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REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE EUROPEAN SCOUT CONFERENCE

1965 - 1966

I - INTRODUCTION

At our last Conference in Finland, you elected a Committee and entrusted to it, in your resolutions, a number of tasks. Now, two years later, the time has come to review our work. I hope that what follows will already be known to most of you. This would indicate that the Committee is not a secret society hatching machiavellian schemes ; on the contrary, the sole concern of its members is the development and improvement of Scouting in Europe, and their chief wish to serve your associations and the young people belonging to them. Such I assert in their intention. Of course, there are many difficulties in the way of our ambitions and no doubt there is reason to be disappointed that so much good will should not have succeeded in producing more concrete achievements.

We shall be examining these difficulties in the course of this report on our work, since an analysis of them and of our successes will suggest possible ways of improving the organisation of Scouting in Europe.

This introduction may appear to be pessimistic. But what a long way we have come since our first meetings ! It seems to me that Scouting in Europe is becoming every day more aware of the links binding associations, and creating friendship between young people and adults, of common problems and like ideas. It is encouraging that this awareness does not express itself in a recovering of old ground but is accompanied by an ever-increasing openness to the wide world.

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II - ORGANISATION OF THE SECRETARIAT

This is why your Committee has had a great deal of work. You would no doubt have felt its effects more if we had not had some serious difficulties with the secretariat. According to custom, since the Conference is being held in France, the French Scouting Movement was responsible for the secretariat and for the working expenses. But the secretary appointed, Michel TERRASSE, could not continue the work, much as he wished to, since he had to go to Morocco to do his military service. He was replaced by Eric GRAHAM and Maurice GONCE, the latter having special responsibility for the organisation of the Vichy Conference ; though his work was not confined to this. The Committee extends its thanks to these discreet and efficient workers and to the French Scouting Movement for all its assistance.

III - PREPARATION OF THE VICHY CONFERENCE

The preparation of the Vichy Conference was naturally the subject of very special attention on the part of the Committee. We tried to alter custom a little, for example by putting the election of Members of the new Committee fairly high on the agenda in the hope of putting a stop to manoeuvrings that poison the atmosphere, by providing for extensive contact with young people of the French Scouting Movement, by inviting all associations to contribute to the theme of the Conference. This last innovation was not well understood ; learn the rules that have emerged from such experience.

IV - FINLAND RESOLUTIONS

The Committee likewise examined one by one the resolutions voted in Finland with a view to attempting to put them into practice.

4. 1. We got into touch with the Council of Europe with a view to enrolling in the European Conference of International Youth Organisation (resolution n° 12. Unfortunately, this Conference does not exist ! We have, however, kept

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in touch with C.E.N.Y.C. (Council of European National Youth Committees) on which we are observers. Michel Rigal, the French representative, was able to ensure that Scouting was present at the last meeting. It must be pointed out that so long as this contact with European or International Organisations is ensured only by volunteers, we will not often have representation and will gain almost nothing from such representation.

4. 2. Liaison with the "Duty to God" Conference has not been as close as we would have wished. Doubtless owing to a misunderstanding of the agreement previously reached the organisers of this year's Conference left the Committee uninformed as to their plans with the result that no contact could be arranged between us and them until too late. We hope and believe that closer liaison will be effected and maintained in the future.

4. 3. The Committee has given considerable thought to the problems presented by resolutions 17 and 19 which require that all future meetings of specialised Conferences, including the Get Together, should be held at the same place and at the same time as the European Conference. We came to the conclusion that these resolutions could not be put into practice at Vichy since the places and dates of the specialised Conferences to be held had been decided before these resolutions were voted. Furthermore, it seemed to us difficult to prolong the absence of Commissioners, most of whom are voluntary, beyond a weekend, and leave the General Headquarters unattended, as it would be necessary to do if the Conferences were in one block. Special accommodation would be needed to house all the Conferences and the problems of organisation would be a real headache for the receiving association. Lastly we found it difficult to reconcile these resolutions with resolution n° 25 which requires that the European Conference examine the reports of the specialised Conferences. In spite of all these objections we reminded the various specialised Conferences which have met since our last meeting of these resolutions, both by letter and verbally : these reminders had absolutely no effect, since the Rover Conference decided to meet in Italy in September 1966, a meeting which has since been cancelled, and the Get Together decided to go to Scotland ! The Conference will have to come to a decision regarding an

invitation from Austria for a "Cub" Conference and one from Sweden for an "Extension" Conference. Do you wish to refuse these invitations in order to combine these conferences with the coming European Conference ? To conclude, these resolutions 17 and 19 do not seem to us reasonable and there would appear to be grounds for cancelling them.

4. 4. Resolution n° 18 required that national receptions be reduced at Jamborees. We have asked the World Bureau to put this question on the agenda for the World Conference in Mexico. At the Holland Get Together a formal resolution was taken by those present to suppress these receptions. It seemed to us that organisers of Jamborees should be asked to arrange two friendly meetings of Heads of Delegations, financed by contributions from each delegation in proportion to its numbers. You will have an opportunity of putting forward any other proposals you may have at our meeting.

