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EQUALITY

We can get good government only on condition that we keep true to the principles upon which this nation was founded. . . . We are neither for the rich man nor for the poor man as such; we are for the upright man, rich or poor. So far as the constitutional powers of the national government touch these matters of general and vital moment to the nation, they should be exercised in conformity with the principles above set forth.

President Theodore Roosevelt,
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EDITOR'S PAGE

NECESSITY OF MORAL STANDARDS

Certain rather definite standards of morality are absolutely necessary in the present stage of human evolution. In order to be fully convinced of this, it is only necessary to cast a few glances at the affairs of human beings all over the globe. A large percentage of them permit emotions, prejudices, and folkways to lead them around with almost the abject docility of sheep being led or driven by their shepherds. They permit themselves to be swayed by this and that fad, style, belief, hobby, and empty scintillation.

The idea that such a thoughtless, fanatic, narrowminded prejudiced, biased, hysterical, and in many respects extremely unstable and precarious rabble of beings could survive even a few decades longer without some fairly distinct and binding moral and ethical principles is palpably absurd. The average Christianized human is dishonest, roguish, mischievous, and generally disagreeable enough, despite all the books, lectures, whittings, and records of experience of all kinds tending to instruct him in the proper conduct of his life with which he has been and is yet deluged. Once give him an inkling of an idea that there is nothing wrong about dishonesty, roguishness, mischievousness, and general disagreeableness, and that he will receive no reprimand, ill-opinion, ostracism, or punishment from his fellows, or any other type of retribution, for leading a life characterized by such traits, and, to us, a common phrase, he is very likely to "go straight to the dogs". He must be led to believe that honesty is the best policy, and that what is called a moral and ethical life is best for him and for all others with whom he comes in contact. His mind is not a texture to comprehend any other type of unconventional morals or ethics which might possibly be successfully adopted by pronounced supermen. We are not now considering the ultimate correctness or the reverse of conventional ethics and morality; our point is that some standard of these must be maintained in the average mind until further mental evolution renders this mind suitable for the reception of new and better standards. And let it be stated with all emphasis that, in our conviction, the highest attainable standard of ethics and morals are absolutely separate and distinct from all phases of supernaturalism. The person who is to be called "good", with the sensible application of the adjective, is a person who conducts his life on those ethical and moral principles of humanity which have in view as their ultimate object the greater happiness of the individual and all others under his influence, not in a fantastic "world to come", but in this world at this time. He is not "good" to please any god, or to escape damnation in any hell-fire. He is not "good" because any preacher of religious doctrines tells him to be so, or because he thinks the Bible enjoins him to be so, but because he is conscious of no better means of attaining a moderate degree of happiness in his journey through the world.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AT GENEVA

The League of Nations emerges from Geneva a weakened, discredited institution, a ghost of itself. It is quite possible that quack physicians will try to mend its torn limbs and cover the rifts with adhesive plaster. The forces of destruction remain. The explosions which in Geneva revealed themselves in such spectacular manner will continue their work on a growing scale.

All the pacifist romance was to concentrate around the League of Nations, but all the glory is now a heap of ashes. Locarno is dead.

"The spirit of Locarno" revealed itself not as a dove of peace with an olive branch in its mouth, but as an old witch with teeth of copper and claws of steel. The League of Nations received a blow from which it will not recuperate. Of all the post-Versailles international agreements, the pact of Locarno was declared to be the most important and most fruitful.

Bourgeois and Socialist alike hailed it as the beginning of new humane relations among people and nations. Formally, the pact of Locarno was a guarantee of mutual non-aggression between Germany and France. Both "high contracting powers" solemnly promised that they "will in no case attack each other."

It was also not for humanitarian reasons but for political and economic advantages that France agreed to the pact of Locarno. Like the slave owner whom it pays to employ a physician to attend his sick slaves in order to save his working power, so France is interested in maintaining the miserable "stabilization" of Germany in order to save the payments accruing to her according to the Dawes Plan. Behind the Locarno wedding party stood the English capitalist influence, and the Locarno pact was made possible the outlook of a German-English rapprochement within the League of Nations as a menace to the Franco-Polish, Franco-Roumanian, and other French alliances.

