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Spring Time "Earth Voice"



"I heard the Spring light Whisper
Above the dance stream,
The world is made forever
In likeness of a dream.

"I am the law of planets,
I am the guide of man;
The evening and the morning
Are fashioned to my plan.

"I tint the dawn with crimson,
I tinge the sea with blue;
My track is the desert,
My trail is in the dew.

"I paint the hill with color,
And in my magic dome
I light the star of evening
To steer the traveler home.

"Within the house of being,
I feed the lamp of truth
With tales of ancient wisdom
And prophecies of youth.

"I heard the Spring rain murmur
Above the roadside flowers
The world is made forever
In melody and power.

"I keep the rhythmic measure
That marks the steps of time,
And all my toil is fusioned
To symmetry and rhyme.

"I plow the untilled upland,
I ripe the seeding grass,
And fill the leafy forest
With music as I pass.

"I hew the raw, rough granite
To loveliness of line,
And when my work is finished
Behold, it is divine.

"I am the master builder
In whom the ages trust;
I lift the lost perfection
To blossom from the dust."

The Earth to them made answer,
As with a slow refrain
Born of the blended voices
Of wind and sun and rain.

"This is the law of being
That links the threefold chain;
The life we give to beauty
Return to us again."

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EDITOR'S PAGE

TO THE HON. BERNARR MacFADDEN

Publisher of Liberty
205 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. MacFadden:

I read your article in the Liberty, March 27th, 1937, issue, under the title, "How Long Must We Carry This Staggering Load," and I ask your honor to give me space in your columns to answer some of your points.

I am an Italian by birth. I was born 'neath the Southern skies of Italy, close to where the lordly Tiber flows, but yesterday, today and until the good Mother Earth will take me back to her bosom, I am American by adoption.

When I was a little boy I had learned upon the knees of my mother and father to reverence with tears in my eyes the name of Republic.

In the old world across the sea, they were taught that this country was a sort of regained and glorified Eden, ruled by the sweet spirit of democracy, whose light feet make no sound like the crushing heel of oppression, and upon whose gray wings lies the dew of forgetfulness of Old World hatreds. For it is she who is the guardian angel of a free people.

Under the intense blue skies of far off across the sea, it was easy to picture this Utopia land, easy to think of this sweet spirit. Give her but a little while in that tolerant land beyond the ocean, and she will sift out all the pleasures from thy sorrow and all the love from thy life to bestow upon thee. Heartaches are forgotten, tears lose their bitterness, and like a leaf of lavender in a store of linen, so does democracy make life sweet.

After all, we are all immigrants, or the children of immigrants, except the Indians. The same motive prompted nearly all of us to come—the desire for freedom—freedom from racial and religious prejudice, in short, that very spirit of Christ which inspired the founder of this glorious Republic.

The outcry against the foreign elements is as old as America itself. It is well in fact the Wickersham Commission states in its report on crime among the foreign born that the tendency to make the immigrant and the children of the immigrant the scapegoats for the defects in our own system of law enforcement.

"At various points in our history," the report says, "this impulse has become especially acute and had important political and economic consequence. But....it is interesting to note that each time the outcry is raised, "Americans" for whom America is to be reserved, include the descendants of a former generation of immigrants against whom the same outcry was earlier raised as a basis of discrimination or exclusion."

Each generation of immigrants has had to be freshmen in the college of American citizenship....It is easier to charge our crime record against immigrants than against an inefficient and corrupt system of police and an outworn system of criminal justice.

In your article you state that the taxpayers of this country are compelled to support hundreds of thousands of aliens here illegally, and the huge drain on the Treasury should be stopped.

My dear Mr. MacFadden, you should know that these hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens, before the depression, were all well fixed, they saved their money in the banks, they bought their

homes, and when the crash of the depression in 1929 swept this country and the banks closed, the unscrupulous bankers took their money, the real estate men foreclosed their homes and this so-called undesirable aliens were left on the streets and compelled to apply to the relief roll. Was that their fault? NO, my dear Mr. MacFadden.

