the village saying - Oompa, oompa, oompa...



There was great rejoicing
in the village and all the
villagers joined in to sing
.... Ging gang gooli....

Ging gang gooli, gooli, gooli,
gooli, watcha,
Ging, gang goo, Ging, gang goo,
Ging gang gooli, gooli, gooli,
gooli, watcha,
Ging, gang goo, Ging, gang goo.

Heyla, heyla sheyla,
Heyla sheyla, heyla ho,
Heyla, heyla sheyla,
Heyla sheyla, heyla ho,

**Shalli-walli, shalli-
walli, Shalli-walli, shalli-walli.**

Oompa, oompa, oompa...

(Taken from the website: www.macscouter.com)

WFIS SCOUTS MEET EACH OTHER AT... ...PFINGSTLAGER 2001 - GERMANY

The year 2001 is a very exceptionally date for the «Solmscher Pfadfinderschaft» of Laubach, because the scouts of Laubach (Stamm «Hagen von Tronje») celebrate their 40th birthday this year. In 1961 our scout movement had begun with 9 members and now we are nearly 150 members around Laubach and Rüsselsheim.

Cause of this event we redesigned our scout house in Laubach –especially our museum- and we organized a big Whitsun-Camp with all our scout partners.

Already the ground -«the Wirberg»- where the Whitsun-Camp took place is something special for us. In the first years of our history a lot of camps had been there and we build a small romantic hut on that ground.

Since last year this hut belongs to us again. Now we are working a lot so that this hut will be inhabitable as soon as possible.

On Friday evening most of the guests arrived to build up the tents.

The official beginning was on Saturday morning and we were very happy that we could welcome a lot of our partners of the WFIS: German visitors had been the «Asgard» from Kiel, the «BuP» from Lüneburg, the «Alemanen» from Rüsselsheim, the «BCP» from Glinde and the «Georgsritter» from Frankfurt and also some of the Italian Assicout came the long way from Italy to join the camp! During the camp we had been about 100 scouts. Every year a big «tradition» on Whitsun is the rain. Cause of the rain we had to change the program like every year. In the morning we came together in our big black «Jurte» (typical tent for German scouts where you can make fire inside). We sang songs and played games til the rain was over. After that we showed slides of our 40-year-old history. Especially we showed our biggest journeys (for example to Turkey, Canada and Russia). In the afternoon there was a big game in the wooded area with mixed groups of all associations who fight against each other searching a treasure.

For the evening meal we had a buffet together which was really good! Every scout group prepared a good salad, pasta or other things. Following to this we had a traditional ceremony with a lot of promotions in higher scout positions. The next day began with a Whitsun divine service. After that all scout groups came together for a cooking competition. The groceries they got were decided by drawing lots (there was a lot for a souce, for a special kind of vegetables

etc.) We were very surprised that the group had been so creative, because some combinations were really terrible, but the food was extraordinary good!!

In the afternoon we mixed the groups for Fun Olympic Games. For example they had to shoot with a bow or they had to touch things.

A big camp-fire we organized together in the evening. Every scout group showed games and songs and we announced the winner of the Olympic Games, the cooking competition and the wood game. It was a really nice evening.

On Monday all groups took down their tents and broke the camp. After that nice camp it was surely hard to say goodbye. We hope that we will meet soon again on another Whitsun-Camp in the future -maybe with more members of the WFIS!!



Ariane Knoll (Knöllchen)
Solmsers Pfadfinderschaft

Here it is some impressions of Alessia and Fabio, two Italian scouts (ASSISCOUT, Fiesco d'Artico) who took part to the camp.

Alessia wrote: *"This is the report of those five Italian scouts come not by chance in Saasen, in the first days of June. When you think of Germany you can image wurstel, beer, blond and tall people, the history of our grandfathers, but Germany goes over the stereotypes: there you can feel like at home, because of the hospitality and the cordiality of the Teutons, happy and singing all the time despite of the everlasting bad weather. Germany means a lot of things and you can consider it from many points of view, and our eyes of citizens of the world discerned, during the first days, the most material side of it: the several hours of train, the wide green expanses from the windows, the food that was not so much congenial to us... On the contrary, once we went into the gear, we faced the deepest things and we estimated the deep respect that everyone fosters towards the others, not only because if someone is speaking, everybody listen to him, but also when you decide to do something, you must conform to the chosen rules, because they have been chosen all together. We have also appreciated the endless patience and invaluable warmth of our German "brothers" in scouting: they always tried to comply with our wishes of unwary tourists! What to say more...the camp in Germany was grandiose!"*

Fabio's impressions: *"At the beginning of June, with my scout association I went to Germany...faraway from school. The German camp was really very nice and I had a lot of fun: it is worthy to tell you about it. When we arrived in Munich at 6 am I was very tired but I immediately understood we were in Germany, not because the people spoke in a different way, but...because of the not so good coffee I drank! : O) Than we caught an other train to Frankfurt: it was the very nice ICE train!*

The camp was funny and I liked it very much: we learned to pitch up a new kind of tent, which doesn't exist in Italy. There was also a cooking competition that we were convinced to win. The ingredients, you had to cook with, were secret and you did not know before the competition what you would cook. But the biggest problem was the fire that we could not control. Anyway...thank to our liking we won a special prize (I think the one for the worst food).