The roles of Italy, Poland and Belgium were of much lesser importance. Locarno in general was an attempt to stabilize capitalists as a whole; to halt the further decay of the various capitalistic countries thru a mutual understanding according to which the contracting powers agreed to limit their respective greed, so as to let their neighbors get a respite in these harrowing times. What will Baldwin's government bring to the embittered masses of English workers? What can France offer to her dissatisfied millions? It is evident that behind the pact of Locarno there were clearly defined specific interests of the capitalist groups dominating the governments of England and France.

America need not pay attention to the details of European politics; she need not spend tedious hours around the conference table at Geneva.

The disarmament under the auspices of a discredited League would be only a mockery. The anti-League voices in America has become particularly virulent after the Geneva debacle.

America cannot be part in the League of Nations for the revision of the League Constitution which would have to be accomplished by the same wolves who flew at each other's throats at Geneva.

Our time should be dedicated to our problems at home to improve our economic condition.



L'ALTRO ANELLO

Per pulir le mani, quante cure
fanno indugiar la donna alla toletta!
Lavacri, creme profumate e pure,
forbici, lime, e chi piu' n'ha ne metta!
In illustri Istituti si comparte
questa scienza, ch'e' pur anco un'arte...

Ma una bellezza adesso s'e' scoperta,
non prodotta con forbici e con lime
da raffinata manicure esperta;
una bellezza semplice e sublime
che splendor fa, senza ricette arcane,
le mani delle donne italiane!

Ogni donna d'Italia fuor del dito
si tolse l'aureo anel che ha nome "fede",
e quel ricordo del piu' caro rito
con nuevo rito alla sua Patria diede.
Mani belle non pinse alcun pennello
come queste, si' fiere, senza anello.

Mani di spose son che rose e gigli
han nel giovine volto; man di madri
che accarezzan trepide dei figli
le guance fresche e i riccioli leggiadri;
di vedove son mani, su cui tanto
spesso cadde, e bagno' l'anello, il painto!

Piccole mani morbide di fate,
fragili, delicatamente bianche;
mani povere, mani affaticate,
umili mani tormentate e stanche;
e vecchie mani, ove non mai disgiunto
dall'anello s'era l'anel consunto.

Delle nostre famiglie, in quei cerchiati,
tutta la storia rivivea: l'altare,
l'intimita' dei piu' tenaci affetti,
speranze luminose, pene amare,
la vita bella, od affannata e insonne,
e pensieri di spose e mamme e nonne!

E, con gli anelli, tutto cio' fu offerto
alla Patria: il passato sacro, in nome
dell'avvenir, da Quella che del serto
regal si cinge, a quelle che le chiome
neppur misero vel copre.. ed al posto
del lucid'oro, il saldo acciaio han posto.

Or quell'acciaio or doppiamente "fede"
si chiama, ed ha un valore, cui, sconfitto,
ogni gioiello piu' fastoso, cede!
Temprato e' nella forza e nel diritto
del popolo d'Italia, e non si flette,
si foggi in "fedi" oppure in balonette!

TURNO.

IL TRIOMFO DELLA GIUSTIZIA

Chi ride be, ride l'ultimo, come dice un vecchio proverbio.
Ed oggi coloro che credevo che l'Italia era ancora la terra dei
"Spaghetti Fleet" and the Land of Mandolin Playing" riman-
gono stordite e non passano ingojare la pillola amara perche si
avevano fatto il conto senza loste.

La volatica Francia, e la perfida Albione, che devono la loro
salvezza all'Italia, nella guerra mondiale, sono nella via della dis-
perazione, nel vedere il trionfo dell'Italia, che loro hanno sempre
cercato di tenerla come una nazione il cui popolo non si sarebbe
potuto risolversi, ed esser schiave e soggiogata sotto le loro sfere
politiche ed economico.

Ma tutto i tranelli e le perverse manifestazioni che loro
hanno cercato di assoggiogare per mezzi di ricatti dissonesta-
mente con una propaganda sfacciatamente falsa su tutti i punti,
e' stato svelato e smascherato con la soledrieta' dimostrato dal
popolo Italiano sia in Italia che da ogni parte del mondo dove
essi esistono.

E questa soledarieta e' dovuta da co Lui che a nelle mani i
destini della nostra patria e del popolo Italiano, Benito Musso-
lini.

Il trionfo della giustizia e' prevaluto contro la perfida Al-
bione, la quale, piu delle altre piccole nazioni bagatelle asservito
alla coda del "John Bull" imposero una delle piu' vile penalta'
con la cosi detta "Senction" credendo di strangolare una nazione
che per migliaia di anni adato al mondo la civilita', le leggi, l'arte,
la scienza il progresso su tutto e su tutti.

