

# Medford Scout Reviews Trip to 11th World Jamboree in Marathon

(Editor's note: Tom Ness, Jr., is one of three Boy Scouts from the Crater Lake Area Council attending the 11th World Jamboree in Marathon, Greece. The following is a review of the trip so far.)

**By TOM NESS, JR.**  
Before our departure for Europe, with the ultimate goal of the 11th World Jamboree of Boy Scouts at Marathon, Greece, we had a three-day pre-jamboree training session at Ft. Slocum. This is an island fortress of only a short ferry ride from New Rochelle, N.Y.

All members of our "Nor Westers' Troop" (comprising 33 Scouts and three Scoutmasters from Idaho, Washington, Alaska, Oregon and northern California) met for the first time that morning at the Portland International Airport. We flew to Salt Lake City where we took a jet to Idlewild International Airport and were transported by bus from there to New Rochelle. At Ft. Slocum we were assigned to Army barracks.

By the next day, the entire American contingent had arrived. We were given physical rechecks, and attended lectures and demonstrations. Lectures included the importance of good public relations. Everyone ate hearty meals and gained a few pounds which were later lost when we had the Continental breakfasts of Europe (2 rolls and a bottle of water).

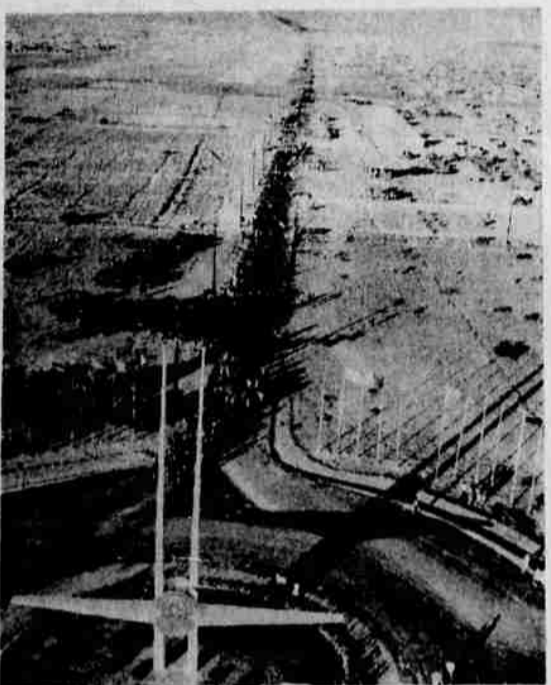
**Assembly a Riot**  
We learned the Greek National Anthem; we practiced charcoal cooking in Aegean clay pot stoves; we practiced tent pitching; and we rehearsed the America show and closing ceremony to be used at Marathon. Our last assembly, the night before leaving for Europe, was almost a riot; everyone was so anxious and excited about the trip.

This pre-jamboree session was also the only opportunity the troops had to get organized. Our troop, under the direction of Scoutmaster Hugh Rader and his two assistant scoutmasters, divided into four patrols: Bear, Ram, Buffalo and Beaver.

There is a leader for each patrol, and a senior patrol leader over all. The patrol leaders are Tim Armour, Harry Sullivan and Mike Mack from Lewiston, Idaho, and Bruce Noonan from Seattle; and Tom Ness, Medford, was appointed the Senior Patrol Leader.  
With being organized for traveling, we toured New York City the day prior to our departure. Our official World Jamboree uniforms in-



**SCOUT JAMBOREE**—This is the site of the 11th World Jamboree in Marathon, Greece, which is being attended by three Scouts from the Crater Lake Area Council. The Jamboree site is about 26 miles from Athens on the plain of Marathon.



**ON CAMPGROUND**—This picture shows most of the 12,000 Scouts from throughout the world gathering near the center of the 11th World Jamboree grounds at Marathon, Greece.

clude campaign hats and red jackets, and at the UN building we were mistaken for Canadian Mounties by some people.  
**Leaves for Switzerland**  
We departed Idlewild for Zurich, Switzerland, aboard a Swissair jet. Because of loss of five hours in time zones in flying over the Atlantic, we had breakfast four hours after dinner.

We also lost a lot of sleep. From Geneva, Switzerland, we took a motor coach to Lausanne. On the plane to Geneva we had another breakfast, and when we arrived at Hotel de LaPaix (Hotel of the Peace) in Lausanne, lunch was served. At that point, no one was hungry and, as lunch progressed, we learned that the biggest meal of the day there is at noon. We managed,

though, to eat all seven courses of the "lunch."

