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## The Italian Cultural Society Forum

Edited By J. J. Fiore

Ho visto genitori parlare con orgoglio dei figli che scrivono e leggono l'italiano e ne ho visto rammaricarsi perché i loro figli rifiutano di dire anche una parola del dolce idioma, a loro tanto caro, per paura dei motteggi degli Americani. Perché vergognarsi? In generale, chi più sa, più è stimato. E la lingua italiana, considerata da Voltaire come la lingua più bella e più armoniosa di tutte le lingue del mondo, offre, in verità, tutti i vantaggi che la gioventù moderna cerca. La storia e la cultura d'Italia, hanno contribuito, per secoli e secoli, a spandere i loro benefici influenzali raggi, sulle altre nazioni.

"Italia, madre delle arti, la tua mano è stata ed è la nostra guida" esclama Byron—parole preziose che ogni giovanetto italiano dovrebbe conservare come un tesoro, nella mente e nel cuore. Non parlo del passato... sarebbe troppo lungo enumerare tutti i poeti, scienziati, letterati, scultori, pittori, ecc., che hanno contribuito ad accrescere e a mantenere la superiorità della nostra razza su tutte le altre.

"Il volo stupendo, meraviglioso della "Crociera" d'Italia Balbo, che ha sfidato l'infide procelle del cielo, come Cristoforo Colombo sfidò quelle del mare, ha sbalordito il mondo intero. Che cosa sono i racconti dei "Mille e una notte" in paragone all'odierna realtà? Guardate Marconi che da Genova accende le lampadine elettriche a Sidney, Australia; Mussolini, ammirevole e temuto da tutte le Nazioni che rida pace e prosperità alla patria e la rimette sul piedestallo di gloria che le spetta...

La celere nave Rex, che in quattro giorni ci porta, con tutte le comodità odierne, attraverso l'oceano, dal vecchio al nuovo continente: è stata fabbricata in Italia da ingegneri italiani! Non vi sentite scuotere tutte le fibre pensando all'eroe De Pinedo, che muore sul rogo come un martire, per volere procurare nuove glorie al paese natio?

I progressi fatti nel campo medico, artistico, letterario, scientifico, sono davvero fantastici. Il commercio, l'aviazione, lo sport, ecc., che hanno portato in America una nuova visione dell'Italia moderna, la nobiltà e la superiorità di un popolo onesto e lavoratore che oltre a dare ingegni eccelsi, aiuta a risolvere i problemi mondiali, rendono indispensabile l'uso della lingua italiana.

Un autore americano dice che non c'è maggior soddisfazione per uno studioso di letteratura che leggere Dante nell'originale e per un amatore della Grande Opera, che comprendere gli artisti nella loro divina favella. E quale, dico io, più grande, più bella soddisfazione dei genitori italiani nel sentire leggere dai figli una lettera che viene dall'Italia, forse dai vecchi nonni? Quale gioia, quanto orgoglio nel sentir loro ripetere una canzoncina, una preghiera che comprendono appieno? A voi è dato conservare la lingua così cara alle vostre madri e ai vostri padri. Studiate l'italiano a preferenza di altre lingue straniere. Ricordate che studiando l'italiano avete tutto da guadagnare e nulla da perdere.

L'opportunità, quest'anno ha bussato alla porta di casa nostra e noi l'abbiamo fatta sfuggire. Di chi la colpa? Forse un po' di tutti... grandi e piccoli... Ma non perdiamoci d'animo "Volere è potere" dice l'Alfieri, destiamoci dal letargo in cui abbiamo vissuto per tanti anni e lavoriamo uniti per portare a compimento l'opera intrapresa.

Da MRS. C. ANSELMO.

When you get into tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

## Osservanza della Festa in Commemorazione di Cristofaro Colombo il Grande Navigatore

### LE SCOSSE TELLURICHE IN ITALIA

#### Italian-American League Of Voters Club To Meet Sunday

The Italian-American League of Voters Club will meet Sunday evening in the courtroom of Judge Romaine Boyd, third floor of the courthouse building at Birmingham. The constitution and By-Laws of this newly organized Italian political club will be submitted and read to the club by the BY-LAW COMMITTEE. In order that each and every member of this club may have the opportunity of having a voice in the framing of this constitution. We implore you to be present at this meeting, for this is your club and we want you to know that you have the right in the exercising of your opinion in the framing of the constitution of this club, for we want this constitution to be a just and fair one.

A large crowd is expected, and we want you to be part of it. This new club is fast becoming popular among the Italians, and already has listed on its roll over 200 members. We expect each and every member to be present at this meeting, and to bring along a friend, or as many friends as you have. This club belongs to all and we want you to feel that the ITALIAN-AMERICAN LEAGUE OF VOTERS is your club.

Mr. Albert Rosenthal, a prominent young attorney of this city, and publicity manager for our recent elected associate commissioner Hon. Lewey Robinson has graciously consented to be the speaker of the evening. Mr. Rosenthal will speak on "WHY THE ITALIANS SHOULD UNITE" and you can rest assured that Mr. Rosenthal is a very convincing speaker. Be present to hear Mr. Rosenthal, as well as to hear the reading of your new constitution. I can assure you that both, Mr. Rosenthal's speech, and the constitution of this new club will be most beneficial to the Community.

The meeting will be Sunday evening, October 15, 1933, at 2:30 o'clock in the courtroom of Judge Romaine Boyd, third floor of the courthouse building, Birmingham, Alabama.

FRANK LOUIS ROMEO.

#### INGEGNERI ITALIANI FESTEGGIATI A MOSCA

Il gruppo d'ingegneri dell'Università di Napoli ora nel viaggio di studio dell'Unione Sovietica ha partecipato ad una serata offerta, per loro onore dalla Società per rapporti di coltura, estera i quali cooperarono con il R. Ambasciata d'Italia come pure gli esponenti delle attività tecniche a culturali moscovite.

Il gruppo è poi partito per visitare le istituzioni industriali ucranesi.

#### 258 SYRIANS TO REGISTER IN MAGIC CITY

About 258 Syrians of the Syrian Young Men's Society, and Phoenician Club, are being registered in the city of Birmingham on November 14th, which will bring the Syrian voting total to about 1008, according to Joseph J. Rookis, who, with Dr. H. A. Elkouria and B. Erbin, assisted by Joe Pharo, Louis Davis, Jamall Bohorfoush, Joe Resha, L. K. Harris and I. Z. Mezrano, sponsored this campaign.