Il popolo Italiano sa soffrire, resistere e varcare ogni osta-
coli per il benessere non soltanto suo, ma per l'umanita intiera.

Ed oggi siamo orgogliosi, come sempre lo abbiamo stati di
essere Italiani, ed amare la nostra patria che ci diete i natali, per
poi piu' ancora, amare questa terra che e la seconta madre nostra.
Viva l'Italia, Viva Mussolini, Viva sempre l'America the land
where freedom reign Supreme, where Liberty Becaon civilization
on the great and Nobler achievement.

CREDO

Io credo in Lucifero Inglese, creatore delle Sanzioni e dei
massacri ed in Eden suo Figlio, il purissimo boia nostro con-
cepito dello Spirito massonico ed antifascista. Nacque sotto la
Societa' delle Nazioni, pati' sotto l'Impero di Mussolini, non mori'
e ne' fu sepolto vivo e nemme no crepo' dopo tre giorni, ma
scendera' all'inferno con il padre suo e di la' giudichera' quanto
fu stupido e bestiale il padre suo compresa i degni compagni di
De Vasconcellos.

Credo nella Santa Causa Fascista, nella resurrezione dell'-
Italia Imperiale di Benito Mussolini, nell'Eterna luce di Roma e
cosi' sia.

PATER NOSTER

Pirata nostro che sei Inglese, sia maledetto il nome tuo venga
a crollare il regno tuo, sia sanzionata la bestialita' tua, come in
terra cosi in mare. Lascia per oggi e per sempre le tue mire
sull'Abissinia, rimborsateci i nostri crediti dal 1915 al 1918, come
noi li rimborserseremo al Negus nostro e cosi' sia.

AVE MARIA

Ave Inghilterra piena d'invidia, l'egoismo e' teco, tu sei
maledetta fra le Nazioni, maledette siano le sanzioni frutto della
tua malvagita'. Per la Santa Causa Fascista, madre di Civilta,
combatteremo noi fascisti ora e sempre, per la grandezza d'Italia
e cosi' sia.

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ENGLISH PRESS AND THE SANCTIONS

Deep rumbling can be heard from several of the English press in regard to Anthony Eden. The Independent Conservative Evening News called him roundly "Public Liability No. 1" and remarked that "His Majesty's government are bribing the government of Yugoslavia to pretend to support Sanctions by more than doubling the number of Yugoslav pigs permitted under British quota restrictions to be sold in the United Kingdom weekly."

"This bribing of other nations to blockade Italy economically in the name of the League of Nations is a gross and unprecedented breach of the laws of neutrality," continued London Evening News. "The Garden of Eden, as everybody knows, was ruined by a snake. The sanctioneers Eden, it would appear, is to be saved by a pig—and a Yugoslavian pig at that. . . ."

"We have seen our ancient friendship and our valuable trade with Italy disappear, never to return. Who knows what else Mr. Eden is up to?"

"Who knows what meddlesome trouble Public Liability No. 1 is hatching in the seclusion of the foreign office? What may he not be saying to this Ambassador or that, What fool for Dager is there into which the egocentricity of a somewhat superior person with no discretion and a sharp tongue cannot plunge us?"

"Can we afford dangerous Mr. Eden with the European situation rapidly deteriorating? At a time when it is absolutely vital that we should have at the Foreign Office a Minister whose coolness and discretion—quality which Mr. Eden's greatest admirers will not claim for him—go hand in hand with detachment, experience and a profound knowledge of the mind and temper of his own and other nations, is Mr. Eden the man for the Job?"

MINISTERS OPPOSE WAR

At a recent convention three hundred Methodist Episcopal ministers voted to oppose war. Now as we have no war on our hands in this country, and are not in the slightest danger of having one, we are at loss to understand just what war is being opposed by the clergymen. Of course we know that in Europe the talk of war fills the air. Do the ministers, with their vote of three hundred expect to dissipate those foreign war clouds? Also we remember that in the last European war we became involved. Perhaps the good clergymen have a fear that this might happen again. That is a very remote fear and one in which most people in this country do not indulge. It is true we did not do much of the fighting in the last war, but everybody knows that we were tricked by our allies and obliged to pay for most of the war. And we will not again in a hurry either fight or pay for the settlement of foreign wars. To that extent the Methodist ministers need not worry about agitation for war in this country.