4. 5. In order to inform member associations of coming events (resolution n° 20) we have sent out two circular letters asking to know your projects which we can scarcely invent. The number of replies shows that the great majority of countries are unaware of resolution n° 22 in which you promise to keep the Committee well informed ! It was therefore impossible for us to fulfil adequately our proper functions of coordination and information.

4. 6. Since we have not at our disposal the part-time Secretary, who I hope appears more and more necessary in the course of this report, we have with the agreement of Italy asked an old Committee member, Aldo Marzot, to undertake the work of collecting information on research among young people (resolution n° 21). I hope that you will receive a report from him before Vichy.

4. 7. Similarly we have asked you if you had information on Youth Movements in Poland and Jugoslavia. It would appear that some of you were afraid this request for information might perhaps be the prelude to opening relations with these countries without consulting member associations. Of course the Committee could not take an initiative of this kind. But Scouts are going increasingly to these

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countries : we must therefore take them into account. We have received an interesting report from E.E.D.F. (France) on Poland. It is at the disposal of anyone who might wish to have it.

4. 8. Macrides has collected in our name information on reception facilities in the various countries, which will be very useful to anyone travelling.

4. 9. In spite of your limited response, we have, in order to facilitate exchange of information, continued to bring out the European Bulletin (resolution n° 22) on a new plan : national associations being responsible in turn for editing it. In this way Great Britain, France and Sweden have each presented one bulletin. This seemed to us a way of giving it life.

4. 10. The organisation of the Secretariat (resolution n° 23) has as you have seen been a source of serious trouble for us and the upshot of our reflections on this subject was communicated to you in the circular of 26 July 1966. I must repeat here the importance in the light of past experience of establishing a permanent secretariat with a part-time European secretary.

You will be called upon to make a formal decision on this point which is of great seriousness for the future of Scouting in Europe and the world.

4. 11. The standing Committee on Coeducation and Cooperation (resolution n° 26) has been formed. It has been working by correspondence and has met in Sweden and is to meet immediately before Vichy. It is to present a report which will be welcome at a time when there is universal progress in cooperation with the Girl Guide movement and in coeducation.

V - In addition to the work connected with the implementation of your resolutions, we have undertaken certain other tasks which I hope will meet with your approval.

5. 1. First of all, following a request from the liaison Committee of the Spanish Scouting movement, we have been following closely the progress of scouting in this country. There are in Spain a great number of active and lively

groups which are recognised neither by the Spanish government nor by the World Conference. After the World Conference at Lisbon, Salvador Fernandez acting for the World Bureau helped to establish a liaison Committee with the Spanish Scouting movement, consisting of 4 members. As it was not unanimous, following a journey I made to Spain in 1965 at the World Conference in Mexico the Spaniards decided in agreement with us and with the World Bureau, to disband the liaison office for the time being. We had greatly hoped that the Spaniards would set up a new national liaison committee by the end of 1965, but regrettably they have not yet succeeded in doing so. We fully realise and sympathise with their difficulties which we hope they will soon succeed in solving. A warm welcome awaits them from European Scouting when they have done so.

More and more of our Scouts are visiting Spain. Plans for a leaders' training course are ready when the Spaniards are ready to take advantage of it. Meanwhile we wish them well and assure them of our readiness to collaborate with their new national liaison committee when this has been formed.

5. 2. The Committee has also been concerned with the fate of Turkey with whom relations had become strained. Macrides is to go on our behalf to see on the spot how things stand and we hope that with the help of a travel grant at least one Turkish delegate will attend at Vichy.

5. 3. This kind of financial aid is also to be suggested for Malta and has been proposed to a number of small European associations to enable them to go to Mexico. It seems to us that it would be useful to establish a travel fund for journeys of this kind and that this would be a good use for European Scouting funds.

5. 4. Similarly Erik Ende acting for the Committee has done a good deal of practical work towards coordinating travel to Mexico and to the Jamboree. It is regrettable that for Mexico the company with which we dealt let us down at the last minute. It is to be hoped that for the Jamboree the use of charter planes will be more effective.

5. 4. During these two years, the Committee has kept in constant touch with the World Bureau and has kept it informed of the situation in Europe. They have been cooperative and we have to thank the World Bureau and especially Dick LUND for help and understanding. We have nevertheless several times felt our absence from the World Committee on which, unlike other regions, we have not got Consultative Status. We are convinced that the European associations wish us to have this status and we have studied the problem which will be brought up at Vichy.

5. 5. Lastly, feeling after the Mexico Conference the urgency of considering the organisation of World Scouting, demanded in a resolution of the World Conference, we took the step of arranging a working group in London to study this vital question. The Boy Scouts Association undertook the material organisation and bore half the expenses and we take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to them. This meeting was, it seems to me, very important and you have read the conclusions reached which will be brought up at Vichy.

VI - TO CONCLUDE this over-long report, having considered the actual work achieved, the wishes of the Committee are for a constant strengthening of cooperation between the European Associations and to this end it has come practical arrangements to propose, which will be the subject of another document.

