

Germany Conscripts Girls For Strenuous Labors

BERLIN, May 2 — In line with the Nazi precept that every German must do his bit for the Third Reich's economic welfare, an army of 300,000 young girls will be mobilized this spring to share the burdens of the overworked German hausfrau on the land and in the cities.

Just as all German youths must serve six months in the labor corps as a preliminary to their two years' military service, so the German girl is bound to serve at least six months as a "mother's helper" in some home. This service, voluntary for the first few years of the Nazi regime, became compulsory at the beginning of 1939 and goes into full swing with the end of the German school year this month.

It is known as the "duty year for girls." Last year the volunteers earned from \$2 to \$10 a month, plus board.

A great change has taken place in the Nazi attitude toward Germany's female population. When Adolf Hitler came to power, there was widespread unemployment and "the woman's place was in the home." Now the government has had to adapt its credo to its economic needs and every effort is made to get the woman out of the home and into industry. More women are being put to work constantly, and an increasing number are taking the places of men sent to labor on the Reich's fortifications, road building and reconstruction projects. The German railways, for instance, recently announced that

they would have to begin to "employ female help, preferably juveniles more than sixteen years old," even for such work as freight dispatching. Profitable and livelier jobs in the cities.

GIRLS UNDER 25 DRAFTED

With industry unable to get enough manpower, girls and young women are deserting their homes in the country by the thousands for more profitable and livelier jobs in the cities. The result is that the older women have been left to take care of more work than they alone can handle, with a detrimental effect on farming. It was mainly to check this labor shortage on the land that decree was issued that all girls under twenty-five must enter the ranks of the girls labor corps.

A large number of employables have just been let out of school, and the press is loud in reminding both prospective "duty year" girls and their employers to advertise or register for jobs. "Because of the labor scarcity, the help of the female youth is urgently needed by housewives in the country and the city," writes the "Wirtschaft und Recht." The duty year will provide housewives with the necessary help and will at the same time introduce our girls to the tasks of a German hausfrau.

There is only one way a German girl can elude her "duty year" service — that is if she has four brothers or sisters in her own family who are under fourteen.

WORK IS ARDUOUS

The work is in most cases strenuous. To the city bred and to the

Doing the... World's Fair at New York

By BYRON M. FISHER

Probably a lot of you, perhaps a pretty big majority won't be able to visit the World's Fair and you've likely been wondering just what kind of a showing Canada is making among the nations of the world with the Canada Pavilion building, so we'll try and tell you what it's like in appearance.

It's located on Presidential Row South in the upper end of the International Zone, almost next to the amusement zone. It's more easily reached if you go up from the east side of Manhattan, or at least take a train to the amusement zone side of the Fair Grounds. We're not quite



straightened out S. M. Fisher on this business of trains and where they go as yet ourselves and the guards, all comparatively new, seem none too sure in giving instructions. That will be righted in a week or two, of course, the guards and policemen are mostly new on this job, and the fact that even they are still a bit confused gives some idea as to how huge this wonder city is.

The building is of modern design in white, stucco relieved by colored flags and window boxes with blooming flowers which flank each side of the main entrance and the sides of the building. The entrance is large and presents Canada's open door policy to all visitors, we are told, and the lack of obstructive red tape at the borders.

In the interior cool green flooring, woodwork in natural color, maple and stained birch bound with strips of aluminum, and ceilings of different shades of buff are for the purpose of setting off to advantage the exhibits which themselves, in keeping with the whole tone of the fair, will present a panorama of color.

We like the touch of having a buffalo and bull moose on each side of the entrance. Somehow they lend a bit of atmosphere that everybody seems to expect of Canada. Please note: the bison and moose are stuffed, so don't be alarmed. We thought a mountie might have further added to the effect, but most Mounties would probably object to being stuffed even for a trip to the World's Fair, so skip it!

The main purpose of the building

more sensitive girls who revolt at the sight of blood, killing chickens and sticking pigs are some of the duties hard to swallow. If a girl faints at the job, she must try until she can master herself well enough to go through with it. Life on the Nazi camps is run along strict and Spartan rules. The girls must bathe in cold water, do their own housework, sew and cook, on top of the day's work on the farm. The life a girl leads if she lives with a farming family naturally depends on the type of household it is.