But perhaps it is against war in the abstract that the clergymen are prepared to wage a holy fight. Maybe they feel that in denouncing war and invoking against it the righteous horror of a Christian conscience, they will arouse us into a sense of duty in opposing all talk of war and all preparation of war. Perhaps, too, they mean to impress us by their unanimity in protesting against armed conflict between nations. They present a united Christian front and call the attention of the world to their spiritual attitude. And in view of the fact that they are exercising themselves in behalf of noble idea, they win our admiration.

But if we remember correctly it was these same Methodist gentlemen who a few years back undertook to make the world safe from rum and who felt that the curse of alcohol would be cured by organized efforts in behalf of prohibition. They worked with the fervor of fanatics and with the astuteness of politicians until prohibition became a fact. But unfortunately, as we recall, alcohol triumphed. Human nature refused to be controlled.



SALVATORE RANIERI

Grande Venerabile della Grande Loggia O. F. D. I. in Alabama, e membro del Supremo Concilio dell'ordine Figli d'Italia in America.

Il Signor Ranieri fu' presidente del Comitato di ricevimento di S. E. l'Ambasciatore Augustor Rosso nella Sua visita in Birmingham l'anno scorso, ed eletto come delegato alla convezione nazionale dell'Ordine F.D'I in Boston, Mass. tenutasi il 12 Ottobre, 1935.

Nel principio dell'ostilita' in Ethopia il Sig. Ranieri si pregio' di contribuire per il soccorso Pro' Patria, 25 dollari mensilmente per tutta la durata della guerra, il suo primo sborsamento versato direttamente a S.E. l'Ambasciatore Italiano a Washington, fu di 100 dollari.

Sotto la guidanza del Signor Ranieri l'Ordine Figli d'Italia in questo distretto a fatto molto progresso, e lui farebbe, qualsiasi sacrificio per il benessere della colonia Italiana se si dimostrasse piu' solidale.

Le sue azioni patriottiche sono sincere senza nessuna verniciatura di pompe o fanatismo o di speculazioni. ma puramente di amor patria pronto ad aprire la borsa per qualsiasi azione che sia per il benessere patriotto e comune.

Se la nostra communita avrebbe una mezza dozzina dei Ranieri, molte cose si avrebbero potuto fare in mezzo a noi.

COMMITATO CONFERENZA PROF. COMM. ROSELLI

Sotto gli auspici del Reggente Vice Cosole G.A.Firpo giovedi sera si formo' un comitato per la venuta del destinto Prof. Comm. Bruno Roselli, il quale verra in Birmingham Domenica 24 Maggio, per una conferenza sul tema della vittoria Italiana in Ethopia.

Il Prof. Roselli e uno dei piu' deestinto conoscitore della storia de gli Italiani in America. Smagliante oratore, parlando perfettamente l'Inglese. La conferenza sara, data gratuitamente, e gli Italiani del distretto e fuori non devono mancare di essese present tutti,

Il comitato consiste, Sig. Sam Raineri Chairman, Signora Sam Brocato, Tesoriera, Elviro Di Laura segretario, Signori. Jo Buzzanca, Vincenzo Petruzelli, Angelo Ferlisi, F. Rumore membri del comitati. Ulteriori dettagli sulprogramma sara' dato sulla stampa locale.

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STATEMENT BY HAROLD G. HOFFMAN
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Newjersey, April 6, 1936—I have been accused of seeking personal publicity in taking such action in the Hauptmann case as it is said that I have taken. I do not think that any reasonable person can believe that I went out of my way to invite the criticism of which I have been made the target, or that I expected to benefit from it.

In this case, I have taken just two definite steps. I granted one reprieve of thirty days (which is usual in cases of capital punishment in this State) and I used my own money, and the funds of a few friends interested in justice, to try to discover the real truth of this despicable crime. Both these actions are in accord with my duty as Governor of New Jersey and I make no apologies for either of them.

I cannot convince myself that the kidnaping and murder for which Bruno Hauptmann was executed were the work of a single unaided person. I cannot escape the belief that somewhere in the world there are other persons who participated in that dastardly crime. I cannot escape the vision of those persons waiting with strained nerves for the news that Hauptmann was dead at the hands of the people of New Jersey and that the Lindbergh kidnaping and murder was forever closed by death. I can almost hear them say, with deep relief—"We got away with that! Now let us kidnap another child and share another ransom!"

