



AMONG THE BOY SCOUTS—

WASHINGTON JAMBOREE CALLED OFF

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THE NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE that was to be held in Washington the last ten days of August was unfortunately cancelled. This was to be the greatest boy get-together in American history. The reason for the cancellation of the jamboree was the infantile paralysis epidemic occurring at Washington, D. C. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, America's number one Scout, on the advice of the health authorities had to call the Jamboree off. It was feared that with the *thirty-thousand boys* concentrated in a limited space, the danger of contamination was too great to be risked. However, we were assured that it was with the greatest reluctance and after all possible measures had been carefully studied and considered, that this was decided upon.

It was a pretty hard job to disappoint, not only the actual thousands of Scouts participating, but also their brother Scouts, parents, relatives, friends and sympathizers of the great Scout Movement. So when we come to think of it, we realize that this gathering includes an enormous number of persons. Multiplying the number of parents, relatives and friends that every Scout participant has, by thirty-thousand, we will get a fairly big sum total.

That the Jamboree was to be the greatest and best yet staged in Scouting history in America, can be seen from the program planned. There were to be dozens of demonstrations and exhibits everyday. The demonstrations included: every kind of outdoor fire that man from the Stone Age to the present has ever built; how to save drowning persons in every conceivable situation; and a great variety of stunts, drills, exhibi-

tions, games, hikes, visits to all places of notable and historic interest in and around Washington, D. C. In fact, it was to be the whole Scout World in miniature, represented by every scout region in America and scouts from sixty other nations. They had all been invited to pitch their tents with the Boy Scouts of America in this glorious celebration.

And not only this, but famous leaders and guests were to have visited the encampment. Besides President Roosevelt and many other famous Scouters, this list also included hundreds of men unusually prominent in many fields and professions: great aviators; great baseball players; great boxers; great motion pictures and great radio actors, etc.

All this, was what the Jamboree was to have been: Nevertheless, our efforts in trying to send a delegation to this Jamboree have not been wasted. Our boys were granted a special privilege. They are to continue their journey as previously planned. They are to visit President Roosevelt and other notables and present them with typical Filipino gifts. As a matter of fact, by the time this message is published these events will have occurred.

The boys have already visited New York. They were given rousing welcomes by Scouts and Scouters wherever they went. They were shown every courtesy and consideration throughout their 'half-way round the world journey.'

Experiences like these should serve as an incentive to every Boy Scout to *make good in Scouting* and to realize how fortunate he is to be a member of such a great and world-wide organization!

Beggars in Austria

Linz, Austria. Because the number of beggars on the streets of Austria are growing they are all going to be sent to a camp. The busy citizens of the country claim that the beggars are a great nuisance if left to run around on the street dirty and ragged. They claim, too, that they are ashamed to have visitors from foreign countries think that Austria cannot make better provision for her beggars.

So instead of subjecting the beggars to a street life they will be given a chance to work for their food and clothing. Whenever a policeman discovers a beggar on the streets of Austria, he is obliged to take him to the station. From there the beggar is sent to a camp. It is in the camp where he is given work to do. And in return for this work each beggar will receive clothing and food and in most cases also sleeping quarters.

Smallest Motor in the World

Kiev., Ukraine. The smallest motor in the world has just been made by a sixteen year old boy in Ukraine. Victor Nikitashenko has made it. It weighs only 1.6 grammes which represents not quite one-sixteenth of an inch.

Some parts can be seen only through a magnifying glass. A two-volt battery runs the miniature motor. The size of the armature is five millimeters in diameter. There are 405 twists of thin wire on it.

The model has been closely examined by the Institute of Physics of the All-Ukrainian Academy of Sciences. The Academy has found it to be genuine working model.

This arrangement gives the beggar a cleaner and healthier life. It gives him a chance to become a useful citizen.