Compte du Comité Exécutif de la Conférence Européenne

Octobre 1964 à Septembre 1966
(compte arrêté au 15.11.66)

CREDIT

1. Cotisations des Associations	14.659
2. Subvention du Bureau Mondial	10.000

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DEBIT

1. Voyages	3.085
2. Bourses	5.362
3. Commission Coeducation	2.185
4. Réunion de travail de Londres	1.948
5. Bulletin Européen	6.639
6. Interprétation de documents	370
7. Frais de réception	200
8. Cotisation Scoutisme Français	1.370
9. Cotisations à recevoir	2.740
10. Solde créditeur	760

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FOURTH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

Address by Henry Collis.

On any long journey or climb we need sometimes to have a look around and to take stock of our progress and it would seem right to start our Conference in this way. I will speak frankly as with friends. First, a few random thoughts about ourselves - some check points.

Do we see that our Scouts take decisions or is it easier just to plan for them and risk blunting their initiative at a formative age? The world is looking for young men who can make up their own minds and not just reach for the phone and ask for the boss. Another point - how easy it is sometimes to get impatient in instructing and, instead of staying behind to help boys still in difficulty, to force feed the whole lot. We need to consider the one and two talent boys as much as the five talent boy who is a born leader. How much more rewarding to make a leader out of unpromising material and how encouraging to see the one talent scout joining in to the best of his ability. Far better to be a very poor performer than a very fine spectator.

We need to realise that the malaise of youth today is not lack of parental control but lack of communication between adult and adolescent. Do our scouters try to help by talking to the parents about their son and his activities, because then there is a common ground for conversation at home? And they could perhaps slip in that it is not a kindness always to let a boy have what he wants. What he needs is to want what he has.

Again it is vital that we try to understand the boy himself and do not still think of him as he was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Boys grow older just as we do.

Are we inclined to tell ourselves that we know all about boys? If so we are dragging our feet on that hill. I have been a schoolmaster for over 30 years and am always learning more. The other day a mistress took marks at the end of a lesson and then decided in case any boy had been over generous in his addition to collect the written papers. A 9 year old shot up his hand "But I can't give in mine". The mistress asked why. "Because I was hungry!" And he was a boarder too. That was a new one to me!

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If we look further we come at once to all the range of opportunities on the European field. There is an urgent need for maximum co-operation at boy level. There should be planned programmes of European boy activities, so that Scouts from our different countries can with purpose and pleasure see much more of each other. Outside bodies of experts could be used much more for instruction in specialised techniques.

As our advance party Report records, only about 3,500 foreign Scouts a year have been visiting the United Kingdom, although we have been sending far more abroad. We hope we shall welcome greater numbers in future and that they will benefit from steadily expanding arrangements for their reception in our Counties and Districts. As soon as we have the money available the Advance Party Report recommends the setting up of a number of Activity Centres where your Scouts will find adventure galore. How splendid it would be if there could be similar Centres in your countries which we could use. But the real need is for the boys to get to know each other and the customs and habits of other countries - at a Troop camp, in the home or sightseeing together. And to this end, which is surely our *raison d'être* as a European body, it is not enough for a few national leaders to be in friendly touch with their opposite numbers in other countries. It must go beyond this - to the boys themselves.

Then when the boys are a little older, there is a new landscape for them to explore. Helping underdeveloped countries ; international work camps ; links and activities for U.K. service teams and so on. Four young scouters have been working for nearly a year with Peruvian Scouts so as to help get that country's Scouting on to a sound footing.

Another young Scouter leaves shortly for Uruguay for the same purpose, with particular emphasis on the training of scouters.

Training is another check point and you will expect a word about Gilwell. Obviously the standard Wood Badge Courses must now be on Advance Party lince for U.K. Scouters, but we are fully conscious of the importance of developing really International courses at Gilwell fOr all the World on a generally acceptable pattern. You need have no qualms on this. In fact, the Committee of the Council clearly ruled in May of this year that "Nothing in the Advance Party Report was intended to affect the relationship between Gilwell Park, the Camp Chief and member associations outside the U.K."

Then there is a possibility that scouters who have gained the Wood Badge in their own country, may have a chance of attending International Courses in other

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countries under Gilwell and Bureau aegis and thus inereence their knowledge of new ways and techniques.

You would like to know also that at the recent World Training Conference the delegates wanted the Gilwell Training Handbooks to continue reflecting Gilwell policy but to have added appendices from national handbooks. We shall see to this.

And now, I draw to a close on that silver cord of Scouting which threads its way through differing national and political standpoints and yet does not inevitably reflect them. I refer of course to the Scout Spirit - that indefinable bond which avoids fragmentation of the movement however much its units may resemble an archipelago in their physical separation. Springing from our Promise, it can lead to the serenity of mind which knows that in quietness and confidence shall be our strength. Faith in God is our finest motive power and we must never forget the positively staggering responsibility that is ours in setting a worthy example both in what we do and how we do it.