If, instead of Hauptmann not being guilty alone, he was not guilty at all, there is another common danger to be considered. This is the danger that any citizen may walk around a street corner into a set of circumstances which will bring the hand of the law upon his shoulder and hurry him to prison or death, upon circumstantial evidence, for a crime he has not committed.

There is ground for both doubts in the case of Bruno Richard Hauptmann. There are contradictions, impossibilities and inconsistencies in the evidence upon which he was convicted. Already there is the growth of a legend that he was not guilty and that he died unjustly. Such a legend as this may work injury to the law and public safety.

At the time I granted to him his thirty-day reprieve, I pledged myself to grant no further stay unless the Attorney General of the State agreed that it was advisable and proper. Last Friday night the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey did not so agree. The condemned man had been tortured enough. Perhaps death was the greatest mercy that could have been extended to him, yet were it not for my statement of January 16, based upon my belief—which I still hold—that I was without Constitutional authority to do so, I would have granted another reprieve.

The question of whether Hauptmann should die in the electric chair or whether he should spend the rest of his life behind prison walls was relatively unimportant to securing the complete solution of the crime that shocked the people of the world.

I have done what I believed to be right and I have no regrets, except that the complete truth about this crime has not yet been discovered. I will continue to act as I have acted and I will have no regrets in the future. The only thing I could do that would make me ashamed of myself would be to quit the job before it is completed.

If an earnest desire to see truth and justice prevail is an offense against my oath of office, I am guilty and should be impeached—but let us hold the issue to that question and not extend it to other questions which have no existence in fact. I will be glad to meet my critics anywhere and at any time upon that issue, which is the only issue in this case.

Many public officials serve through their terms of office without being required to make a decision between being right and being applauded. I am one who has not been that fortunate. I have had to make that choice and I have made it as my conscience and my information directed me to make it. I am sorer for my critics than I am for myself.—Harold G. Hoffman.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY—EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
March 26, 1936

My dear Mr. Di Laura:

Thank you for sending to me the clipping from the Birmingham News. I am grateful for your continued friendly interest.

I am, of course, working under many handicaps. Law enforcement agencies have seemingly determined that no one shall upset their theory that the kidnap-murder-extortion was a one man job and their lack of cooperation which apparently includes a determination not even to make an honest effort to locate other persons involved in the crime, makes an investigation four years after the commission of the crime exceedingly difficult. Under the law of New Jersey, I do not have power of further reprieve. This does not alter my belief that this case should not be marked "closed" until every possible channel of inquiry is exhausted.

I shall continue to exert every effort within the constitutional limits of my office to establish the entire truth beyond doubt, whatever that truth may be, for I do not believe that the present doubtful status of the case constitutes any discouragement to the criminal element.

In appreciation of your friendly interest which I know reflects your own desire to see a complete solution of this case, I am

Sincerely,

HAROLD G. HOFFMAN, Governor.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY—EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

April 7, '36.

Dear Mr. di Laura:

Thank you for your kindly expression. I am sure that time will justify my efforts to secure the full truth before the execution of Hauptmann.

Your sympathetic understanding of my position is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

HAROLD G. HOFFMAN, Governor.

GRAB THE RESERVES

Of great, even vital interest to every citizen in America is the latest crack-pot idea conceived by Mr. Roosevelt's brain-trust sophomores. It is the plan to tax the reserves of corporations. The brain trusters have discovered that these reserves are apparently piling up in idleness, so they are going to send the tax gatherers out to grab and put them in circulation in various alphabetical channels.

What would happen if this plan should be put into execution by the New Deal? It would more surely spell disaster than any other mad scheme yet hatched in those queer bureaucratic brains in Washington. The text book and class-room economist would ruin the practical and far-seeing industrialists and business men who, more than Roosevelt's ready-made planners, have helped to bring us out of the depression.

If the great corporations had spent their reserves as recklessly as the New Dealers in government, big business would now be in hock in company with the Federal and state governments. Henry Ford has explained, what to most people was not known, that it was the judicious amassing, and later the judicious expenditure of corporation reserves that saves America and makes business revival possible. For every dollar borrowed by the New Deal and spent in emergency relief work, the corporations according to Mr. Ford, spent three or four dollars from their reserves.

