S C O U T E R G R A M

• High lights from the 19th Boy Scouts World Conference: Delegates and observers from 58 countries participated. The 15-member B.S.A. delegation was headed by President Ellsworth H. Augustus, Chief Scout Executive Joseph A. Brunton, Jr., and International Commissioner Irving Feist.

Most of the program dealt with steps needed to keep Scouting up to date in all countries. The national Scout associations of Algeria, Saudi-Arabia, and Trinidad-Tobago were admitted as members of the conference, bringing the total membership to 80 associations—largest number in history.

C. C. Mojekwu, of Nigeria; Dr. Gustavo J. Vollmer, of Venezuela; N. M. Khan, of Pakistan; and M. Henri Bourreau, of France; were elected to the 12-member Boy Scouts World Committee. Members of this committee do not represent their own countries, but are responsible for the world-wide interests of Scouting.

The conference, which convenes every two years, accepted Mexico's invitation for the 1965 meeting and the B.S.A.'s invitation to host the 1967 meeting, in proximity to the site of the next world jamboree. As previously announced, that jamboree will be held in the U.S.A.

• One of the big hits of last summer's world jamboree in Greece was the display of the Sigma 7 Mercury space capsule (Astronaut Walter M. Shirra's six-orbit vehicle). NASA officials and the armed forces cooperated to make display possible.

• Norman Rockwell recently completed his latest Scouting masterpiece. Entitled "The Great Moment," it depicts the presentation of an Eagle Award. You'll be seeing this colorful scene on the 1965 Boy Scout calendar.

• The B.S.A. has erected a historical marker near the entrance to the site of the 5th National Jamboree outside Colorado Springs, Colo. The marker is 5 feet high and 7½ feet long. Its granite base supports a large slab of Colorado red sandstone, similar to the huge stones in the nearby Garden of the Gods. The engraved inscription recognizes the 56,377 boys and leaders who camped there in 1960.

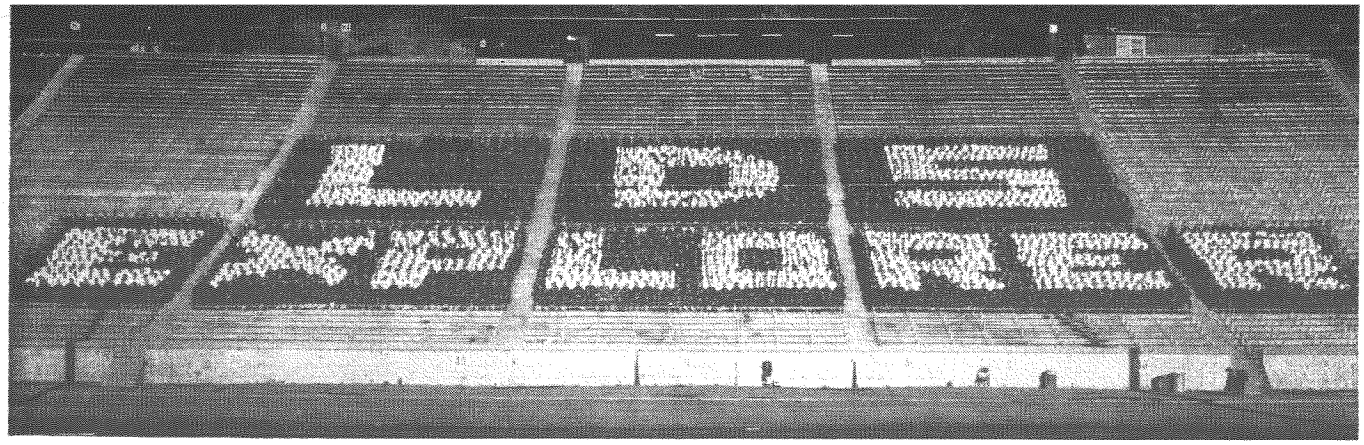
• The 8th Annual NRA-BSA Explorer Postal Rifle Match got under way October 1. In last year's contest, 533 teams and 3,176 Explorers participated. Information folders and entry forms are available at your council office.

• Gold Lamb awards were presented last summer to the heads of government of four Scandinavian nations. Rev. Frans A. Victorson, representing the National Lutheran Committee on Scouting, made the presentations to Dr. Urho Kekkonen, President of Finland; His Majesty, King Olav V of Norway; His Majesty King Gustaf VI of Sweden. A cabinet officer received the award in behalf of King Frederik IX of Denmark. The Lamb Award is granted to Lutherans who render outstanding service to boyhood through Scouting.

• Have you heard our "Roundup Song" yet? If not, you surely will, and chances are you'll remember it. Recordings of this catchy, musical spot announcement have been sent to radio and TV stations across the country. And here's a hint—this rousing song is perfect for all Scouting events, so you might want to teach it to your boys. Your council can help you get words and music.

• National Children's Book Week is November 10-16. Library displays and book fairs will suggest good reading and program material for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers.