Another funny thing I would like to tell you is about the last day of the camp. Every German girl, before leaving, had to give her address to Nicola (our scout fellow). I think that German girls are fantastic because after giving their addresses to Nicola they asked his and Nicola's heart swelled about pride! :o)

In German I had a lot of fun and I hope to come back soon !



WFIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY of DELEGATES 2002 in SWITZERLAND

We'd like to cordially welcome all the WFIS delegates! We, **the Feuerkreis Niklaus von Flüe of Switzerland**, are proud to be the host of the General Assembly of Delegates 2002!

Below you find some information about this event:

- **Where: The meeting will be held in Wildhaus in Switzerland .**
- **When: starting Friday, January 25th thru Sunday, January 27th 2002.**
- **Costs: 50 Euro per delegate.**

The meeting is located in a ski house in the midst of beautiful mountains. There are showers, mattresses etc. **But please bring along a sleeping bag.** Dishes and cutlery for the meals are available.

Registration and questions regarding the organisation

Please send an email directly to nicolas@guillet.ch in order to register or to change the registration. Please specify the prospective arrival and departure time.

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Cell phone reception is available in and around the building.

By car from north of Switzerland (driving around the lake of Constance at its east end)

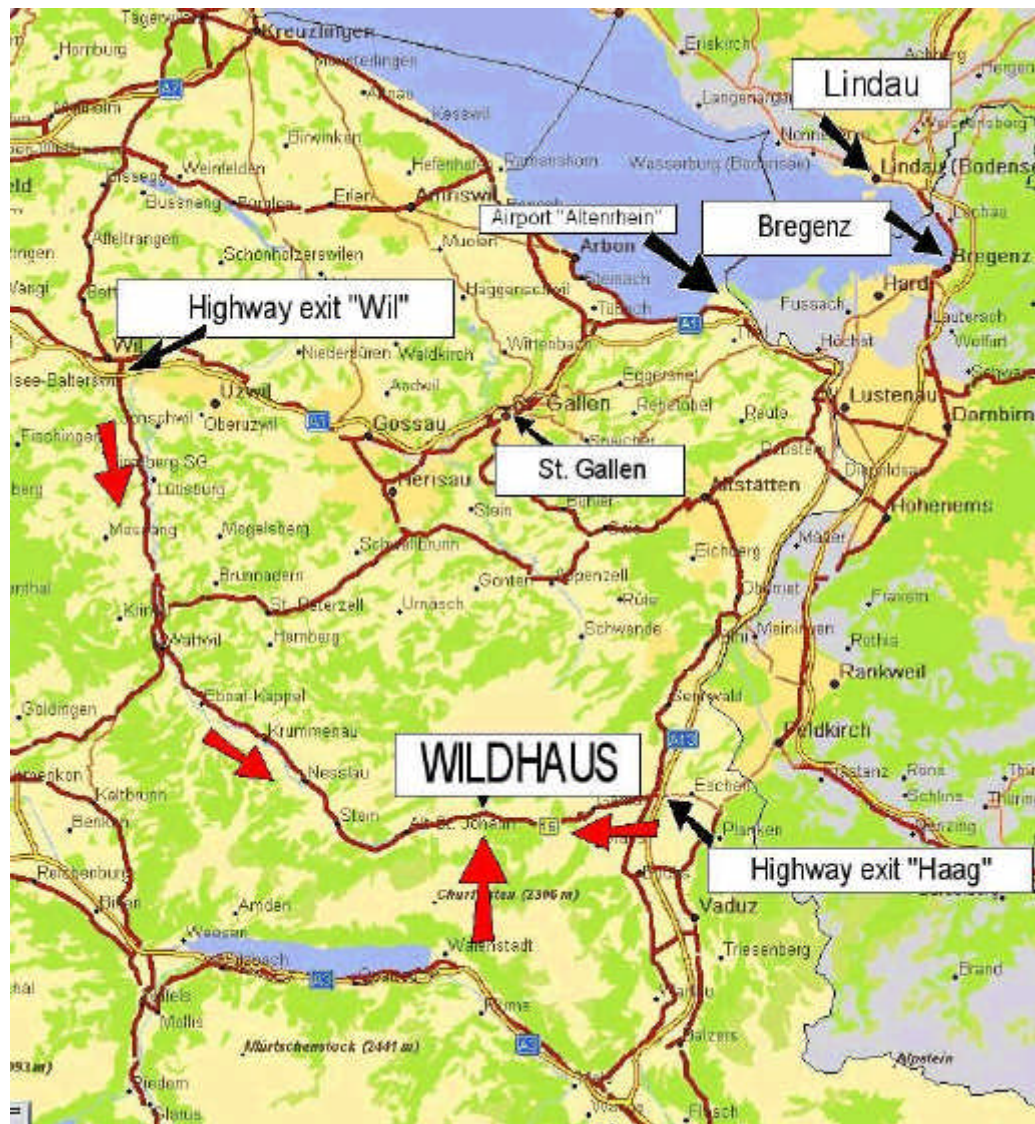
Drive on highway A96/E43/E54, and pass Bregenz. Take the exit at "Diepoldsau". Then, follow the signs "Schweiz" (= Switzerland), and cross the customs. In Switzerland, take the highway in the direction "Chur", until the exit "Haag". Follow the signs to "Wildhaus". In Wildhaus, follow the main street until you see a big green WFIS flag.