But Mr. Roosevelt's economists care nothing for the business genius of Mr. Ford, or for that of other American industrialists. If they can only lay their hands on Mr. Ford's reserves they are sure they can spend the money more wisely than the man who made it.

A more brutal and senseless raid on the fruits of thrift and business judgment was never conceived. It is an exhibition of brazen audacity, conceit and incompetence to which the New Deal has degenerated.

COME CI VUOLE MUSSOLINI

Piu' ancora che a rinverdire le plaghe deserte e malsane, pui' ancora che a dare benessere al popolo ed ordine allo Stato la fatica quotidiana del Duce e volta ad educare gli Italiani. L'impresa e ardua e poderosa, perche si tratta di attutire le stonature, di fondere e saldare i caratteri nel popolo piu' balzano, piu' "bohemien", piu' artista che abbia preso quartiere sulla terra. Ma questa e anche l'impresa che piu' merita di essere condotta a buon fine.

Non e questione per noi di scovare e di adottare uno stile "nazionale" a base di pose, di brio o di flemma, tanto che si possa dire poi, come per gli inglesi, che ci siamo standardizzati su d'un unico tipo. A questa uniformita' di superficie ne' vogliamo ne' potremmo arrivare: v'e' toppa intelligenza in casa nostra; e nelle vene della nostra gente corre troppa bizzarria perche' si possa pensare ad una educazione nazionale di maniera. L'educazione degli italiani, voluta dal Duce, e' un'altra, che non sia una semplice stilizzazione di modi e di forma, che non si riduca ad un formulario di etichetta, ma che compia il miracolo di far pulsare tutti i cuori ad un battito sole e di lanciare le energie di tutti verso una sola conquista. Senza imboscate, senza diserzioni, senza imboscate. E' sostanza plu' che forma, orgoglio piu' che vanita', fede piu' che educazione. E se e' educazione, e' educazione che parla al cuore, ai nervi, alla sensibilita'. Ne' si codifica in norme, perche' parte da un presupposto: la coscienza nazionale, e tende a una meta: la grandezza della Patria.

Appunto perche' e' cosi' scheletrico, cosi' nudo, cosi' categorico, il nuovo catechismo degli italiani non ammette ne' chiose ne' falle ne' inganni. E appunto perche' esso basa le sue ragioni d'essere sui principii della coesione del prestigio, della potenza nazionale, da questo nuovo solco, in cui siamo chiamati tutti a marciare, sono banditi i vizi, le rilassatezze, le esibizioni, gli impulsu, gli egoismi. E' tutta qui, in questa metamorfosi da individui a nazione e nella detersione di ogni scoria che della metamorfosi deriva, e' tutta qui l'educazione che il Duce vuole iniettare in tutti gli Italiani. Nan per farne automi a servizio di un'utopia, ma per farne militi coscienti e volitivi di quella magnifica realta' che ritorna nei destini del nostro popolo: l'impero.

Se non e' ancora diventata sangue di tutto il popolo, questa educazione tipo forte, questa conformita' di ideali, e quindi di agire, e' gia' in atto. Essa opera come stato di fatto da affidare alle generazioni future. E come clima duro, ma sublime della nostra generazione che, se pena a sbrattarsi de dosso tutto il pasatume, ha anche coscienza di essere battistrada e iniziatrice di una nuova e'ra.

E qui si profila in tutta la sua grandezza e in tutta la sua portata la responsabilita' di quei 10 milioni d'italiani che corrono il mondo fuori dei confini della Patria. Abbiamo un bell'infischiarci di tutti i giudizi di questa terra; ma il prestigio, la grandezza, la civiltà di un popolo, per non rimanere concetti astratti, hanno proprio bisogno di essere valutati ed apprezzati dagli altri popoli. E la valutazione si matura per tante vie, anche sommarie. E spesso un contributo al prestigio della patria lo offre in misura maggiore quel padre di otto figli che nelle miniere della Mosella mena giu' picconate da mattina a sera con quella foga che e' di marca nostra che non parecchi predicatori in "redingote".

