

1978 is the 25th Anniversary of the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides. I would like to give you the Message from the chairman of the International Council as it appeared in the June issue of the Fellowship Bulletin. I do not have Philip Tossijn's permission but I hope I have his blessing.

"Silver Jubilee Fellowship Day: 25th October is United Nations Day and in 1965 our International Fellowship decided to celebrate each year on or around this date, the foundation in 1953 of IFOFSAG.

25th October this year will mark an important milestone in the history of IFOFSAG, namely the Silver Jubilee of our Fellowship. This will be an unique opportunity for National Associations and Local Guilds to reaffirm the aims and principles for which our International Fellowship stands. By so doing we shall also associate ourselves with United Nations Day and express our attachment to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to peace and to international understanding. Committed to bringing our Scouting and Guiding ideals into the communities in which we live and work we must, day by day and little by little, try to improve our world, and serve our fellow man.

Our world today is faced with lack of freedom, conflict and terror, economic difficulties, decreasing resources, overpopulation and all the problems relating to the "Quality of Life". Alone we can do very little, but whatever our qualifications—local, national or international - if we stand together, we can do a great deal to influence public opinion by taking part in the responsibilities of our communities.

Let our Silver Jubilee Fellowship Day 1978 be a new start for our devotion to the aims and principles of our International Fellowship."

Our greetings and congratulations go to IFOFSAG on this 25th Anniversary. Would it not be nice if the Canadian Guilds were to commemorate this anniversary by donating a sum of money to the Col. J.S. Wilson Scholarship Fund? Col. Wilson was on the International World Bureau of Boy Scouts. In 1946 he met with the Danish Guilds with the idea of what finally became the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides in 1953. He was president of the council from 1953-1956 and afterwards became a life member. The scholarship fund was set up to assist Guides and Scouts. In 1976 Miss Catalina Chan a Guider from Hong Kong was able to complete her training in the training Centres of Foxlease and Waddlow in Great Britain and in 1977 Mr. Saliya Rajakaruna, a Field Commissioner in Sri Lanka was able to complete his professional training for the Asian Pacific Region. Have your secretary send a donation to our registrar as a contribution to the Col. J. S. Wilson Scholarship Fund?

There has been considerable activity among the guilds this summer. Frouida Baker and Doris Coole of the 4th Guild toured the Okanagan Valley in B.C. and visited the 5th guild in Vernon. The guild assists with the scout registration of the area, looks after Honors and Awards, put on a display B.-P. week, participated in the Sunrise Service, and sponsored a dance in March. We are glad to hear of these activities and hope we will hear more from the 5th in the future. Frouida and Doris held a meeting in Kamloops with the good prospect of a guild forming there this fall. Also through the enthusiasm of Frouida and her contacts in Winnipeg we are looking to extending our guilds to Manitoba.

The 8th Guild in Calgary has sent reports of their recent meetings and of their activities. They took part in the Calgary District Wood Badge Course held in Hawaii and returned with an interesting report. The 8th have continued their work with Camp Gardner by holding workshops

followed by a campfire. The Stamp Committee has prepared and dispatched over 2400 stamps to the International in Norway. The Vancouver guilds, the 1st and 4th, have been assisting Scout House with its Hikathon and the games played with Japanese children here on a learning tour. The 1st has built a Memorial Station at Camp Byng and will dedicate it in the near future.

Doris Coole has heard from the Stamp Bank and been advised that the new address for stamps to the International is the Stamp Bank, P.O. Box 49, Kaldbakken, Oslo 9, Norway, Arnfinn Johansen is in charge. So please see that your stamps are sent to the above address.

In my list of Honors and Awards I neglected to note that Donovan Miller, Honorary member of the 1st was a recipient of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal. Please let me know if there are any other Honours and Awards to be recognized.

I would also like to congratulate Rudy Dangelmaier of the 4th on receiving a Canada Savings Bonds for his design for a new flag for the City of Vancouver.

You should be aware that there has been a change in the Canadian Council Executive. Harold Holmes of the Toronto Guild has moved back to Vancouver and rejoined the 1st Guild of which he was, and is, a charter member. His position on the Council as Vice-President will be assumed for the balance of this term by Mr. Ian Broderick, Guildmaster of the 6th Canadian guild. Ian's address is 2150 Waycross Crescent, Mississauga, Ont. L5K 1H9.

Visitors: Vancouver has been honored by a visit from Elliston Dusting from Australia who being on the Council for IFOFSAG is enroute to England and eventually the council meeting in October. She has met with guiders and Trefoil members followed by a social evening with the B.-P. Guilds invited. While in Vancouver she has been the guest of Frouida Baker.

Supplies: most on hand have been spoken for. If you have not ordered and want some have your secretary order immediately and send your money. The crests have not yet arrived but should be here about Sept. 1. We have a new item a very nice woven souvenir badge commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Scouting movement (by Cash's of Coventry, Jagger's portrait of "B.-P.", \$1.25).

#### General Assembly XIII, Bergen, Norway, August 5 - 11, 1979.

We have very little information to date and no application forms yet. If they are not received shortly we will send for some. Those of you interested in attending should write to our registrar so he can keep you informed. Seymour Archbold, Registrar, Canadian Council of B.-P. Guilds, Shorewood Dr., R.R. #1, Parksville, B.C. V0R 2S0. The conference fee is tentatively set at KrN 300 and lodging and meals KrN 1200. At the present rate of exchange of KrN 454 per \$100.00 Canadian KrN 1500 would be about \$330.00. There could be an exchange difference by next year. A limited number of single rooms are available at an extra cost. There is an optional 3 day journey after the assembly, total cost about KrN 700. Registration forms must be returned to Bergen before March 31, 1979.

The Assembly theme is to be on Guild Work. What do the various Guilds have in common; different varieties of guild work; principle of great value to be recommended; ways that are done in local guilds; getting the results of the discussions in resolutions.

We hope you are thinking about attending the assembly and that Canada can have a good representation. Contact Seymour and he will keep you fully advised.

Let me have more news from our Canadian Guilds for the next news letter which is planned before the Xmas mail rush.

If you or your executive are not receiving a copy of the "Fellowship Bulletin" send for your subscriptions right away. See our news letter #2-2, May, 1978.

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