CABINET AHOY!

Combining business and pleasure, this Explorer cabinet sails high in prestige, purpose, and promise.

By ROBERT L. BROOKS
Explorer Cabinet Advisor
Del-Mar-Va Council
Wilmington, Delaware

ONE BLUE-SKIED MORNING last fall, a fleet of four cabin cruisers sped down the broad Sassafras River in Maryland, toward Chesapeake Bay. Aboard was Del-Mar-Va Council's Explorer cabinet, as guests of four yachtsmen. The day's cruising would include a luncheon meeting ashore for transacting cabinet business.

Such an occasion has already come to be traditional for cabinet meetings in the council, that serves the 250-mile-long Delaware-Maryland-Virginia peninsula. Although our membership covers a far-reaching area, each of our cabinet meetings had brought representatives from each of the twelve district cabinets. Much of this success is directly due, I believe, to combining business meetings with a significant activity.

The cabinet's first meeting took place at Dover Air Force Base, where Explorers and Advisors got a close look at the nation's biggest cargo planes. Another meeting was held at the council's new Explorer base, which had not yet been opened to the public. Plans for the future include a meeting aboard a large transport plane.

The purpose of these unusual meeting atmospheres is threefold. In part, it is to build prestige for the cabinet in the eyes of other Explorers and even non-Explorers. Obviously it provides an additional drawing card for making cabinet representatives eager to attend. But, more importantly, it is calculated to give cabinet members definite ideas for events that they can stage with their own district cabinets or adapt for post use.

Each of our events is a one-day affair but only touches upon what can be done with the idea. It's up to the district cabinet or the post to capitalize on what their representatives see at our meeting.

From its start, the Del-Mar-Va cabinet's progress has been guided by Chairman Robert Warner. Under this Explorer's leadership, the cabinet presented an end-of-school social weekend at Rodney Scout Camps, attended by nearly two hundred Explorers and girls from all corners of the council. Later came a special edition of the council's annual Explorer Ball to celebrate Scouting's fiftieth anniversary. This was the first time in twenty-six years the cabinet sponsored the ball.

Only two activities are being staged by the cabinet in its first year. "We wanted to make sure that whatever we did would be a success," explains Bob, "so we figured we'd better not take on more than we were positive we could handle. Also, we felt that it was important not to block up the year with too many council-level Exploring activities. After all, district cabinets and individual posts shouldn't be overshadowed by council events, or they can't carry out the responsibilities that are rightfully theirs."

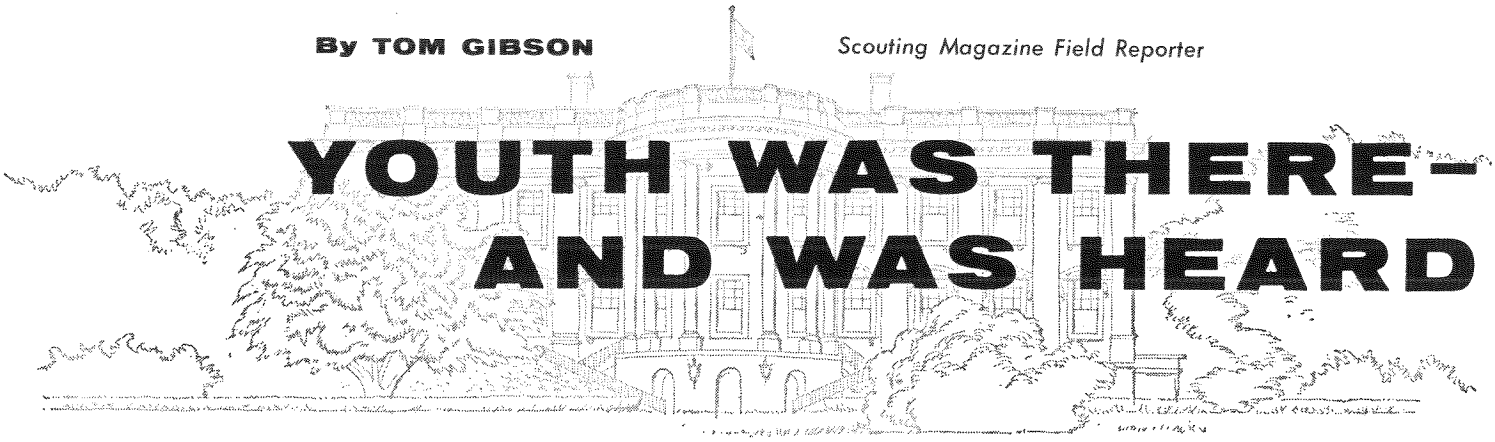
As a result, district cabinets in Del-Mar-Va have been quite active. Spurred by the success of council meetings and activities, they have scheduled their own cabinet cruises—patterned after the one shown here—social events, service projects, hikes along the Appalachian Trail, canoe trips, bus trips to Annapolis and West Point, a rifle shoot to tie in with the national Explorer rifle match, and a weekend at Dover Air Force Base.