VICAR WILL TRY TO PUT END TO IDOLATRY

DORSET, ENG., May 2 — The Rev. John Ray, the vicar of Cerne Abbas Dorset, has determined to stop the "idolatry" of the young women in his parish who pray to Cerne's giant love-god cut out of the hillside in pagan times.

He means to start with an inquisition — by questioning every girl member of the church Bible class.

Girls kneel at the foot of the image after darkness has fallen and pray him to send them a sweetheart. Young wives plead for children.

The origin of the practice is lost in a centuries-old legend.

NOT ASHAMED

Villagers say that the girls who visit the Cerne Giant number scores every year. Most of them are not ashamed of it. They discuss their pilgrimages freely.

"I'm glad the vicar's going to do something about it," one villager said. "It's about time these girls were stopped. They've been carrying on this nonsense far too long."

Said the vicar: "I hadn't the remotest idea till I came here that anything like this was going on in these days."

"I intend to go deeply into the matter and I shall certainly adopt a very stern countenance toward this sort of thing. I shall question every girl member of my Bible class at the next meeting."

"Personally, I wish the Cerne Giant could be done away with. It is ugly and of no real significance."

Marriages in the Cerne district are averaging less than one a year. The last took place well over twelve months ago. Can the image have gone stone deaf?

and exhibits would naturally be as in the case of the exhibits of other countries, to show to the world just what Canada has to offer the visitor. Painted friezes, murals, panels, dioramas, moving scenes as well as sculptured groups, moving pictures, photo montages and photo transparencies — hope we're not getting too technical, but that's what the man who showed us around called them and we'll explain what they really look like later — blend together to make the Dominion's charms as picturesque and interesting as any foreign zone exhibit we've seen so far.

Two large murals depicting Canada at play and Canada at work are very striking and we mustn't fail to mention the huge map of the Dominion, extending the full length of the building along the rear wall and occupying some 1,000 square feet. It features mining areas, fisheries, wheat growing districts, lumbering, developed water falls, and other salient points of interest in Canada's development. Then there are coats of arms, looking down on you from the ceiling. They're painted on silk and stretched over lights so that they appear to be painted glass windows. We collect stamps so the huge pictorial postage stamps that form wall panels gave us a big thrill. They depict historical occasions, scenic beauties of the country, scientific progress and so on. They are around the main entrance and the side doors.

Only three of the provinces have exhibits but there are numerous entries by the various branches of the dominion Government, the two railway companies, etc. Nova Scotia, Quebec and New Brunswick are the three provinces that ventured into the Fair on their own. We are stationed at the last named and we'd like to extend an invitation to anybody coming to the Fair from Canada to look us up there. Sure we're busy pounding out a daily column but a friend from home is like money from home. We'll always have time to chat with somebody from Canada especially if they're reading this column.

Which reminds of a yarn Dad used to tell about an old resident of the Saint John River above Fredericton, somewhere near Harri's Pool, the famous salmon water, if we remember right. A high pressure salesman was trying to entice him with a machine to grind pig-feed before the pigs had a chance to. "Think of the time it will save," argued the vendor. The farmer tugged thoughtfully at the proverbial goatee. "What he drawled, 'Is time to a hog?'"

But to a newspaper editor time is plenty. See you tomorrow.

Note — Anyone desiring to ask questions concerning the Fair, to make suggestions or offer comments on this column, will please address D. W. Griffiths, Director, New Brunswick Bureau of Information, The New Brunswick Exhibit, Canada Pavilion, The World's Fair, New York.

WINNING CONTRACT

By the Four Aces

(David Bruce Burnstone, Merwin D. Maier, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schenken, world's leading team of four, inventors of the system that has beaten every other system in existence.)

STRONG COMPETITION

North, Dealer Neither side vulnerable

♠ 10 7 4	♥ 9 8 6 3	♦ 8 5	♣ Q 7 6 2
♠ 6 5	♥ J 10 2	♦ A K Q 4	♣ J 10 8 3
♠ N	♥ W	♦ E	♣ S
♠ A K Q 9 2	♥ K 7 4	♦ 9 6 3	♣ A 5

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	2♠	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass

The bidding: The great majority of players sitting in East's position wouldn't dream of disturbing South's one-spade bid. But East reasoned thus: "Since South has failed to open with a forcing two-bid and North is so weak that he can't even keep the bidding open, it is reasonable to assume that my opponents cannot make game. Furthermore, since North is so palpably weak, my partner should have a fair hand even though he failed some contract or push South to a point where he will be set."

