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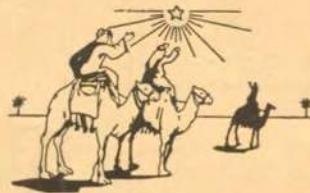
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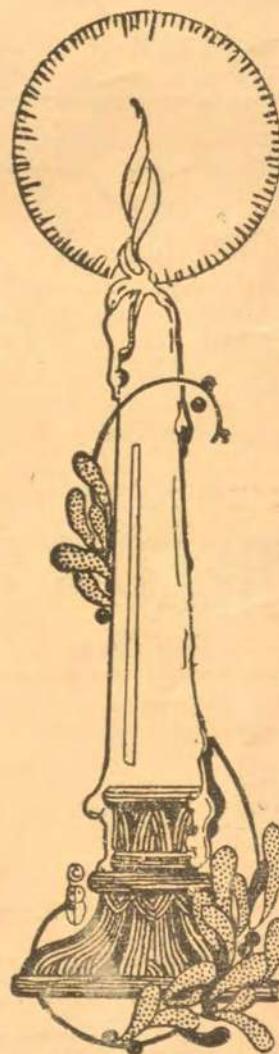
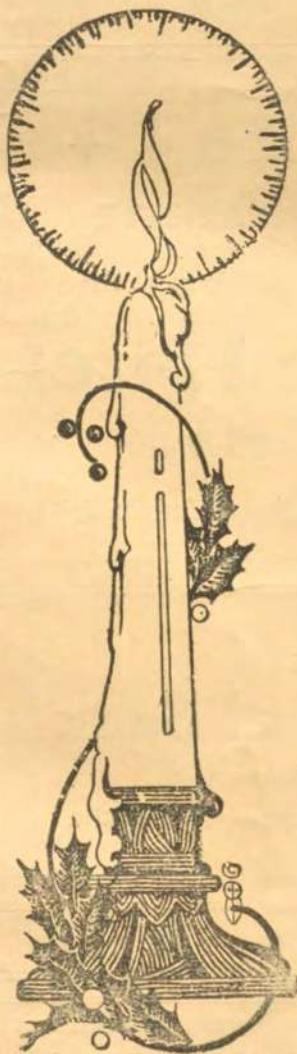


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In the place where she was homeless  
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The crazy stable close at hand,  
With shaking timber and shifting sand,  
Grew a stronger thing to abide and stand  
Than the square stones of Rome.

A child in a foul stable,  
Where the beasts feed and roam,  
Only where He was homeless  
Are you and I at home.  
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TRADE AND BUSINESS

## EDITOR'S PAGE

## GOVERNMENT

The government machinery—Federal, state and local—in the United States is being given over more and more to bureaus, boards, commissions and what not. Perhaps the growth of industrialism in this country, the great increase in population and similar changing conditions have made this necessary. But, to many people, it seems that the movement has already gone too far.

It is certain, at any rate, that whenever governmental machinery becomes too complicated to be understood by people who have not made it their life study, those people cannot be expected to manifest any intelligent interest in their government. It is equally certain that the movement to place the governmental processes in the hands of bureaus, boards, commissions and the like has robbed popular government of a measure of authority.

The governmental machinery is being cluttered up with a lot of useless parts that do little except to rust out. Any citizen who has ever come in contact with some of these boards, bureaus or commissions can name a few of these useless parts.

The complicated machine needs to be simplified. Maybe it would be if all who have become enmeshed in the red tape spun out of the machine by bureaucrats were to set up a concerted howl.

## LEADERS AND LEADERS

Radicals are often asked: "How can human society exist without leaders—without a head?"

If our questioner is one of the myriads who dwell lightly and superficially upon any subject, we could promptly dismiss him by answering that those who have no head of their own must necessarily borrow one, now matter if that one be of a thick and dense variety, commonly called in popular parlance, "blockhead." If, on the other hand, he is really well intentioned and prompted by an earnest spirit of investigation, we would readily concur with him by admitting that with leaders—true leaders—the world cannot very well dispense. Amidst the rising tide of human misery, of abject degradation, or sordid gain, of slavish submission to whims of ruling power, some one must break the abominable fetters that custom, tradition and superstition have shackled upon us; someone must lead in the work of social regeneration so that the true spirit of manhood, resurrected, can assume its fullest expression.

