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ENRICO IV (A)

from the Pirandello tragedy "Henry IV".

The Italian films hitherto shown here (with the exception of the "Barber of Seville") all belong to the school of realism and have dealt with problems brought about by war and its aftermath. ENRICO IV comes more within the category of the "purely entertainment" film. The magnificent sets and costumes can stand up to comparison with the work of the studios of any country.

The Pirandello play "Henry IV" is perhaps less well-known in this country than "Six Characters in Search of an Author" and "As You Desire Me." It has, however, a twist typical of this playwright, and the first five minutes contain a surprise for the audience that has seldom been exceeded. It is most certainly not the usual costume film.

To save confusion, it should be mentioned that the Henry IV in question is neither the English nor the French monarch of that name, but one of the Holy Roman Emperors who lived in the 11th century. On the other hand, the hero of this story lives in the 20th century!

The cast is impeccable. Osvaldo Valenti gives an outstanding performance, and succeeds in conveying over the screen the impression of a vividly alive personality to the title role of Enrico.

In the same programme will be the "story documentary" A STRING OF BEADS directed by Ralph Keene and acted entirely by native Tea Garden workers

from Lakhmijan, Assam. By its very simplicity, this film attains a lyric quality.

ENRICO IV and A STRING OF BEADS will commence a premier run at the Academy Cinema on Saturday, March 13th.

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A similar camping arrangement for adolescents was tried out for the first time last year with excellent results. This year the invitation to take part is extended also to England. Generally speaking the participants are expected to pay for their own costs amounting to some 6s. a day, but special terms can be arranged according to circumstances. For the adolescents coming from as far as England the camping period may be lengthened if desired.

Those interested in this scheme should apply immediately to the "Jugenddienst," Secrétariat des Suisses à l'étranger, Wallgasse 2, Berne or the Hon. Secretary, N.S.H., 18, Montagu Place, W.1, for further information and forms.

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