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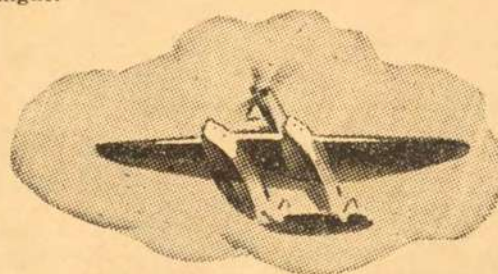


The great hour came with triple ships,
Then sudden fervor stirred his lips:
"On, on, into the West," he cried:
"I know, and will not be denied.
The world is round: by the western gate
The riches of the Indies wait
Lift sail, my men, the hour has come
For shipwreck or millennium
Lift sail, my men, the hour is here
To probe the secret of the sphere."

The long day and the longer night,
And seas rushed by in eager flight.
Then frightened sailors raised a cry:
"We feel the terror of the sky
Turn back, great Admiral," they moan:
"We cannot dare the dark unknown.
Soon we shall totter on the brink,
Soon into utter darkness sink!"
"No, no," the daring chief replied:
"The earth is round, the sea is wide:
Keep all the sails aloft, and steer
Into the West; the shores are near!"

They ploughed and plunged for days and days,
Then horror struck and wild amaze
The Needle felt some secret jar
And seemed to shake the Polar Star.
The pilots paled with sudden awe:
Nature seemed crashing out of law.
Had they then swung to another realm?
Would the Void open and overwhelm?

But no fear shook the Captain, none,
From sunset to the rise of sun.
He stood there sleepless on the prow,
With whipping cloak and troubled brow,
With wild hopes singing in his breast,
With gray eyes glued upon the West
He stood there, beating against bars—
Stood all night long till drunk with stars.
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EDITOR'S PAGE

A TRIBUTE TO COLUMBUS

By Senator Joseph G. Wolber former Pres. of the Senate of New Jersey.

The name of Columbus is not a name which belongs to one nation, but is a name which belongs to the World.

The name of this great Italian Admiral will live on forever and ever, for it was he who ventured to cross uncharted seas. It was Columbus who, when he appeared before the master-minds of his day to explain his plans and ideas, was received with laughter and ridicule; it was Columbus who walked miles and sailed from one country to another for financial aid so that he may carry on his thoughts and plans.

It was his aggressiveness, his will to carry on, his super-human progressiveness, his convincing thought that won the good will and wishes of Queen Isabella of Spain to finance the ever memorial voyage of that noble fleet.

Then one day they set sail for unknown shores with much cheer and rejoicing. What trying days; each member of the crew a brave sailor, for great it was to sail on the unknown high seas facing, who knew, perhaps disaster, perhaps death. All this was in the minds of his crew.

Day after day the brave Columbus and his crew would be on the lookout for land. The days got longer, weary tiresome; the men were no longer of the same spirit they possessed in the early days of the voyage. They even threatened Columbus with death if he would not turn back, but with the will of perseverance he persuaded them to carry on.

They did, the voyage continued in rough stormy seas for ninety days until one warm October 12th in 1492 that noble fleet of brave sailors, under the leadership of that great Italian Admiral Christopher Columbus, sighted land and there was joy and rejoicing. The small boats were lowered and Columbus, with his crew, rowed to shore; placing the standard of Spain on the ground, he named the island "San Salvadore"; and this was the beginning of all the nations in the northern and southern hemispheres.

It was Columbus who lead the way to this great country of ours, the United States of America. It was Columbus, the navigator of navigators, the discoverer of discoverers, who opened the gates, who chartered the first route from the old world to the new world.

Columbus, like other great men of Italy, belonged to the World, such as Marconi, Michelangelo, Raffaele, Leonardo Da Vinci, Dante, and even Colonel Vaca, who fought with George Washington during the Revolutionary days. The many, too numerous to mention, outstanding men in our own institutions are of Italian parentage.

The Italian people are an aggressive, progressive people. They are among our leading American citizens and have and are taking an active part in all our national affairs.

They can well be proud of the land of their ancestors for Italy has lead the World in most of the outstanding achievements; in arts, sciences, literature and music.

ITALIAN RACE MAKING ITS MARK

By WM. P. BERRY

The Italian race is gradually making its mark in the business, social, cultural and political life of our nation.

In our institutions of learning there are few who apply themselves more diligently and who labor more sacrificially than the youth of Italian extraction.

In our industries, in our commercial and financial world, as well as in every other field of endeavor, may be found outstanding men and women bearing Italian names who are making a valuable contribution to society.