"We try to make each of our council cabinet meetings count," says Chairman Warner. "They must have real purpose and interest—besides important business for discussion—before we feel that there's a significant reason to pull our membership in from the 250-mile length of the council. We like to feel that this policy may be responsible, at least partially, for the fine reputation which our cabinet has already earned in the council."

Photo by Robert L. Brooks

By TOM GIBSON

Scouting Magazine Field Reporter



YOUTH WAS THERE— AND WAS HEARD

SCOUTING magazine hurries into print with the first of several reports on the White House Conference on Children and Youth. Conference findings both challenge and bolster Scouting's progress.

PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER said it to more than 7,500 delegates at the opening session of the golden anniversary White House Conference on Children and Youth.

". . . beware of a tendency to generalize pessimistically about our youth. . . . I have an unshakable faith in the overwhelming majority of fine, earnest, high-spirited youngsters who comprise this rising generation. . . . They possess a more intense intellectual curiosity than we of my age exercised when we were their age...."

The more than a thousand youth delegates to the conference proved the President's faith was justified as they labored long hours at the conference during the next five days.

This conference was the first one where young people took their place as conference members on the same basis as adults. The idea of "equality" went back to the initial planning for this sixth of the White House Conferences —which have been called every ten years by the Presidents since 1909.

The last conference in 1950 agreed that thereafter "youth should be included as full participants in all appropriate conference activities." Thus, in setting up his national committee for the 1960 conference, President Eisenhower appointed as members ten young people of high school and college ages.

When it was time to choose conference delegates, the allocation of invitations through state committees and national organizations specified that roughly fourteen per cent be reserved for youth. The actual proportion of youth delegates turned out to be considerably higher than the quotas.

Official delegates of the Boy Scouts of America totaled nine, but it was amazing to note the large percentage of other delegates who currently were or had been active in the Boy Scouts of America. Four of our delegates were in the youth category (ages 16 to 20), and I had several occasions to see and hear these young men in action. They, and all the other youth delegates to the conference, made me—and would have made you—proud of this generation that is on the threshold of national and free-world leadership. It gave me great hope for our future.

Our youth delegates

There was Philip Chamot, 18, a freshman at the University of Buffalo. Phil recently became associate Advisor of Explorer Post 279, the same post from which he had been elected president of his council's Explorer cabinet. He is majoring in electrical engineering on a New York State Regents' scholarship. Active in his church, he is also a member of Alpha Phi Omega, national Scout service fraternity, and is in Air Force reserve officer training.

There was Mario Dieckmann, a junior in Pulaski High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Born in Germany, Mario came to Canada in 1955, then to the United States the following year. He is president of Explorer Post 275, which he helped organize, and is also president of his council Explorer cabinet. Mario hopes for an appointment to West Point.

There was David Woolman, a senior in Classical High School, Providence, Rhode Island. Dave, a member of Troop 82, has held most troop leadership positions through junior assistant Scoutmaster, his current responsibility. He is active in several church and school

Scout and Explorer delegates at Americana Ball meet two Kentucky youth delegates—who happen to be girls. Left to right: Dominic Repici, Marilyn Meredith, David Woolman, Pitsy Matthews, Philip Charmont, Mario Dieckmann.

groups, is majoring in history, and hopes to continue in college.

Our fourth youth delegate was Dominic Repici. Don is a junior at St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia. After three years in a troop, he recently joined Explorer Post 128, specializing in radio, his primary hobby. He is active in debating and other school groups and is a member of several religious organizations. Like the other delegates, he hopes to attend college, where he plans to major in physics.

Youth inspires

It was stimulating, even thrilling, to watch the youth delegates at work, although their endeavors began long before the conference convened on March 27. Scouting's representatives were typical. They had attended state meetings and thus helped formulate the topics to be discussed and studied. They had read several large volumes of findings and reports that were gathered at the many local "Little White House Conferences" prior to the Washington assembly. Also, they had made speeches to groups in their communities telling them about the conference and their role in it.

Through the youth delegates were in the minority, their opinions certainly were not. In the afternoon work groups I witnessed, it was always several youth delegates positively expressing their viewpoints that started the discussion ball rolling. Here's a sample of youth response:

One group got into the problem of cheating as part of its discussion on ethical conduct for youth. Harry M. Lindquist, a Harvard sophomore, declared that ethics is a matter of an "image" that is developed for the child within his family. When the youngster fails to live up to this image, he said, he feels he has failed himself and his family.