ROMA — Il Primo Ministro Mussolini ha fatto immediatamente pervenire ogni sorta di soccorsi alle zone degli Abruzzi, delle Marche e dell'Italia meridionale colpite durante la notte da un improvviso terremoto, che ha lasciato non poche vittime e ingenti danni materiali.

Apparentemente l'epicentro è stato fra Sulmona e Pescara, e la scossa si è estesa fino a Napoli.

Alle prime notizie, secondo cui il fenomeno fu riportato di natura lieve, fecero seguito altre informazioni avvisando che le scosse furono fra le più violente verificatesi, negli Appennini.

Otto morti e centinaia di feriti nella provincia di Chieti, con numero maggiore a Lama dei Peligni ed a Taranto-Peligna.

Migliaia di persone sono rimaste temporaneamente prive di case, ed altre famiglie pur sapendo che le loro abitazioni non avevano subito danni, si sono rifiutati di ricasare, preferendo accamparsi all'aperto, nelle vicine campagne.

#### ALTRE TERROMOTI IN ITALIA

Un terribile terremoto, il secondo in 72 ore, scosse violentemente tutta la regione Abruzzese.

Ripertarono gravi danni le seguenti località:

Torre del Passere, Cicitelle, Taranto Peligna, Casa Campitella, Gesso Palena, Guardagreffe, Rocca Montepiano, Buchianino, Giuliano, San Martino Marrusia, Caroli, Filatto, Borello, Altino, Guidone, Colle Macine, Fara, Faliorne, San Arsenio, Pettarano, Gizio, Celano, Piguataro, Castelvecchio, San Pelino dei Massi, Andradoco.

A Pescara è crollata la facciata della Cattedrale. Però Sulmona soffrì più di qualsiasi città o paese Abruzzese, stante che i danni prodotti dal movimento tellurico furono ingentissimi e di molto superiore ai danni prodotti dal terremoto dei giorni precedenti. Appena segnalato il disastro il governo provvide celatamente per la rimozione delle materie e per l'assistenza dei feriti e dei senza tetto. Milizia e truppe compirono miracoli di abnegazione.

#### CAMPI PER LA CONSERVAZIONE

WASHINGTON — Il Governo spenderà milioni di dollari per fornire, i Corpi Civili della Conservazione, vestiario, attrezzi di lavoro e generi alimentari, durante il prossimo inverno così ha dichiarato il Direttore dei Corpi, Fechner. In addizione, saranno organizzati 150 campi ancora.

### BLESSED ...



#### Christopher Columbus

The history of this great navigator is gradually becoming more and more known by active research in Italian cities, particularly in Genoa, and the principal events of his life are men of universal knowledge. The ambitions of Columbus were not dampened when his own countrymen refused him aid in equipping his vessels to endeavour to find a short route to Calay, so he turned to Isabella and Ferdinand of Spain who offered every thing possible in the line of vessels, food, gold and seamen. The story of his four trips to America are well known, but the fact that he did not set out in this great adventure for selfish reason is not common knowledge.

Columbus as a young boy was very devout and faithful to the religion of his forebears and with this religious zeal ever present in his heart, he sought to find a short route to China that the missionaries of his faith would more quickly and more numerous preach their Christian precepts and thus bring more souls in the fold of the church. On his voyages he was always accompanied by zealous priests with the same idea in mind, and much time was devoted to prayer. Columbus was always a very devout Catholic adhering strictly to the tenets of his faith, and he led a very holy life.

However, adverse opinions soon were expressed and so convincing were they that their majesties of Spain had Columbus arrested in America and brought back to Spain in chains. His trial and sentence were quick and severe; he spent many years in prison and on the walls of his cell hung the chains in which he had been brought back to the scenes of his praying, while thus imprisoned, he had a constant reminder before him of his sufferings and the injustice of the greedy governors who tended to grasp the fruit of his labors, the discovery of a new continent.

We are not very familiar with the details of his later life, suffice it to say that many years after his death the sanctification of Christopher Columbus was sought before the ecclesiastical authorities in Rome, but the fact that Columbus had kept, until his death the instruments of his torture and tribulation, the chains in his prison cell, as a reminder of the injustice done him possibly without rancor in his heart, this sanctification was denied.

Nevertheless, so great was Columbus' zeal, devotion and holiness that he was later beatified and is now Blessed Christopher Columbus.

—A. R. PASSAVANT.

#### LA RUSSIA ONORA LINDBERGH

MOSCA — Un ricevimento ufficiale, che non ha precedenti in riguardo a personaggi americani, è stato preparato in onore del Col. Lindbergh e della sua signora, in riconoscimento dei loro meriti di aviazione. Il ricevimento ha preso luogo al loro arrivo da Leningrad, ed è stato atteso d'alti personaggi russi.

Tale ricevimento riservano a cittadini americani, ed è naturalmente, favorevolmente commentato.

"Mrs. Upton's pet dog has been run over; she'll be heartbroken." "Don't tell her abruptly." "No, I'll begin by saying it's her husband."

### Le Società Italiane Osserveranno in Massa

La comunità Italiana di questa Città e Distretto osserverà in massa, il giorno dodici prossimo, l'anniversario della scoperta d'America in onore di Cristofaro Colombo.

Tutte le Società Italiane di questo Distretto si sono unite per fare questa celebrazione migliore di qualunque altra fatta per il passato.

La celebrazione avrà luogo al Cascade Plunge Park.

#### PROGRAMMA:

10:00 A. M. Messa Cantata alla Chiesa Italiana, East Thomas, Reverendo, Padre G. Canipa.

12:00 A. M. Le Società si riuniranno a Cascade Plunge Park per attendere ad un concerto di musica del Professore S. Galliano e la di lui banda.

5:00 P. M. Banchetto, con il signor A. Daidone ufficiale di cerimonie.

I mercanti Italiani della Città chiuderanno i loro negozi alle 12 M.

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Tutti i presidenti delle Diverse Società formano il Comitato Esecutivo.

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## FIERA DI MILANO

Rapporto 1933

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ILLMO SIG. EDITORE:

Le unisco il rapporto finale della "FIERA DI MILANO", fatto dal Comitato, per quella del 1933.

La "FIERA DI MILANO" acquista ogni volta maggiore importanza, cosicché Le sarei grato se Ella volesse fare, a questa comunicazione, posto nel suo pregiato edomadiario.

Gradisca, Signor Editore, i sensi della mia più alta stima a della maggiore considerazione, Il Reggente, G. A. FIRPO.

