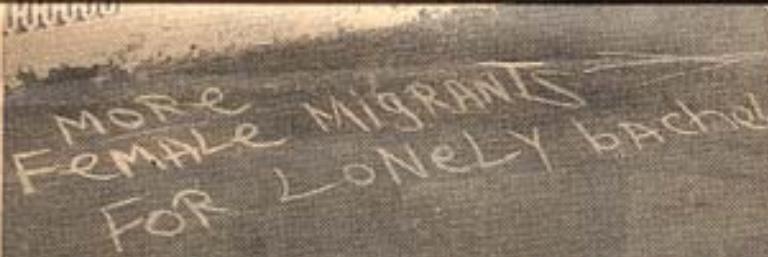




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Migrants plead for girls

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Loneliness of living without the company of girls is one of the worst hardships of young male migrants from Europe, welfare societies said this week.

Unhappiness from this cause is worst among Italian and German-speaking migrants, society officials report.

Many young migrants have sought the help of their welfare societies and of journals printed in Italian and German.

Home-made leaflets are being found in letterboxes reading: "Bring out more beautiful Italian girls. Leap year bride ships. Operation Cupid."

Other leaflets say: "Bring out more beautiful girls from Copenhagen. More single girl migrants."

The president of the Indo-Australian Welfare Centre, Mr G. Giuffre, who was naturalised 20 years ago, told "The Sun-Herald":

"Because of language difficulties in their early years here, young men are shy of speaking to Australian girls."

"Signs and leaflets indicate how things are, but there is no evidence that young men are combining in an effort to have girls sent."

"It needs something organised, like the Greeks did with a bride ship that brought 200 girls, who were greeted by 4,000 Greek bachelors last month."

"The first problem is economic. Perhaps both the Australian and Italian Governments could help somehow, as a first step."

"Then we could take a census of young men who wish to be at the scheme."

"I'm sure they would rally round, with the prospect of getting the main obstacle removed."

Mr Giuffre said much could be learnt from migration mistakes made in other countries. The U.S. had many problems as a result of disregarding the social side for migrants.

The secretary of the centre, Mrs Mila Cuccari, said:



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"It would help if a contingent of girls could be brought out, as was done with packages of German and Dutch girls."

"A couple of shiploads of Italian girls would do much to brighten the lives of lonely young men, especially those at Cooma working on the Snowy hydro-electric scheme and other country jobs in several States."

Numbers of letters from lonely men appealing for feminine company have been received by an Italian writer and broadcaster, Mrs Lena, who answers questions at the journal "La Fiamma."

Mrs Lena said letters came from as far as Cairns, Townsville and Adelaide's districts N.S.W. districts.

"The men's ages range from 24 to 30," she said. "They include carpenters, building tradesmen and sugar workers. Most have outside jobs."

Their theme is similar—they have no company and would like to have a wife—an Italian girl for preference.

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BRIDAL SHIPS URGED

Single males

CANBERRA, Saturday.—In 1958, the latest year for which figures are available, 48.5 per cent of migrants entering Australia were males and 51.5 per cent were females.

Of the total intake from countries other than Britain:

HOLLAND: Unmarried males accounted for 9.2 per cent and unmarried females 3.1 per cent (Total intake 7,269).

GERMANY: 35.9 per cent were unmarried males and 7.5 per cent unmarried females (Total intake 8,284).

AUSTRIA: 41.5 per cent were unmarried males and 11.9 per cent unmarried females (Total intake 3,290).

ITALY: 21.7 per cent were unmarried males and 26.4 per cent unmarried females (Total intake 2,359).

"There is a real danger of bachelor syndrome from loneliness," she said.

"Places where they can meet girls in a good atmosphere are lacking. Young people don't know where to go."

"Young German-speaking men's real need is for good girls, not immature types who flirt and don't seem the kind for marriage."

Society officials said they did not know the identity of the men who climbed on city walls and rooftops. "More female migrants for lonely bachelors."

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Good types needed

"It is difficult for young men to mix when they come here as strangers, knowing nobody, not even the language."

"A long time passes before they can start to say anything in English. This problem would be eased if there were more Italian girls."

"Some young Italians work very hard to live to go back to Italy and bring out a fiancee. Usually they have been here seven years or more."

"After the cost of the trip they have to work hard again, and the bride has to work hard, too."

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