In the same group, a 19-year-old college junior, Blair Danzoll, suggested that a firm hand taken early in a child's upbringing could be one answer to the problem. Cheating, she said, appears to start when the child takes the extra cooky out of the cooky jar behind his mother's back. Firmness, she added, combined with trust should be the rule at home.

A conference involving more than 7,500 delegates was bound to create differences of opinion. Reacting to a charge that tests showed American youngsters inferior to European children in physical fitness, Margaret Grace, an 18-year-old member of the Oklahoma delegation, retorted, "I'm tired of being compared to Europeans. We should be taken for what we are. We may not be as strong but we're concerned about where we're going and what we're to do."

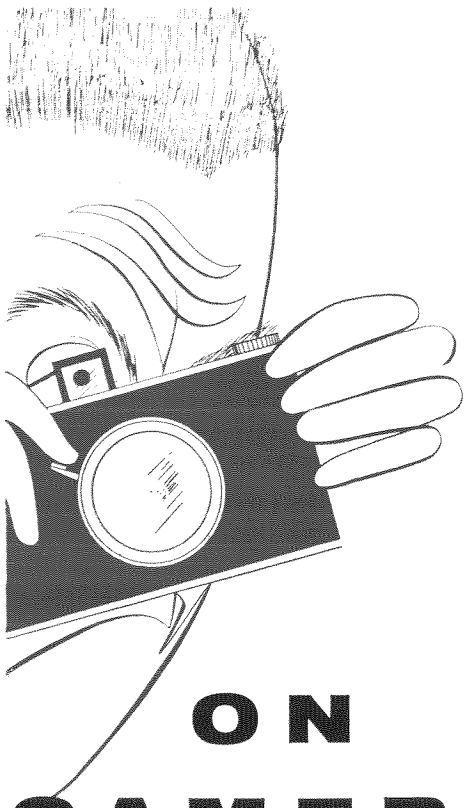
World-wide representation

Five hundred of the conference participants came from seventy-three foreign countries and many of these international delegates were youths. Homai Dubash, Bombay, India, currently a student at the University of Chicago, came to pick up ideas she can use back in her own country when she returns there as a welfare leader.

Aleck Chemponda, Tanganyika, Africa, told the assembly, "I will learn a lot about social science here, advice that I can use back home."

Leo Savage, 20, a delegate from Gallipolis, Ohio, wondered, "Could the Soviet Union come up with anything

(Continued on page 26)



ON CAMERA

HIS EIGHTH BIRTHDAY *occurred on Scouting's fiftieth birthday, February 8, so Bobby Guilmette celebrated with a cake and joined Pack 13, Sacred Heart Church, Fall River, Massachusetts, where his dad and mom are Cubmaster and Den Mother.*

Herald News photo

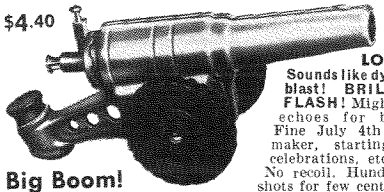
WORLD'S BIGGEST SCOUT, *Paul Bunyan, wore a neckerchief with jubilee emblem slide for Boy Scout Week. Katahdin Area Council put them on 40-foot Paul in Bangor, Maine. The 24-foot neckerchief and 3-foot slide were placed from arm of bomber deicer, furnished by Dow Air Force Base.*

Bangor News photo

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS *in 1959 national Explorer postal rifle matches are from Post 6, sponsored by American Legion, Springfield, Ohio. With Advisor Ralph E. Welsh are Lee Hagelberger, Richard First, David Peters, and David Clippinger, also individual champion. Coach is Assistant Advisor C. Robert Walthall, Sr. Information about 1960 matches, sponsored by National Rifle Association and Boy Scouts, is available at your council office by September 1.*

Carbide Cannon

$4.40



LOUD ! Sounds like dynamite blast! BRILLIANT FLASH! Mighty roar echoes for blocks. Fine July 4th noisemaker, starting gun, celebrations, etc. Safe. No recoil. Hundreds of shots for few cents. Uses carbide. Fast firing. Attractively made of heavy cast iron. Money back guarantee. 9-in. Cannon $3.95 plus 45¢ post. SEND $4.40. 17-in. $8.95 plus 55¢ post, send $9.50. Ammunition 39¢ tube (500 shots): 3 tubes $1.00 postpaid.

Big Boom!

Johnson Smith Co. Dept. 886 Detroit 7, Mich.

FILM MAIL ORDER FILM DEVELOPED AND PRINTED FAST SERVICE! TOP QUALITY! Roll developed, 8 enlarged prints 39c; 12-59c on trial offer. Reprints 5c. Free Mailers. KODACOLOR roll developed, 8 prints $2.69; 12-$3.69. Reprints 25c. 39¢

WILLARD PHOTO SERVICE • BOX 2553L • CLEVELAND 12, OHIO

BOYS' LIFE
SCOUTER SERVICE DEPT.

