

American, Mexican Boy Scouts To Carry Torch to Chicago

Chicago - (UP) - A 3,000-member team of American and Mexican Boy Scouts will carry a torch to Chicago this summer. It's the Light of Friendship that will be used in the two-week Pan-American Games to be staged here Aug. 27 through Sept. 7.

Hoffa, Bridges Hold Conference

Washington - (UP) - Teamsters President James R. Hoffa and West Coast longshoremen's leader Harry Bridges conferred here last week, a teamsters spokesman confirmed today.

The spokesman said they discussed automation in the transport field. The meetings were held Wednesday and Thursday. Bridges is president of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union.

Visitors Here

Mr. and Mrs. William Kocina, with their daughter, Marlene, and son, Wayne, Colorado Springs, Colo., visited in Medford last week with Mrs. Julia Vakoc, 519 South Riverside avenue. The Kocinas and Mrs. Vakoc formerly all lived in Verdegre, Neb.

Sister Here

Miss Jeanne Swayne, who taught school in North Bend last year, is in the valley to spend the summer with her sisters, the Misses Hazel and Josephine Swayne, Medford, and Mrs. Hugh Barron, Ashland.

CALENDAR

Monday
7:30 p.m.—Licensed Practical Nurses, Sacred Heart hospital, social room.
7:30 p.m.—Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of World War I, dance at Camp White domiciliary.
Tuesday:
10:30 a.m.—Kiwanian Dames, home of Mrs. Robert G. Little, 1700 Lenora dr.

from Mexico City, home of the 1955 games. And it must be brought on foot.

Work in Relays

That's where the Boy Scouts come in. Mexican Scouts working in relays will carry the Light of Friendship from Mexico City to the U.S. border at Laredo, Tex. Then the American Scouts will take over to carry the torch to Soldier's Field, Chicago, headquarters of the games.

It will be history's biggest relay race, covering well over 2,000 miles. The first group of American Scouts will take up the torch at the border at dawn on Aug. 4, to carry it at Scout pace—run 50 steps, walk 50 steps—to the next relay team, which in turn will pass it on to another.

The Scouts will carry the torch through five states—Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois—at the rate of five miles per daylight hour.

Each of the states' governors and their highway police will accompany the boys. Mayors and chiefs of police in 121 cities, towns and villages along the route will join in.

The Light of Friendship will be displayed at each stop of the route and then throughout the Games.

Atomic scientists at Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, Ill., have been asked to come up with a material light enough for the torch bearers to carry yet sturdy enough to burn—and burn and burn.

All scouts involved will be over 14 and will undergo advance physical examination. In order to let a maximum number of youngsters take part in the honor, individual assignments of less than a mile will be in effect much of the way. Each participating Scout will receive a special badge commemorating the event.

On the long run from Laredo, the Scouts will take seven and one-half days to cross Texas on U.S. 81, 77, 75 and 69, passing through San Antonio, San Marcos, Austin and Waco. They will cross into Oklahoma at Denison, going through on U.S. 75, 69 and 66 and entering Kansas at its southeastern corner en route to Joplin, Mo. The Scouts will go up U.S. 66 through Missouri and Illinois.

Resident of Hong Kong Describes Recent Storm

The recent storm which drenched the British crown colony of Hong Kong and took many lives in that area was described in a letter from Mrs. John McClelland, nee Elayne Leach, which was sent to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Leach, 1228 Corona avenue.

Mrs. McClelland teaches speech in a school in Hong Kong. Her husband is an electronic technician with the British air force. Her letter of June 1 reads in part:

"Well, we had a nice week end so are paying for it now. Woke up this morning to the sound of a downpour, plus

thunder storms. It's very dark out. About 8 a.m. the rain let up a bit and three planes came down out of the clouds and landed, then two took off.

"They have to work fast when there is a break in the clouds. The planes usually circle around until they reach the minimum of gas to get to Taipei and Manila. If the weather isn't clear by then, they have to land somewhere else."

A second letter relates the storm's progress:

"As I said the storm broke late at night June 11 (Thursday). It raged all Friday a.m., then cleared off. Late Friday night it struck again.

"Again it raged all night and Saturday 'til about 3 p.m. when it fell to drizzling. We thought that was the end of it. This morning about 4 a.m. the wind howled, lightning crashed and it started again 'til about 9 a.m.