### The Results Of The 14th Milan Fair

In giving a report of the results obtained at the 14th edition of the Milan Fair, it is well to emphasize that the most sanguine expectations have been exceeded this year as regards the number of national and foreign participants and the area covered as well as the total of visitors. These are facts which undeniably must be borne in mind in order to judge the success of an international Fair.

At the last Fair, then, there were 4,642 exhibitors as compared with 4,554 last year, and they occupied space measuring 90,380 square metres instead of 86,568 square metres of the last Fair.

A notable fact is that foreign participation this year exceeded not only that of the last Fair but also that of the 1931 edition. Foreign exhibitors, as will be seen from the following list, this year numbered 1093 representing 23.55% of the total number of exhibitors.

	1932	1933
U. S. A.	67	112
Austria	13	41
Belgium	13	19
Czechoslovakia	55	57
Denmark	—	2
Egypt	21	—
Finland	12	7
France	172	173
Germany	230	300
Japan	2	2
India	31	30
England	68	61
Jugoslavia	46	14
Latvia	1	—
Lithuania	4	—
Norway	2	2
Holland	23	36
Poland	2	44
Portugal	1	2
Rumania	—	15
Spain	—	9
Sweden	1	34
Switzerland	67	58
South Africa	10	—
Turkey	48	11
Hungary	126	44
Soviet Republics	19	20
<b>Nationals</b>	<b>1034</b>	<b>1093</b>
<b>Nationals</b>	<b>3520</b>	<b>3549</b>
	<b>4554</b>	<b>4642</b>

Thus 23 foreign nations were represented, 16 of them, as listed below, in official form with their own pavilions organized by a commissioner or special functionary nominated by the government concerned:

Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Germany, India, Jugoslavia, Holland, Poland, Rumania, Switzerland, Sweden, Turkey, Hungary, Union of Soviet Republics. With the object of offering to trade buyers a most complete service of information to meet their business requirements while in Milan, the Milan Fair, in collaboration with the National Export Institute of Rome, placed at their disposal an information bureau staffed by a specialized personnel who supplied to

those interested the most ample data about the possibilities of Italian exporters, giving also complete lists not only of those participating at the Fair, but also of all Italian manufacturers who were open to be represented abroad. The staff of this special office, besides, personally acquainted foreign buyers to those firms in which they were directly interested, and the results have been such as to render necessary the study of a much wider programme that will be capable of dealing with the increased number of enquiries which it is foreseen will be made.

Very successful this year, too, was the introduction of two special admission cards, one reserved to the Italian trade buyers, entitling the holder to special facilities such as permanent free admission to the Fair and the right to make 6 journeys in Italy with a 50% fare reduction; the other was reserved exclusively to foreign visitors who were likewise granted permanent free admission to the Fair and afforded the possibility of obtaining the same railway facilities granted, as mentioned, to the Italian trade buyer.

The number of trade buyers too showed an increase as a result of sound organization and of the collaboration given by the individual national trade federations which carried out an active propaganda among their members.

From the statements made by exhibitors themselves, it is possible to affirm that the total amount of business concluded exceeded by about 30% the figures for last year; and it is interesting to note that this applies particularly to foreign exhibitors, which goes to prove that the internal economic situation of Italy offers good possibilities also for the sale of foreign goods.

Besides the notable number of isolated trade buyers who visited Milan many official parties came from abroad including those from Switzerland, Hungary, Belgium, Spain, Germany, and Austria. Among the exhibits which were particularly important must be mentioned first of all that of sport. In a vast pavilion measuring 3000 square metres were represented all the most important Italian firms as well as several foreign manufacturers of sport goods. Great satisfaction was expressed by the exhibitors at the interest shown by the public and at the good business done, and these results have already made it evident that considerably greater space will have to be reserved next year for this show.

The Foodstuffs exhibit also attracted a number of exhibitors far exceeding that of past years: it was even necessary to refuse space to about 80 firms during the last month. Every pavilion — engineering, wireless and electricity, furniture chemicals, publishing, leather and footwear, domestic articles, office machinery, and all the others which go to form the Fair — was complete in every sense of the word. Taken as a whole the results and achievements are such as to place the Milan Fair among the first three great of Europe.

The Milan Fair, as an organism of a clearly international character, did not fail again this year to organize a diplomatic and international parliamentary world, while during the 15 days it was open the Fair was visited by, among other personalities, M. Serre, the French Minister of Commerce and by Captain Goring, President of the Prussian Council of Ministers.

The Management of the Fair, with the object of rendering ever more

### BREVE NOTE DI Cronaca Coloniale Da JAKE G. GUERCIO

#### Societa' Italiani Uniti

Per la prima volta dopo molti anni finalmente il giorno 12 Ottobre si vedranno le nostre benemerite Societa' riuniti per onorare la memoria del grande Navigatore Cristoforo Colombo.

Vanto e gloria vadono alle Societa' U. S. P. P. come inniziatrice di questo movimento, per avere invitato a tutti gli altri Societa' d'intervenire, ma, pero' non bisogna dimenticare la Grande Loggia Ordine figli D'Italia, anche essi anno fatto molti sacrificii perche' la celebrazione riuscisse splendida, essi anno sospeso la loro festa per il bel nome della nostra Collettiva Italiana si sono riunite con gli altri Societa' indipendente. Brave, ora auguriamo che questa unione durerà anche per l'avenire e dimenticare il pasato tutti essere presente Giovedi' a Cascade Plunge e celebrare il Columbus Day.

#### Prossima Riunione Del Neo Italian American Club

Domenica prossima 15 Ottobre vi sarà la seconda riunione di questo club, nel palazzo della Corte, al terzo piano alle ore 2:30 P. M. Tutti i membri che sono già iscritti sono pregate d'essere presente. La riunione sarà aperta solo ai membri, vi saranno alcuni prominenti personalita' presente, che parleranno. Questo è il momento che il nuovo Italiano e dimostrare a certi signori quel2, etaoetaoetaoetaoita quello che possono fare, e quello che sanno fare e fariranno.

#### Il Nostro Sports Editor

Frank L. Romeo estato nominato editore di Sports, egli di oggi innanzi ci scriverà nella sua colonna notizie interessante di Sport, bravo Frank sempre avanti noi siamo contenti.

#### DISCORSO ALLA RADIO DEL DELEGATO APOSTOLICO

WASHINGTON—Il M. Rev. Monsignor Amleto Giovanni Vicognani, Delegato Apostolico presso gli Stati Uniti, invierà per mezzo del Radio il primo messaggio al popolo americano, nella sera di Domenica prossima in occasione della Conferenza Nazionale delle Congregazioni cattoliche di carità.

