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SPEECH BY THE H.E. THE GOVERNOR AND CHIEF
SCOUT, SIR ROBERT BLACK, AT THE OPENING OF
THE ALL SINGAPORE GOLDEN JUBILEE CAMP, AT
JURONG PARK, AT 5.30 P.M. ON SATURDAY, AUG.
17, 1957.

I am delighted to be back here so soon again in this peaceful patch of countryside away from the big city, and am particularly glad to be opening the All-Singapore Patrol Camp. The special purposes of this Camp are to mark the centenary of the birth of Baden-Powell and also the Golden Jubilee of the Scout Movement which he founded.

I do not need to recount here the story of the extending influence of this great Movement in every part of the world, but it is a happy thought that we in Singapore are commemorating the double event with a Camp, because Baden-Powell always regarding the life in camp and the training in woodsmanship as most important aspects of Scouting.

You may recollect that it was at the famous camp which Baden-Powell ran at Brownsea Island, 50 years ago, that Scouting had its birth.

Our Jamboree Camp here serves yet another purpose, because it brings together Scouts from the four independent geographical districts of the Island. We come here to live together as brothers for a few days, and, by doing so, we exemplify the fourth Scout Law: "A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout no matter to what country, class or creed the other may belong."

I hope that one day we shall be able to place yet another and stronger emphasis on the importance of the fourth Scout Law, by having a Patrol Camp here in Jurong Park of Scouts from neighbouring countries. There is a plan to mark the 50th anniversary of Scouting in Singapore, which will be in 1960, in three years' time, by holding such a camp. This is something to which you can all look forward and for which you will be anxious to work.

We are proud of our own Camp Fire here. Singapore is our beat and we shall always welcome Scouts from other places to visit us here, just as we hope to strengthen links with our neighbours by visiting them. I do not wish to delay the activities connected with our Camp Fire celebration, but I would like to ask you during the next few days to give some thought to a quality which we should make an important feature in our characters, and that is self-reliance.

Great responsibilities lie on each individual Scout in Singapore, as well as on the Movement as a whole, for the practical observance of the whole of the Scout Promise. Your success in

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living up to that Promise can mean much for the whole community of Singapore, for improvement in our standards of conduct, and to secure the achievement of aims, spiritual as well as material, which will redound to Singapore's benefit and to the benefit of those who depend on us in Singapore.

Each individual Scout must play his part and rely on himself to do it, and, in the words of **one** of the proverbs of Alfred:

"If thou hast a woe, tell it not to the
weakling, Tell it to thy saddle-bow,
and ride singing forth."

I now declare open the All-Singapore Patrol Camp. May all who take part in it enjoy themselves thoroughly and, at the same time, draw inspiration for the future as Scouts and members of one of the finest Movements in the world.

AUGUST 17, 1957.

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