To those, therefore, who fully appreciate the courage and initiative, the genius and intellectuality of the Italian, it is meet and proper that the descendants of Christopher Columbus, who gave the Western Hemisphere to the world, should lend color and inspiration to the beautiful picture of personal liberty, freedom of speech and unrestricted religious worship which is being unfolded in America.

The vigor, loyalty and patriotism of the Italian American is one of the firm assurances of the realization of America's ideals and destinies.

IS THIS AMERICA?

From almost every direction to the field where the gallows was erected came crowds filled with a carnival spirit, on foot and in automobiles, jostling, laughing, singing. In their midst an array of frankfort, pop corn, and soda vendors plied a brisk business among the spectators, some of whom were tired by the parties held the night before in honor of the occasion. Finally the big feature was put on with shouts, hisses and babel of noise. The neck of the 22 year old negro was snapped with scarcely enough time given him for absolution, and immediately after, a mad scramble took place by souvenir hunters eager to snatch pieces of the hood placed over his head and the rope with which his life was snapped out.

Where could this have happened? In the African Congo, in the orient, or could it be a brutal page from history? It is none of these. It is Owensboro, Kentucky. It is America in the year of enlightenment 1936. And the howling morons? Americans.

This country spends millions every year for education, pushes the compulsory school attendance age constantly higher, and each June sees thousands of "educated" people come off the mass education belt. But how good is the product turned out in such large standardized quantities? What percentage has learned common decency?

We encourage cheap literature, we patronize entertainment designed for morons, we place a premium on scandal and vulgar sensationalism, we pass lightly over outmodeled religion, we pardon any criminal whose lawyer gets sloppily sentimental. What then can we expect? If we condemn the crowd at Owensboro, we condemn an American outlook on life which is all too common.

The Outstanding Italo-American Citizens on the Forum of America's Public Life

Very often when we pick up the editorials of various newspapers of this country we read with much disgust the ignorance of the Editors regarding the loyalty of the Italian-American citizens toward the country of their adoption. They say that the Italians love too much their mother country and cannot be good American citizens.

To this fantastic assertion we will answer with facts and reality, that, the son who does not love his mother, cannot love his stepmother.

And there are facts and realities which cannot be erased from the pages of history, so a sneering, superficial condemnation against the Italians in America is passed on, either one of them betrays a total lack of historical sense.

The Italians in America have contributed to every phase of American life. And the Italians are proud of the country of their origin. They love Italy, also love America and they do their duty to the country of their adoptin.

President Wilson, speaking before a group of naturalized citizens in Philadelphia, on May 10, 1915, said: "I certainly would not be the one even to suggest that a man cease to love the home of his birth and the nation of his origin—these things are very sacred and ought not to be put out of our hearts—but it is one thing to love the place where you were born and it is another thing to dedicate yourself to the place to which you go."

And here the Italians love the nation of their origin and dedicate themselves to their new country of adoption.

Guglielmo (William) Paca, an Italian born on October 31 1740, near Abingdon, Hardford County, Maryland, from Italian parents who settled there in the latter part of the seventeenth century, and were well-to-do planters.

Paca was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and third Governor of Maryland. Jurist Paca was a delegate in the Maryland convention which adopted the Federal Constitution in 1788.

Soon after the war was started Paca became a member of the Maryland Council of Safety and spent several thousand dollars of his own in outfitting troops. He was in the convention for the state and was elected one of the fifteen members of the first state Senate.



Charles J. Margiotti General Attorney of the State of Pennsylvania, he was born in Punxsutawney, Pa., on April 4, 1891, from Italian parents who came from Salerno, Italy. Mr. Margiotti was graduated from Punxsutawney public school, from Teacher's College of Indiana, Penn., after three years he received the "LL.B. B. Degree" from the Pennsylvania University, and in 1935 the St. Francis College of Loreto, Penn. conferred on him the "Honorary degree of LITT. D."

No other person in the history of the Pennsylvania State has occupied such a high position so young as Mr. Margiotti. He was elected to that high position a year ago, at the age of 34. He is one of the most outstanding Italo-American citizens in that State. In the campaign of 1934 he run for Governor and received over 200,000 votes.



Mayor Angelo J. Rossi, of San Francisco, California, first saw the light on the 22nd day of January 1878, in the little town of Volcano, Amador County, Cal., a mining district.

His parents came to this country from Genoa and settled in California, in the days of the gold rush and his father became a miner, and died when Mayor Rossi was only six years old. As an errand boy, working by day and studying at night he spent his early life.

He loves San Francisco and a large part of his life has been dedicated to the betterment of that city which elected him as Mayor in 1931.

