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## EDITOR'S PAGE

### WHAT WAR IS!

A mere turn of a dial, and the entrance to the World is wide hazy and mystic pity that we are proclaiming our error of war. We know very well that life is a continual selection in which only the most able and gifted triumph. What causes our hatred for the state of war and all that follows in its train is that while it reigns self-assertion and individual determination are more than ordinarily restrained, repressed—not to say reduced to naught. It substitutes in place of the individual struggle for existence and happiness a collective struggle profitable to a small number of the governing and the large exploiters of all countries. It places the individual in a humiliating position of subordination and dependence, in face of the administrative and military authorities.

The noncombatant is deprived of the ability to express and expand his thoughts, if not also of free government. His product is at the mercy of the first requisition. In the field of carnage, a prey of the atmosphere of brutishness and savagery, he is but an inanimate object, like a piece of baggage, at the disposal of others, who, in their turn, obey orders that they dare not discuss.

Doubtless the war, no matter who triumphs, will produce numerous causes of discontent. War itself was conceived in passion, hatred, envy and greed. The history whose every page drips with red blood of murdered innocence is caused by the war, that respects neither the feebleness of gray hairs, the helplessness of infancy, nor the sacredness of virtue. The war that paints the midnight skies in the lurid glow from burning homes which it ravaged and turned peaceful scenes of rural beauty, where God's own creatures dwell together in amity, into a raging hell. And sets neighbor against neighbor in deadly combat, and incites the brother to slay his brother.

In the path of war follow famine, want and misery. It pillages the land of its resources, contributes nothing of benefit to mankind, leaving pestilence and a complete work of destruction.

Through intrigue, war makes the intelligent powerful. The unscrupulous wax fat on the spoils of blood-won victories gained by others, and the less learned suffer for their own ignorance.

War returns to the world nothing but ruin and ashes. And under a false standard of patriotism and democracy, its license to commit murder and rapine is held to be the insignia of glory by a mistaken civilization.

### REASON VS FORCE

The events of the last few weeks regarding the European situation have demonstrated that reason can prevail over force.

Only the Generals, the patriot, the peace-maker, the pink tea lady parlor, the pessimist, and all those ignorant who do not see from their nose the mouth, are advocates of force, and they are the last to be in the front line, in the trenches, in the fire line, far from the hellish war, they maybe are sitting in some warm tea pink lady parlor, like Miss Dorothy Thompson, sipping the cup of tea, smoking some Havana, and talking about with inconsistency to use force against the dictators.

We are very opposed to the dictators; but whatever view may be we have for any dictator, they are human and also they

have some spark of reason and logic, that even the so-called advocate peace-maker did not possess.

Nothing can be accomplished by the use of force, which is one essential of war which is repugnant to most minds nowadays.

All impartial and observant minds must perceive and can verify the fact of this tendency, which is distinctly opposed to the spirit of force.

We are not unmindful that war can never be totally abolished until, by the inventions of the human intellect, it has been rendered so deadly that men will refuse to engage in it. The advocate of war and use of force, undoubted proofs of original descent of our civilized nations from savage ancestors.

A monstrous survival of barbarous ages, a relic of barbarism, and in the language of biologists a "microbe". This living proof or microbe will probably exist for some years to come, in civilized life, just as in this country, in Great Britain, in France, Germany and other countries in Europe, furnishes undeniable proof of this.

Physical force is an ally of war, and force their only arbiter, and we believe in reason and common horse sense. This was our standpoint before the actual events; such it still remains that Reason vs force.

### A TRIBUTE TO COLUMBUS

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 American Admiral will live on forever and ever, for it was he who ventured to cross the uncharted seas. It was Columbus who, when he appeared before the masterminds 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 superhuman 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 i rough stormy seas for ninety days until one warm October 12th in 1492 that noble fleet of brave sailors, under the leadership of the 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 of the northern and southern hemispheres.



## THE ITALIAN RACE SLANDERED

Westbrook Pegler and the American Press

A few years ago, Westbrook Pegler, whose articles appear often in the "Pittsburg Press" went to Italy. He wanted to study Fascism and to observe "de visu" conditions prevailing there.