Roads Covered
"Since then it's been drizzling and we are waiting to see what happens next! Saturday was the worst time—roads were two feet under water; the water rushes off the mountains so fast that trickles were turned into torrents in a matter of seconds.

"Between 6 a.m. and 3 p.m., seven inches of rain fell, almost three inches of that in one hour! The reservoirs are overflowing, landslides have blocked roads and a couple of tenement houses have collapsed. Two people were killed by lightning. It really cracked last night.

"They say it is the worst storm in ten years (not counting a real typhoon of course)! Of course we are in no danger, as we stay inside. The squatters living in shacks on the hillsides are hit hardest.

"Friday evening they came to get John for emergency duty in the mountains. We were in the movies so they had to get someone else.

"The storm seems to keep wavering over Hong Kong like an undulating snake. Just before it cuts loose the temperature drops suddenly and the wind raises sharply. It's quite weird, but it ought to be over in another couple of days."

On Monday, June 15, she wrote:

Storm Continues
"I would never have believed that the storm would continue. This morning at 5:30 a.m. the cold blast of wind came, followed by a crash of thunder and a down-pour of rain. It's 8:30 now and hasn't let up.

"At last count, the death toll is 36, mostly from old water-soaked concrete and stucco tenements collapsing. Johnny set out for work, but rumor has it that the road is washed out, so the fellows on night watch last Saturday are still up there.

"I'm glad I don't have far to go to school. I suppose you may read about the storm here in the newspapers. When you read such things about Hong Kong, don't worry, few Europeans ever get hurt as they have snug houses and sense enough to stay home!

Houses Collapse
"Johnny came home about 8:30 a.m. It has been raining steadily; from midnight to noon 5½ inches fell. I took a taxi to Kai Tak this afternoon to see about the boxes. Forded one river, but was turned back by the second and couldn't get through. All police, fire and civil defense are alerted and working overtime sandbagging streets and pulling people out of collapsed houses.

"Anyone living on a hillside is in danger of landslides. We are far enough away from any danger areas. I don't know what will happen if it keeps up much longer.

"Rainfall midnight last night to 7 p.m.—10.6 inches! June 16—"Blue sky peeps through the clouds in a couple of places after 20½ inches of rain since Thursday. The worst in 43 years, leaving 7,000 people homeless and 50 dead."

Gromyko Declares West Must Yield

Moscow—(UP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said Sunday he still saw a possibility of success for the Geneva conference but he made it clear the West and not Russia must yield.

Gromyko, in a 15-page statement on the conference, maintained the stand he took at Geneva and gave no indication the Russians planned any concessions that would break the deadlock over Berlin, Germany or European security.

He said the first part of the conference—it is in a three-week adjournment—was useful because it pinpointed differences and attempts were made at bringing East and West closer together.

'Lady Chatterley' Film Ban Overruled

Washington - (UP) - The Supreme Court today set aside New York's ban on the film "Lady Chatterley's Lover." It said the state "struck at the very heart of constitutionally protected liberty."

"What New York has done... is to prevent the exhibition of a motion picture because that picture advocates an idea—that adultery under certain circumstances may be proper behavior." Justice Potter Stewart said for the court. "Yet the First Amendment's basic guarantee is of freedom to advocate ideas."

The high court unanimously reversed a decision of the New York Court of Appeals upholding the ban.

Attorney Protests Bar Listing Names

Portland - (UP) - A Portland attorney, Jack McLaughlin, has protested to priority listing of names by the Multnomah County Bar Association. The protest followed Gov. Mark Hatfield's appointments of Arno Denicke and Judge John T. Murchison to the new Multnomah County circuit judge posts created by the 1959 Legislature.

Hatfield announced at the time of the appointments that the Bar Committee had placed Denicke first and Murchison second in priority. McLaughlin added that he had no quarrel with the selections but merely the practice of priority listing of names by the association.

Woodcraft Neighbors To Meet Thursday

Phoenix - Neighbors of Woodcraft lodge of Phoenix, will meet at the Grange hall Thursday, July 2, at 8 p.m. Serving committee is Mrs. George Drake and Mrs. Delbert Anderson.

Recently the lodge held a picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson for members and families.

In cooperation with the Centennial committee, the lodge has placed a display of antiques in the window at the Daniel cafe in Phoenix. The entire display was loaned to the lodge by Joe Cowley of Phoenix. The display will be changed and a new one put in the window shortly after the first of July.

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