The essential quality of the Scout Spirit is that it should be a normal feature of our character. The moment we notice a "holier than thou" attitude in man or boy there is something wrong. The infusion has become an obtrusion.

When people ask me what is the Scout Spirit, my mind goes back many years to when I was a Cubmaster. One meeting there were a couple of Cubs arguing their heads off and getting very hot about it. The one with the reddest face shouted at me, "He's my best friend. I hate him", and knocked him down flat. Five minutes later I saw them chewing sweets together very happily.

In the rough and tumble of life we argue together too and do not always sink national prejudices as we should, but the comradeship is still there all the same. What a wonderful thing if this spirit could do something to soften relations between Western Europe. Here we have real food for thought.

And if we do all this where have we reached on the hill we are climbing? However hard we try, however many check points we heed, however much our Scout learns of tolerance, compassion and honesty and however many skills he acquires, we shall never get to the top. With youth work there is no perfection. But let us remember Moses who never actually entered the Promised Land (and he had a pretty tough journey too). I hope so much that, as your various committees, you discover new heights in Scouting have been surmounted, you will enjoy feelings of great satisfaction and be inspired to persevere in efforts which can be of such enduring worth to the youth of Europe. My very best wishes to you allowed to our Conference.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

The Conference received reports from :

- The Get Together
- The European Rover Conference
- The working group in London
- The Co-education Sub-Committee
- The Scout International Regattas in Greece.

The corresponding texts have been distributed to the Associations.

STUDY GROUP REPORTS

The delegates split themselves into three Commissions which studied the following subjects :

GROUP 1 : Organization at all levels of a modern Scout Association.

GROUP 2 : The Movement and the outside world.

GROUP 3 : The fundamentals of Scouting in the modern movement.

COMMISSION N° I.

Chairman : M. D. MACRIDES

Theme : " General organization at every level of a modern scout Association ".

The Commission exchanges views concerning the general organization of the associations.

A number of delegates state some of the provisions made in their countries :

In Belgium :

- The young people are invited to participate in the general meetings of the Movement.
- A "Commissaire Général (e)" is appointed and he or she is responsible both for the boys and the girls.
- The group of "Commissaires Régionaux" is only formed after consulting the regions.
- The secretary's office is provided with modern office equipment.
- The raising of the subscriptions is centralised and related to the payment of insurance premiums.
- Expense planning and auditing take place at the regional level.
- Group leaders are generally responsible, from the educational standpoint, for two packs and two troupes. An assistant of the opposite sex is assigned to them. They are assisted by an adult who is responsible for administrative questions.
- The association seeks to acquire parcels of land for camping purposes.
- A financial campaign is systematically organized, under the impulse of a permanent administrative member.

Holland :

The associations are carrying out studies in view of their reorganisation.

Switzerland :

New memorandum and articles have just been set up, with provisions for the distribution of tasks, both from the educational and administrative standpoint.

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One of the main concerns at present is how to maintain the priority of voluntariate in leadership.

Great-Britain :

It is felt that all the studies and reforms must be carried out in conjunction with the girls' movement, in order to encourage co-operation between the two branches.

Turkey :

A new issue of the Law is under study, as well as a re-examination of the Constitution.

To conclude :

It appears that the main concern of the associations is to improve the organization of the movements. This organization is not an end in itself and its purpose is to enable the expansion of Scouting as a movement.

Six rules ought to be respected :

1. Be conscious of today's realities.
2. Forecast the needs for the 5 or 10 years to come.
3. Co-ordinate our efforts and remain open to a co-operation, either with other scout organizations, or with other youth movements.
4. Determine the number of men needed and find them.
5. See to it that our purposes are respected, and that organization does not corrupt our action.
6. Maintain in all circumstances the Scout Spirit.

COMMISSION N° 2.

Chairman : M. E. ENDE

Theme : "Opening of the Movement on to the exterior"

Since the 2nd theme can be examined according to various perspectives, three of these have been retained by the Commission :

- I - PUBLIC RELATIONS as explained in the statement of our friend HURLL (G-B).
- II - A METHOD FOR SENIOR SCOUTS with a view to developing a spirit of opening on to the outside world, recommended by Peter AKERMANN (Germany).
- III - TWO ACTIVITIES outside the movement and directed towards the outside world.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS IN SCOUTING

The picture of scouting imagined by the public at large does not fit with what it should be, and this is a fact which Scouting is partly responsible for. This is where Public Relations come in, and their action might be summerized thus : "To do well, and let it be known well".

Good Public Relations in Scouting depend chiefly on three factors :

- 1 - First and foremost the quality of Scouting
- 2 - Contacts.
- 3 - Permanent action, both on the public at large, and on specific types of audience (parents, educational bodies ...), in order to show Scouting as it actually is.

I. Good Scouting is therefore essential

All members of the movement, and specially the older ones and the executives, must have faith in Scouting, be proud of it, however without sinking in fanaticism and

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scoutomania. In other words, each member must believe in his duty.

The leaders should see to it that the finest aspect of Scouting is always displayed.

For instance, in having its premises made to look attractive, whether in local section or at Headquarters.