He expected, perhaps, that the Italian authorities would make some fuss about him, but he was neither persecuted nor honored. They simply ignored him in Italy or treated him just like any other scribbler, with courtesy but without importance.

Westbrook Pegler felt himself slighted. He could not understand why other American journalists like Miller, Mill, Brisbane, Connolly, had been received by Signor Mussolini, while to him the interview was denied.

From that time on, Westbrook Pegler nurtured a great hatred for Italy and the Italians. And he has more than once proved his hatred with vitriolic, exaggerated and often slanderous articles against the Italians and against Italy.

This venomous scribbler has gone so far, recently, as to state that the worst criminals in America came from Italy, thereby insulting some 5,000,000 Italians who have made this, their great country of adoption.

Not satisfied with that slander, Westbrook Pegler (and we mention his name so that the Italians may remember it and love it forever) went so far in his rabies as to insult the sacred memory of those heroes who sacrificed their lives young in defence of their Fatherland, thereby slandering again a race which has given to the world three civilizations, a race that counts, amongst its sons, the discoverer of America!

Mr. Pegler's slander concerning Italian leadership in the worst crimes in America, is denounced by J. Edgar Hoover, the chief of the Justice Department.

Has Mr. Pegler read Mr. Hoover's book, "Persons in Hiding?"

In Chapter VI, page 93, Mr. Hoover, with courage arising from an honest conscience, states that it is erroneous the belief formed by CERTAIN MISINFORMED PERSONS that our most dangerous criminals came from Italy.

"This is not true," states Mr. Hoover, "as the worst class of criminals is represented by individuals who belong to America and have names of Americans whose forefathers came to this country several generations ago."

To sustain this statement, Mr. Hoover mentions in his book many names of notorious criminals, such as, Barker, Dillinger, Karpis, Delaney, Gibson, Farmer, Harrison, Wilson, Nash, Floyd, Holland, Gilmore, Cooper, Kelly, Sullivan, Lloyd, Hamilton, Pierpont, Carrol Van Meter, O'Leary, McCarthy, Gannon, Finerty.

These names represent men from many races, all Americanized and all indoctrinated to the American rackets. Very likely, some of those names belong to the same race Mr. Pegler came from. BUT, AS TO ITALIANS, MR. HOOVER WAS NOT ABLE TO MENTION ONE IN HIS LIST.

O, yes, Mr. Hoover does mention a criminal, one Ricchetti, but he adds that this criminal without an American name was born in America from an Irish mother . . .

We do not mean to say that there are no criminals amongst the Italians. Every race has its criminals, in the same way that every race has its heroes and its Peglers. But it is erroneous to state that the Italians are leaders in the worst kind of crimes in America.

There are certain crimes with American trade-mark, which are unknown in Italy. For instance, kidnaping for ransom, blackmailing, the assault and sacking of banks, the hold-up on the highways with machine guns, etc. All these are truly American systems performed by American criminals; and if an Italian appears in this class, he is Italian in name only, as he has been Americanized.

In view of the above, we can understand why a scribbler, blinded by personal, although groundless, hatred for the Italians, so betrays his profession as to fall into exaggerations and lies in order to satisfy his personal feelings.

But we are at a loss to understand how modern, liberal and independent papers, which enjoy the patronage of thousands of Italians, should be willing to lose that patronage by publishing the slanderous articles of one Westbrook Pegler!

In Allegheny County alone, there are over 100,000 industrious and law-abiding citizens of Italian origin. Most of them are Americans by birth, others by naturalization. The majority of them are hard-working men, others have reached high places in the professional, political, industrial, and cultural life of the State.

We ask the editors of these liberal and progressive American papers, is it fair, is it honest, is it in their interest to allow a second rate journalist like Pegler to use their papers in order to insult and to slander this imposing mass of useful citizens who have, both with pride and faith, accepted this nation as their country of adoption?

We trust that, for the sake of honor and justice, in future, all those papers that publish Mr. Pegler's syndicated articles will be more careful and refuse to publish anything which is defamatory and libelous to these millions of Americans of Italian origin, who have in their hearts, together with love and faith to their country of adoption, love and faith also to the sacred country of their forefathers . . . Italy!