Questo discorso, come pure quello dell'ex-Governatore Smith, saranno trasmessi dalla stazione WMCA.

#### ASSEGNAZIONE BORSE DI STUDIO AGLI ORFANI DI GUERRA

CEFALU'—L'opera Naz Babilina ha provveduto come negli anni passati all'assegnazione di Borse di Studio agli orfani di guerra, che frequentano scuole secondarie ed Istituti d'Istruzione Superiore. Coloro i quali intendono partecipare dovranno presentare entro il 10 Sett. p. v. domanda documentata per tramite del municipio.

closer the relations between exhibitors and trade buyers, importers and exporters, organized numerous congresses and meetings which were particularly appreciated by the exhibitors not only for the results obtained but also because of the interesting subjects discussed.

Comforted by these results the Milan Fair is preparing to organize the 1934 edition, confident that it will be possible to achieve still greater things. That this is no vain hope is even now confirmed by the numerous applications already received, representing about 60% of the area available.

### AUGURI

Con inmenzo dispiacere sentiamo della continuata malattia della signora G. A. Firpo, moglie del nostro caro e stimato Vice-Console Italiano e auguriamo che sarà la volontà del nostro Padre in Cielo, che fra poco tempo, essa sarà ristabilita in buona salute. —L'Editore.

#### Dal Signor Vincenzo Guercio Riceviamo la Segueute Comunicazione

#### Lunica Conferenza Riparatrice

La lega delle Nazioni ha ripreso i suoi lavori per la Conferenza del disarmo, e a quanto pare se non fosse per la speranza del patto a quattro-proposto dall'onorevole Mussolini, l'umore apparisce pieno e gravido di preoccupazioni.

Ma anche le Conferenze, non ostante il prolungamento della Crise Economica che affligge il Mondo, sono anch'esse in Crise. Infatti: quella Economica di Londra si è aggiornata in attesa di tempi migliori Cosicché, anche il sistema della Conferenza che pareva un mezzo adatto per affrontare problemi eccezionali, ha finito per screditarsi perche' poco conclusenti.

L'unica Conferenza Internazionale dalla quale il mondo potrà trarre le più grande speranze, sarebbe quella nella quale tutti i Capi dei Governi si unissero per domandare a Dio dei lumi speciali per arrivare alla soluzione dei gravi problemi la mancanza della quale rappresenta un pericolo non molto lontano.

Ma speriamo che gli uomini di governo lo comprendano e metterci tutta la buona volontà, ma da soli, senza ricorrere all'aiuto di Dio, non concluderanno mai nulla.

—VINCENZO GUERCIO

#### GUGLIELMO MARCONI ONORATO DA DUE UNIVERSITA' DI CHICAGO

Apprendiamo con orgoglio che il Senatore Guglielmo Marconi fu lauriato ad honorem da due delle più importanti universita' della metropoli del "Middle West."

La "Loyola University" e la "Northwestern University" vollero iscritto nei ruoli dei loro laureati il celebre scienziato conferendogli la laurea ad honorem.

Le onorifiche lauree furono consegnate al distinto ospite dal Dr. Cav. Italo Volini nell'occasione del banchetto dato dagli italiani.

#### "THE BEGGAR MAN"

I was passing along the street when a beggar, a decrepit old man, stopped me.

Swollen, tearful eyes, blue lips, bristling rags, unclean sores . . . Oh, how horribly had poverty gnawed that unhappy being!

He stretched out to me a red, bloated, dirty hand . . . He moaned, he bellowed for help.

I began to rummage in all my pockets . . . Neither purse, nor watch, nor even handkerchief did I find . . . I had taken nothing with me.

And the beggar still waited . . . and extended his hand which swayed and trembled feebly.

Bewildered, confused, I shook that dirty, tremulous hand heartily . . . "Blame me not, brother; I have nothing, brother."

The beggar man fixed his swollen eyes upon me; his blue lips smiled—and in his turn he pressed my cold fingers.

"Never mind, brother," he mumbled. "Thanks for this also, brother. —This also is an alms, brother."

I understood that I had received an alms from my brother.

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## ROMAN Around

By PHIL CAPRA

Columbus Ballyhoo Exposed! Contrary to public opinion Chris Columbus did not set out to find a trade route to India. That was merely an excuse to get away from a nagging wife. He had heard weird stories concerning a certain Mae West in the world, so he decided to go West.—to "Come up some time". With this idea in mind he inveigled Queen Isabella to hook her jewels so he could buy three galleons—Quarta, Pinta, and Half-Pinta. Was he in high spirits? No, he wasn't. He sailed the ocean Blue. They sailed for days and days until their food supply gave out. Then they had to eat the ship's ropes to keep from starving. When they were at the rope's end, they sighted land. Ha, twas a great day for the daring and fearless navigator. Here was America, like a flapper looking for a swain, waiting to be "discovered", when along comes Colombo, the first crooner to set foot on the new world. Its a wonder he made a hit with the Indians. But, after all is said and done, what did it avail him? He found America in the "Red"; and 441 years later we find it still in the red. Poor fellow, he thought the world was round, but we know better. Why today the world is flatter than we ever hoped it to be.

Gala Columbus Day celebration planned. Where? Cascade Plunge. Who's giving it? All the Italian Societies. What for? To do right by Chris Columbus. The orders of the day (Oct 12) are as follows: Beginning at noon, there will be speeches, band concert, more speeches, banquet, after dinner speeches, and if there's any time left, a dance. Among the notables to be present are: Hon. Hugo Black, John Bankhead, Gov. Miller, Jimmy Jones, W. O. Downs, Lewey Robinson, Postmaster Green, Hon. John C. Morrow, Lee Edmundson, Dr. Gallina, Italian Consul of New Orleans, and Roman Around. President Roosevelt is indisposed, and will not be able to attend because of a bad "code". But that's no reason why you shouldn't be there. Come one, come all. Applesauce will be served.

When is a dog not a dog? Ans. When he's a dogie, as in the popular song, "The Last Roundup". A dogie is a yearling, or young calf, and does not bark. So there you are. Git Along.

