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**"We Are Doing Something!" Bremen Youth Restore
Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp**

Many older people classify the young as having "Null Bock," i.e., as apathetic and disaffected. This is unfair, since there are many examples of young people showing unselfish commitment. It's happening right now in the former Sachsenhausen concentration camp in Brandenburg.

Eighteen apprentice masons, tilers, carpenters, and painters, all of them students at the Alwin Lonke Strasse school in Grambke, spent a recent project week at their school center working hard. Two teachers, Hans-Joachim Gries and Walter Götze, together with IG Bauen-Agrar-Umwelt [IG-Construction-Farming-Environment], have been preparing this project since spring, motivated by reports of the catastrophic physical condition of one-time Nazi concentration camps in the former German Democratic Republic. This is the third time this project has been implemented by their school.

Since then, the results are visible, and the memorial in Sachsenhausen is

slowly beginning to live up to its name — at least outwardly. The two organizers did a great deal of advance work in order to secure financial support, construction equipment, and materials.

It is always uncertain whether enough students will sign up to do the actual work. But such problems do not exist at the Alwin-Lonke-Straße school center. Eighteen male and female students in various apprenticeships registered to participate shortly after this project was announced. The students were prepared to pay out of their own pockets to finance the trip, and, of course, they would work without pay in Sachsenhausen.

The youngsters from Bremen had their work cut out for them. This year, restoration work would be done on the camp wall and the windows of the former prisoners' kitchen. While the stonemasons, floor tilers, and carpenters replaced crumbling mortar and cracked pavement slabs and repaired the walls, the painters worked on the window frames. This work turned out to be extremely difficult, as old encrusted paint had to be removed without damaging the old window frames. But everything worked out well, and the windows were expertly repaired.

In addition to practical work, the young Bremen students learned a great deal about the history of the former camp from guided tours and conversations with the Memorial staff. This gave them cause for reflection, and prompted them to construct a billboard at Dobben that read: "We Are Doing Something" as a public stand against xenophobia, neo-Nazism, intolerance, silence, indifference, violence, and egotism. It was constructed with the support of the Bremen foreigners' authority.