The trouble with our country is not that a few thousand aliens illegally came to this country, but the corruption of our own system: "Every man for himself." We put profits first and humanity afterward. Corruption and criminality is larger than ever before; this nobody is willing to deny, and the source of corruption is money. We have built to money the most imposing monument human hand and ingenuity could build and have been unable to discover, or to conceive, that it is just the love of money that has plunged this country into the condition it finds itself today.

Sane organism is never found in decayed or degenerated tissues. Neither progress nor safety can be found in corruption and bribery, and in the toleration and practice of those practices.

We preach high ideals, but nobody believes in them. We talk of love and peace and human rights. Selfishness is decried and altruism is the ideal.

If we desire to do constructive work, let us establish the kingdom of Justice, Moral and Uprightness. Corruption decays.

You cannot save this country even if you deported all the aliens in one day. When, in a country like America, we permit the production of everything a man eats and wears to be artificially suppressed for speculation, when tens of millions of men and women are out of work and with barely enough food to keep body and soul together, it is time to call a halt to such orgies.

I know that some day all the men of this Nation will have a universal love and tolerance toward mankind expressible in service. Tolerant democracy.

I still dream, for into my soul hath she stepped again in silver sconces, and there is joy upon her uplifted face. The love that passeth all understanding shines in her unfathomed eyes, for she keeps only the gold that comes into her mysterious hands, scattering the dross afar upon the slow waters of Lethe.

Sincerely yours,
ELVIRO DI LAURA

Washington, D. C.
Mr. Elviro Di Laura, Editor,
Columbus-Balbo Review
1614 9th Avenue, South
Birmingham, Alabama
Dear Sir:—

February 3, 1937.

I have your letter of January 25 regarding the Starnes-Reynolds Bill.

You may rest assured that I fully agree with the idea expressed in your letter and that the matter will receive my earnest consideration at the proper time.

Very truly yours,
SAMUEL DICKSTEIN, M. C.
Chairman of Immigration.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

January 25, 1937.

Hon. Elviro Di Laura,
Editor and Publisher,
Columbus-Balbo Review,
1614 9th Avenue, South,
Birmingham, Alabama.

My dear Mr. Di Laura:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 21st with enclosures. I have read these enclosures with a great deal of interest. No one appreciates more than I the contributions made to the United States of America by people of foreign birth in the fields of language, art and religion as well as in science and industry. I know of no person in the whole United States that has any feeling against persons of this type and character. I certainly do not. I have never in public nor in private discussed in a critical manner the deportation of good law abiding aliens who come to this country for the purpose of becoming American citizens. With the vast territorial expanse of the United States we will probably have room for a century or more to come for properly selected new seed immigration.

My efforts in Congress have been to rid this country of the alien criminal element and alien undesirables, to reduce existing quotas until we can absorb and assimilate our huge foreign stock population and make good American citizens out of those who have the character and ability to become good American citizens and the Registration Law which I proposed for a protection to the alien lawfully in this country to protect him against embarrassment and unwarranted deportation.

If you had taken the time to read or analyze my speeches on this subject or read the bills I have introduced with reference to immigration, you certainly could not have come to your conclusions that I have any views, racial, religious or otherwise against aliens of good character who are living in this country and desire to become good citizens. To them I extend a hand of welcome and as an American citizen am interested in their becoming American citizens who can contribute to our welfare as you and many thousands have done in the past.

There is no difference in your view and mine I am sure. You have just been misinformed as to my attitude. Some of the best friends I have in my District and in the country as to that are persons of foreign birth who have become American citizens and have contributed to the upbuilding of our State and Nation. But surely no American citizen, either native born or naturalized, can criticize my efforts to rid this country of a criminal element and undesirable aliens.

I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you sometime upon the occasion of some of my visits to Birmingham. You will find we have the same viewpoint rather than points of difference. Be sure you understand another man's motives before you say something in the future.

Sincerely yours,

JOE STARNES.

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Birmingham, Ala., January 31, 1937.

Hon. Joe Starnes,
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Starnes:

I was very glad to receive your letter of January 25. This will give me an opportunity to exchange our point of view on matters of importance.