Ferdinando Pecora, born in the town of Nicotia, on the beautiful Island of Sicily and came to this country with his parents when he was five years old. After passing through the public school, he spent a year at St. Stephen College on a scholarship. He worked in a law office to pay his way through New York Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1909.

He was appointed Chief Assistant District Attorney in 1922. He was appointed counsel for the Special Investigation Committee of the U. S. Senate, and today he is Supreme Judge of New York State.



Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia, the first Italo-American elected to the U. S. Congress which place he occupied with great honor, and today he is Mayor of the greatest City in the world. Fiorello's father came to America from Campobasso, Italy, and was commissioned in the American army during the Spanish-American war.

The election of La Guardia to the present position as Mayor of New York City will go to his posterity with his record of being the best Mayor New York has had.



Robert S. Maestri, the Mayor of the great Metropolitan City of the South, New Orleans, La. Mayor Maestri, of Italian origin, in his inauguration address last month said; "My only desire is to serve. This is going to be a real job, and I am going to need every man's help, and I say the same thing to the women of this city. Come in and help me and you will not regret it."

"As long as I am Mayor I will lend no encouragement to a political strife. If any suggestions occur to you, don't hesitate to let me have them. We shall build a better city together."





Hon. Peter A. Cavicchia, United States Congressman of the Eleventh District, Essex County, New Jersey. He was born in Campobasso, Italy, May 22, 1879, came to America at the age of 9, graduated from the American International College, Springfield, Mass, with A.B. degree in 1906, and received honorary LL. D. degree in 1929 also LL. B. degree from New York University. Member of the Board of Education of Newark for 13 years, also Professor of Law. He was elected to the Seventieth Congress in 1926 and re-elected consecutively to the Seventy-Fourth Congress.

Judge John J. Freschi, a veteran judge, was appointed City Magistrate in 1910 by Mayor Gaynor of New York, in 1915 he became a Judge of Special Session until 1925 and then became Justice of the Appellate Court to hear appeals from the Magistrate Court. Justice Freschi is 60 years of age.



Angelo Patri, Son of Shepherds, born in the suburb of Naples, Italy, and brought to America when he was a little boy, has become today one of the outstanding educators and the orator of the American school. People from all parts of this country and the world take inspiration from him.

Patri has given the school and thousands of students an inspiration with his character of spontaneity and industry.



Judge Felix Forte, one of the most prominent Italians in the United States. Professor of Law at Boston University Law School. He was born in Boston, Mass., June 30, 1895, of Italian parents and he has a keen interest and pride in his heritage.

He was graduated in June, 1916 from the Law School of Boston University and was not yet 21 when he received the degree of Bachelor of Law, "LL.B."



Amedeo Obici, the America's "Peanut King" came to America from Italy at the age of 12, and worked with his uncle in a fruit stand at Scranton, Pa. A few years later he decided to go in business for himself. He bought a peanut roaster for \$4.50 and rented sidewalk space in front of a store at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Today Mr. Obici is President and General Manager of more than \$12,000,000 of business a year, one of the great corporations of the United States with four great factories; Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Suffolk, Va., San Francisco, Cal. and Toronto, Canada, operating as the "Planters Peanut Company".



EL SIMBOLO

"Colombo" per noi Italiani non e' soltanto una gloria, la quale, sfidando i secoli, si e' affermata nella sua grandezza, ma e anche un "Simbolo".

Oggi, non ostante le mirabili ascensioni di civiltà la "Scoperta di America" rimane una esaltazione di rinnovata giovinezza. Il Genio Genovese donando un Mondo al Mondo, ha generato il nostro orgoglio nazionale.

La data immortale assume in America speciale significato; e giorno di esultanza in cui, lo straniero si unisce a noi nello stesso profondo sentimento di religione verso il Grande, il quale, ebbe la scintilla divinatoria di sfida paurosa al mistero ad agli elementi.

La gente italica, in procinto di aprirsi la strada con la spada in pugno, mirante a schiacciare la schiavitù e barbarismo trova, oggi, in Colombo il simbolo di tenacia, intraprendenza, genialità e coraggio.

Non importa se qualche storica, affetto da isterismo, sorga di quanto, a contendercelo: i documenti lo hanno divinizzato, la tradizione lo ha fatto blasone immutabile di venerazione, la storia lo ha messo in cima ad ogni Genio.

