

# 'Oomph' for our Guides

PHOTOGRAPHERS snapped, interviewers talked, reporters scribbled on notebooks . . . but one person remained calm.

A delightful woman of 78 . . . Lady Baden-Powell, who is in Australia for a five-week tour.

It was obvious that from her almost 40 years as World Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell is used to these things.

She smiled, she laughed, and other than an occasional clutching of a folder she held, she was completely at ease.

This is her fifth trip to Australia — the last one in 1957. Her purpose for coming is three-fold.

"I hope to visit and meet the new generation of Guides and Brownies," she said, "and, of course, the Cubs and Scouts, too."

"I also want to pay my tribute to all the men and women who have worked so hard, and to give encouragement — a bit of 'oomph' — so that we may go on from here."

Lady Baden - Powell is vice - president of the Boy Scouts' World Association, and she will attend gatherings where she will meet members of the Guide and Scout associations.

She believes that Guiding and Scouting will never lose their popularity among children.

"We suit all needs of all young people — companionship, competition and adventure," she said.

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● LADY BADEN-POWELL

ing are as good as they ever were — in quality and quantity — if not better."

Lady Baden - Powell will visit capital cities in all States while she is here as part of the Diamond Jubilee of Scouting in Australia.

She feels strongly about the quality of youth, and believes that today's young people are as good as those of any generation.

"One hears all the unfortunate things — not the good things — but that's true of everything," she said.

"Our ideal is good-will and understanding between all people and nations and races."

# Lady Baden-Powell World Chief Guide in Australia

World Chief Guide, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, wife of the founder of the Scout and Guide movements is in Australia until the end of May.

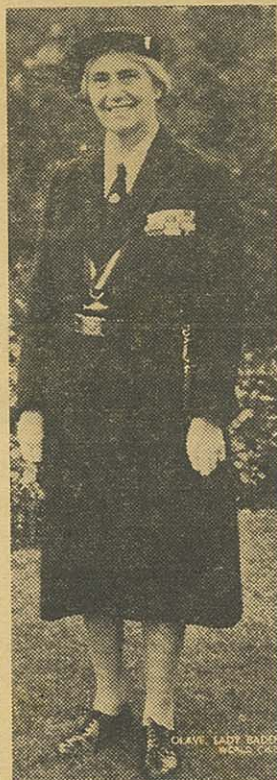
This is her fifth visit and marks the diamond jubilee of scouting here.

Lady Baden-Powell will visit Canberra and all States.

Working continuously for the advancement of Scouting and Guiding, Lady Baden-Powell was made World Chief Guide in 1931, and in 1932 she was created a Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire. Over the years, she has travelled incessantly to promote Guiding and usually visits several countries yearly — last year visiting Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, The Philippines and India.

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts has almost six million members; Australia has a membership of 120,000.

There are 10 million Boy Scouts in 88 countries, of which Australia has 180,000.



OLAVE, LADY BADEN-POWELL

# Scouts, Guides "U.N. in action"

"WE are the United Nations in action," Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide, said yesterday.

She was speaking of the world-wide Scout and Guide organisation, which now numbers over 16,500,000 members.

"The story of Scouting and Guiding is an epic one — the idea of one man, and put into practice with 36 young boys 60 years ago," she said.

The man was her husband, Lord Baden-Powell, who died in 1941.

"Before my marriage I

had nothing to do with Scouting," she said.

"Now it's part of my life, my duty, and my responsibility. After all, I've been World Chief Guide for almost 50 years."

Lady Baden-Powell is back in Melbourne after visits to Canberra and Tasmania.

She said that Guiding and Scouting had changed little in its 60 years of existence.

"They may change the uniforms, and the programs may differ, but nothing will alter the fundamentals of the organisation — character training for young people," she said.