If we desire to free or save our country from criminals, it is not by passing a drastic immigration law or deportation of a few thousand aliens that came here illegally, but to let us try to establish the kingdom of JUSTICE, moral and uprightness.

The whole trouble today with our institutions are corrup-

tion. "Every man for himself." We put profits first and humanity afterward.

Corruption and criminality is larger than ever—nobody is willing to deny—and the source of corruption and criminality is money.

We have built to money the most imposing monument human hand and ingenuity could build and have been unable to discover, or to conceive, that it is just the love of money that has plunged this country into the condition it finds itself today.

Sane organism is never found in decayed or degenerated tissue. Neither progress nor safety can be found in corruption and bribery and in the toleration and praise of those practices.

We preach high ideals, but does nobody believe in them? We talk of love and peace and human rights. Selfishness is decried and altruism is the ideal.

If we desire to do constructive work, let us establish (as I stated before) the kingdom of JUSTICE, moral and uprightness. Corruption is decay. As for "undesirable" citizen, it is a name given to that class of men and women who are able to see and make others see through the sham and hypocrisy of the existing order wherein the producer, through a "legalized system" is de-spoiled of his product.

Speaking of criminals—there are two classes; one such a poverty, ignorance, lack of social contacts and a system of reformatories that throw contrite minor offenders with hardened "repeaters" are more responsible. Survey on juvenile delinquency in large cities point out that 22 per cent of the criminals were produced by a slum section.

Behind the bars of Sing Sing's death house are twenty-six murderers, whose ages range from 13 to 26, destined for an execution holiday. These criminals were born in this great country of ours. And there are thousands of young men and women under thirty years of age, without jobs or return from long hours of work with a small salary or with no salary, it all are needed to be helped out, before they will turn criminal.

What can be done? Crime prevention rather than punishment—by creating work for every healthy man and woman, with decent living wages and short hour work.

These so-called alien criminals were not imported from foreign countries, because the governments of those countries will not permit them to leave their country if they have a criminal record, and no passport will be issued for such people, and if few have entered this country, they came contraband through the bribery of some unsruperulous persons on our boards.

The Dillinger's; the Reed's; the Robinson's; the "two-gun" Crowley's; the Black Legion of Michigan; the Garlus gangs, the Capone's, are not imported, but the product of our country and we call them outlaws.

Then we have the second class of criminals. The sharks, the high-up speculators who, through legalization of profit system, are robbing their fellows of their substance, despoiling them of their natural right to the use of the soil and all other natural opportunities.

When, in a country like America, we permit the production of everything a man eats and wears to be artificially suppressed for speculation, when tens of millions of men and women are out of work, and with barely enough food to keep body and soul together, it is a criminal act, and those responsible should be punished and deported to ALCATRAZ Island.

It will give me great pleasure to have the opportunity of meeting you, if the occasion will come, and exchange our ideas and views in matters of importance.

It is our moral obligation to keep men gainfully employed, to prevent disintegration of going concerns and to make some provision for the re-employment of these men in event certain enterprises must be discontinued. The machine should be a source of happiness and liberation of man and not accumulation of human miseries which creates idleness, vice and criminals.

The chief cause of crime and criminals is unnatural social conditions, such as poverty on one hand, and opulence on the

other, and the modern invention of machinery to help create more idleness. Our industrial Empires and the pyramids of gold should build for the happiness of all the people and not for a few.

In a social system where neither of these extremes of poverty and wealth exists, and in which all are employed in some form of rational and useful activity, the incentive to vicious living will no longer exist, and vice and crime will naturally vanish for want of conditions to produce them, and not by deportation or restriction of drastic immigration laws.

Sincerely yours,
ELVIRO DI LAURA.

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UNITED STATES SENATE

Committee on Military Affairs

January 25, 1937.

Mr. Elviro Di Laura,
Editor and Publisher,
1614 9th Avenue, South
Birmingham, Alabama.
My dear Mr. Di Laura:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 21, together with its enclosures, both of which I have read with a great deal of interest.

I am indeed encouraged to know that you are with me on my fight on criminal and undesirable aliens, and you may be sure that I will continue to wage the battle here in an effort to curb this growing menace in our great country.