Colombo non ebbe la gioia del suo trionfo: calunniato, relegato in carcere, messo in catene, come tutti gli altri Grandi; motivo, per cui la sua figura gigantesca e' divenuta famosa e leggendaria; patrimonio sublime, che le vicissitudini dei tempi non toglieranno al nostro popolo. Il nome del Sommo Ligure, e' credenziale, e' messaggio, e' passo di via, per una razza ardita, sobria, laboriosa, intelligente, costretta a cercare in terre straniere la propria sussistenza. Sotto di questo nome gli Italiani hanno lottato e lotteranno per affermarsi e per ascendere.

Inchiniamoci, quindi, dinanzi al "Simbolo" purissimo di nostra gloria con la devozione di chi sentesi partecipe di una stirpe, la quale perpetua nei secoli, i fasti delle sue tradizioni, la inviolabilità delle sue conquiste, la bellezza della sua civiltà, il primato della scienza e dell'arte



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GLI ITALIANI D'AMERICA

Gli Italiani vennero in America col proposito di tornar via. Oggi intendono di rimanere. Venero e si accamparono. Oggi hanno messo radici e fatto figliuoli e ci sono di già dei nipoti. Erano stranieri e ora sono in casa loro.

Il loro dovere oggi è di farsi cittadini, seguir le scuole Americane, prender diplomi in America, entrare negli affari, guadagnare piccoli e grossi patrimoni, conquistare posti di giudice, di senatore, di sindaco, ottenere nomine statali e federali, contribuire alla letteratura Americana, popolare di figure di tipo Italiano le piazze e gli edifici d'America, contrare come massa elettorale che può dare, in almeno otto stati dell'Unione, il tracollo alla bilancia politica in favore di questo o di quel partito.

C'erano, ci sono, ci resteranno; e cresceranno, nonostante sia chiusa l'emigrazione, perché se fanno meno figlioli d'una volta, ne fanno sempre più di parrocchie altre comunità forestiere.

Essi non contano per quel che sono nella vita Americana. Sono un numero. Ma il numero non basta. La quantità non conta se non c'è la qualità.

Il numero Prima della virgola, conta; il numero dopo la virgola, non conta; è zero. Cominciamo a contrare; ma non abbastanza in rispondenza ai loro meriti, al contributo dato al paese che ci ospita, alle qualità personali di essi.

Prendiamoli a uno o uno, dal modesto fruttivendolo, fino al "leader" col quale ci tratteniamo talora a conversare, in tutti i gradi sociali si trovano vite ammirevoli, riassunte da una parola; ascensione. In tutte le classi vi sono straordinarie storie di sacrifici, di lotte, di sforzi, di tenacia, di risparmio, di lavoro, di pazienza.

Ma quando li prendiamo tutti insieme, essi non sono ancora giunti dove sono giunte popolazioni meno intelligenti, meno sobrie, meno attaccate alla famiglia, meno lavoratrici. Tutto procede dalla debolezza dei capi.

Ed è convenzione comune che per gli Italiani d'America tutto procede dalla scarsità di capi. Gli Italiani d'America nel loro insieme sono una popolazione sana, buona, attiva, e capace di grandi sforzi generosi collettivi.

La manifestazione di solidarietà dimostrata nella contravversia tra l'Italia e l'Etiopia, con quell'entusiasmo a fiammate, che non domandava che una piccolissima scintilla per accendersi a salire al cielo.

Ma la storia non si fa nelle occasioni eccezionali; si fa nelle occasioni quotidiane. I terremoti e le eruzioni hanno improvvisamente modificato qui e là dei territori, ma le stabili conquiste della terra si son fatte con il lento e continuo lavoro delle acque e dei venti.

Gli Italiani non sanno ancora quel che sono, quel che possono. Sono un gigante bendato.

In un paese organizzato come l'America, devono imparare la forza della organizzazione. In un paese di coltura diffusa, come l'America, devono imparare la virtù della coltura e della educazione. In un paese dove sono correnti i pregiudizi collettivi, anche se ufficialmente ripudiati, devono imparare che un Italiano che fa male, fa male per tutti gli Italiani; e che un Italiano che fa bene, fa bene per tutti gli Italiani.

Quel che occorre per loro sono i capi. Cominciano a esserci, ma son pochi. Occorre una classe che diriga. Comincia ad esserci, ma non sa abbastanza. Occorre gente che impersoni il nuovo mondo italo-americano e ne formi la coscienza.

Non si tratta di ripetere l'Italia, né di copiare l'America. Gli Italiani venuti qui, con i loro figli e con i loro nipoti, sono un fatto nuovo. Non si possono capire con idee puramente italiane, non si possono capire con idee puramente americane. Ci sono nuove condizioni e per esse ci vogliono nuove teste, nuova coscienza, nuova tecnica.