Of such leaders we need scores. Multitudes are yet dominated by religious beliefs; bigotry still befores the human intellect; the sombre recesses of many minds are still obscured by falacious teachings of dogma. Many knees are still bent in secret genuflection before idols and images; the truth is yet crushed beneath the foundations of God's temples. Many champions have assailed this formidable citadel; it has partly crumbled, 'tis true; but many more leaders are needed who will bear the torch of reason, the beacon of scientific investigation, upon the real now obscured by ignorance and superstition. Thousands are needed. The field of literature is teeming with opportunity for expression.

Nature's greatest gift—the faculty to convey by pen, brush or chisel, man's most noble impulses, his highest aspiration—that sacred beacon that uplifts men's hearts to loftier spheres, is

trammelled by dictums of conventionality and respectability. The "prowess" of crowned mummies and of tinsel "heroes" still pollutes our literature and defiles our art. Lord Mammon finds ready apologists. Commercialism reigns supreme. Artificiality run rampant. Leaders are needed, myriads of them, who, disdaining to be mere automatons and mere intellectual prostitutes, will champion life's realism without mockery, without sham.

There is earnest demand for leaders who will rise above the commonplace, above the prevailing decadence of form and motive. Millions are needed. The cause of labor is seeking its leaders, its champions. The promising field is open to all believers in its ultimate victory.

Not "leaders" guillibility of the masses, not "leaders" who, subservient to political ambitions, endeavor to accomplish the most absurd and incongruous alliances. Not "leaders" who prate about the community of interest between capital and labor, who dine in lordly fashion while the humbler toiler contents himself with crumbs. No, not these "leaders." We scorn such leadership. Away with this species—the sooner the better. We must have real leaders; plenty of them. Men of self-abnegation, wisdom, clear vision, are needed; men who toil, suffer for the consummation of their ideals, foremost in the struggle amidst derision and scorn of those who do not understand and prudently lurk behind. We welcome millions of these leaders with open arms.

The true leaders always pursue their course through life without ostentation, without hope of reward. Their sole aim is to translate philosophical conception into action, for no ideal can ever attain its highest manifestation unless life and experiment give it sanction—this is the true meaning of revolution. We welcome these fore-runners of the coming civilization as our leaders. Let it be understood: a true leader is he who preaches by example. 'Tis well that the world will never dispense with these leaders.

## TAXATION

From Washington these days comes much shouting about tax reduction. But no one should be fooled into thinking that the problem of tax reduction will be settled, once and for all, by what is done in Washington, despite all the shouting.

Taxes should be reduced all down the line, for tax reduction is not a problem for Washington alone. It is a problem that requires the best thought and the utmost effort in every state capital, every county court house, every city hall, every school district, every governmental unit where bond issues are voted.

And even more than tax reduction is necessary. Inequities and injustices in the present system of raising revenues should be removed. It is everybody's concern that taxes, local and national, should be lowered and made more uniform.

"The true aim in life should be illumination, the true morality the practice of justice, the true redemption should be liberation of the soul from the error and its union with God through consciousness."—Giordano Bruno.

## CONTRIBUITE ORO ALLA PATRIA

Il popolo Italiano in America mai si e' dimostrato così solidale e combattivo come in quest'ora solenne e grave della loro patria lontana.

Da ogni angolo degli Stati Uniti, donne, uomini e fangiulli animati da uno stesso sentimento hanno risposto con uno slancio di aiutare l'Italia tradita e insidiata da coloro che da essa furono salvati e più beneficiati dalla guerra mondiale.