With kindest regards and again thanking you for writing to me, I am,

Sincerely yours,
ROBERT R. REYNOLDS, U. S. S.

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Tappeti artisticamente di qualsiasi grandezza e qualita', ricamamento per camere da letto, da pranzo ed ogni occasione, novelta di ogni genere artisticamente Italiana ed Araba di porcellana. Coloro che non ancora hanno visitato questo negozio non possono far di meno di recarsi e vedere con i propri occhi, il motto e qualita' ed economia, nel cuore della citta' 19 1st Avenue North, sotto la direzione della Signorina Anna Paradiso, e Signora Francesca Marchione.

Il managero generale e' il Signor John Paradiso uno dei piu conosciuti nella nostra communita'. Questo negozio sia per la qualita della mercanzia e localita', e di prima classe di tal genero.

BEN VENUTO

Al nuovo Regio Console Italiano di questa giurisdizione, la cui sede e in New Orleans, La., Comm. Marchese Gian Gerolamo Chiavari, ed alla Sua Distinta Signora, questa Rivista unito a tutti i suoi lettori e tutta, la communita Italiana di questo Stato di Alabama, gli porge il benvenuto in mezzo a noi.

Sia questa sua nuova dimora, come rappresentante del patrio governo, la piu' feconda.

Buono venuto, Comm. Chiavari e Signora.

COMUNICAZIONE DAL REGIO CONSOLE DI
NEW ORLEANS, LA., 20 Marzo 1937

Sig. Elviro Di Laura,
Direttore, Columbus-Balbo Review
Birmingham, Ala.,

Le gentili espressioni di benvenuto che ha voluto rivolgermi in occasione del mio arrivo in questa Sede mi sono giunte oltremodo gradite.

Saro' ben lieto di leggere la Rivista che Ella dirige e ringrazio anche a nome di mia moglie del saluto e dell'augurio che Ella ci ha indirizzato e del Suo pensiero.

Formulo i miei voti migliori perche' il Suo intelligente lavoro possa sempre piu' sviluppare quella propaganda di italiano, che Ella si e' prefissa, in seno di sotesta communita'.

Con la certezza di poter presto incontrarla in cotesta citta in occasione di una mia prossima visita, Le invio il mio cordiale saluto.

GIAN GEROLAMO CHIAVARI,
Il Console di S. M. Re D'Italia.

SIGNORINA, NINA MIGLIONICO
AVVOCATESSA ITALIANA

Siamo lieti di presentare al pubblico di questo distretto ed in mezzo alla communita italiana la Signorina Nina Miglionico, gia laureata in legge nell' Universita di Alabama, La Signorina Miglionico aperto il suo ufficio nel numero 318 Massey Bldg., tra la la 21 strada e terza Ave. N.

E dovere della communita italiana di questo distretto di dare tutto il loro apoggio morale a questa distinta Signorina certamente degna della nostra communita italiana, Essa e' la prima donna Italiana laureata in questi stati del Sud e che esercita la sua professione in legge.

Gli italiani che hanno delle cause civile e' dover loro di farsi rappresentare e difendersi da questa nuova avvocatessa italiana emergica nella sua nuova professione. Dimostriamo una buona volta la nostra solidarieta' in mezzo a noi, e diamo tutto li nostro apoggio a tale gioventu professionista Italo-American, la quale graduatamente veranno aprender alti posti in mezzo a questo grande popolo cosmopolitano. Noi dobbiamo incoraggiare i nostri figli ad essere non piu' in basso rango, ma nelle alte sfere della vita pubblica, dimostrando la nostra capacita' e far sentire la nostra voce sonante nelle grande aule di giustizia la nostra equita' ereditata dalla nostra stirpe italica.

Questa Rivista porge alla Signorina Miglionico il piu' fervento augurio nella sua alta carriera, dandogli tutta quella possibile cooperazione che dispone, gli italiani tutti certamente e dovere di far lo stesso.

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With the repeal of the prohibition law our Magic City offers many opportunities to the new comer. Men and business find success in our community.