We learned too about not overloading elevators (called lifts in Europe). On the way to our rooms, nine of our boys were in an elevator that stalled between the third and fourth floors. The incident had its funny aspects to everyone except those in the stuck elevator. We found out that the lift was built for only five people. But after that, we didn't trust the lifts and took to the stairs.

**Take Long Nap**  
After getting settled in our rooms, we decided to take a siesta as the Europeans do after lunch — or dinner as it is called there, and really is. Because everyone was so tired, it was a "short" 18-hour siesta, and we missed supper.

Our tour of Lausanne was scheduled for the next day and on it we saw the villa of Yul Brenner, and the summer retreat, or retreat, of the President of the Republic, at Vevy. We also toured the Chateau de Chillon which Lord Byron made famous in his poem.

The following day we returned to Geneva to catch our plane for Venice. After arriving at Venice airport we were checked through customs. The Italian officials did not pass us through as a Boy Scout contingent, but rather we had to open everything and most surprisingly to us, we were even asked if we had any liquor or tobacco.

We took a canal boat from the airport to the city of Venice. This particular canal serves as a freeway. Along this route, our first impression of Venice was of disappointment because we had heard only the word "beautiful" associated with Venice. All the way into the city the beach, or shore, was piled high with garbage, and refuse was floating in the water. People were actually swimming in this water. People hang laundry out all the windows and throw garbage out any window that doesn't have laundry hanging in it.

**Beautiful and Romantic**  
But we were to see the Venice that is splendid, and Venice is beautiful and romantic at night. We were impressed on our tours of the Doges Palace, St. Mark's church and St. Mark's square. We visited a glass factory and saw how Venetian glass is made. We were told too that Venice is sinking all the time and that two feet of it is already under water.

The troop celebrated the senior patrol leader's 18th birthday in the Hotel Suisse Splendid with a Venetian

cake. Later, some Venetian Scouts took eight of our boys on a midnight gondola ride. True to the old saying that if a person stays in one place long enough he will meet someone from his home town, the writer met two men from Medford who were on tour.

After our two days in Venice we took off for Rome where we stayed at the Hotel Metropole. The air-conditioning of the hotel was more like refrigeration but was exactly what we liked—and was most welcome. Our tours of Rome included the Roman Forum where Caesar was killed, and the Colosseum. The motor-coach guide then took us down the Appian Way to the Catacombs. We also saw the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the St. Victor Emanuel monument.

**Tour Vatican**  
On our Sunday in Rome, we toured the Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, and saw the Pope from a distance. We were not able to get a private audience with him. However, we learned later that at least one American contingent of Scouts did have a private audience with Pope Paul VI on the previous day about the time we were arriving in Rome.

On Sunday afternoon, the writer met one of his cousins, from Eugene, at our Rome hotel, who was on tour with a group of college students from Santa Clara, Calif. That evening, all of our troop went to the gardens of Tivoli, and we all agreed we had never seen so many fountains. Our sightseeing of Rome also included Mussolini's Forum and the site of the old Olympic stadium.

**Athens More Beautiful**  
Rome was beautiful but Athens was even more so. The buildings are so white and dazzling that Athens, from a distance, looks like a fake city. Our first tour there was to the Acropolis, the Temple of Jupiter and the Temple of Athens.

Athens is the only city we

have been in Europe that that has definite lanes of traffic as in the U.S. In the other cities everyone drives all over the whole street, with the only traffic law being a right-of-way law to yield to the right, but the people just glance to the right and keep going.

We were told Athens is one of the cleanest cities in the world, and we believe it. Early every morning, street cleaners wash and scrub down the streets with brooms. A general impression from these travels is that the countryside and cities are cleaner than in the United States. There isn't all the litter along the roadside. There aren't any drive-in eating places in Europe either—at least, not where we have been.

**Camp Is Set Up**

We were to return to Athens after the 11-day Jamboree, so after our one-day there we left for the Jamboree site at Marathon, about 26 miles from Athens. We arrived there in mid-afternoon and immediately set up camp and braced ourselves against the wind. The next day we almost blew away. The wind has since died down and it is now warm. One also gets a tan easily. The Aegean Sea is a beautiful sight. The water is a dark blue, and the sandy beach at our site is one mile long. The water is warm and salty.