Roman around . . . This week in Birmingham. None other than Rosalie Marino, lovely lady of New Orleans. Rosalie tells me that in her part of the country the mosquitoes are so large they light on trees and bark. Quick, Henry, the Flit! . . . "Don't Write . . . Telegraph", says Robert Scalco, newly appointed night manager of Postal Telegraph Co. Robert made his first "hit" with the company when he ran into a telegraph pole. He's been climbing up

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Messrs Lewey Robinson and W. O. Downs addressed the assembly and were profusely applauded. The absence of Mr. J. M. Jones, President of the Commission and President-Elect, was greatly lamented.

More than a score of members took the floor and expressed their appreciation of having the Commissioners as guest. They assured the Commissioners that any cooperation that was needed to make the new administration a successful one would be given without hesitation.

Near the close of the meeting refreshments were served by young ladies of the Auxiliary.

NOTICE. Because of the lack of time to elect the officers of the Club for the succeeding year the Chairman announced that the meeting of October 8 would be continued until November 12, 1933.

J. J. FIORE, Ex. Sec.

VISITA DI DOVERE

La settimana scorsa, il bravo e simpatico giovane Mike Lombardo figlio del nostro conazionale, S. Lombardo, residente al 1512 Ave. F., Ensley, Ala., parti' per New York per restituire allo zio e famiglia, la visita fatta alla di lui famiglia.

Il giovane Lombardo, fara pure il mezzo di trovare lavoro oin quella Citta' e allo stesso tempo, cerchera' di continuare i di lui studi.

Michelino, faceva parte del corpo musicale diretto dal signor Prof. Sam Galliano, Cornetta e l'instrumento da lui usato.

Noi siamo immensamente dispiaciuti per la sua assenza ma speriamo e auguriamo lui contentezza e buon risultato. Lui sara' ospite dello zio signor Antonino Gallo e famiglia, residenti al 177 Star St. Brooklyn, New York, il quale fara' tutto il possibile di avviarlo e consigliarlo in quanto alla di lui carriera.

Il signor Gallo frequentemente riceve visite di amici da Ensley e fa sempre il tutto di rendere loro i servizi necessari. Il sottoscritto e' dolente per l'assenza dello stimato Michelino e nello stesso tempo gli augura progresso in tutto quanto lui spera.

—ONORFRIO DIPRIMA

LA FESTA DELL'UVA IN ITALIA

Con il motto "Mangiate piu' uva e bevete il succo," la festa dell'uva e' tsata celebrata con grande entusiasmo in tutte le citta' grande e piccole della Penisola e delle isole, con mostre, cortei e parate.

In molti cortei hanno figurato ricchi ed artistici carri simiblicii, esaltante Bacco e Noe'.

La celebrazione che negli anni passati era limitata a pochi centri, e particolarmente a Marino, ora si e' estesa ovunque.

A Piacenza, poi si e' inaugurata la mostra nazionale delno partecipato produttori di l'uva da tavola, alla quale hanno tutte le province del Governo e delle conferazioni fasciste degli agricoltori, Le ferrovie hanno accordato per l'occasione speciali riduzioni.

IL DISCORSO DEL DUCE A CUNEO

CEFALU—Il discorso di Mussolini a Cuneo traccia al popolo italiano la linea di orientamento perche', nel insieme, e' discorso tanto pacifico quanto forte.

"I popoli forti hanno amici vicini e lontani in tempo di pace. In caso di guerra sono temuti. I popoli deboli, in tempo di pace sono soli e trascurati, in caso di guerra corrono il rischio supremo di essere schiacciati".

In questo priodo sta un'intero trattato dell'arte di governare i popoli.

Come essere forti? Numero, nel coraggio, nel caratter. Gli italiani hanno in queste tre parole la loro guida spirituale per i secoli venturi. Perche', con questa robustzza e morale, non verra' mai meno l'unita', che e' il nostro bene supremo.

Questa gagliarda affermazione della necessita' d'ila forza e' balzata diritta dalle dimostrazioni di forza offerte dal palpitante lembo di popolo italiano adunato per raccogliere la sua parola. Dimostrazioni non d'armi ma di spiriti, non di minaccia all'altrui diritto, ma di disciplina interna e di consapevole volonta' nazionale.

E' importante constatare, in questo scontro di idee e correnti che caratterizza l'attuale momento mondiale, l'appello vibrato di Mussolini alla forza fisica e spirituale prima che a quello delle armi.

Il supremo mezzo della conservazione e della potenza nazionale e' per il Fascismo in queste virtu' internt che definiscono la qualita' degli uomini e delle collettivita' piu' che nei fattori meccanici esterni, nei beni materiali di ogni specie, dagli armamenti ai scintillanti tesori.

Sarebbe facile dimostrare come molti dei mali mondiali contemporanei sopravvivano e si aggravano per quell'assenza di coraggio e di carattere. La crisi politica, che e' crisi di Stato e nazionale, deriva dalla mancanza di coraggio dei capi e dei gruppi. resistenti a comprendere i tempi nuovi e accettare il sacrificio delle piu' comode idee convenzionali e delle piu' redditizie posizioni professionali conquistate.

La crisi sociale e' la conseguenza dello scontro aggravato tra le classi, rimaste ciascuna alle tradizionali ideologie e costituzioni d'interessi, esitanti a sacrificare qualche cosa del loro passato e presente per avviarsi su nuovi cammini di conciliazione e di solidarieta'.

La crisi economica e oggi quella monetaria, e anch'essa prolungata dalla resistenza al sacrificio delle categorie alla rinuncia delle speculazioni gia' produttrici di laut e facili redditi al ritorno del lavoro duro e semplice, alle conversioni e riduzioni inevitabili per i nuovi adattamenti delle produzioni e dei guadagni, alle mutate condizioni di consumo.

Mussolini ha potuto indicare con definizione precisa la suprema virtu' delle forze spirituali delle nazioni perche' le ha ridestate e disciplinate nel popolo italiano e ne constata i risultati nella esperienza quotidiana della vita nazionale.

Al Piemonte, donde parti' nella parte risolutiva il grande movimento per l'unione attesa da secoli, il Duce riserbava il grido della vittoria e l'annuncio che l'unita' morale, ancor piu'

Madonna of Aviation is Honored at Holy Loreto

Pilgrimage Centre, Popular During Holy Year, Had 65,000 Visitors Monthly in Time of Columbus

LORETO, Italy—Loreto on the balmy Adriatic coast of Italy, and some 8 hours by train from Rome, attracted particular attention last week because of festivals in honor of its Madonna, declared the patron of aviators by Pope Benedict XV. Americans, coming singly and in pilgrimage groups, recalled by their presence how Columbus sent a member of his crew at his flagship's expense to thank the Madonna of Loreto for their safe return from the great Voyage of Discovery.