For climate, power, labor, markets, transportation, educational institutions, banking institutions, it ranks second to none of the other cities of the nation.

Alabama also ranks today as the nation's greatest cast iron pipe producing district. Approximately half of the country's output is produced in this section.

Few industries in our district have played a more important role in the industrial development which has done so much for our betterment.

The Woodward Iron Co., The Alabama Power Co., The Birmingham Electric Co., The T. C. I. Co., The Birmingham Water Works Co., The Alabama Fuel & Iron Co., Republic Steel Co., the Swan Chemical Manufacturing Co., are a few of the great assets of our district. We may well hope that the signs of better times will show again. And why not, The leadership of our industrial district have courage, initiative, energy and perseverance. They are willing always to lay aside their affairs and promote public advancement. And with the cooperation of progressive citizens will play considerable part in the development for prosperity in this great district. We welcome to our State and to our Magic City.

UN CALDO APPELLO DI SOLIDARIETA A TUTTI
I MEMBRI DELLE SOCIETA' DEL DISTRETTO

Il fenomeno causato in mezzo ai sodalizi italiani del distretto bisognerebbe convingere sia ai capi di detti sodalizi come ai membri tutti, che nel rimanere nel presente stato di dissunione non fa altro che assottigliare le file senza di avere un maggiore beneficio materiale come anche morale.

Fin dalla restrizione di legge sull'emigrazione passata nel 1924 le file delle varie societa' cominciarono a diminuire, i vecchi pionieri fondatori, anno per anno chiamati dal supremo, varcano verso l'infinito spazio dei sette cieli. La nuovo gioventu' Ital-American poco ne vogliono sapere di sodalizi, la colpa? lascia ai lettori il loro commento e giudizio.

Venne poi la depressione che diede un colpo quasi definito ai fonti sociali, I membri non potendo pagare le loro rate mensile, ne ricevere i benefici di malattia come era stabilito, ne il pieno pagamento mortuario e varie societa' hanno morte di una morte naturale, mentre altre sono temporariamente, ho permanente nel "Cool Storage." Questo perche? per non essere uniti.

Ricordatevi che l'Italia sotto la guida e mano di ferro del Duce, porto' alla grande vittoria della conquista dell'Etiopia, e la sfida contro le 52 nazioni che impose la senzione contro l'Italia. La vittoria fu perche gli Italiani furono solidali. Percio prendiamo esempio che non si vince ad essere dissuniti, i noi non arriveremo mai arricavare dei nostri benefici finche non siamo uniti. Che vale ad essere mille e piu' membri divisi in tanti sodalizi? Quale benefici possono ricavare? pochissimo. Perche dunque questi mille e piu' membri non vedono la via della solidarieta' ed unirs i per il beneficio del fondo mortuario? he in caso di morte gli eredi del defunto riceverebbe la bellissima somma, non gia di cento dollari, ma di mille i piu' dollari perche sotto l'unico fondo mortuario di tutti i sodalizi, piu' membri sono piu' si riceve.

Percio e tempo ancora di rimediare a questa dolorosa disorganizzazione e unirsi sotto la Grande famiglia dell'Ordine Figli

d'Italia l'unica organizzazione che puol portare il massimo beneficio perche e nazionale.

L'unico fondo mortuario e necessario per il beneficio dei membri stessi e quei sodalizi che ancora non fanno parte all'O. F.D.I., farebbero il loro dovere di unirsi se non per altro per la protezione materiale in caso di morte di unmembro la famiglia ne ricava i benefici.

No aspettate il domani, perche il domani non mai viene, e chi a tempo non aspetta tempo. Sotto il punto di ragione, voi dovete amettere che questo fondo unico mortuario col solo pagamento di due dollari all'anno ogni membro, essere unito con l'ordine Figli d'Italia, con mille e piu' membri che qui sono oggi così divisi in dieci altri sodalizi, e una modestissima assicurazione che non si puol ricevere in altri casi.