Rev. J. B. Canepa

La COLUMBUS-BALBO REVIEW, si fa iniziatrice di una raccolta di qualsiasi oggetto d'oro da offrire all' Patria. A tal uopo La Rivista Ha nominato un cassiere depositario per quest'occasione nella persona del nostro bene amato Reverendo Padre J. B. Canepa, rettore della chiesa di St. Mark, East Thomas, il quale a suo luopo ha un suo comitato di fiducia, e tutti gli oggetti d'oro raccolti saranno ricevuti da Padre Canepa, il quale egli li spedira a S. E. L' ammasciadore Italiano a Washington, e in nome di coloro che contribuiscono riceveranno per compenso un anello di ferro con la data del 18 Novembre, 1935. e cioè del giorno dell'iniquità della nazioni ingrate che misero in pratica le senzioni contro l'Italia.

Ogni persona che vuole contribuire oggetti d'oro possono portarli sia personalmente o spedirli al Rev. Father J. B. Canepa, 1010 16th Avenue, West, Birmingham, Ala.

## IL DONO DELLA REGINA ELENA

## La Sua Lettera A Mussolini

In quest'ora tragica, ma gloriosa, dell'Italia—quando il popolo si spoglia dei suoi cimeli d'oro e li consegna al Governo—affinché la Patria sia in grado di uscire trionfante da una lotta ingiusta e crudele, la Regina Elena da esempio nobilissimo di amor di patria, dando anche Lei il contributo più caro al suo cuore, l'anello nuziale, l'anello messo al di lei dito dal augusto consorte, Vittorio Emanuele.

Ecco la lettera che accompagna il sacro cimelio, e che è indirizzata a S. E. Benito Mussolini:

"Desidero che Voi sappiate che tra i tanti anelli nuziali che le donne d'Italia stanno offrendo per la gloria della nostra amatissima patria, vi sarà anche l'anello del Re, simbolo di fede e di amore, ed il mio anello che io, con gioia, offro in dono alla mia patria.

"Questo mio anello rappresenta la cosa più cara che io possegga perché esso mi rammenta il giorno fatidico in cui io ebbi la fortuna di diventare Italiana.

"ELENA, Regina d'Italia."

IL CONTRIBUTO DELLA COMMUN-  
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Gli Italiani del distretto di Birmingham senza distinzione di partiti ma con vero slancio di patriottismo hanno risposto all'appello del comitato Pro Patria, e le prime somme raccolte sono già state spedite alle autorità Consolari sia di New Orleans che a Washington, e Birmingham.

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## ITALIAN STUDENTS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA

In the last issue of The Review we pointed out with pride the activities of the young Italo-American students who have shown ability in the last few years in many public schools and universities in the State of Alabama.

We give the names of several other students who, after their graduation from high school, have entered colleges and universities.

Here is a list of other students who have entered university work recently: Paul Caruba, Jo Varagone, Vincent Bordenca, at the University of Alabama; and M. Baranelli, at Birmingham-Southern College.

We will continue to publish in subsequent issues the names of other students, as they are received by the editor.

## LEGA VASSALLA

Oramai non vi è più dubbio, anche per i diplomatici che vedono con un occhio solo. La Lega delle Nazioni è vassalla dell'Inghilterra.

Al verbo emanato da Londra tutti s'inchinano asinamente senza protesta.

Ieri ordino Londra ai membri della Lega di piegarsi all'arreftato giapponese in China e gli asini piegarono con acconsentimento il capo.

Oggi ha ordinato Londra sanzioni contro l'Italia, nella questione italo-abissina, e gli asini hanno acconsentito piegando le orecchie.

Di fronte a tanta servitu cosa rappresenta la Lega delle Nazioni?

La risposta è facile.

Un bastone in mano dell'Inghilterra per dar bastonate a suo beneplacito, col consentimento ed aiuto morale e materiale degli asineschi membri della Lega.

Trionferà sempre nelle sue mene insidiose e giacobine la perfida Albione?

Forse sì, finché avrà per ubbidienti vassalli la compiacente Francia la comunista Russia, e tante altre pecorelle di minore importanza.

Ma di fronte a nazioni ribelli come il Giappone, la Cina e l'Italia il loro inglese si troverà di fronte al toriero spagnuolo.

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## G. B. SHAW AND THE SANCTIONS

## TO THE EDITOR OF THE LONDON TIMES:

Sir: May I, as a civilized man and, incidentally, a taxpayer, call attention to an aspect of the Abyssinian question which is being overlooked in the present war-like excitement?

