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12 Scouts Off To N. Mexico

Twelve explorer scouts from the Utica area, designated as the Philmont Cavalcade, will leave tonight for three weeks of vacation activity at the Philmont New Mexico Scout Ranch near Cimmaron.

They will travel by bus to the national camp, making stops along the route. The first lap of the journey west will end at Knoxville, Tenn.

John R. Watkins, Utica scout leader, will accompany the boys as advisor.

Members of the cavalcade are: Jeffrey Hammer, 409 Prospect St., Herkimer, who has been named official correspondent, and whose impressions of Philmont will be published in the Utica newspapers; Theodore Bliss, 703 Saratoga St., Utica; Thomas Slawson and James Bowen, Whitesboro; Peter Mansky, New Hartford.

Roger Bonnell and George Marsh, Clinton; Robert Randall and John Catrak, Clark Mills; Floyd Edick and Robert Purdy, Mohawk; Peter Black, Rome.

Hammer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hammer, became a scout about seven years ago. He attained the rank of eagle scout, and for the past year has been an explorer. He is also an apprentice scout and recipient of the Ner Talmud, Jewish religious award.

This Utican Sure Looked at a Queen; Jim Diamond Gets 'Good Movie' Closeups

Queen Elizabeth and the Utica Boy Scout, James C. Diamond, 141 Hobart St., came within two feet of meeting one another at the World Jamboree Camp in Sutton Park, England, the other day.

The Eagle Scout, in his third letter on his overseas jaunt, reports to the newspapers, "we were most graciously interrupted with the presence of Queen Elizabeth and her husband. I got real good close-up movie pictures. I was at one time about 2 feet from her and her husband."



J. C. Diamond

He headed his report "At the jamboree" and listed under the respective letters "Reg. Scouts and Explorers; Leaders and Rover Scouts."

"What is jamboree really like, now it has started? Most of us camping here are still rather bemused by it. I can hardly tell you," he continued.

"The first impression, and probably the lasting impression, will be of the vastness of the camp. On arriving at the gates of Sutton Park, most contingents still had to trek a considerable way. (sometimes a mile and a half to their camp sites.

"At the Jamboree, there are more than 25,000 Scouts, camping in five sub-camps. Each sub-camp covers about 70 acres. There are also two further subcamps, with several thousand campers for the Rover Moot and Scouters Indaba.

"In case I did not make it clear, the Queen and Duke visited the camp site adjacent to ours. Since both leaders are good friends, we were almost next to Her Majesty in our sitting arrangement."

The Associated Press reports by cable from Sutton Goldfield that 1700 Boy



BRITISHER HELPS—Eagle Scout James C. Diamond, Utica's representative at International Boy Scout Jamboree in England, left, thanks Eric Cullen, Worcester, England, at gateway to British section, for aid given to newly arrived American scouts.

Scouts from America are "having the time of their lives at the World Jamboree Camp in Sutton Park." It says:

Since they pitched tents with 33,000 scouts from 84 other nations on Aug. 1, the American boys have swapped stories with youths of other lands, been visited by English royalty and spent many hours on hikes and numerous side trips.

Brett Thomson, 16, of Glendale, Calif., said "I find the people here are very jolly. They are always willing to help you and have interest in other lands, especially the United States.

"I enjoy very much talking with the British scouts and have made friends with many. I hope to keep up correspondence with them."

A group of 11 Scouts from Texas and New Mexico took time out today to tour the law courts of nearby Birmingham and obtain a first hand view of how the courts and the police function in England.

The Jubilee, which marks the 50th anniversary of the Founding of the Scout movement, will continue until Aug. 12. The American Scouts will then make a tour of Europe and return to the United States Sept. 6.