We come to a close with a sentence from Edith Cavell. It is a sentence which should be remembered by Mr. Pegler. Said Miss Cavell: "I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred toward any one."

E. W. CASTALDI.

## L'ARRIVO DI S.E. L'IMBARCATORE (PRIMO ATTO)

Dopo una lunga ed ansiosa attesa, finalmente S. E. l'Imbarcatore e giungo in Birmingham con il penultimo treno proveniente da ignoti lidi.

L'Imbarcatore era accompagnato dalla sua gentile Signora Madama l'imbarcatrice. Alla stazione erano a riceverlo l'intero corpo della benemerita ed enorata compagnia della bonamorte con alla testa il Sergente sconsolato con la sua Signora sconsolatrice come dama di corte.

Altre alte personalita' che facevano discorta erano vari membri della benemerita societa del disordine, con alla testa il grande verdebrando, la grande segretezza madama Butterfly, il grande Cicerone Guglielmo, le Madamusselle, Biancamano e Marionetta, con il chirurgo Bottegajo.

S. E. l'Imbarcatore e l'Imbarcatrice fecero ossequi di gratitudine e domando al Sergente Sconsolato se loro erano i soli che rappresentavano tutti i nostri spatriati in questa comunita'; lo sconsolato rispose (e disse la verita) che la moltitudine dei nostri spatriati accudivano con amore e decoro alle loro faccende di casa e di affari, e la ventura dell'Imbarcatore era una cosa secondaria per loro, e che i presenti alla stazione, erano loro che guidavano le sorte di tutti i spatriati.

Un grande bouquet di girasoli gialli, furono presentati alle loro Eccellenze in nome della compagnia di bonamorte, e tutti si avviarono verso il grande Hotel Tomblewell, dove un santuoso banchetto era gia stato preparato con lingue do passaro senza ossa, ma ossa ruppero.

Dopo inebriati di stupore, fino a tarda ore, all'indomani le Loro Eccellenze, in compagnia dei membri della bonamorte e del disordine si recarono per sentirsi la santa messa funebre celebrata in occasione, dal Vescombio di Mobilizia, dandogli la santa benedizione assolvendogli i loro peccati.

Un plico fu presentato a S. E. da parte del Sergente Sconsolato, il quale chiedeva varie noreficenze cavalleresche per vari secondini; S. E. getto un occhio sui nomi, e gli disse che doveva osservare la fedina di condotta prima di appiccare le croce, a questa risposta, un brivido si dilaguo a tutti i presenti. (Fine del primo atto. Altri continueranno.)



## ECO DELLA COMMEMORAZIONE DI MARCONI

Benche un po di ritardo riportiamo qui i discorsi pronunciati per mezzo delle due stazioni del Radio WAPI e WSGN Broadcast il giorno 20 Luglio nelle ricorrenza del primo anniversario della morte di un uomo impareggiabile che Grande Madre Natura aveva a noi munificamente elargito Guglielmo Marconi, l'inventore del Radio e la Telegrafia senza fili.

I discorsi furono fatti in Inglese dal U. S. Representative Luther Patrick, e dal Dr. H. A. Elkourie, ed in Italiano dal Sig. Elviro Di Laura.

Riproduciamo il discorso del Dr. Elkourie e del Di Laura. quello del Patrick non ci fu dato la copia.

## DISCORSO DEL DR. H. A. ELKOURIE SU MARCONI

On this the first anniversary, of the physical death, of that matchless genius—Marconi—the World realizes more profoundly, the debt of gratitude, it owes this superman. It is no exaggeration to say, that Marconi is the greatest contributor, to scientific achievements, the World has ever or will ever know.

When I think of Marconi, or utter his name, I am awed, amazed, and mystified. I feel the presence of a supernatural. I even think, it is almost a sacrilege to attempt a discussion of him.

To me he is a God beyond the comprehension, of the ordinary, or even the extraordinary mind. What can one say of him? The almost unbelievable changes, and results, wireless telegraphy has brought about, if merely mentioned centuries ago or less time, the propagators of such an idea would be classed, either as pariahs or burned at the stake.