L'Ordine F.D.I. non vuole altro, di aderire con i vostri sodalizi al fondo unico mortuario, ed aggiungere al nome del vostro sodalizio "Ordine Figli d'Italia, poi, le vostre leggi interne, e i vostri statuti e costumi che fino ad ora avete mantenuto potete ritenere a vostro piacere nessuno vi obbliga di campiarli, solo a vostro consento e piacere.

Questo appello va, sia ai sodalizi maschile che femminile che oggi non fanno parte a questa grande famiglia. E' ora di des-tarsi e siamo uniti.

IL DECIMO ANNIVERSARIO DELLA PRIMA MOSTRA
DELL'ART ITALIANA IN BIRMINGHAM.

In questo mese di Aprile ricorre il decimo anno della prima mostra dell'arte Italiana organizzata in questa citta' nel terzo piano del bellissimo edificio della Biblioteca pubblica, sotto gli auspici dei vari artisti Italiani locali.

Con la cooperazione della Directrice della Biblioteca Miss. Lily Chapman la quale cortesemente offri gratuitamente una delle grande sale si pote così esporre vari capi lavoro dell'arte italiana.

Originatore di detta esposizione fu il Sig. Elviro Di Laura, caudivato dai fratelli Mazzara, i quali avento varie pitture in olio di antico stelo del 500 unito ad altri antichissimi oggetti di artistico valore furono messi in esibizione con altri moderni artisti Signor Vincenzo Spina, Signorina Angelina Vargone, e Signora Carmen E. Di Laura.

Di fatti S. E. l'Ambasciatore Giacomo De Martini in quel epoca a Washington, scrisse una lettera di elogio che qui sotto la riproduciamo.

LAND OF BEGINNING AGAIN

I wish that there were some wonderful place
Called the Land of Beginning Again
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches
And all of our poor, selfish grief
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door,
And never be put on again.

I wish we could come on it all unaware,
Like the hunter who finds a lost trail;
And I wish that the one whom our blindness had done
The greatest injustice of all,
Could be at the gates, like an old friend that waits
For the comrade he's gladdest to hail.

We would find all the things we intended to do
But forgot, and remembered too late,
Little praises unspoken, little promises broken,
And all of the thousand and one
Little duties neglected that might have perfected
The day for one less fortunate.

—Louise Fletcher.

CO-OPERATION

Cooperation begets progress, socially, economically and industrially. And Progress means greater opportunities, and a high living standard, more comfort and leisure.

The march of years has brought changes. Today we have owners, management and employees—all dependent upon the great industries which grew out of the one man shops. But still their interests are the same.

There are today those who would tell us that the interests of owners, managers and employees must be antagonistic, rather than cooperative. It is like the old argument about who won the ball game. But, let's take a good look.

The manager had some part in winning the game, because he gathered the team together, instructed them, arranged the batting order and coached the team. The owner of the team had some claim to its success, because he had furnished the grounds upon which to play, had paid the salaries of the players and had advertised the game. In the end it was found that several thousand fans were also interested because the dollars collected from them at the gate made the game possible.

This simple story explains what we mean by cooperation in business relationship. It is only through cooperation of the employees, the management and the owners of a business that the final product can be perfected and made available for use. And finally, just as the fans at a baseball game demand a good game or they will not pay to see it, so do the customers of a business demand a good product or they will not buy.

That's why this country of ours boasts of so many good products, and enables us to have such a high living standard.

DON'T TAMPER WITH OUR CONSTITUTION

Government officials will take the rostrum and endeavor to tell the people of the sacrifices and heroism of our forefathers, whom, 160 years ago, declared to the world this country's right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Let us not forget that all-important document which made possible this country's rapid growth, till it had achieved the first place among all the nations of the world. This document is the Constitution of the United States; the logical corollary of the Declaration of Independence. One cannot exist without the other, no matter what we are told to the contrary. By doing away with one, you automatically destroy the other.

American voters will be called upon to do some serious thinking over the next few months about the Constitution of the United States. Before any decision is reached about possible changes, voters should reflect again what the Constitution means to every individual in this country.

