



Howard Bush, former executive director of Men's Fellowship, with district commanders in a commissioning ceremony at the first District Commander's Conference, March 1963.



Frontier Camping Fraternity, Southern Missouri District, in a "call out" ceremony. The first chapter was organized in 1966. Fourteen districts now have chapters.



Group of Royal Rangers sponsored by the Cuban Refugee Center Chapel, Miami, Fla.



National Commander with first "Royal Rangers Handbook." The program was officially launched in September 1962.



From the beginning the Royal Rangers program has been an ideal evangelistic outreach.

over 10,000 boys were won to Christ through Royal Rangers."

...the decision to develop a leadership training program because the success of the program depended upon trained leaders.

...that 10,289 are now enrolled in the Leadership Training Course.

...attending the first district Powwow and being stirred by the potential in evangelism, training, and fellowship which is now being utilized and enjoyed by over 30 districts.

...starting an experiment in leadership training called National Training Camps which are now influencing all levels of the program.

...the beginning of the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity designed to challenge older boys and men to higher achievements in camping and Christian service... and remembering that chapters are now formed in 15 districts.

...launching of the Buck-A-Roo program for seven-

and eight-year-olds and the tremendous response from these younger boys.

...the development of the National Aide-de-Camp Council and the outstanding assistance these men have given in promoting and developing Royal Rangers.

... the great job being done by our district commanders and the tremendous contribution made by deputy district commanders, sectional leaders, area commanders, and local leaders.

... that the program is not limited to American boys but is rapidly expanding in many other countries around the world.

These things I remembered with a grateful heart.

I was suddenly brought back to the present by the announcement of the platform leader: "Now we present our special speaker for the evening..." As I walked to the podium, a sentence welled up from my heart and formed on my lips. With all my being I meant it when I said, "I thank God for what has been achieved in the Royal Rangers program over the past seven years." 