

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

SIR JOHN HUNT'S ADDRESS AT THE START OF THE INTERNATIONAL CAMP

"There is a great deal of talk today in terms of leadership. It is a term I simply hate, and I hope we don't hear much of it here.

It describes very badly how the chap in charge should fulfil his business. I have often liked the way the man in charge of other people has been called the first companion.

I am just one of you - I happen to be fulfilling this job, and I am the first companion of a great many companions here.

We are here, as no doubt you have been told, to further the unity of the great movement of The Boys' Brigade.

We are here to do a lot more than that. We have got one big job to do together, not only during this camp, but in the light of the experience of this camp after we have left.

We are here to build something bigger and better than nationalism.

It's one thing being proud of being a Ghanaian, an American, Canadian, or to be proud of being British. It's quite another thing to regard yourself as superior to everyone else.

We have a tremendous opportunity to live out the new age in which you are going to play such an enormous part as you go on to 2000 A.D.

Make the very most of every living moment you are here to be together - not to be together with your own little group of friends. Dare I say it here in the Highlands? Don't be clannish. Get to know and see and understand someone from across the ocean, someone from distant places rather than the people from where you have come.

How this great experiment in international living goes depends on you. What you get out of it, what you take away from it, depends on what you put into it.

Let us remember what unites us here in giving this example in miniature of the brotherhood of man is we are all Christians. I do not believe that any eventual world brotherhood can be brought about and can be made to work freely under any other terms than faith in God and through the grace which Christ brought us.

Let us when we pray, pray for the quality of living and the quality of loving which we can get from no other source than our faith in God."