Very few people knew Marconi intimately because of his devotion to the theories, and factors, that resulted in his invention. His unswerving faith, his everlasting persistence, his exacting punctuality, even to the split of a second, his perseverance, were among the qualities, that guided him to the ultimate and unprecedented success.

The radio a by-result of his invention, has condensed the World into one circle, sitting around one fireside. If we could, but use these privileges, made possible by Marconi's invention, for the promotion of world peace, happiness, tolerance, and love — if we would solve our problems, with understanding, patience, and mutual friendship, and regard for each others, interests . . . If we would eradicate, from our lives avarice, greed, and the desire to conquer, and apply the Marconi contribution, to promote love, helpfulness and good will; We can then reap the benefits, so plentifully found, in Marconi's achievements.

It is both, a pity, and a sad reflection, to find the World, so often spending fabulous sums, limitless energy and time, into extol, and idolize the inventors, in wars. To worship the Physical giant, to sing the praises of the political opportunists — And do so little to perpetuate the memories of the benefactors of the human race.

Marconi does not, belong to any race, or Country. He is the international figure of all that is best. He represents, the avionic ideal, and the brightest gem, in the diadem, of constructive, and servicable accomplishments.

Like many great men, he was not exempt from the stabs of the envious, and the darts of the jealous. It was said of him that he was not a true inventor, that the way was paved for him by others.

The best answer to all of these bursts of contemptible littleness and envy, is that he accomplished what no man in history, had ever done. The unmistakable evidence of his greatness, was shown when in spite of these unjust, and untrue criticisms, he never took full credit for the invention, that is his and his alone. On

the contrary, he repeatedly declared, that wireless is no one mans job.

In all his lectures, and private conversations, he never failed to praise the work done, by those who had contributed to the foundation of his work.

Thus, Marconi, the perfectionist, converted the immeasurable heavens into an international, conversational and musical Auditorium. Indeed he is the Conqueror of unlimited space. He has assembled the entire World into one room, in each others, joys, together enjoying every thrill, every talent. It is no longer necessary to go abroad to add any especial elements to our education; everything, is at our elbows side. The Earth, the ocean, and the Heavens are all ours.

A mere turn of a dial, and the entrance to the World is wide open without restriction, or limitations, to select therefrom and enjoy or disapprove.

Marconi has now found the rest, the World denied him. His Soul will continue to live forever. Every man, woman, and child, will bless his name; Because his invention was not a contribution to help conquer, to snuff out lives, to deal wholesale death to innocents, to add to misery and want, or to increase widows and helpless orphans. On the contrary his intellectual attainments were devoted to promote happiness, advance neighborliness, secure mutual understanding, and good will among all men."

## DISCORSO IN ITALIANO DEL SIG. ELVIRO DI LAURA SU MARCONI

Connazionali,

Oggi ricorre il primo anniversario della morte del più grande Uomo che la storia abbia fino ad oggi registrato. Guglielmo Marconi, l'inventore della Telegrafia senza fili e del radio. Il genio della Grande Madre Patria Italia.

Il Genio conquistatore dell'etere senza confini. Milioni di uomini, donne e fanciulli di tutte le razze e di tutte le lingue, in ogni parte del mondo, con reverenza oggi commemorano la sua morte.

La morte di Marconi rubo non soltanto al popolo Italiano, ma al popolo di tutto il mondo, l'Eroe, i cui atti e pensieri sono considerati mistici. Marconi fu non soltanto un inventore ma un grande genio. Lui aveva il coraggio e la persistenza di continuare verso la conquista dell'etere dietro ogni altra iniziativa di invenzioni.

La sua vita fu consacrata alla telegrafia senza fili. Marconi fu un perfezionista. Conquistò lo spazio di 25 mila miglia trasformando il mondo in un grande anfiteatro di voci, portando gli uomini sempre più vicino a se con le sue invisibili invenzioni. La morte di Marconi fu severamente una grande perdita per tutta l'umanità.