By carefully preparing its participations in public manifestations (rehearsing for parades, etc...)

By lending its assistance in manifestations of great renown.

2. Contact bodies

Each association must have at every level (national, regional, local) a body of Public Relation Officers, responsible for public relations and assisted by groups of voluntary specialists (Press, Radio, TV ...)

Consideration should also be given to the development of a Public Relation Training Course.

3. Public Relation Supports

First of all let us not forget that Public Relations must act both ways ; from the inside to the outside, but also vice versa (the latter being often forgotten).

Concerning the action on the different types of audience we wish to reach, the supporting means are varied :

Press - Radio - T V - Exhibitions - Cinema - Press Conferences, etc ...

The Public Relation Service will provide the proper material, for instance :

Propaganda films

Photographic documentation

Articles and press communiques

Pamphlets, posts, displays.

In order to be efficient a Public Relation Service must be permanent and act according to a precise planning, and not in a sporadic way.

Public relation Officers in Scouting know perfectly well that it is relatively easy for them to "sell" an "under-developed countries" operation or a "Scouting for the Handicapped" operation, but they also know how difficult it is to "sell" every day Scouting.

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METHODS FOR SENIOR SCOUTS

Application of new methods for senior scouts, with a view to developing a spirit of opening on to the outer world.

The german "B.D.P." leaders' main concern is to render attractive the initiation of Scouts to civic education (taken in its broader sense, from the political, economical, social and cultural standpoints...)

The essential point of this method lies in explorations and investigations by teams of 4/5 scouts between 15 and 18 years old.

The traditional method consisted in a didactic presentation of the subject, followed by a discussion in which 2 or 3 scouts, among the boldest, took part laboriously.

The new method involves actively each member of the team, without requiring any particular competences.

The method could be summed up as follows :

1) The troupe or group joining in a seminar is divided into small teams each of which is responsible for the study of a limited portion of the programme-theme.

2) Exploration and investigation involve, on the one hand, interviewing personalities in politics, trade unions, etc... according to the theme chosen by the seminar.

On the other hand, the research of information in the Press, archives, exhibitions, and all other sources of information.

The effects of this method is that the young people acquire a better knowledge of matters such as politics, social problems, trade unions, etc... and are better prepared to assume their responsibilities as young citizens.

In developing new fields of interest, it is then possible to keep the older elements who otherwise abandoned the movement, the validity of the conventional means of attraction being more and more questionable.

A FEW ACTIVITIES DIRECTED TOWARDS THE OUTER WORLD BUT OUTSIDE THE MOVEMENT

1rst example : The organisation by the E.E.D.F. of holiday camps for non-scout adolescents.

It has been pointed out, however, that such an organisation, when carried out on a large scale with its own financial autonomy, can only be set up by professional scouts. Yet, there is a danger that in a long run, the professionals will

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have a tendency to be concerned with only this type of activity and gradually cut themselves away from the movement.

2nd example : In Sweden, the permanent educational leaders of the movement are used by the industry to organize training courses for young employees or workers. This is beneficial both from an educational and moral standpoint with regard to the young people, and for the scouting associations themselves who can thus amortize part of their expenses.

COMMISSION N° 3 :

Chairman : Lt.-Col. R. GOLD

Theme : "Basic principles in the present Scout Movement".

First of all, let us recall these basic principles :

- a - The Law and the Promise
- b - The Patrol system
- c - Leadership by the boys
- d - Voluntary adhesion of the members
- e - Independance with regard to the authorities.

In the British Manual P.O.R. (Policy, Organization and Rules), the purposes of Scouting are pointed out as follows :

- . encourage the physical, moral and spiritual development of young people, in order that they may occupy a constructive position within society. To achieve them, we must have a training programme which suits the boys and under the control of adult leaders.
- The "Chief Scout Advance Party" has recommended a reviewed version of the Law, containing 8 articles instead of 10, and expressed in terms which are more accessible to the boys of today.
- A number of associations require that the scouts profess a religion. In this respect, it has been noticed that boys at the age when they can be scouts, show but little interest in religion. We must encourage them to practice their religion. It has also been noticed that a number of adults, while declaring they do not belong to any particular religion, are honestly and sincerely in search of a religion. It is therefore essential to maintain good judgement, and not discourage those concerned by forcing them into too severe and too rapid an engagement in this respect. However, it seems that militant atheists cannot be appointed as leaders.
- Age groups have been changed in several countries, in order to fit the educational system in practice.
- Particular attention must be given to the application of the patrol system, and to

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the importance for the boys of the function of patrol leader.

- Finally, the very form of our associations must adapt itself to the realities of each country ; thus, for instance, the presence in Belgium of two catholic associations one Flemish, the other Walloon, is particularly well suited for today's needs.

OPEN SESSION

The Conference received with interest the following projects.

1. Invitation for european associations from Israë1 for a working camp in 1967.
2. Organization at regular intervals of meetings for the Rover branch.
3. Invitation by Scandinavian countries of the World Jamboree 1971.
4. Invitation by Sweden of a sea-scout camp in 1968.
5. Development of the Explorer Belt scheme under the initiative of Great-Bri-tain.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE 4th EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

Subject : "A new impetus to Scouting".