To make any part of the globe available for human habitation and social development at any higher level than that of the birds and beasts, the first material necessity is a well engineered and policed main road, with water supplies from artificial wells, and refueling stations. When the natives are ferocious it is unpleasantly necessary to convince them that the constructive powers of the roadmakers are accompanied by destructive powers which make the police irresistible. England has done this work all over the world, and thereby created the British Empire and founded the United States of America. Spain did it in South America, Holland in the East Indies, and all the Powers in Africa. Long before these things happened ancient Rome made a fortified wall from Newcastle to Carlisle, and made roads as far from Rome as that in all directions.

All this colonization has been done by what we call unilateral action, resulting quite commonly in the expropriation, enslavement, and even extermination of the uncivilized. It is therefore clearly desirable that it should be done in future by concerted action, which means practically by the League of Nations and its International Labor Office. Unfortunately the League is not yet equipped for such work and the diplomacy of Europe and Japan since the League was founded shows that its constituent Powers have not yet fully grasped the idea of the League. They have on every serious occasion ignored it, or sidetracked it, or tried to supersede its covenant by Locarno agreements, Kellogg pacts, secret alliances, and the rest of the old diplomatic routine exactly as if it did not exist. As to the International Labor Office, it is never mentioned; and it may be doubted whether the Foreign Offices and the Chanceries of the Powers have ever heard of it. Meanwhile, therefore, colonization must go on as before, except that when, as in the present Italian case, the colonizing Power is a member of the League, it can be called to account by the I. L. O. if it permits such atrocities as those of Putumayo and the Congo, or if it carries the necessary intimidation of savage adversaries to the point of unnecessary extermination.

Italy is making roads through Abyssinia with the avowed intention of colonizing it. The Danakils are doing their utmost to stop the process by killing the roadmakers and their guards. The League of Nations is being strongly urged by our Foreign Office, represented by Mr. Eden, to assist the Danakils in killing the Italians with the object of stopping the roadmaking and forcing Italy to retire discomfited, leaving the primitive tribesmen triumphant over European civilization. Viewed in its simplicity this situation suggests that either the Foreign Office is stark mad or else so blinded by imperialist jealousy as to be willing to wreck Europe rather than allow any other Power to extend its empire by a single foot of roadway, even when the extension has been contemplated for years in arrangements to which our Foreign Office was a party.

As between the Danakil warrior and the Italian engineer, I, as a possible traveler or trader in those regions, am on the side of the engineers. Any policy which results in the taxes I pay being spent on besieging and starving the engineer and encouraging, feeding, and arming the warrior seems to me to be an attack on our civilization which must eventually damage this precariously situated island more than Italy, which I do not wish to damage.

I object also, now that the attempt to secure unanimity at Geneva has failed, to my money being spent in bribing the minority to agree. I see no prospect whatever of France's agreeing to go to war with Italy for our sakes if we can provoke her to fire on us by unnecessary naval demonstrations in the Mediterranean. I do not want the Italians to fire on us. Old as I am I am not yet so pitifully imbecile as to believe that the modern habit of calling torpedoes, mines, blockades, sieges, battles, and bombs "sanctions"

alters their nature so completely that a vote for sanctions is a vote for peace. Things have now been brought to a pass at which a vote for sanctions is a vote for a combined attack on Italy by France and England. It would be far more sensible and humane to drop the Geneva Council down the crater of Vesuvius. I trust there is common sense enough left in England to squash the first alternative and render the second unnecessary.

Yours truly,

G. BERNARD SHAW.

**LETTERA DAL FRONTE**

Riproduciamo una lettera di un Ufficiale italiano che si trova in Africa, e ricevuta dal suo fratello Sig. Sam Pilato di Birmingham.

\* \* \* \* \*  
Asmara, Eritrea, 16 Settembre, 1935.

Caro Fratello:

Ho ricavata la tua lettera del 22 u. s. sono lieto farti sapere che la mia salute, malgrado trovarmi in un luogo ove il clima è quasi diverso da quello native, è ottimo; a pari mi auguro che la presenti venga a trovarci te e la tua famiglia.