Essere Italiani all'estero e', sotto questo riguardo, oltre che grande responsabilita', vera missione. La dignita', la capacita', l'intelligenza, il valore di un individuo non sono piu' doti che hanno fine a loro stesse, ma rimangono in funzione della qualita' di italiano di chi le impersona. E chi osserva, giudica non l'individuo ma il cittadino di una nazione: con tutte le conseguenze che dal giudizio derivano. Così le falangi degli Italiani all'estero possono fare al prestigio dell'Italia gran bene lo fa il grosso della nostra emigrazione, quella che si e' fatta del lavoro una religione e che serra i denti e i pugni in uno sforzo spesso eroico di volonta'. Ma un gran male alla nostra nobilita' di popolo vien doto da quella e che, dove passa, vede sgranarsi ammirati gli occhi degli stranieri.

minoranza di italiani infrolliti, impomatati, bacati che si incontrano ancora a fare gli snobs o i degeneri lungo i marciapiedi delle metropoli o negli atrii equivoci dei cosidetti locali di lusso. Questo e' marciume di cui noi italiani siamo i primi ad avere schifo.

Per il resto, siamo tranquilli. Tranquilli soprattutto dal punto di vista dell'educazione nazionale. Chi li ha visti, gli italiani all'estero, e ha vissuto loro vicino nella vita di ogni giorno sa di che passione e di che orgoglio essi vivano; perche' basta trovarsi lontani, tra gente straniera, a parlar della nostra terra e dei nostri ideali di grandezza, perche' gli occhi, nel dire, si facciano lucidi e piccini e dentro tutti ci si senta poeti. Si si ammala di italianita', all'estero, fino a soffrire nel fisico. E si vuole essere come vuole il Duce.

Allora per la bonifica integrale della nostra emigrazione, bastera' che un'altra minoranza di italiani all'estero si aggiorni alla massa: quella dei tiepidi, degli arrivisti, dei factotum, dei fatalisti, quelli della "Corona d'Italia", quelli dei salotti, quelli del clima molle. Ce n'e' e prosperano ancora: ma sono decisamente gu' di moda e sono i primi a sentirsi a disagio. Sagome da Don Abbondio che non hanno davvero cuor di leone: per rimmetterli a fil di spada, bastera' che uno di questi giorni il Fascismo si dia la pena di menar qualche colpo di scopa.

Andrea Pais

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BEN VENUTI

Il Sig. Tony Scoecia con la sua Signora e figlia sono in Birmingham per una visita ai loro amici e parenti.

La Famiglia Scoch sette anni fa lascio Birmingham per stabilirsi a Toronto, Canada ed oggi e la prim visita che fanno in Birmingham, essi sono ospiti della famiglia Frank Frasca.

La Signora Scoch e tesoriere della Loggia Regina Elena O. F. D. I. in Toronto, Canada ed e' anche Grande delegata dell'ordine dello Stato del Canada.

Nel visitare Birmingham, si sono fermati a Buffalo, N. Y., di Lookout Mounts, Chattanooga, La famiglia Scoch siteranno parecchie settimane, e sia a loro il piu felice soggiorno nella nostra citta'.

GEORGE HUDDLESTON

Editor Columbus Balbo Review

Gli Italiani del Distretto di Birmingham non devono mancare di votare per l'Onorevole George Huddleston Rappresentativo al Congresso degli Stati Uniti. Huddleston e' sempre stato l'amico degli Italiani fu strenuo difensore contro la restrizione dell'emigrazione, e cont l'inposizione della "Senction contro l'Italia nel 1935.

L'uomo piu indipendente nel Congresso, imparziale e fiero per la giustizia ingenerale senza distinzione di classe, ed ammirato anch dai suoi avversari. Votate per L'Onorevole Huddleston.
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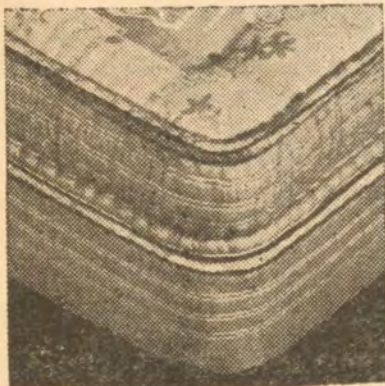
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TO MIND OUR AFFAIRS!

We hear a great deal of talk nowadays about the sanctity of treaties and international agreements. The statements on these two subjects are generally to the effect that they ought to be sacredly maintained at all times.

The fact is, however, and we ought to begin to realize it, that any European or Asiatic nation will keep international agreements so long as it is to their political and economic interests to do so, and very little longer. As a matter of fact, there is no nation on these two continents who would keep such an agreement if the keeping of it would be detrimental to that nation's safety.