1°. The Conference expresses its deep appreciation to the Town of Vichy, the "Syndicat d'Initiative" and all local authorities whose welcome and help allowed the Conference to work in a very pleasant atmosphere and excellent surroundings.

2°. The Conference presents its warm thanks to the leaders of College Local du Scoutisme Français, to the scouters, boys and girls, who, by their attendance and action, gave to the Conference a very particular atmosphere, and stressed often that the young youngsters are the vips of our movement.

3°. The Conference appreciates the attendance of members of the World Committee, thanks them for their interest in european affairs and wishes them good luck in the preparation of the World Conference, is grateful for the attendance of Dick LUND, Interim Director of the World Bureau and of Salvador FERNANDEZ of the Interamerican Bureau and asks him to carry greetings to all scouts in the american continent, thanks M. Lazlo NAGY for his attendance and wishes him every success in his survey for the benefit of the whole Movement.

The Conference have received greetings from :

- M. MISSOFFE, French Ministry of Jeunesse et Sports.
- Mme Maïa RELIER, Presidente of Scoutisme Français.
- M.M. WATSON and KAHN, members of World Committee.
- Colonel WILSON, Former President of International Bureau.
- Mr. DELGADO, Far East Committee.
- Mr. VOLMER, Interamerican Committee.

The Conference resolved to send telegramme of good wishes to Colonel WILSON and to the World Conference of Girl Guides and Scouts in Tokio.

4° The Conference appreciates the work done by the Committee for Cooperation and Coeducation. Account will be taken of its conclusions, reached in the interest of the associations concerned.

The Conference accepts the rules commanding the international activities common to girls and boys as submitted by the Get Together of International Commissioners in

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may 1966 (appendix 4).

5°. The Conference expresses thanks to the President and Rapporteurs of the study groups for their great help.

6°. The Conference congratulates the Organising Committee and thanks its members for all their efforts from which everybody has profited.

7° The Conference sends sincere thanks to Madame FRANCOIS for her personal welcome to each one and requests her to convey the delegates' thanks to the hotel personnel for their efficient service.

8°. The Conference received the report from the Executive Committee for the period 1964-1966 and accepted it.

Thanks are extended to the European Committee and secretariat for the work involved during that period.

9°. The Conference received and adopted the financial statement covering for the same period. Appreciations was expressed to the World Committee for its contribution.

10°. The Conference decides to hold the 5th meeting of the European Conference in Switzerland.

11°. The Conference decides to meet in the future every year preceding the World Conference.

12°. The Conference requests the European Committee to take necessary steps in order to enjoy consultative status in the World Committee.

13° The Conference elected as members of the European Committee until the next Conference :

- . Erik ENDE
- . Robin GOLD
- . Jochen ZANDER
- . Hans STERCHI (nominated by Switzerland)
- . Dominique FRANCOIS (nominated by French).

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The Conference thanked the retiring members of the European Committee for all their services.

14°. The Conference received with interest the concrete proposals submitted by the European Committee in order to promote the developpement of Scouting in Europe, which were adopted as appearing in app. 1, and requests the Committee elected in Vichy to make every effort in order to fulfill these wishes.

15°. The Conference decides to adopt the status of probationary member of the European Conference according to the rules under appendix 2.

16°. The Conference decides to create a permanent secretariat in Switzerland for European Scouting and adopts the annual budget and sharing of annual subscriptions as shown in appendix 3.

17°. In view of the difficulties of organising all specialised Conferences at the same time and in the same place, the Conference accepts that, in the future, specialised Conferences might be held at times and places different from those of the European Conference.

The Conference receives and gratefully accepts an invitation from Austria for the first Cub Conference

18°. The Conference decides to plan for a regular meeting for Commissioners concerned with handicapped Scouting.

19°. The Conference thanks Aldo MARZOT for the survey he carried out at the request of the Committee, about "Scouts and the working world", and passes his report to the European Associations for them to action.

20°. The Conference listened with much interest the details of the work being done at the moment on the organisation and future of World Scouting.

- Dick LUND on the preparation of the World Conference.

- Salvador FERNANDEZ on the works of the Interamerican Conference.

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- Lazlo NAGY on the survey he is carrying out.
- Dominique FRANCOIS on the aims and conclusions of the London working group.

The Conference therefore expresses warm thanks to the speakers and urges associations :

- a) to send back questionnaire to Mr. NAGY immediately unless already done so.
- b) to submit to the World Committee there recommendations for the reorganisation of World Scouting in good time before February 15th.

Note from Secretariat : The Conference accepted this resolution with a limit date of April 17th. Actually, the World Committee requested these replies for February 15th.

21°. Based on a report by Jean ESTEVE on a Conference of C.A.M.E.L. (College Africain et Malgache des Eclaireurs laïques), the Conference recommends the Committee and the individual member associations to assist in according facilities to associations in developing countries in a true spirit of Scouting.