• Are you and/or the boys in your unit planning to visit the New York World's Fair in '64 or '65? If so, take advantage of the discounts offered for group attendance and early purchases. If you order tickets for either year before February 29, 1964, there's a special savings on all tickets, including individual admissions, 20-ticket books, and bulk orders (50 or more). Your council office can give further information on these special prices or you can get tickets or details from Director of Ticket Sales, New York World's Fair 1964-1965 Corporation, Flushing 52, N. Y.



Here's more than half of the 3,700 Explorers and their leaders who met—and grew—at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

EXPLORER CONFERENCE "MORMON" STYLE

By WILLIAM B. SMART, *Editorial Page Editor,* Deseret News-Salt Lake Telegram, *and Chairman of the LDS Explorer Committee*

"GOSH, I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T KNOW the first thing about editing a newspaper. Here we are only an hour away from deadline and we don't have it half filled."

Young Harold White looked close to panic at that moment, and no wonder. In a few hours it would be Friday, and Friday would bring 3,700 Explorers and their leaders swarming onto the Brigham Young University campus from every corner of the United States and five foreign countries. If that first edition of the conference newspaper wasn't waiting for them it would be a mighty sick beginning for the First LDS International Explorer Conference.

It took just a little well-placed adult help to get Harold over his crisis. He made his deadline. With confidence and ability growing by the hour, he made four more deadlines after that, and at the end of the five-day conference was a poised, self-confident editor who was putting out a quality product.

If Harold White didn't stand a full 6 inches taller at the end of the conference than he had at the beginning, there's something wrong with my eyes. But so did the 14 other Explorer members of the steering committee who had run this show from beginning to end—especially George H. Durham II, just out of a Tempe, Ariz., high school, who 15 months earlier had been elected chairman of the conference steering committee and who now conducted the conference with the finesse of a lifelong politician.

If there was a "most important" purpose and keynote of the conference it was the development of leadership. The steering committee set the example, but there were hundreds of other boys acting as leaders. As Explorers poured off the special trains and chartered buses, they were quickly scattered to student housing throughout the sprawling, modern BYU campus. The first night, in each of the 102 housing units, 35 or so boys met as strangers and organized themselves into a temporary post with the usual officers, plus discussion leaders, recorders, and other officials to act throughout the conference.

It was a gamble, this splitting of boys away from their usual adult leaders to broaden their acquaintances and give them a chance to organize and act on their own. But it worked. The jam sessions, worship hours, and other activities conducted by the boys in their separate posts were among the brightest highlights of the conference. Most important, it sent the Explorers back home more aware of and confident in their potential for leadership in big things.

This is especially vital in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ("Mormon") that sponsored this largest and most ambitious Explorer activity ever held. This church has no paid ministry. All its worthy male members from 12 years up hold the priesthood and are expected to serve in various offices as called. The leadership training offered by Exploring is a major reason the church has adopted the program with such enthusiasm that one out of 10 U.S. Explorers is now a Mormon. By the end of this year, at present growth rates, the "Mormon" Church will undoubtedly be the largest single sponsor of Exploring in the country.

So what happened on BYU's campus at Prove, Utah, those action-packed days from August 23 to 28.

Sargent Shriver, head of the Peace Corps, started things off with an exiting address in which he likened the ideals and international brotherhood of the Peace Corps volunteers to those of LDS Explorers. Chief Joseph A. Brunton, Jr., flew in from Greece and Rhodes to thrill the crowd with his message on the better life. There were panels on personal fitness (including the immediate past national president of the American Medical Association), on LDS missionary work, on vocational exploration, and a Glamour Panel to end all Glamour Panels, complete with television star Roberta Shore and nationally renowned swimsuit designer Rose Marie Reid — both high-idealed LDS women.

A talent show included everything from a Canadian bagpiper to a Venezuelan singer, from a bull-whip artist to a classical pianist, paced by a near-professional combo of Explorers from Mesa, Ariz. There was a full program of Sunday worship and study including passing of the sacrament to 3,700 holders of the LDS priesthood . . . and on and on. All of the general sessions were enlivened by questions fired directly from the audience through six revolutionary transisterized microphones being circulated through the giant field house.

Then there were the discussions groups—102 of them—culminating in a statement of convictions presented as the "Voice of LDS Youth." And the competition in 38 different skills, including nearly 600 boys competing in marksmanship alone. And the electives

—more than 100 of them—manned by BYU faculty members and other highly skilled adults. And full-scale demonstrations of the activities of the 12 best "Mormon" Explorer posts in the nation. And, in spare time, Explorer-oriented movies, informal team athletic competition, jam sessions, and talk, talk, talk in all the bubbling fellowship of youth.

By decision of the steering committee, the conference theme was our Savior's admonition, "Be ye therefore perfect." No one pretends the First LDS International Explorer Conference achieved anything like perfection, but it approached much closer to it than ony of its planners dared dream.

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