Perhaps we shouldn't blame them too much for this. Self-preservation is the first law of nature, and a nation will fight with every weapon at command, when it is in grave danger, just as an individual will. It may be difficult for us to realize this, guarded as we are by three thousand miles of good salt water on either side, but we have to realize it if we want to understand European and Asiatic politics, and desire to keep from getting our fingers burned.

In the view of international events, as they have followed one another since the World War, we will be foolish indeed if we place our trust in the word of some alien nation and do not see to it that we are free of international commitments. As a nation of idealists we are too prone to rush foolishly into some danger which doesn't concern us because we may mistakenly think it is our duty to do so. When we are inclined to do this, it is best to remember that European nations are practical whether we are or not, and no nation across the seas is going to make war unless it sees some advantage in so doing.

We do not have to look far to convince ourselves of this fact. A few years ago we permitted ourselves to get all lathered up about the Japanese invasion of Manchuria. But Great Britain and France who were bound to protect China, a League member, refused to get excited about the affair. And the reason they didn't get excited was that their own selfish nationalist interests were not sufficiently involved to get into war with Japan. They would have been perfectly willing for us to do some fighting, and in fact we nearly did get involved in war with Japan, but they showed no inclination to help us out and to observe "solemn" international agreements.

Italy, profiting by Japan's example, and with an agreement made with France that she might violate her "solemn" international agreements with impunity, invaded Ethiopia. But now John Bull is aroused and he's become all worked up himself over "solemn" international agreements, which affected him not at all in the case of Japan and China. The reason for the change is easy to find—selfish national interest. And so great is John Bull's influence that he succeeded in having the League impose sanctions against Italy—something that could not be done in the case of Japan—and is now sending us a terrific barrage about our "solemn duty" in international obligations.

The case is not changed in the least, no matter whether our sympathy is with Italy or Ethiopia. Facts are facts, and the facts show that these European and Asiatic nations regard international obligations as sacred only when it fits their selfish purposes to do so.

The lesson to Uncle Sam is clear. Let him use vision and common sense, and deafen his ears to internationalist propaganda no matter whether it originates at home or abroad.

Non solo non e' usuale, ma a' contrario alla natura il fatto che genitori deboli abbiano figli forti e sani. Voi dovete alla vostra prole preservare la vostra salute.

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THE NEW COLLEGE SPIRIT

An excellent illustration of the flippancy, the cynicism and the disrespect of sacred values now to be found in some of our colleges, is the recently formed legion of future wars that has been formed at Princeton. The college students organized this mock legion and then announced they were going to petition congress for their future bonus. The motion, if expressed merely as a satirical fling at the American Legion would have been amusing and probably even the Legion members themselves would have enjoyed the joke. But when the collegians carried their idea beyond the joke limits and displayed not only malice but open hostility to American patriotism, the American Legion became justly indignant.

The limit of bad taste among the collegians was reached when the college girls began to organize a mock Gold Star Mother's group and asked the government to send them, expenses free, to France to see the graves in which their future sons were to be buried. This gratuitous and brutal insult to the good women whose sons were killed in the last war was so quickly resented throughout the country that the perpetrators of the cheap satire were at last put to shame and obliged to blush for their ignorance, over which a college education had not been able to prevail.

Now it is true that some allowance must be made for the informed minds of college young men and women. If their minds were fullrounded in intelligence, imagination and judgment, they would not need to go to college. But there is something fundamentally wrong in young people who lack the normal human emotions which prompts every decent person to take his hat off in deep respect for those good mothers who with bleeding hearts saw their sons leave America to fight on foreign shores, and who with torn hearts received the news that their sons had been killed.

The slur on those noble women, the Gold Star mothers, is the most contemptible exhibition of bad taste and shamelessness that has ever come out of our colleges. It prompts one to ask: what is wrong with our present-day colleges?

A VISION

I stand on the brink of a river,
The river of life to me,
Where the billows of memory quiver
And rise and fall like the sea.

I read in the tremulous motions
The records of many a year,
And like voices that came from the ocean
Are the muffled words I hear.

Down under the waters gleaming
Are the visions of long ago.
There are forms of beauty beaming;
There are shadows dark and low.

There are scenes from life's fair morning
That come like the break of day;
Or a beautiful landscape's drawing
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