Questo mondo italo-americano è forte, giovane e fondamentale sano, non ostante qualche foruncolo e qualche eczema. Non sa bene dove venne, non sa bene dove va.

Aspettiamo coloro che lo riveleranno a se stesso.



ENSLEY POLITICAL CLUB

Ricorre in questo mese il trentesimo anno della fondazione del Ensley Political Club, e coloro che lanciarno la bellissima idea in mezzo ai nostri connazionali di Ensley possono essere superbi della piu' splendida idea che mente italiana potesse creare e di aver visto, come per incanto in loro idea coronata dal successo piu' completo piu' lusinchiero

La fondazione del Ensley Political Club fu la prima pietra di base per l'emancipazione politica della comunita Italiana di questo distretto ed esso fu ed e' stato sempre l'avanguardia di ogni progresso.

Il Club fu organizzato e diretto con quella fede ed onesta' di principi che ne fu originato l'idea che in alzo in breve la colonia di Ensley, che fu ed e' la piu' inportante di tutta l'Alabama.

I fondatori del Ensley political Club furono uomini di fede coraggio ed onesta' e la storia ne ricordera le loro bellissime azione della loro iniziativa. Savario R. Guerino fu il prime presidente, Vincenzo Ragusa, tesoriere e LUIGI MAENZA, segretario; il solo fondatore vivente del Cluc, e che continua la sua influenza in mezzo ad esso.

Oggi il Club e guidato dalla nuova fiorente gioventu' Italo-Americana con lo stesso vigore ed onesta' dal giorno che fu fondato. Il suo nuovo Presidente Mike Ross, giovane attivo e ben voluto da tutto la comunita' e sotto la sua guidanza, il Club a fatto un continuo progresso sia morale che materiale.

Questa Rivista, porge sia ai vecchi fondatori, che a tutti inuovi membri ed ufficiali del Club, la piu' fervida manifestazione di congratulazioni e co-operazione per il loro continuo sviluppo.

COMMITATO FRANCESCO VIGO

Sotto gli auspici del Reggente Vice-Console Italiano G. A. Firpo, un commitato fu organizzato per disporre vari libri di propaganda sul riguardo "dell'uomo dimenticato" Francesco Vigo. Il Commitato composto Signor. Sam Ranieri, Chairman; Elviro Di Laura Segretario; E. Sabatini, Joe Occhiopinto.

Nel disporre tali libri il Signor Ranieri fu il piu' attivissimo per la vendita. Tali libri saranno donati ad ogni Biblioteca Publica della Countea di Jefferson, ed alle Universita e Colleggi locali, sotto il nome del donatore. Il libro e' intitolato. "VIGO" "A Forgotten Builder The America Republic." By Prof. Bruno Roselli.

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La cerimonia comingera' dalle ore sei PM. fino a tarde ore della sera. Il comitato composto dai Signori; Sam Rainieri Grande Venerabile, e chairman della festa; Luigi Maenza Tost-master delle cerimonia, Onofrio De Prima, Giovanni Brusa, Baldassara Petruzelli, e Signora Carmelina Anselma.

Discorsi sull'occasione saranno pronunciati dai vari oratori per tale occasione. Invitazioni sono state stese a tutte le associazione Italiane locali compreso il Reggente Vice Console G. A. Firpo. Musica rinfreschi e lunchs saranno serviti, la serata certamente sara' una serata di gala

Invitazioni furono stese all'Hon. Lewis Robinson member della Commissione della citta' autore del "Columbus Fraternal Day" Bill presentato alla Legislatura dello State di Alabama nel 25 Luglio 1931 mentre era member della Legislatura Statale, e caudiovato Da Judge Mrs. Louise Charlton, Miss Mollie Dowd, Mr. M. J. McBride, e iniziatore del Bill il Sig. Elviro Di Laura.



La piccola leggiadra Signorina. Ignazia Ranieri, figlia del Signor, e Signora, Sam Ranieri di Bessemer, Ala.

STUDENTESSA ITALO-AMERICANA

I studenti Italiani sia nelle scuole elementari, sia nei Colleggi e Universita' ha fatto uno dei piu belli sviluppo nella storia di questo distretto. Il giovane Carlo Bordenca graduato dal Howard College, ricevette un premio di \$500 piu' un anno di colleggio gratis nello Atlanta Universita' Chimica.

La Signorina. Nina Miglionico graduata n legge nell'University of Alabama si trova in Washington, D. C. per le pratiche in legge.

John Miglionico, Freshman in the Medical school of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. He was selected out of 800 applicants as one of the 70 admitted.

He was graduated from Howard College, Birmingham.

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