Fu un fulgido astro, che seguendo il corso prescritto da inescrutabile fato scomparso dal suo firmamento. Calò nell'ombra ma lasciò del suo magico e più che umano splendore benefico, devotiosa e gloriosa eredità alle generazioni di oggi, a quelle del domani, senza corcoscrizioni di spazio e di tempo.

Un'alba ed un tramonto. Marconi esalò il suo ultimo respiro ai primi bagliori dell'alba del 20 Luglio 1937, salutato da un inno di luce sulla Gloria Millenaria dei Sette Colli Romani. E fu di tempo dare di lui cenni storici, cantarne la gloria. Ce la canta l'etere di ogni minuto del giorno e della notte.

Le sue spoglie che furono falciate premature, sono racchiuse nel freddo amplesso nella sua Illustre Certosa della sua diletta Bologna.

Marconi, il popolo di tutto l'universo, in questa tragica ora della ricorrenza della tua morte, con reverenza sublimata dal dolore ti saluta e ricorda.



### A BUSINESS VENTURE

The American way of doing business up to now has been to buy from the man who could give us most for our money. We Americans are great "shoppers."

It has been only natural, therefore, that the man who could combine quality with low price and still make a profit for himself and his investors should be able to stay in business. Bankruptcy has awaited those who have charged too high prices, or produced second rate goods, or where such bad managers could not make a profit.

But when a government goes into business it's a different story. The Home Owners Loan Corporation, for instance, was set up to handle home mortgages and to save American home owners from the mortgage sharks. The HOLC has foreclosed on 104,613 homes. That makes the Federal Government the biggest real estate operator.

Despite the foreclosures, the HOLC is losing money, too. It lost eight million dollars the first seven months of this year. Does the HOLC go into bankruptcy like a private individual would? Of course not. It just gets the treasury to borrow some more money which eventually will have to be paid off by the taxpayers, including those whose homes were foreclosed.

The HOLC is a good illustration of what happens when a government goes into business. Not only has it failed to fulfill its function, but it has lost the taxpayers money doing it.

There is this to be said about the enterprise. A private business must justify itself in service in order to stay in business.

### THE DESIRE TO OWN

The desire to own was largely the cause of man's long ascent up the ladder of civilization. Back in the dark ages that precede written history by tens of thousands of years, early man settled himself and his family on a plot of ground. Little by little he began gathering together possessions, which he would defend with his life. And as the centuries passed, other, kindred desires and ambitions appeared in the awakening brain of man—the desire to earn, the desire to save, and the desire to transmit property to those of his blood who would follow him.

Today the desire to own—which has been the desire responsible for all material progress, for all industrial development, and for all the expansion of our vast industrial civilization—is opposed, curiously enough, by that agency which man created in order to protect himself in the ownership of what he lawfully possessed: that is, government. Through oppressive and excessive taxation we are making ownership of property of all kinds, whether it be money or real estate or securities or anything else, constantly more difficult. This is as true of the man of small means, who pays out a quarter of his income in hidden taxes to government, as it is of the man of large means whose income is practically confiscated by direct taxation. Federal and state government possess unlimited power of taxation. They can, if they will, take all that any man or business earns. It is coming perilously close to that point now. And thus, slowly but certainly, man's opportunity to acquire possessions—ownership of material things—is lessened or destroyed.—Gazetta del Massachusetts.

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## THE MIGHTY DO FALL

A young nation like a young man is inclined to concentrate upon the future rather than the past. The nation has no experience on which to base its decisions and, again like a young man, is not too anxious to receive advice from its elders.

History—a record of the experience of nations—does have some very valuable advice it can give us if we will just take it. China, for instance, tried the NRA generations ago, and it flopped. So did we.

More recent than China's experience, however, is what preceded the fall of the mighty Holy Roman Empire. Rome practically legislated its farmers out of existence. Then it started making the businessmen in various communities pay all the taxes of the communities. Then it passed laws fixing wages and prices; next it forced businessmen to stay in business or face lions in the arena. And then—Rome collapsed.

In this country, farmers are getting less for their wheat, cotton, and potatoes than they did five years ago. We have passed one "share-the-wealth" tax bill after another, increasing the burden upon the businessmen who furnish payrolls. We are fixing wages; we are about to fix prices.