The Conference requests the Committee :

- 1) to devote regularly a part of the letter of information to be published by the European secretariat for reporting on different actions from european associations.
- 2) to renew periodically specialised meetings in order to promote coordination of various help undertaken by associations and to allow common undertakings in this field.

22°. The Conference received with gratitude the list of permanent camp sites in European countries compiled by the Greek Headquarters under the supervision of MACRIDES and hope that it will be kept up-to-date.

23°. The Conference considers with satisfaction the intention of the Scandinavian associations to invite the World Jamboree in 1971.

24°. The Conference commends the first European Scout regattas held in Greece.

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25°. The Conference passes to the Committee a suggestion that Scout Shop managers should meet to discuss common problems.

26°. The Conference convey very warm thanks to Dominique FRANCOIS for his action as Chairman of the European Committee and Conference, and to the Resolution Committee for its task.

27°. The Conference expresses grateful thanks to the team of interpreters for their ready help at all times.

28°. Very best wishes are extended through the delegates at Vichy, to all member countries for successful scouting in the future.

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APPENDIX I

CONCRETE PROPOSALS TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCOUTING IN EUROPE AND GIVE IT NEW IMPETUS

It is now almost six years since the first European Conference was held at Altenberg. What have we achieved during this time as regards effective and useful co-operation? We have held three Conferences, established aims and regulations, elected Executive Committees, held some specialised Conferences, and spent a lot of money on Conference and travelling expenses. What have we gained?

Do we European Scout Commissioners know one another better? Have we improved our relations? And finally, what have we done for young European scouts, with all the time, efforts, words and money expended, that would not have been quietly achieved without us?

Nevertheless, if we can set ourselves some definite and inspiring aims, we have enormous possibilities since we are the oldest, the biggest, and I hope the most lively youth movement on the continent.

Here then are some concrete suggestions, quite within our scope should we wish it, which we submit for your criticism and approval.

I. LEADER TRAINING

a) Every country has its own store of valuable experience and tried technique in this field. Each country has its own training centres. Can we not start by inviting some of our member countries to organise "Wood Badge refresher courses" for young European Scouters? Such courses, with appropriate interpretation arrangements, would be run either by trainers of the organising country or by a team of European D.D.C.'s each contributing something of his own country's techniques, and in liaison with Gilwell Park.

b) A programme of study visits by Scouters and Training Commissioners might be organised between countries to see Headquarters, training and national camps and above all Troop and Pack meetings and camps in action. Each participating country would provide free hospitality and internal travel to the visitors on a reciprocal basis.

c) Every European and Sectional Conference should include a period in which delegates can see at work the Cubs, Scouts and Scouters of the country where the

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meeting takes place and learn from them.

2. THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF EUROPE :

The Conference decides to set up a study group whose part will be :

- 1°. Take benefit from the experience acquired by the associations which have been in touch with youth organisations of the communist countries, or which already have sent scout units in these countries.
- 2°. Supply full information to the National Associations concerned in relations with youth organisations of these countries, so that necessary care might be taken in eventual contacts.

3. SPAIN :

In view of the increasing freedom allowed to Scouting in Spain it seems to us important for European Scouting to do two things :

- a) Give disinterested help wherever possible to the various Spanish organisations as they grope towards some form of unity.
- b) Encourage the maximum possible number of European Scouts in uniform to visit Spain for active Scouting there.

4. SCOUT/GUIDE COOPERATION :

When the working group on Scout/Guide Co-operation has reported and its conclusions have been adopted by the European Conference a programme of carefully planned mixed activities should be initiated between countries. This would be under the aegis of the Committee and conclusions reached and experiences gained shared between all countries.

5. THE BOY SCOUT :

The Boy Scout is the V.I.P. of our movement and behind all our talk and travel and thought and planning is the aim of giving him better Scouting. The countries of Europe have much to offer him if we, his leaders, make it possible for him to accept. What more can we together do for him ?

- a) We suggest that we must agree on, publish, and put into practice together a European programme of boy activities. If each country can accept the

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responsibility for organising, with another (or others) at least one substantial international boy activity every two years we shall be beginning to progress. While these would be on a national level, needing the full backing of national H.Q. it is much to be hoped that the international commissioners at their level can continue to invent new ways and expend existing ways of promoting boy to boy contacts all the time.

b) The following are some practical suggestions for boy activities :

1°. A five yearly "Friendship Year" in which all European countries (and any others that wished) would take active part, planning national scout and adventurous activities of all kinds open to all.

2°. A planned programme of "Explorer Belt" expeditions between countries (Note : it is suggested that as soon as possible this scheme be run on a European basis with the "Belt" as the highest European Scout award for International Boy Scouting).

3°. Exchanges (probably by aircraft) between countries with the chartered aeroplane acrrying scouts both ways. At least a week's home hospitality to be included.

4°. A regular programme of Philias, regattas, etc...

5° Camps or visits involving language instruction and practice.

6° Wider use of the Kandersteg Chalet as a centre for adventurous activities on an international basis.