Free material available through BOYS' LIFE! Merely fill in the coupon and mail to address listed on the coupon.

BICYCLE PUZZLE BOOK!

12-page color U. S. Royal puzzle book for your boys. Excellent for den activities.

UNITED STATES RUBBER COMPANY
549 E. GEORGIA STREET — DEPT. BL
BICYCLE TIRE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS 6, INDIANA

FREE

Please send me.....U. S. Royal puzzle books for myself and the boys in my unit.

Name.....

Street.....

City.....Zone....State.....

Unit.....Region.....Council.....

REVISED 16-PAGE FISHING FACTS BOOKLET!

Crammed with new information on knots and bait casting tips, as well as other regular features on fishing facts.

FREE

HORROCKS-IBBOTSON CO.
DEPT. BL
UTICA, NEW YORK

Please send me....copies of your booklet for myself and the boys in my unit.

Name.....

Street.....

City.....Zone....State.....

Unit.....Region.....Council.....

12-PAGE 48-STATE FISHING GUIDE!

Includes listings of the best fishing spots of forty-eight states and hot tips by the experts.

NIRESK INDUSTRIES, INC.
FISH AND GAME DEPT. BL
CHICAGO 47, ILLINOIS

FREE

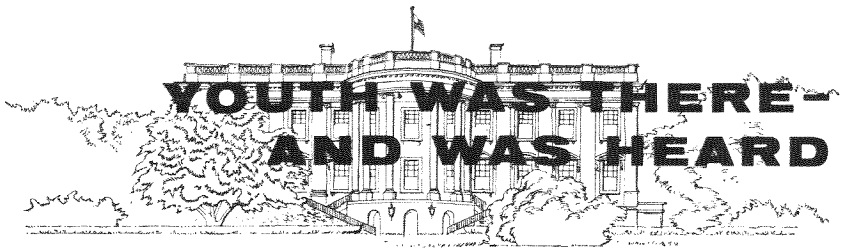
Please send me....copies of your booklet for myself and the boys in my unit.

Name.....

Street.....

City.....Zone....State.....

Unit.....Region.....Council.....



(Continued from page 11)

to match the White House Conference on Children and Youth?" So Leo dropped into the Soviet Embassy to get the answer — which was "No." However, a Soviet press attaché did tell him during a leisurely three-hour conversation that various organizations like the Young Communist League hold mass bull sessions

Priorities for youth

Youth delegates had one four-hour session all to themselves. On Thursday evening, March 31, they gathered in a hotel ballroom to develop a statement of youth priorities for the next decade. The guest moderator for this session was Danny Kaye, a member of the President's national conference committee. A representative panel of youth delegates had previously drawn up a draft of the priorities for consideration. The delegates had to approve, delete, strengthen, or add to the suggested statements.

Discussion was carried on in "buzz" groups of six persons each. Pro or con speeches for each statement or suggested changes were made from the floor through portable microphones. After the long, lively, and sometimes impassioned arguments were completed, the assembly voted priority to statements that included pleas for "greatly increased support for education at all levels," "the substantial completion of school desegregation by 1970," and "a re-emphasis of the family unit as a central force in democracy."

While the conference was mostly a process of listening, discussing, and recommending, many of the delegates also found time to attend a special symphony concert, dance at the colorful Americana Ball, and do some sight-seeing. The Washington Monument and the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials remained open each evening until 11:30 P.M. This came about when the Youth Host Committee realized that the delegates would be too busy during the day to visit the three top attractions. One committee member, eighteen-year-old Jennie Thompson of Washington, knew just the man to see about it—her father, the superintendent of national capital parks, in charge of the monuments.

I met with our four youth delegates shortly before the conference ended. I asked them what they thought of it. Here are high lights of their replies:

"This has turned out to be a much greater opportunity than I expected. It will be invaluable to me, both in my schoolwork and in my relations with other people."

"No one could sit in on any of these groups without getting far more than he is able to give. I have gained much insight into the complexities of group work and the solving of problems."

"The conference has provided an opportunity for me to associate with people from all over the nation and the world. All the delegates have been extremely friendly. I now have a new understanding of the problems in many foreign countries—and in 'foreign' sections of my own country."

"I especially appreciated the attitude of adults who have gone out of their way to make us feel like equals in the conference program and decisions. The informal discussions outside of the conference meetings have also been quite profitable. I find there are large areas of agreement."

Dr. Ruth A. Stout, director of field programs for the Kansas State Teachers Association, asked this question during her remarks at the closing general session, "How else can a nation grow up except through the growing up of its youth?"

Anyone viewing the youth delegates at work in this conference, and listening to their keen observations, would have been reassured that our nation's young people *are* growing up.