The Constitution guarantees for all time the individual liberties of the United States citizens, and while it stands the government is required to recognize the following rights of the individual:

1. The Writ of Habeas Corpus safeguards the individual against false arrest and imprisonment.
2. A man cannot be jailed for some offense which was committed before the law made his act something wrong to do.
3. Trial by jury for every individual.
4. Limits upon what can be called Treason. This protects the individual from being shot for disagreeing with those in power.
5. Religious freedom.
6. Freedom of speech.
7. Freedom of the press.
8. Freedom of Assembly.
9. The right to petition the government to right wrongs.
10. The right of a person to the security of his own house, which can only be searched on a court warrant.
11. The right to an indictment, so that if a man is arrested, he can know the nature of the crime of which he is accused.

12. A man cannot be arrested twice for the same offense if he was once declared not guilty.

13. An individual cannot be forced to testify against himself. That protects him from torture—which is still in use in some countries.

14. An individual cannot be "deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law."

15. No one's property can be seized without paying him for it.

16. A person is entitled to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury in the state or district where the crime has been committed.

17. Excessive bail is forbidden.

18. The right of citizenship or of equal protection of the law cannot be abridged. No political group can pass a law removing the right of citizenship of any class or group.

19. No one can be enslaved.

If you will look about the world today, where almost everywhere there is political confusion, you will realize how important these rights are to you. Now, these rights cannot be taken from you as long as the Constitution stands. These rights cannot be changed or abridged except by a slow and difficult process.

No one wants to be enslaved by the loss of these rights.

WHAT GOOD'S A CONSTITUTION?

"Governments are meant to be, and must remain, the servants of the citizens; the states and federations only come into existence and can only be justified by preserving the 'life, liberty and pursuit of happiness in the homes and families of individuals."

Thus writes Winston Spencer Churchill, British Statesman and parliamentarian, in a vigorous defense of the Constitution of the United States.

No one can think clearly or sensibly about this vast and burning topic without in the first instance making up his mind upon the fundamental issue as to whether he values the State above the citizen or the citizen above the State, or whether a government exists for the individual or the individual exists for the government, asserts the learned Constitutional expert.

"I judge the civilization of any community by simple tests, specifically the degree of freedom possessed by the citizen. Can he speak, think and act freely under well-established, well-known laws? Can he criticize the executive government, Can he sue the State if it has infringed his rights? Are there also great processes for changing the law to meet new conditions?"

Judging by these standards, the United States can claim to be in the forefront of civilized communities.

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If the Supreme Court and the Constitution are undermined, where in the future are the weak to find protection against the aggressions of the strong.

If any form of government, the strong will always take care of themselves. In drafting the Constitution, our forefathers saw this and they wrote in protections for the weak. Then the Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution, further guarding the lives, liberties and rights of the less powerful.

But rights enumerated in the Constitution are worthless unless there is some court of appeals, a temple of refuge. The Supreme Court is that eternal guardian.

When the Scottsboro negroes faced execution it was the Supreme Court to which they appealed and the court held they had not had a fair trial—that their rights guaranteed by Constitution had been transgressed.

When in Georgia a negro Communist voiced political sentiment repugnant to loyal Americans he was tried and convicted under an ancient state law. His appeal was to the Supreme Court.

Time after time in our history when the right of free speech has been abridged, unjust imprisonment inflicted, it has been the courts that were the temple of refuge. If the religious freedom, the right to worship as one pleases, is ever denied to any person or group in this country, the final recourse is to the Supreme Court.

So long as the Constitution and the Supreme Court remain living instruments, "it can't happen here." When they perish, the end of human liberties is near. The weak have lost their sanctuary.

"SIT-DOWNERS" TAKE NOTICE

The inevitable revolt or public opinion against the "sit-down" strike is beginning to manifest itself all over the country. The result, it is hoped, will be to make this type of wholly unlawful, unjustifiable seizure of private property so unpopular that the sit-down strike will immediately act as a boomerang against that irresponsible element which employs it.

