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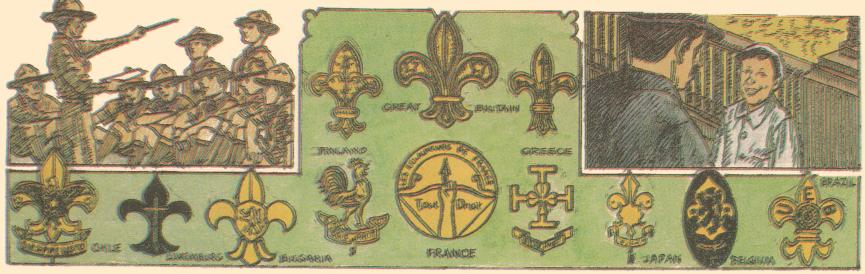
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THE UNITED STATES HAS ISSUED ONLY 3 STAMPS COMMEMORATING THE BOY SCOUTS: SCOTT 995 ISSUED IN 1950 FOR THE 2ND NATIONAL JAMBOREE, SCOTT 1145 THE 1960 JUBILEE ISSUE, AND SCOTT 2161 SCOUTING'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION. NONE FOR ROBERT STEPHENSON SMYTH, LORD ROBERT BADEN-POWELL < B.P. > FOUNDER OF SCOUTING, OR FOR WILLIAM D. BOYCE, THE MAN WHO BROUGHT SCOUTING TO AMERICA.



B.P. WAS A BRITISH ARMY OFFICER WHO DEVELOPED SCOUTING AS A BRANCH OF ARMY TRAINING. HIS BOOK, "AIDS FOR SCOUTING", 1899, WAS SO POPULAR IN ENGLAND AMONGST YOUNG BOYS THAT HE DECIDED, IN 1907, TO BEGIN THE MOVEMENT THAT SPREAD AROUND THE WORLD. IN 1908, B.P. PUBLISHED "SCOUTING FOR BOYS," CAUSING SCOUT TROOPS TO SPRING UP ALL OVER GREAT BRITAIN. CHILE HAS THE HONOR OF BEING THE 2ND COUNTRY TO IMPLEMENT SCOUTING, FOLLOWED QUICKLY BY OTHER NATIONS. 1910 SAW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BOY SCOUTS IN AMERICA. DURING 1909, WILLIAM D. BOYCE, AN AMERICAN PUBLISH-ER VISITING ENGLAND, BECAME HOPELESSLY LOST IN A THICK FOG WHILE WALKING IN LONDON. A YOUNG BOY SEEING BOYCE'S DILEMMA OFFERED TO ESCORT HIM TO HIS DESTINATION, SAYING, "COME WITH ME, SIR."



BOYCE TRIED TO GIVE THE LAD A SHILLING, BUT HE REFUSED, SAYING, "NO THANK YOU, SIR. I AM A SCOUT. SCOUTS DO NOT ACCEPT TIPS FOR GOOD TURNS." BOYCE WAS SO IMPRESSED, THAT BEFORE RETURNING TO AMERICA, HE MADE INQUIRIES ABOUT THIS NEW MOVEMENT. ON FEBRUARY 8, 1910, BOYCE AND OTHER INTER-ESTED ADULTS FORMALLY INCORPORATED THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. THE GIRL GUIDES < NOW THE GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA > WAS ORGANIZED IN 1912 BY JULIETTE GORDON LOW WHO WAS HON-ORED POSTHUMOUSLY IN 1948 ON SCOTT 974. THE GILWELL PARK SCOUT CAMP IN ENGLAND < NEAR LONDON > CONTAINS A BUFFALO STATUE WITH AN INSCRIPTION THAT READS, "TO THE UNKNOWN SCOUT WHOSE FAITHFUL-NESS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DAILY GOOD TURN BROUGHT THE SCOUT MOVEMENT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

THE SCOUTING MOVEMENT HAS TOUCHED MANY LIVES SINCE ITS BEGINNING IN THE EARLY PART OF THIS CENTURY. LORD BADEN-POWELL, WILLIAM D. BOYCE AND THE UNKNOWN BOY SCOUT, DO THEY DESERVE STAMP RECOGNITION IN THE U.S? PERHAPS IT WILL COME AS THIS GLORIOUS SCOUTING ADVENTURE HEADS TOWARD ITS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.