6. AID TO OTHER COUNTRIES

Aid to the new associations in Africa and America should be one of the major concerns of European associations. This aid would be much more effective if coordinated. A permanent sub-committee should therefore be set up for aid to associations in the developing countries. Its aims would be to coordinate existing aid and to suggest and organise new forms of aid.

All this, it should be noted, can only succeed if you also accept our proposal for the creation of a permanent secretariat with a part-time secretary, one of whose Chief functions will be to coordinate all these activities.

APPENDIX 2

PROBATIONARY MEMBER STATUS

I - AIMS

The Status of Probationary Member is designed to associate with the European Scouting Conference, Scout Associations not recognised by the World Conference, encouraging them and assisting them to fulfil as quickly as possible the conditions for recognition.

II - CONDITIONS FOR BECOMING PROBATIONARY MEMBER

The Association wishing to become a probationary member should :

- A) recognise the existence at several points in the country it covers of an adequate working nucleus of boys and leaders.
- B) accept the basic principles and working rules of World Scouting.
- C) apply in its organisation and programme the methods and spirit of Scouting (in particular, the Association should be open to all children without distinction of race, nationality, creed or class, and should allow them unrestricted freedom of membership. It should also be without special discipline or political affiliation).

III - GRANTING AND WITHDRAWAL OF STATUS

The status of Probationary Member may be granted or withdrawn by the European Conference on the Committee's proposal.

APPENDIX 3

ANNEXE 3

REPARTITION DES COTISATIONS DES ASSOCIATIONS
pour couvrir le budget 1966/1967

	Coefficient	Effectif Réal (en milliers)	Effectif Fictif (en milliers)	Montant des Cotisations en F.F.
ARMENIENS	4	1,5	6	162
AUTRICHE	1	16	16	432
ALLEMAGNE	1	110	110	2.970
BELGIQUE	1	70	70	1.890
CHYPRE	1	6	6	162
DANEMARK	1	52	52	1.404
FINLANDE	1	33	33	891
FRANCE	1	200	200	5.400
GRANDE-BRETAGNE	1/3	615	200	5.400
GRECE	1	51	51	1.377
ISLANDE	4	2	8	216
IRLANDE	1	10	10	270
ISRAEL	1	16	16	432
ITALIE	1	40	40	1.080
LIECHTENSTEIN	4	0.3	1	27
LUXEMBOURG	4	3	12	324
PAYS-BAS	1	80	80	2.160
NORVEGE	1	26	26	702
PORTUGAL	1	10	10	270
SUEDE	1	80	80	2.160
SUISSE	1	50	50	1.350
TURQUIE	1	33	33	891
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Nota :

- 1) le Coefficient 4 est attribué aux associations comptant moins de 5000 membres.
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- 2) Le taux de cotisation est de F.F. 27 pour mille personnes et applicable au nombre fictif de membres obtenu en multipliant le chiffre d'effectif réel par le coefficient.

APPENDIX 3

ANNEXE 3

BUDGET ANNUEL POUR SECRETARIAT EN SUISSE

1966/1967

RECETTES

Cotisations des Associations	29.000
Subvention Bureau Mondial	10.000
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DEPENSES

Salaire du secrétaire	F.S.	12.000
Dactylo (mi-temps)		5.000
Loyer, chauffage, électricité		2.000
Téléphone, matériel, poste		3.000
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	F.S.	22.000
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	F.F.	25.000
Voyages		5.000
Lettres d'information		1.000
Fonctionnement du Comité		5.000
Réceptions et divers		3.000
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APPENDIX 4

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

RULES FOR JOINT SCOUT AND GUIDE CAMPING IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES

The suggestions set out below represent what the Committee feel to be the minimum. It is clear that since the experience of joint camping varies with different nationalities, it may will be necessary, because of the stake of public opinion in these countries to include further suggestions or regulations to suit national requirements.

1. General standards. Special care should be taken before a camp is authorised to emphasise with the leaders the urgent importance of their own personal standards ; the same demands should be made of all campers ; the importance of mutual trust, respect for the opposite sex and the highest possible standards of camping cannot be too much stressed.
2. Requirements for approval. No joint camp shall be authorised unless approval has been given at a reasonably high level by both associations. It is essential that this approval should be given by an authority which will secure the respect of parents.
3. Programme of activities. This must be approved in detail by similar authorities and must have been planned by both guiders and scouters.
4. Leadership. In all camps there must be a recognised leader of both the Scout and Guide sections, with an overall leader of the whole camp. This may be either the guider or the scouter leader. In parallel camps, a guider must be in charge of the guide quarters and a scouter in charge of the scout quarters.
5. Sanitary arrangements . The greatest care must be taken to ensure that sanitary arrangements and facilities for ablutions are entirely separate and adequately sheltered. This must also be the case where camping on hikes and treks is involved by the programme.
6. In-door camping. The same standards should be expected here and the leaders must make every effort to arrange appropriate sanitary and ablution facilities.
7. Camping abroad. Special requirements involved in either camping abroad or receiving foreign visitors are covered by the recommendations of the international commissioners, to which reference must be made.