It isn't pleasant to be pessimistic. Maybe we'll be smart enough to stop short of the precipice. We still have time.

## 19 ITALIAN BECOME CITIZENS OF UNITED STATES

Il giorno 29 Settembre nella Corte Federale davanti al Giudice T. A. Murphree 46 cittadini di 14 diverse nazionalità divennero cittadini Americani, dei quali 19 erano Italiani tra donne e uomini.

Schierati davanti al banco del Giudice, il clerk Federale Mr. Archie Mays, pronunciò il giuramento di alleanza a questo Governo e di rinunciare ogni fedeltà e qualsiasi regnante del loro paese nativo.

Dopo il giuramento, il Giudice Murphree, con parole bene affettuate così si esprime. "Voi dovete prenderne acconto di questo onore." "Voi siete ben qualificati di divenire cittadini Americani. Noi vi diamo il benvenuto come già cittadini e membri della nostra famiglia."

"Mi sembra a me, che una persona nata in paese forestiere, gli si dà il privilegio di divenire cittadino Americano, deve prestare fedeltà e rispettare le leggi costituzionale di questa Repubblica, di libertà e giustizia non è guale a nessuna altra nazione." Non vidio certamente che voi dovete intieramente dimendicare il paese di origine, però il vostro dover è di dare a questa nuova patria tutta quella cooperazione possibile di un buon cittadino e fare vostro dovere."

E noi a giungeremo queste altre parole ai nuovi cittadini Italo-Americani. "And while you bring all countries with you, you must come with a purpose of leaving all other countries behind you—bringing what is best of their spirit, but not looking over your shoulders and seeking to perpetuate what you intended to leave behind in them."

We certainly would not be 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 furthermore we say to you, new Italo-American citizens, you must first of all be good and true American citizens, loyal to the Constitution and to the laws of this Country.

Here are the names of new citizens: Giovanina Lovoy, Carmelina Delessandro, Paoline DiCarlo, Sam Tortorici, Frank Gugliotta, Gaetano Giuseppe Schifanella, Maria Mantione Monella, Carmelo Aliano, Giralamo Nicastro, Salvatore Giovino, Antonion Tamurello, Gabriele Giacobbe, Rosario Schilleci, Gologero LoBue, Sam Alongi, Tomaso Arturo Mangoni, Luigi Cacciatore.



## LETTERA APERTA A SUA ECCELLENZA GALEAZZO CIANO

Ministro Degli Affari Esteri Roma, Italia  
SIR:

In data 21 Agosto u. s. Le fu spedita una lettera con altri documenti dei quali informavano S. E. sul riguardo di cose molte delicate che spesse volte succedono nelle varie comunità italiane residente in questo paese, causate della poca diplomazia di coloro che rappresentano il governo Italiano all'estero.

Sappiamo che detta lettera è stata ricevuta da S. E. il giorno 3 Settembre; a tal caso noi Le chiediamo che S. E. ne prenda nota di tutto il contenuto, e come ad un chirurgo che opera ad un malato il quale è afflitto di un tumore, così anche S. E. faccia da chirurgo ed operare il corpo marcio di questa comunità e rilevare la cancrena che per lunghi anni non ha potuto dare quel tale sviluppo naturale che si meritava.

Questa Comunità, si aspetta da S. E. un cambiamento radicale. Mettere al posto un Dottore che conosce le malattie, la fisiologia e simpatizza con i pazienti per ridare una nuova vita ed impulso a questo decaduto e moribondo corpo che si chiama "comunità Italiana". Ho avere un specialista nell'Ufficio che se ne indente di malattie diplomatiche, ho abolire tale Ufficio, così i pazienti si curano da per se, e non soffriranno tanto.

Con destinti ed ossequi saluti  
Elviro Di Laura, Editore.

## LA VITTORIA DI HITLER

Mentre scriviamo pare assicurato che il fato del Sudeten è già suggellato: la regione sarà assorbita dalla Germania.