On this logical reasoning East reopened the bidding by making a takeout double. South now interjected a two-spade bid, hoping to shut out West. But West, having a fairly good hand, put in a three-diamond bid. South should probably have given up now, but he was willing to take a small penalty rather than allow his opponents to make a part score. Thus he ventured three spades, although he knew he was over-bidding.

East and West could have made three diamonds and South was set

one trick at three spades — not a very large swing but to our mind an interesting competitive bidding situation.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and held:

♠ A 3 x x	♥ A J x	♦ A K x x	♣ 5
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The bidding: You Schenken Maier Jacoby 1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass

ANSWER: Your correct bid is four spades. This is a Slam invitation and shows a hand strong enough to offer a good play for game even if partner is very weak. Score 100% for four spades, 70% for three spades (not so strong), 70% for three hearts (a slam invitation). Game Force that is not quite justified, 60% for three diamonds, 0 for any other bid.

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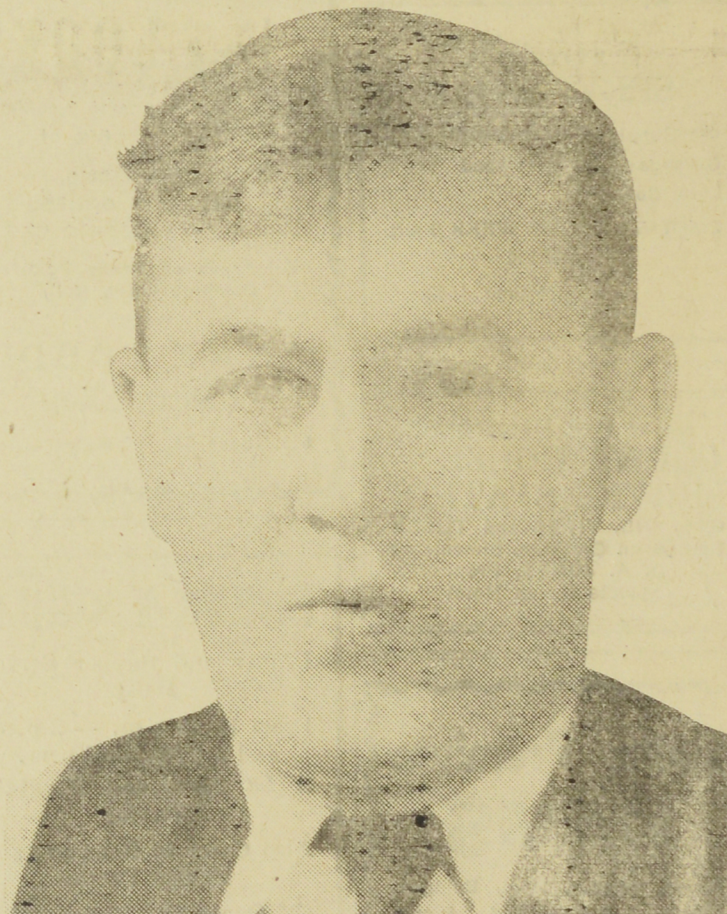
Both sides are vulnerable. Oswald Jacoby is your partner and hold held:

♠ 10 x	♥ A x x	♦ A x x	♣ Q 10 x x
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The bidding: Jacoby Burnstone You Schenken 1♠ Pass (?) What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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"Whew...!"

Mr. Picobac had been invited to referee a junior baseball game Saturday afternoon between the Young Essex Centres and the Young Sunny Ontarios.

"Don't you stir out of this house," commanded Mrs. Picobac, "until you have split me enough wood to do my Sunday baking."

"Whew!" whistled Mr. Picobac in dismay.

"Save your whistle," laughed Mrs. Picobac. "Whistle while you work."

"I've got a better idea than that," retorted Mr. Picobac. "There's no better comfort for a man condemned to the axe than tobacco, Burley tobacco! What I need is a mild... cool... sweet smoke. Where's my Picobac seal-tight pouch?"

"There on the window sill under your nose," replied Mrs. Picobac.

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