By car from west or north of Switzerland (driving around the lake of Constance at its west end) and from Zurich

Drive on highway A1 in the direction "St. Gallen" and take the exit "Wil". Follow the signs to "Wattwil". In Wattwil, drive in the direction of "Wildhaus". In Wildhaus, follow the main street until you see a big green WFIS flag.

By car from south of Switzerland

Drive over the San Bernardino pass on a highway called A13/E43 in the direction of "St. Margrethen", and leave the highway at the exit "Haag". Follow the signs to "Wildhaus". In Wildhaus, follow the main street until you see a big green WFIS flag.



By train from Zurich Airport as well as from northern, western and southern directions

Take the train in the direction of "St. Gallen", and exit in "Wil". Take the yellow public bus until "Nesslau/St. Johann". Have some Swiss coins ready to pay the bus. There, take the bus to "Wildhaus". Leave the bus at a stop called "Lisighaus". Check out <http://www.sbb.ch/> for time tables.

By train, from the east

Until "Buchs". Take the yellow public bus in the direction "Wildhaus". Have some Swiss coins ready to pay the bus. Leave the bus at a stop called "Lisighaus". Check out <http://www.sbb.ch/> for time tables.

By plane, landing in Zurich Airport

Please walk to the station inside the airport, and follow the directions "By train from Zurich Airport".

By plane, landing in Altenrhein

Please send an email, we will organise a transportation service for you.

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THE CHIEF SCOUT'S CLOSING ADDRESS



"Burying the Hatchet"

"Here is the hatchet of war, of enmity, of bad feeling, which I now bury in Arrowe," said the Chief, at the same time plunging a hatchet in the midst of a barrel of golden arrows.

"From all corners of the earth," said the Chief as soon as the cheering had subsided "you have journeyed to this great gathering of World Fellowship and Brotherhood. Today I send you out from Arrowe to all the World, bearing my symbol of Peace and Fellowship, each one of you my ambassador bearing my message of Love and Fellowship on the wings of Sacrifice and Service, to the end of the Earth. From now on the Scout symbol of Peace is the Golden Arrow. Carry it fast and far so that all men may know the Brotherhood of Man.

"To THE NORTH—From the Northlands you came at the call of my horn to this great gathering of Fellowship and Brotherhood. "Today I send you back to your homelands across the great North Seas as my Ambassadors of Peace and Fellowship among the Nations of the World. "I bid you farewell.

"TO THE SOUTH—From the Southland you came at the call of my horn to this great gathering of Fellowship and Brotherhood. "Today I send you back to your homes under the Southern Cross as my Ambassadors of Peace and Fellowship among the Nations of the World. "I bid you farewell.

"TO THE WEST—From the Westlands you came at the call of my horn to this great gathering of Fellowship and Brotherhood. "Today I send you back to your homes in the Great Westlands to the Pacific and beyond as my Ambassadors of Peace and Fellowship among the Nations of the World. "I bid you farewell.

"TO THE EAST—From the Eastlands you came at the call of my horn to this great gathering of Fellowship and Brotherhood. "Today I send you back to your homes under the Starry Skies and Burning Suns to your people of the thousand years, bearing my symbol of Peace and Fellowship to the Nations of the Earth, pledging you to keep my trust. "I bid you farewell."

To the four corners of the compass the Chief Scout sent four golden arrows of Peace and Friendship. Swiftly they radiated from hand to hand until they had travelled throughout the nations of the world.

A great silence fell.

The shaft of the Scout Promise and the shaft of the Scout Law lived out at Arrowe had transfixed the hearts of the Scouts of nations. They had found the Golden Arrow of Peace and Goodwill. It but remained for them to carry it on to the uttermost parts of the globe, so that it might live on in the hearts of their children-to-be and their children's children.