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PHILMONT DEPOSITS DUE!

All Scouts and Adults who have signed up to go to Philmont in June of 2001 must pay a deposit by October 10th to reserve their spot. Please submit a check payable to "Troop 695" in the amount of \$300 to John Tinucci, or let him know if you prefer to have vour Scout Account debited.

If you have not signed up, but are interested in attending, let Mr. Tinucci know and he will put your name on a waiting list. Total cost for this trip will be approximately \$800. The trip will depart on June 29th and will return on July 12, 2001.

October Activities

The October activities were planned by the Panther Patrol around the theme of "Photography".

OCTOBER MEETINGS

Permission slips for the Fall Camporee are due at the October 3rd Parents' Meeting. Also, wreath sale packets will be available.

Beth Rheineck, a professional photographer, will be speaking to the Scouts about picture taking techniques. Each Patrol will then be given a disposable camera. The Patrol will need to choose a "theme", take pictures relating to the theme that illustrate the various techniques, then create a posterboard with eight of their pictures. At the October 17th Troop Meeting, each Patrol will present their posterboard and explain how each pictures illustrates one of the photographic techniques. Beth Rheineck and Wendy Markman will judge the posters and present prizes.

OCTOBER CAMPOUT

The Troop campout this month is the Fall District Camporee at Stearns on the weekend of October 20th to 22nd (MEA Weekend). Permission slips are due on October 3rd.

Saturday morning will be devoted to Patrol Games (Steal the Bacon, archery, knife throwing, water balloon volleyball, Poison, & Capture the Flag). Saturday afternoon will find the Scouts participating in Skill Events (Web Wall, Charlot Race, Wooden Snake, Nuclear Reactor Transport, Fire Building, & Blind Square). There will also be time set aside for fishing.

There will be a cooking contest during dinner and a campfire in the evening. This sounds like a really fun Camporee, plus there will be lots of opportunities for the younger Scouts to work on their advancement and for our new Instructors to show leadership by helping the younger Scouts.

UPCOMING DATES

- Oct 3 ~ Troop Meeting/Parents' Meeting (6:30 pm)/Aluminum Cans/wreath packets available
- Oct 5 ~ OA Meeting/Roundtable (both at 7:00 at Christ Presbyterian)
- Oct 7 ~ Venture Bird & Rabbit Hunt
- Oct 7 ~ Troop 695 ushers for Gophers (11 am)/Junior Leader Training at Preserve Barn (1 to 9 pm)
- Oct 10 ~ On-Site Patrol Meetings
- Oct 14 ~ Wreath Sales begin
- Oct 16 ~ Venture Meeting (7 pm)
- Oct 17 ~ Troop Meeting (6:30)/Board of Review
- Oct 20 to 22 ~ FALL CAMPOREE AT STEARNS
- Oct 24 ~ SPL Meeting (6 pm)/PLC Meeting (6:30 pm)/Committee Meeting (7 pm)
- Oct 28 ~ Webelos Halloween Event
- Oct 29 ~ Daylight Savings Time ends
- Oct 30 ~ Last day to turn in wreath packets
- Oct 31 ~ HALLOWEEN
- Nov 2 ~ OA Meeting/Roundtable (both at 7:00 at Christ Presbyterian)
- Nov 4 ~ Den Chief Training (9 am at Aldergate Church)
- Nov 5 ~ Reconnaissance deadline/Scoutmasters' Meeting (7 pm)
- Nov 6 ~ Venture Meeting: Wild Game Dinner
- Nov 7 ~ ELECTION DAY/Troop & Parents' Meeting (6:30)/Aluminum Can Turn-in
- Nov 10 to 12 ~ ANNUAL PLANNING CONFERENCE
- Nov 12 ~ Christmas Tree Lot Set-up (10 am to 3 pm)
- Nov 14 ~ Troop Meeting at the Tree Lot (6:30)/Board of Review
- Nov 18 ~ Tree Lot begins/Wall Climbing with Webelos/Pick up Wreath's at Davis'
- June 29 to July 12 ~ Philmont High Adventure Trip
- July 15 to 21 ~ Many Point Scout Camp

SPL's Subliminal Messages by David Markman, Senior Patrol Leader

I have many new ideas, and I want to help the Troop as much as possible. First off, the Junior Leader Training (JLT) has been moved to Saturday, October 7th, from 1:00 to 9:00 pm at the Preserve Barn on Anderson Lakes Parkway. All Scouts with leadership positions (elected or appointed) are required to attend. New leaders must bring their goals to Junior Leader Training.