Why was this Madonna chosen as patron of fliers? The story goes back to the year 1291 and is one of the most charming tales of the Catholic Church. The Saracens were destroying the places of Palestine sacred to Christians. Suddenly the humble little house in which the Virgin Mary received the Annunciation and in which Jesus later lived as a boy vanished from Nazareth, traveled across the Balkans, presumably with the aid of angels, and came to rest on a hilltop near Fiume. After three years of veneration there, it again rose into the sky and landed on the hilltop of Loreto, from which splendid views are had far out over the Adriatic till you almost think you glimpse the rugged Dalmatian coast, Zara, Sebenico and Spalato.

Among the pilgrims that throng the beautiful sanctuary are many from the Fiume region, who repeat with passionate faith an ancient prayer whose refrain is: "Oh come back to us, Mary, with your holy home".

The building itself, at present protected by marble walls, ornately sculptured, is a plain little structure about 30x24 feet in size, and is built of stone which a learned group of scholars has discovered to be quarried in Nazareth. One of the most remarkable things about it is that having left its foundations in Palestine, it remains without any, yet stands firm on soft ground! The religious congregation charged with the care of Loreto has published a scholarly manual proving the authenticity of these statements. It contains a map showing the flight of the Holy House.

Fine railway service and comfortable transportation exist between the beautiful hill and nearby Ancona. (By the way, a proof of the charm of the place is that the opera singer Gigli has built himself a grandiose home nearby). But even these facilities and the advantages of government supervised hotels cannot compete easily with the fervent piety of past centuries. During very unsettled times in the 16th century, 65,000 pilgrims were counted in a single month at Loreto, arriving on foot, willing to undergo the greatest sacrifice and run grave risks of attack by robber bands for the sake of a greater religious experience.

PRIME PIOGGIE

CEFALU—Prime piogge si chiamavano una volta questa venute giu' in questi giorni abbondantemente con cento impetuoso, tuoni da tremare, segno di forti scariche elettriche per l'aria, con il mare fortemente agitato. Ma non sono le prime, perche' a principio d'Agosto il cielo ci ha regalato altre forti ed abbondanti piogge. Ma stavolta il clima s'e' rinfrescato e tutto fa pensare che l'autunno col suo temperamento s'avvicina, mentre il contadino s'affretta a preparare le maggesi per le sementi che spargera' nell'inverno provvido.

difficile di quella territoriale, e' raggiunta.

"Quattordici anni di dure lotte hanno fatto di questo popolo italiano una massa compatta, unita, concorde".

"Nessun elemento puo' minimamente incrinare questa massa e l'Italia fascista e' l'unica nazione che ha una parola e una dottrina di salvezza e di vita da dare a tutti i popoli civili della terra".

In queste parole e' la sintesi del pensiero e dell'epoca del Duce dal 1919 ad oggi.

—ANDREA VELARDI

MUSSOLINI in the LIGHT of PROPHECY

By Rev. Harvey McAlister

(Continued from recent issue)

Said Mussolini: "I would enter into an alliance at this moment with the devil himself, with Antichrist, if it would give this poor country tranquility."

Many students of prophecy are of the opinion that the Antichrist must of necessity be a Jew, and, for this reason, hold that it is impossible that Mussolini should fulfill the prophecies and become the predicted Antichrist. Others, finding that Mussolini so perfectly corresponds in every other detail, and yet obsessed with the idea that the Antichrist must be a Jew, have sought to show and prove that Mussolini is of Jewish ancestry.

Personally, I do not believe that the Antichrist must be a Jew. Dr. C. I. Scofield, editor of the Scofield Bible, in his book entitled "What do the prophets say?"—commenting on the statement, "the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary," from Daniel 9.26—says: "And now we know from whence he (the prince) will come, for it was 'his people', the Romans, who were the destroyers (of Jerusalem in A. D. 70). He (the prince—Antichrist) will not, therefore, be a Russian, or a German, for Rome did not rule those regions neither will he be a Jew."

With reference to nationality, Mussolini qualifies—absolutely so—as the predicted Antichrist—the coming World Dictator.

According to prophecy, the one who becomes the predicted Antichrist will enter into agreement with the Jews. On the basis of this pact, the Jews will become a nation once more in the land of Palestine, the ancient Temple will be re-built and the old Jewish daily sacrifices re-established. It is a remarkable fact that young men are being trained at the present time in the new Hebrew University in Palestine to perform this very service.

Mussolini has frequently given expression to the fact that his government desires to take over the mandate of Palestine, which England now holds. And his friendly attitude toward the Jews places him in a position where he could be expected to negotiate, at the proper time, the final covenant with the leaders of the Zionist Movement whereby Palestine would once more become the homeland of the Jews and all that is in the heart of the Jew be realized.

The astrology in which old Imperial Rome was steeped has returned. "Mussolini," says Evangeline Adams, the foremost American astrologer and medium, "resembles Napoleon astonishingly: he never takes any decision without first consulting an astrologer."

"I have been guilty," says Mussolini, "of one great sin. I have loved my country with an idolotrous love. We are repeating history in these days, the history of the Roman Caesars. Caesar! My great inspirer! I have his bust before me all the time." In the Italian exhibit at the Century of Progress Fair at Chicago, there is placed in one end of the room a bust of Caesar and in the other end of the room a bust of Mussolini.

Lady Drummond Hay was granted an interview with Mussolini and wrote as follows: "I looked at him and said, 'Why do you work with Julius Caesar looking over your shoulder all the time?' For in a little niche in the wall he had a bust of Julius Caesar. At this question, Lady Drummond says, 'Mussolini's face took on an inspired expression, his eyes a curious dreamy look, and his voice sounded strangely moved as he replied, almost reverently, 'He

—he is my ideal, my master—Julius Caesar!'"

Now, Julius Caesar took unto himself honors that belong to no man. He had a statue erected in a public place, in Rome, and caused to be put on it the inscription, "To Caesar, the Demigod." I wonder should the opportunity offer, if Mussolini will do the same as was done by his ideal, his master, Julius Caesar? That certainly is what is surely going to be done by the predicted Antichrist. In his day, a great image or statue is to be set up, which all the people will be forced to worship. Those refusing will not be able to buy and sell.

It is of interest in this regard to have before us a newspaper item as follows: "Mussolini was revealed today as the owner of a heroic-sized bust of himself, displayed in the Grand Central galleries in an exhibition sponsored by the Italian Government. The statue is ten-times life size and on the Dictator's brow is carved the wreath of a Roman Emperor."