We had a refresher on the history of this spot. The Battle of Marathon was fought on the foothills around the plain of Marathon. At that time the plan of Marathon was under the Aegean Sea. The battle was between the Greeks and the Persians. The Greek soldiers who died in the battle were buried in the center of the valley where Athens is now located.

Some of the activities of the Jamboree are of a track meet nature and skills of physical fitness under the titles of Triathlon, and Labor of Hercules. So far, our troop has participated in both of these, also in the field sports

of basketball, volleyball and soccer, and in the campwide games. Most of the Scouts have earned their Laurel Award by participating in the above activities, plus swimming, the Talent - O - Rama and Friendship exchanges at meal time.

The Arena is 1 1/2 miles from our sub-camp, and one night it took 3 1/2 hours to get 12,000 Scouts into it. In contrast, at our last National Jamboree at Colorado Springs, it took only 15 minutes to get 56,000 Scouts into the Arena.

**No Sense of Time**

The Greeks apparently just don't have the same sense of time as Americans. The Grand Parade of all Scout contingents passing in review be-

fore King Paul was scheduled to start at 4:30 p.m., but the King didn't arrive until 7 p.m.

The Scouts from California are camped on one side of us. On the other side are the Austrian Scouts and across the road are the French Scouts. Both the Austrians and French do not seem outgoingly friendly—so far, and they do not participate in many of the activities. Perhaps because not one of the French Scouts speaks English may have a bearing on this. The Swiss Scouts have impressed us. One British Scout's conception of the American teenager was "long, greasy hair, a hot-rodder, and more money than he knows what to do with." However,

he now says that his conception has been changed. As of this date (August 8) we have three more days of World Jamboree, and the pace of activities, duties and events seems to be quickening.

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## The Collector's Corner

Stamps with awe inspiring beauty have been issued by the Tongo Islands. Our club Vice-President, Mrs. Muriel Shortridge, displayed her magnificent collection at the club board meeting Monday evening. This is one collection that all stamp collectors would be delighted to have, whether you collect stamps or not. This is one set, pretty as a picture, that anyone would enjoy viewing. Mrs. Shortridge will have this beautiful set on display at our stamp club show Sept. 21-22 at the Girls Community club. Each stamp of this issue is absolutely round, and the colors are gorgeous. We have all known about triangle stamps for many years, but this issue is something out of this world. It would be interesting to hear if any one else in the entire valley has this collection. It is almost impossible to obtain it. Thanks to a good friend of Muriel's, we are privileged to view these stamps.

We will have a new 7 cent postal card "U.S.—World Vacationland," issued Aug. 30. The new city mail delivery stamp will surely evoke smiles, a funny looking little old mail carrier, a grinning boy and a nondescript dog represents a revolution in stamp design. A few countries have used humor on their stamps, but this is something new for the U.S.

We will have a bird stamp; topical collectors will like this. From all indications the topical display at our stamp club show will feature many outstanding issues. This is one category where stamps from the entire world will be displayed.

Aug. 1 gave us the new 8 cent luminescent tagged stamp, Aug. 16, a 5 cent Emancipation Proclamation stamp, Lincoln collectors will like this. Aug. 17 a 5 cent Alliance for Progress, and Oct. 11, a 5 cent Eleanor Roosevelt stamp. There will be another Christmas stamp. This makes many collectors very happy. Millions of stamp collectors throughout the world cherish our colorful commemorative stamps which

## Registration Set For Area Students At Junior Highs

Students entering Hedrick and McLoughlin Junior High schools for the first time are to register Thursday and Friday, Aug. 29 and 30, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., the administration of Medford School District 549C has announced.

In addition, registration will be held the evening of Thursday, Aug. 29. The hours are 7 to 9 p.m.

This scheduling arrangement does not apply to students who were registered last spring in their respective schools, but to students who have moved into the school district during the summer.

**Tickets on Sale**  
Beginning Monday, Aug. 19, student body tickets can be secured by Junior high school students from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration of all new students at Medford High school is scheduled Tuesday, Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Students who registered last spring but desire program changes must see their counselor from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23.

## 30 Cases of Disease Reported in County

Thirty cases of communicable diseases were reported to the Jackson county public health department last week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, director.

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