Ti faccio presente che circa due mesi fa ti scrissi da qui una mia lettera ma credo che quest'ora l'avrai ricevuta.

Affettivamente il popolo Abbissino è stato trascurato dai suoi capi, senza alcun freno, ecco perché è malvaggio, esiste ancora lo schiavismo, tanto che per spirito di brutal malvagità e senza alcun che hanno assalito parecchie volte e saccheggiato le nostre truppe dislocate nel confine e quelli europei degli Stati limitrofi. Esiste ancora il mercato delle donne e si commercia la carne umana a larga scala e senza prezzo e i supplizii del popolo, maggiormente per coloro che non serbano condotta lodevole e per quelli che commettono delitti in generale, vengono rinchiusi nelle carceri e gli fanno le più atroci perepizie, e muoiono.

Lo Stato Abbissino nel 1906 ha stipulato con lo Stato Italiano e con le altre Nazioni limitrofe un contratto ove vierea inserito che egli doveva civilizzare il popolo e doveva disciplinarlo per evitare di commettere azioni di saccheggio e di non adoperare più sevizie verso le truppe dei Stati confinanti. Ma lo Stato Abbissino infischiadandosi del trattato stipulato, non si è mai curato, dall'ora in poi di nulla, ed il suo popolo ha continuato a fare come aveva fatto nel passato.

Ma l'ora solenne a giunta, perché con l'avvento fascista e col volere del nostro amato e magnifico DUCE, questo stato di cose dovranno cessare, quinti e venuto nella determinazione di conquistare l'Abissinia, civilizzarla, ponendola poi al pari della raza bianca, ed eliminare le continue minacce.

Siamo sicuri di riuscire nell'intendo, perché il popolo Italiano ama la sua patria e compatte e segue con fede puramente fascista le direttive de DUCE che, sotto l'alta guida di questo grande genio siamo sicuri di una vittoria.

Cambatteremo a tutta oltranza fino che ci rimane l'ultima cartuccia e l'ultima stilla di suangue per difendere i nostri diritti e per la giustizia.

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Nella località ove mi trovo si sta bene in tutto. Non altro da dirti ti prego gradire i saluti di nostro cugino Calogero che si trova qui, unisco i miei per te e Marta, Peppino, Serafina e Toto, a tutti i nostri conpaesani.

Tuo fratello Giuseppe Pilato, Vice Brigadiere dei CC. RR. 452 Sezione da montagna del comando Superiore A. C. E.

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## JUSTICE: THE PRICE OF PEACE

(Condensed from "New Outlook" of October 9, 1935)

Have you ever during the last few years heard any Englishman or Englishwoman say: "What we want is another war"? I think you must have. I am not thinking now of people who have large holdings in armament firms. I am thinking of ordinary men and women like ourselves. I have heard them say, "What we want is another war." I recall one who said it in my hearing the other day. He was a man out of work, bearing the signs of underfeeding, haggard with anxiety, growing elderly, realizing that if this sort of thing that we call "peace" is to continue, he will, humanly speaking, never find a job again. He says, "What we want is another war." Well, are you shocked at him? CAN you be shocked at him? I cannot.

I think again of some young people who also would like another war. These also have no job—never had a job. They have come into a world which apparently does not want them. They have gifts; they have enthusiasm; they have youth; they have their lives before them. And nothing to do. Not only nothing to do, but a desperate feeling of being completely unwanted. For these boys (who "want another war") "the door of the Air Force is always open." So the posters say. It is about the only door that is open to the unemployed—army, navy and air force. If there were another war these unwanted youths would be heroes. The eyes of the country would be fixed upon them. They would be the observed of all observers. They do not know what war is like; they know what peace is like; and they would like war. Why? Because they are unhappy.