Moreover, a giant statue of Mussolini has been made of beautiful Carrara marble, without spot of flaw. The size of the block of stone out of which it was carved was 60 feet long and 8 feet thick. It weighed 400 tons and it took the equivalent of 10,000 working days to move it over the first 1,000 yards. It is placed on a pedestal of gray marble.

When we compare this statue set up in Rome with the image of the Antichrist, under the symbol of the Beast, in the Book of Revelation, chapter thirteen, it is certainly suggestive. I am wondering if that very image or statue of Mussolini in Italy may not yet be loaded on the deck of a high ship and be transported on its way to Jerusalem via Joppa to be set up in a position of prominence in the re-built Temple of the Jews.

According to a prophecy in Daniel 11.21, the individual who fulfills the prophecies pertaining to the Antichrist "comes in peaceably". Mussolini measures up to the prophetic picture on this point. He came into power almost over night. He marched on Rome, the capital of Italy, in a bloodless revolution, captured it with the full consent of the king—such a victory is without parallel in human history. He rose from obscurity to be the greatest Dictator the world has ever known and he came in "peaceably."

Some students of prophecy have claimed that Mussolini could not possibly be the Antichrist for the reason that he had not proclaimed himself as the Emperor of the Revived Roman Empire, and, therefore, he must simply and only be a forerunner of the final Antichrist. But my friends, the very fact that he has not been made Emperor is one of the most outstanding evidences in favor of belief that Mussolini is the predicted Antichrist. For, do we not read in this very verse in Daniel that "to whom they shall not give the honour of the Kingdom." Mussolini

today has as great power in Italy as ever an Emperor possessed, yet he has not been given the honour of being proclaimed an Emperor.

Then, mark you full well the words in this verse, "a vile person." Mussolini was of lowly birth. No royal blood flows in his veins. He rose, not "up from the sidewalks of New York", like Al Smith, but up from being a Red, a Socialist, a day-laborer, a tramp, a beggar, an outcast, a common soldier, a son of a blacksmith, an editor, a common person from the common walks of life. I do not refer to these things in any way to cast reflection on Italy's Premier, a thousand times no, for, looking at Benito Mussolini and his outstanding accomplishments in behalf of his country one cannot help but greatly admire the man. But my sole motive is to point out how this man, the man of the hour, the man of destiny, seemingly fulfills prophecy.

(Continued next week)

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# GIORNATA NAZIONALE

## Della Madre e del Fanciullo

CEFALU'—Come e' gia' stato annunciato S. E. il Capo del Governo ha stabilito sin dallo scorso aprile nel nobile intento di esaltare con una grande manifestazione nazionale la maternita' e l'infanzia di istituire la giornata della madre e del fanciullo, che avra' luogo ogni anno il 24 dicembre. Il significato di questa alta celebrazione della maternita' e stato messo in rilievo ed ha suscitato in tutti gli italiani un elevato senso di compiacimento e di soddisfazione. Poiche' la Opera nazionale maternita' ed infanzia ha tra i suoi scopi principali anche quello di coor-

dinare tutte le iniziative locali rivolte a favorire lo sviluppo della razza, il Duce la ha affidato l'organizzazione della madre e del figlio.

Ad iniziativa dei Presidi e dei Podesta' il 24 dicembre pv. si svolgeranno solenni riunioni durante le quali davanti alle autorita' cittadine verranno distribuiti i premi di nuzialita' e di natalita' gia' predisposti dagli organi dell'opera stessa e dagli altri Enti locali. Nella medesima riunione potranno anche esser indetti concorsi a premi per i bambini piu' sani e melgio rappresentanti le caratteristiche della razza. Durante la stessa giornata dovranno aver luogo speciali spettacoli cinematografici dedicati alle

madri ed ai fanciulli. Tali spettacoli ispirati all'alto concetto di onorare la madre e di esaltare l'infanzia da una parte e aventi carattere ricreativo per i fanciulli dall'altro concluderanno la manifestazione del 24 dicembre.

Per evitare che possano verificarsi dispersioni di premi ed aggiudicazioni di piu' premi alle stesse persone il Presidente dell'Opera nazionale maternita' ed infanzia ha disposto altresì che presso ogni Federazione Provinciale dell'Opera vengano istituiti fin d'ora appositi elenchi delle persone aspiranti ai premi stabiliti degli enti a dalle istituzioni locali in modo che la distribuzione dei premi stessi possa essere opportunamente e temporaneamente disciplinata.

## FESTA DI MARIA SS.MA DELLA CATENA

CEFALU'—Preceduta da solenne settenario predicato dal Sac. Pietro Nasca, nella Chiesa dell'Addoloratella domenica scorsa e' stata celebrata la festa di Marria SS. della Catena.

Nonostante le difficolta, della stagione estiva la cara chiesetta per tutti gli otto giorni mattina e sera e' stat affollata di popolo che ha seguito con grande spirito di fede ed entusiasmo tutto lo svolgimento delle sacre funzioni; fervorini, sante messe, canti sacri, e le dotte conferenze del valente oratore.

Dopo i Vespri solenni della Vigilia, dopo la Comunione Generale del mattino, la Messa cantata, e le numerose messe lette sino alle 12, a finalmente il panegirico e la funzione di chiusura alla sera la festa s'e' chiusa con grande soddisfazione e giubilo del popolo che vi ha assistito.

La musica cittadina del Dopolavoro alla vigilia e durante tutto il giorno della festa ha destato grande allegria e vivacita' con le belle marce sinfoniche eseguite per le vie e in piazza Garibaldi dinanzi alla graziosa chiesetta.

Del tutto va pieno merito e lode al curatore Sac. Molinari, che da 33 anni ha saputo curare e diffondere la bella divozione in mezzo al popolo nostro e tutt'ora, nonostante la crisi del tempo, sa tener ben viva questa divozione con la sua sagace e paziente opera di attivo operai della vigna del Signore.