October is being run by the Panther Patrol, and the theme is Photography. Be ready to take pictures and work on a slide show during Patrol Meetings.

Well, I am looking forward to the next six months. I'm sure they will be fun and exciting for all.



ASPL's Reality Box by Andy Krause, Assistant SPL

I am excited to work with the Troop for the next six months as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Remember to attend the Junior Leader Training if you were recently elected/appointed to a leadership position. Even if you have been to JLT before, you still need to complete the training again. This year's training will be held at the Preserve Barn on Sat., October 7th, from 1:00 to 9:00.



Gopher Football Game Ushering

Are you a First Class or higher Scout who is not going to Junior Leader Training on October 7th? We need you to help with ushering at the Gopher/Penn State Football Game. You'll need to arrive at the stadium by 11:00 for training, in your Class A Scout uniform. Adults are also

needed.

What's in it for you? Service hours, plus a free football game. Contact Steve Erickson ASAP, if you can help with this service project.



The Scoutmaster's Corner

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

I have recently completed my 'Ticket Items' to earn my Wood Badge beads. Wood Badge is an adult version of Boy Scout's Pine Tree training. I committed to complete nine Ticket Items within a two year period. My ticket items were challenging, meaningful, attainable, and measurable. I used the Wood Badge skills of Establishing the Group, Developing the Group's Capability, and Performing the Task. There were three topics each requiring three implementable ideas.

The first, Service to Others Through My Troop, was to provide:

- 1. Den Chiefs to Packs,
- 2. an Adopt a Highway program, and
- 3. a Pack Service Liaison.

The second, Goals to Help Strengthen My Troop, was to:

- 1. prepare parents joining our Troop or in transition to Boy Scouts,
- 2. compile a Troop Inventory of Equipment, and
- 3. create a 'Safe Haven' program.

The third, My Personal Growth as a Troop Leader, was to:

- 1. become Scoutmaster,
- 2. be the Ceremonial Team Advisor for Order of the Arrow, and
- 3. create a leaders' checklist for camp outs.

I feel the training I received in Wood Badge will not only benefit the Troop, but also helped to strengthen my Scouting Spirit. Complete text of my Ticket Items and commentary are available, just ask me.

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Yours in Scouting, Steve Erickson, Scoutmaster Troop 695



The Raptor Patrol by Ben Cooper, PL

I am very excited to be the Raptor Patrol Leader for the next six months. I am going to try to work hard to make sure that our Patrol earns the Second Class requirements and has fun while doing it.

I am very proud to be in Troop 695.



The Wolf Patrol by Brian Smith, PL

My name is Brian Smith. I am the new Patrol Leader for the Wolves. I am exited to help out the Patrol and do a better job than my brother Peter, I hope.

I hope to have everyone in my Pa-

trol get Second Class rank by Christmas.



The Lakota Arrowhead by David Camerino, PL

As the new Patrol Leader for the Lakotas, I chose Josh Boomgaarden to be the new Assistance Patrol Leader for our group.

As usual, we have been advancing rapidly and have several members in new leadership positions in the Troop. Kevin Elgin is Troop Scribe,

Derek Clemmings is Quartermaster, Nick Smith is Assistant Quartermaster, Taylor Nelson is the Camping Instructor, and Andrew Urness is the Cooking Instructor.

At the September campout at Bunker Hill, we had more participants than any other Patrol (seven Lakotas went). Ten of eleven Lakotas had fun ice skating and eating pizza last Friday night.

This quarter, we are working on our fourth Baden-Powell star, which we hope to earn at the December Court of



This is my 4th year with Troop 695. My goals for this term are to provide the Hawk Patrol with the opportunity

to work on the Citizenship in the Nation merit badge, do service projects, and have fun. I am excited to have my

cousin, Brandon Smith, join the Hawk Patrol. He will be a great addition.



Cobra's Hiss by Andy Hedberg, PL

We have just completed the month of September. The theme was Shooting. I think most of the Scouts that went on the camp-out to Bunker Hill had lots of fun. We mainly shot arrows at the archery range (some Scouts even completed their Archery M.B.), rode bikes, and played football.



Panther's Journey by Dave Gatto, PL

The Panther Patrol has chosen me (Dave Gatto) as the new Patrol Leader, and Todd Kortemeier as the Assistant

Patrol Leader. The Panther Patrol has also decided to work on the Family Life merit badge. The Panthers

are in charge of the October meetings, with the theme of Photography.