Can you transfer your sympathetic understanding of those individuals in your own country to nations farther away? When you hear that Italy is menacing the world with war, and that Germany is only not doing so because she wants longer to get ready; that Japan is actually, under a thin pretext, at war with China; what do you think about it? That they are wicked? Or that they are desperately unhappy? I read the other day in an article about peace, "If high-sounding promises and strenuous exhortation can make a country happy, Italy ought to be happy; but, in fact, she is the unhappiest country in the world." I do not know whether that is true, because I do not know all the nations in the world, but that she is unhappy I am certain. It is the same with Germany. As long as there are nations in the world that are bitterly unhappy we shall have the threat of war, for there is no reason in the world why they should be unhappy. It is not in the order of things; it is not in the nature of things; there is enough in the world for everybody: enough wealth, enough "everything." If people are unhappy it is because they are kept short of something of which there is plenty in the world, and suffer from a deep sense of injustice. If it is not an ignoble thing to resent injustice. It is a noble thing.

There are whole nations in the world today suffering from a deep sense of injustice. They are poor; they are helpless; they are without prestige; they are without that honor in the sight of the world that all normal human beings desire. We British hold great demonstrations and say that we for our part only want peace. I think that we shall have to put a cutting edge of sacrifice on to our desire for peace before we get it. It is not just that nations which, by force, were compelled to accept dismemberment or the loss of their own citizens and their territory (N. d. R.—or to which promises were not kept) after the war, should be kept in that condition forever because we are so frightened of war ourselves that we dare not let them demand the revision of an unjust treaty. Is there any one in this country who really thinks the Treaty of Versailles was just? As long as we accept it, as long as we believe that all that is necessary is to keep the peace, are we not perhaps ourselves an "aggressor" nation?

The other day I saw a little circular which said that, in future, in the name of justice, a nation which demands changes, a nation which says that certain treaties or conditions (for they are not all in the treaty, as I shall show you in a minute) are unjust, should not be called an "aggressor" nation, but a "claimant" nation; and

some part of all war guilt should be attributed to those nations who, having everything that war can give them, now announce that they are in favor of peace. There is no peace where there is no justice. It is not just to attach enormous pride to our far-flung empire; to think with delight that we possess one-fifth of the surface of the earth; that our empire runs into some four hundred millions of people, and then to denounce with indignation those who aspire to empire too.

It is not just to say to Germany, "You shall not fight: you are a wicked nation, for you are preparing for war," while we hold, even under a mandate, colonies which were once part of her empire. And if you feel, as I do, that it is not just to hand over a parcel of territory in which human beings live from one nation to another, and if you feel as I do that to say to Germany, "We will hand back your colonies" is to do a further injustice to the people who live in those colonies—and if you say, "We must find out under what conditions these people live," must we not say the same of our own empire? Is it just to say it to Germany, or Italy, and not to Great Britain?

We must put the cutting edge of sacrifice on our desire for peace. It is not just to say that we will arm and that no one shall dictate to us how much we spend on our armaments, and to refuse to other nations the right to arm and to decide how much they shall spend on their armaments. It is not just to say that when we arm it is in the cause of peace, but when Germany and Italy arm it is because they desire war. It is not just.

It is not just to leave some nations hungry and poor; to shut from them the things they need; to watch with indifferent eyes the already low standard of their living being dragged down, while we reserve for ourselves the resources of the British Empire. It is not just.

It is not just in a world so full of plenty to leave one British citizen unfed, but neither is it just in that same world to leave whole nations crowded, poor, handicapped, without their share of that wealth which should belong not to one nation but to all the world. It is not just to exploit the young nations, who are perhaps only just beginning to develop on our lines, in our interests.

What shuld we do then, since our country has declared itself in favor of peace, and since we have—compared with other nations—so much? We must go further now. It is not enough to say, as we have said with a clear voice during the last few weeks, "We do not desire war." No! We do not desire war, for what have we to gain by war? Nothing. "Nothing!" There is no war that could be anything but a source of loss to us. Is it then so immensely virtuous that we are on the side of peace? No, it is not; but it is perhaps useful. It is a good thing that the influence of a great power like the British Empire should be on the side of peace. We must be ready to sacrifice something for it. We must be prepared for sacrifices of which at present the wisest of us has perhaps no idea. We must learn that the great thing in life is not to have an enormous empire, nor to be better off than other people, nor to have more arms than other people. It is something more spiritual than that. It is to give the right lead. It is "to lay upon the altar the dearest and the best."

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For sometimes I gaze in dismay.