Francia e Inghilterra hanno visto che l'unico modo di evitare un disastroso conflitto era quello di cedere alle richieste di Hitler, siano esse giuste o no. E soprattutto perché la posizione della Cecoslovacchia è tale che un intervento delle due nazioni non avrebbe potuto salvare la repubblica dalla distruzione. Prima che gli eserciti francese e inglese fossero giunti in aiuto di quello ceco, la Germania avrebbe avuto agio di annientare le principali città e di occupare l'intero territorio ceco. Sicché, anche ammesso che Francia e Inghilterra avessero potuto dare un aiuto efficace, esse avrebbero salvato un mucchio di rovine.

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Signor, Elviro Di Laura, Editor  
del Columbus Balbo Review  
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Caro Di Laura:

Nell'ultima mia lettera del mese di Agosto u. s. non potei definitivo confermarti di cio' che tu volevi sapere sul riguardo della venuta dell'Ambasciatore, e non ti ho scritto prima, per il motivo di attendere una notizia piu' concreto.

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Parlai al tuo amico Beltrando sul riguardo, e mi disse che fara' tutto il possibile di a contentarti. Giuseppe ed Enrico ti salutano saluterai caramente la tua famiglia.

Scrivimi spesso, saluti tuo Amico

Lorenzo Fortunato.

(Nota)—Questa lettera parla da per se; i commenti lo faccia il publico. Noi sapevamo da lungo tempo di questo evento.

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## PROTESTS AGAINST WESTBROOK PEGLER

The following timely letter, in regard to Mr. Pegler's diatribes against Italy and the Italians comes unsolicited from Mr. James V. Rapone, of Warren, O.

Mr. Rapone, a young American of Italian origin, voices in his letter the feelings of some 5,000,000 citizens likewise of Italian origin, whose honor and pride have been trampled upon by Westbrook Pegler, the scribbler.—The Editor.

Mr. Elviro Di Laura  
Editor Columbus Balbo Review  
Birmingham, Alabama

Sir:—

I wish to pay my special respects to that apostle of the yellow-press, Westbrook Pegler. It is difficult to decide, from his conglomeration of words, whether one should extend him sympathy for his moronic ignorance or condemnation for doing a terrible piece of propaganda work.

It is not difficult to surmise, however, judging from his vicious anti-Italian article of last week, that poor Vinegar Pegler arises with a sour stomach every morning.

The acme of Pegler's unfairness is ably depicted in his bitter verbal lashings at Italy, and especially so in his article of last week. Pegler is of course within his right to either condemn or laud a form of government, be it a democracy, fascism, nazism, or communism. He has no right, however, to rebuke and insult a people of a country on the very narrow assumption that their government is not the best.

In his article, the stupid columnist went at great lengths to point out that among the rolls of American racketeers there were Italians. And his conclusion, that therefore Italy was in no position to criticize American racket systems. One can readily see the lack of applying logic in his queer conception: applying the particular as the general, i. e., the few American vagabonds with Italian names to Italians as a whole; an error which would make any guilty college freshman blush with humiliation before his Logic and Argumentation classmates.

Pegler completely forgot the names of those Italians who were so instrumental in building up this country to its present height of progress. At least he mentioned none of the Italian-born and Italian-Americans, who, from the times of Columbus' discovery of this continent, applied their endowed abilities to make the United States what it is today. The names of the American Revolutionists, Civil War leaders, builders of our railroads and highways, our dams and canals, our statesmen, businessmen and honest workmen—an endless line of Italian names—apparently slipped Pegler's mind.

A few days after his bombastic column against the Italian people, Pegler denounced an editorial appearing in a Milan newspaper, giving the Italian editor's conception of the average Americans. The concept, it is true, was not complimentary; yet, what more can be expected when the Italian editor's idea could be formed solely from the type of Americans among whom the disgruntled Pegler is numbered.

While his bitter thrusts were at first appearance entertaining from the standpoint of being witty, the American public, it seems from all evidences, is becoming weary of this anti-fanatic. Through popular request, Fair Enough is being dropped from the newspaper columns; the latest to do so being the Evening Bulletin of Providence, R. I.

I have come to the conclusion that rather than reading the Pegler tripe, I will encircle his name about my favorite cuspidor. And I remain hopeful that my Italo-American friends will follow my example.

Sincerely yours,  
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