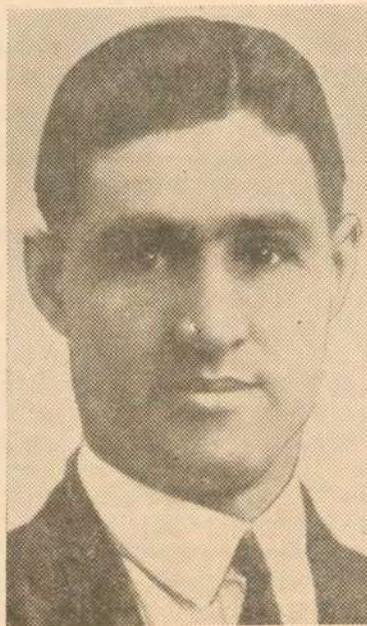
Millions of fair minded citizens applauded Governor Cross of Connecticut when he told a group of labor delegates recently that the sit-down strike, constituting a trespass on the property of others without restraint of eviction, seemed a "fantastic" idea to him. Bluntly serving notice that the law of his state would be upheld to the letter, Governor Cross told the delegates: "There will be no sit-down strikes in Connecticut while I am governor."

Following closely on the action of Governor Hoffman of New Jersey, in serving public notice that he would absolutely countenance no sit-down strikes in New Jersey plants, Governor Cross' action typified the stand which law abiding officials are taking against the sit-down strike.

Fresh proof that the law provides ample facilities for dealing with situations of this kind, was furnished officials in Santa Monica, California, in handling the sit-down strike in the Douglas Aircraft plant. Here 350 officers, clearly meaning business, grimly marched into the plant, arrested the 343 strikers who had thrown 2,000 loyal employees out of work and marched them off to jail. No bloodshed, no rioting, no destruction of property. To law enforcement officers to whom the enforcement of law is a sacred duty, the sit-down strike seems to offer no difficulties whatsoever.

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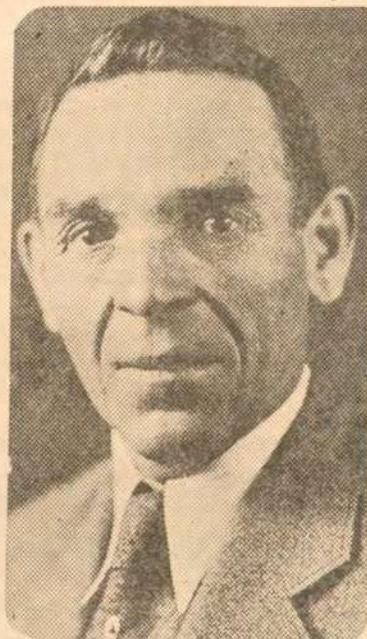


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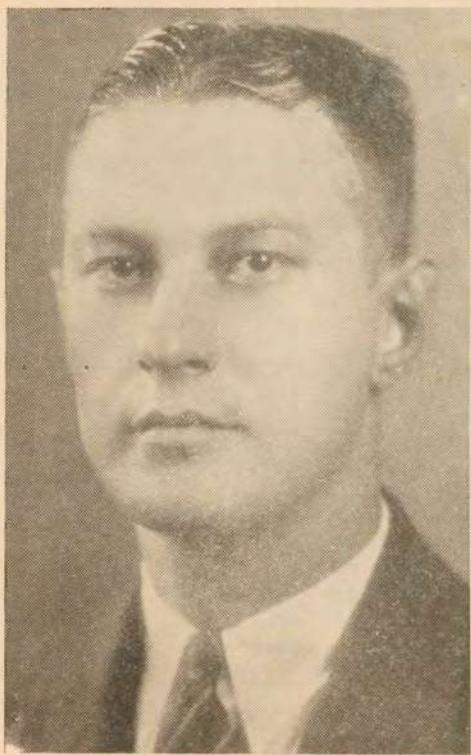
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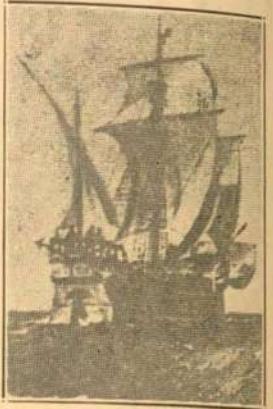
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