The Badger's Den by Mark Gatto, PL

This is Mark Gatto and I am the Badgers new Patrol Leader. Peter Smith is the Assistant Patrol Leader.

We're hoping to have a fun half year. Many of the Badgers are hoping to finish up their final merit badges and earn their Eagle rank this term.



The Eagle's Perch by Matt Keleher, PL

This will be my second term as Patrol Leader for the Eagle Patrol. Not much has been planned yet. At the

next Patrol Meeting we will be building wooden games for Groves Academy, a non-profit school for children with learning disabilities.



The OA Arrowmen by Matt Tinucci, Troop OA Representative

I've been elected to be the new Troop Representative for OA (Order of the Arrow) for the next year. I plan on writing a Reconnaissance article every month on the Mustang OA Chapter meeting, and will also review it at the PLC meetings.

I am going to make a sign-up sheet for all OA members, and request that

they sign-up to join me in attending one or more OA Chapter meetings. These meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm, at Christ Presbyterian Church on the NE corner of Hwy 100 and 70th Street, in Edina. We can carpool.

I would highly encourage all OA members to join an Order of the Ar-

row Team of some sort, such as Ceremonies, Service, Camping, etc. If you are interested in beloin

are interested in helping on the Ceremonial team, contact Mike Erickson. Otherwise, contact me.

If you have any questions about OA, please call me at 934-6712.



As an American, I will do my best to be clean in my outdoor manners; be careful with fire; be considerate in the outdoors, and be conservation-minded.



Chaplain's Corner by Taylor Nelson

This is Taylor Nelson signing off as Chaplain's Aide. I have enjoyed my position. I encourage all Scouts to consider

Chaplain's Aid for leadership.

Please welcome Jeff Leppart as our new Chaplain's

The Historian's Legacy by Jake Scriver

I was just elected Historian for the Troop. I hope to attend as many campouts as possible and take pictures that I can put in the Troop scrapbook. I hope I do as well as I

did when I was Patrol Leader for the Badgers in my previous position.





Quartermaster's Report by Derek Clemmings

I have been the Assistant Quartermaster for three months and am glad to finally be the Quartermaster. I feel I am up to this job because I had such a good

teacher (Andy Krause, the previous Quartermaster). For my next three months, I will be training the new As-

der control, and going on as many campouts as possible to keep things organized. My main goal for the following three months is to keep

tents in good shape. Please help by keeping the tents clean and returned on time.

sistant Quartermaster (Nick Smith), keeping supplies un-

Scribe's Scroll by Kevin Elgin

I've got lots of plans for this term as Scribe, mainly involving helping Mrs. Krause keep the attendance for the Troop updated and reminding leaders to turn in their "Reconnaissance" articles. I hope I will do a good job. For all Patrol Leaders, I will be at all of the campouts,

Troop Meetings, and activities collecting attendance, so be ready when I come looking for you. I am looking forward to being Scribe.

For all of the newly elected positions, don't forget to go to Junior Leader Training this weekend.

Leadership Positions Available

Any Scout who is still looking for a leadership position should talk to Mr. Steve Erickson. The Troop still has positions available for Den Chiefs and for a First Aid Instructor. You must be a First Class Scout or higher to hold a leadership position.

Applicants for the First Aid Instructor should be familiar

with all of the first aid requirements for Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, and 1st Class.

Applicants for the Den Chief positions must be at least 13 years old, and be able to attend den meetings and pack meetings with a Cub Scout Den. Den Chiefs must also attend a special training class (see below).

Adult "Opportunities"

A "food handler" is needed for JLT. This involves ordering/picking up pizza for 35 people to be served at 5:00, and purchasing/serving beverages and snacks. Someone is needed to assist (and take over next year) as our "Webelos Master". Working with Mike Froehle, you

Junior Leader Training

Junior Leader Training is coming up for all Scouts who have been elected or appointed to a leadership position for the winter term. This training is being planned by past SPL's and Pine Tree participants. It will be held on Saturday, October 7th, from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Preserve

miliar with the Boy Scout Program and Troop 695. Activities this year include a Halloween Event, Wall Climbing, and Winter Fun Day. Talk to Steve E. if you can help with either of these activities.

would plan events/meetings to help Webelos become fa-

Barn on Anderson Lakes Parkway. Pizza and snacks will be served.

JLT is required for all Troop Positions, all Patrol Leaders, and all Instructors. It is highly recommended for all Assistant Patrol Leaders and for Den Chiefs.