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Ding . . . Dong . . .  
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So lonesome rings tonight,  
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## MUSSOLINI PRAISED BY U. S. GENERAL SHERRILL

Benito Mussolini, the Italian dictator, was hailed as a "man of outstanding courage in a world of pussyfooters" by General Charles H. Sherrill.

In an address before the Italian Chamber of Commerce of New York the former ambassador to Turkey also announced:

"I refused to believe that President Roosevelt will let any foreign League of Nations dictate that we increase our embargo list to the disadvantage of American exports trading abroad at their own risk.

"Such an act would not be an act of neutrality, but an act against Italy."

Sherrill stated three radio stations had refused to broadcast his speech because it was too "controversial!" Though he declined to disclose which ones, it was learned that he had reference to WEAF, of the National Broadcasting Company, WABC, of the Columbia Broadcasting Company, and WOR, of the Bamberger Broadcasting Company.

**"Misadvised"**

Informed of Sherrill's charge that they had refused to broadcast his speech after reading it, officials of the three stations declared the general was misadvised.

WABC and WEAF said they hadn't had the time available, and WOR, admitting the controversial nature of the talk, said they had offered Sherrill free time on their forum hour when both sides of the question could be presented.

In his speech, Sherrill not only supported Mussolini, but attacked the League of Nations for opposing Mussolini after it had "pussyfooted when brave Japan frankly took Manchuria." He said:

"I am here today to speak for a man I have long known and admired, for a gallant father who has sent his own two sons into the thick of the fighting for their beloved home land, for Mussolini also father of that amazing creation of his brain and heart—the new Italy.

"I take particular satisfaction in coming out openly for him because many friends have warned me that it is politically disastrous for me to speak for a man so widely misunderstood today by the American people. Very well, I take that risk and I take it gladly.

**Italy 30 Years Ago**

"Many of this audience are too young to know the Italy of thirty or forty years ago, or even the Italy of those trying days just before the World War.

"I first visited Italy forty-five years ago, and you will pardon my saying that there were many features then common that did not please foreigners travelling about Europe, and therefore able to compare things Italian with different conditions outside her borders.

"Italy was then dirty, and when it was not dirty, it was slovenly. There were beggars everywhere—professional beggars, as professional as thousands who today live on the relief doles in America and England. Trains were always late and worse than that, no one seemed to care if they were late.

"Perhaps in 1890 there was hygiene somewhere in Italy, but foreigners could see no signs of it. Soon after crossing the Italian frontier, I chanced to get out at a stop to walk up and down the platform, and there was a man directing the removal of my trunk from the baggage car!

**Racketeering**

"When I strenuously objected, he only shrugged his shoulders, and said he had made a mistake. But he would have gotten away with it if I had not caught him. And that was the Italy of that day. Not only for private citizens, but also in public life.

"They did not go in for racketeering on a grand scale as we do here today, but everybody was doing it in his or her modest little way, and this was sapping the moral fiber of the Italian people.

"Then came the daybreak! An obscure journalist came out of his four tiny editorial rooms in the Via Paolo Di Canobbio in

Milan and held what the politicians called a petty meeting in a building on the Piazza Di San Sepolcro.

"That was March, 1919, and there met together only 54 young men to found the first Fascist group.

"Politicians laughed at this young journalist 'shooting an arrow into the air' said they, but he wasn't—he was aiming at the heart of the real Italy! And he touched that real heart, and all Italy sprang awake and vibrated to his touch.

"Most foreigners do not—cannot realize how low Italy had been sunk beneath the sway of Red Communism all across the land. The Communists seized factories, and raised Red flags over many private and public buildings.

"But, as I said before, this black night that fell over Italy (lit only by red flashes of Communism) came to an end when Mussolini, deserting the Socialist party, launched the Fascist movement in an insignificant meeting of 54 young people in the Piazza Di San Sepolcro. Then Italy awoke with a bound.

"Fascist combat units arose in every city and town. Red flags were torn down everywhere, and this was done by Italians of all ages, but especially by the youth, by the glorious Giovinezza of the land.

"That is the Italy of today. Every single citizen, male or female, young or old, replies 'present' when Italy calls—the new Italy of Mussolini."

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