Den Chief Training

A separate Den Chief Training is being held on Saturday, November 4th, from 9 am to noon. This training will be at Aldergate Church in St. Louis Park (located at 3801 Wooddale, near the intersection of Hwy. 100 and 36th Street).

All Den Chiefs must be at least 13 years old and at least a First Class Scout. Den Chiefs will be expected to continue meeting with their Patrol while also attending Den and Pack Meetings. If you are interested in being a Den Chief, talk to Mr. Erickson.



Ax & Knife Safety, by Dave Keleher, Ax & Knife Instructor

I'm Dave Keleher, the new Knife and Ax instructor. I just wanted to tell anyone who doesn't have their Totin' Chip to come see me. I will be able to go over everything on it and get you your card. Thanks!



Campground Cooking

As the new Cooking Instructor, I would like to share some tips and recipes. A unique way to cook over hot coals is to use half of an orange peel instead of a

pan. One of the things that you can cook is an egg. Cut

by Andrew Urness, Cooking Instructor

the orange in half from top to bottom, removing the orange slices from the shells. Put one egg into each half of the orange shell. Put it right on the coals. Cook for 10 to 12 minutes. You have a nice breakfast of orange slices and eggs. Bon Appetit!



Ceremonies by Mike Bann, Ceremonies Instructor

Hi, I'm Mike Bann and I'm the Ceremonies Instructor. I'll be helping to plan ceremonies, so don't be afraid if I come and talk to you. Thanks, see you next month.

Eagle Project Blood Drive by Brad Froehle

The Blood Drive at Victory Lutheran Church for my Eagle Project was a huge success. I'd like to personally thank all who donated blood, helped out the day of the event, or helped me recruit donors to reach my goal.

When I originally set my goal, I wanted to collect 50 units of blood. This means that I would have to recruit 60 to 65 people. Well, I ended up surpassing my goal and

collected 58 units of blood. 73 people showed up that day to donate blood, including 8 people who just walked in (weren't previously registered).

Furthermore, it was the first time donating for 16 people, a number that the Red Cross / North Central Blood Services was thrilled about. Thanks again to all who helped and supported me.

Jim Tinucci's Eagle Court of Honor by Karen Tinucci

Jim is scheduled for his Eagle Board of Review on October 17th. Due to the holiday activities, we are planning Jim's Eagle COH for December 2nd. (Time to be decided, but most likely late morning or early afternoon.) Please mark your calendars now!

We are also looking for photographs we could borrow. If you have any pictures of Troop, Patrol or High Adventure activities that Jim participated in (regardless of whether or not he's in the picture), please contact Karen Tinucci at 934-6712.





Wreath Sales

Any Scout who wants to build up his Scout Account for a High Adventure Trip next summer is welcome to participate in Wreath Sales. Unlike Cub Scouts, we do not give out prizes for wreath sales.

Instead, the money earned from the fundraiser goes directly into the boy's Scout Account. There is no minimum amount to sell. This is a voluntary fundraiser.

Wreath Sale packets will be available from Mary Davis beginning at the October 3rd Troop Meeting. *Scouts* from Troop 695 may not begin selling wreaths until Saturday, October 14th! This is because we do not want to interfere with Cub Scout Wreath Sales, the only fundraiser for most packs.

The last day to turn in orders is October 30th at Mary's house. You may also turn in your order at Troop Meetings prior to that date. Wreaths must be picked up between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm on November 18th at Davis' house (6674 Boyd Avenue). If you cannot pick up at that time, please make arrangements with Mary Davis in advance. Questions? Call Mary at 934-5692.

Webelos Visits

Once again, it's time to welcome Webelos and their families as they come to visit our Troop. We will be hosting a Halloween Event for the Webelos on October 28th. Scouts will be needed to man stations, serve food, and buddy up with Webelos.

In November, we will be repeating our Webelos Wall Climbing Outing, and in January we will again have a Winter Events Day at Staring Lake. In addition, Webelos will be visiting on December 5th and 19th.

What can you do to help? First, Mike needs help

planning these events. He has been our Mastermind for the past four years, and now we need someone else to start working into this position. Second, encourage your son to sign up to help with these events. New Scouts are important to the long-term health of our Troop. Finally, if you see a new face at a meeting or event, introduce yourself and see if you can answer any questions. Remember all of the questions you had when you were new? Our objective is to give the new families the information they need to make the right Troop decision for their family. Thanks for your help.

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, & reverent.



Take This Quiz...

- 1. Name the 5 wealthiest people in the world.
- 2. Name the last 5 Heisman Trophy winners.
- Name the last 5 winners of the Miss America Contest.
- Name 10 people who have won a Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
- Name the last 6 Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
- 6. Name the World Series winners for the last decade.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their

owners.

Here's another quiz, see how you do on this one:

- 1. List 2 teachers who have aided you in school.
- 2. Name 3 friends who helped you through a difficult time.
- Name 4 people who have taught you something worthwhile.
- 4. Think of 5 people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
- 5. Think of 6 people you enjoy spending time with.
- 6. Name 7 heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier? The lesson, of course, is that the people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones who care.

Annual Planning Conference

The Annual Planning Conference will be held on November 10th, 11th, and 12th at Stearns. All Scouts should plan on attending the APC. This is where all of the planning for the upcoming year's programming occurs, as well as long term High Adventure plans. Scouts who want to ensure an exciting program for the next year need to come and give their input!

Patrols should be using time in their Patrol Meetings

now to talk about where they want to go on campouts, what they want the monthly themes to be, what service projects they want to work on, and what fundraising projects they want to have.

Scouts will be sleeping in cabins and having meals prepared for them so that they can concentrate on planning! Mark your calendars now for this very important campout.

Leave No Trace Awareness Award

Does your Patrol know about the Leave No Trace award? Here are the requirements:

- 1. Recite and explain the principles of Leave no Trace.
 - Plan ahead and prepare
 - Camp and travel on durable surfaces
 - Pack it in, pack it out
 - Leave what you find
 - Minimize the use of campfires
 - Respect wildlife
 - Respect others.
- On three separate camping/backpacking trips, demonstrate and practice the principles of Leave No Trace.
- 3. Earn the Camping and Environmental Science merit badges.
- 4. Participate in a Leave No Trace-related service project.
- 5. Give a 10-minute presentation on a Leave No Trace topic approved by your Scoutmaster/Advisor.
- 6. Draw a poster or build a model to demonstrate the differences in how to camp/travel in high-use and pristine areas. For more information, check out the BSA brochure "The Principles of Leave No Trace" available at the Scout Shop.

POPCORN SALES

Remember that the Popcorn Sale Fundraiser is going on right now. Orders are due on October 28th. If you would like to participate in popcorn sales, and need a popcorn packet, contact Suzanne Smith at 949-9756.

Setting the Example

In the Patrol Leaders' Council, we often talk about leadership skills. Patrol Leaders who have taken the JLT course know a lot about them. Of the 11 skills of leadership, perhaps the most important is setting the example. There's an old saying that sums it up well. It goes something like this:

"What you do speaks so loudly that I can't hear what you say!" In other words, don't tell me what is right; show me by your example.

It seems that when it comes to setting the example, we can all be leaders. Even if you're not a Patrol Leader, the way you conduct yourself will rub off on the other members of your Patrol. If one Patrol Member goofs off and is sloppy around the campsite, there's a temptation to say, "Well, if he gets away with it, why shouldn't !?"

That may be human nature, but it's not the nature of a good leader, a good Patrol, or a good Troop. A good Patrol and a good Troop have to work like a team, with every member setting a good example of Scout-like behavior. Scouts who set a good example will be awarded by being elected to leadership positions. They'll also see an improvement in the attitudes and abilities of their Patrol members. Let's keep that in mind always, but especially when we're camping or on High Adventure Trips.



Bugler's Call by Brandon Smith



The ASPL's Reality Box by George DeBeck ASPL





Doctor's Orders by Ryan Bailey, First Aid Instructor

Order of the Arrow by Mike Erickson, Troop OA Representative



Fire Safety by Charlie DeBeck, Fire Safety Instructor





Librarian's Shelf by Mike McCarthy, Troop Librarian



The Camp Ring by Taylor Nelson, Camping Instructor

The Extremely Bogus Panther Journey by Brandon Giffin PL



A Different Perspective

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people can be. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked.

"Oh, yeah," said the son.

"So what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at

igle Thanks by , Eagle Scout



This, from a Canadian newspaper, is worth sharing.

America: The Good Neighbor. Widespread but only partial news coverage was given recently to a remarkable editorial broadcast from Toronto by Gordon Sinclair, a Canadian television commentator. What follows is the full text of his trenchant remarks as printed in the Congressional Record:

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth. Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain andItaly were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States. When the France was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it. When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans. I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the Douglas DC10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the International lines except Russia fly American Planes?

Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon? You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about German technology, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon - not once, but several times - and safely home again.

You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from ma and pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

I can name you 5000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of those."