## SITUAZIONE IMBARAZZANTE

Coll'entrare nell'agone politico dell'ex sindaco di New York, On. McKee, la campagna politica dell'on. Fiorello La Guardia entra in un Periodo di una certa difficolta'. Il partito fusionista che appoggia la candidatura dell'on. La Guardia rimane quasi solidale, pero' questo terzo nuovo partito che nell'orizzonte della politica Newyorkese, fino a pochi giorni or sono, non era comparso, adesso brilla nella sua intera luce e senza dubbio sara' di detrimento alla campagna La Guardia, sebbene il Commissario di Immigrazione, Edoardo Corsi ed altri notissimi e potenti "leaders" fusionisti son fiduciosi ch gli elettori in generale, in questa elezione municipale useranno il loro buon senso nel votare per il "New Deal" che forma il principio basilico dell'on. La Guardia. Si vuole, in New York, dalle persone oneste ed assennate, un'amministrazione decente ba-

sata su i principi di giustizia e di onesta' e si e' fermamente sicuri che l'esponente di tale amministrazione e' Fiorello La Guardia.

Noi auguriamo che l'uomo di ferro, il deputato senza paura e dalla parola d'oro possa avere completa vittoria su i suoi avversari politici, pero' temiamo che il terzo partito appoggiato dalle alte sfere, che, noi crediamo, avrebbero dovuto piuttosto appoggiare l'on. La Guardia, potra' essere di serio ostacolo alla nomina dell'uomo, che quale primo cittadino, la citta di New York oggi impellentemente necessita.

In ogni modo contiamo sul buon senso degli elettori e ci auguriamo che Fiorello La Guardia sia il prossimo sindaco della metropoli dell'Empire State".

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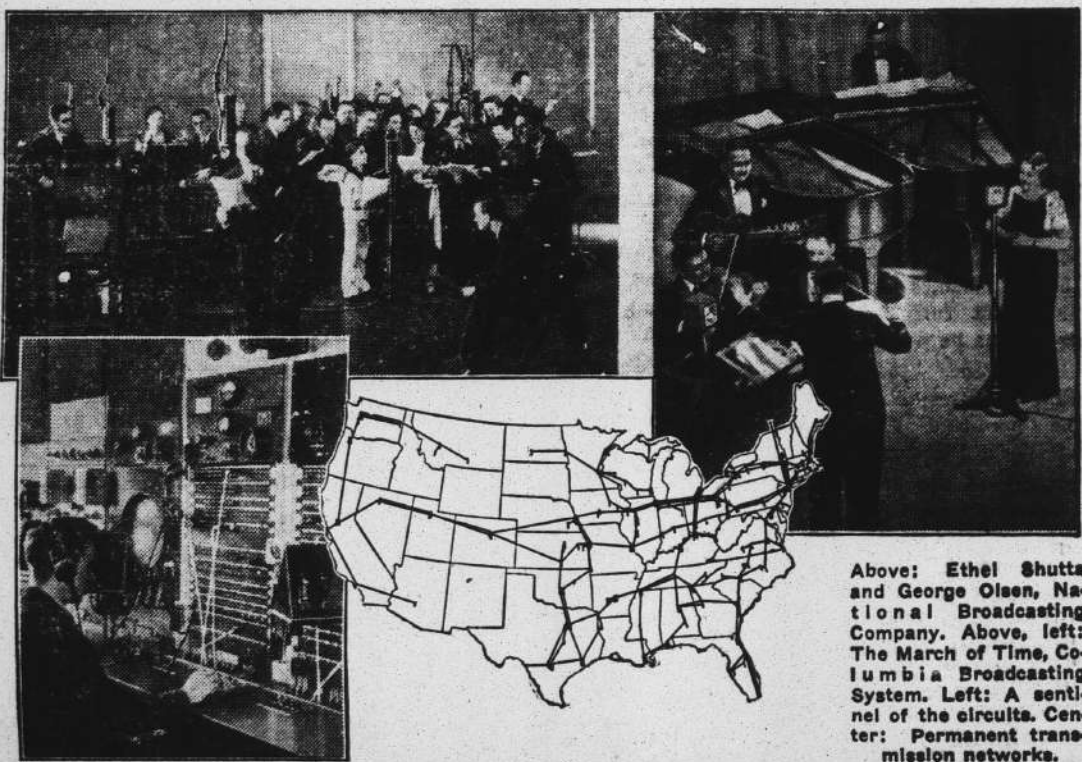
PESCARA — Il Principe di Piemonte, accompagnato dal Prefetto, si e' recato alla Colonia Marina della Milizia, ove ha visitato le opere recentemente inaugurate e si e' affabilmente intrattenuto con gli ufficiali e Camicie Nere presenti.

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## WEAF-WNAC Link, 10 Years Ago, Was Earliest Broadcasting Network



Above: Ethel Shutta and George Olsen, National Broadcasting Company. Above, left: The March of Time, Columbia Broadcasting System. Left: A sentinel of the circuits. Center: Permanent transmission networks.

"This program comes to you through the facilities of..." The announcer names the big radio broadcasting chain which is presenting the program. Then he pauses while you listen to your own local station announcement.

It was not always so. In fact, chain radio broadcasting is so young that only this year has it observed its tenth birthday.

### A Historic Event

It was on the evening of January 4, 1923, that long distance telephone lines were used for the first time to connect broadcasting stations for a chain broadcast. On that occasion, Station WEAF in New York, then owned by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and Station WNAC, of the Shepard's Stores in Boston, were connected by telephone lines so that both might broadcast simultaneously a program which was being given in the WEAF Studios.

It was a momentous occasion. Members of the Massachusetts Bankers Association were in session at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, waiting to hear the program. Also anxiously waiting to hear it were the Bell System engineers and plant men who had planned and arranged the event, as well as the comparatively few owners of radio receiving sets in New York and Boston ten years ago.

### Four Stations Linked

The event passed off successfully, and then it was that chain broadcasting was born.

The success of the enterprise was such that soon long distance circuits were used to supply programs from Station WEAF to other points, and it was considered an important event when, on June 7, 1923, four stations were linked by wire to broadcast a program for the National Electric Light Association.

Not long thereafter, WEAF, New York, and WCAP, Washington, D. C., began what was probably the first series of joint broadcasts, with WEAF furnishing the programs. Up to that time, no permanent networks for broadcasting had existed and every chain event was a special job, requiring the planning of circuit layouts, the moving of temporary equipment, and the dispatching of men to various points to handle it.

### WEAF Sold to N. B. C.

Woodrow Wilson talked on a network broadcast in 1923, and when Calvin Coolidge delivered his opening message to Congress in the same year, it was broadcast by stations in Washington, New York, Providence, St. Louis, Kansas City and Dallas. The first major nationwide network of broadcasting stations was the Defense Day program in 1925, when twenty-eight broadcasting stations were joined through about 70,000 miles of long distance telephone wires.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company sold Station WEAF in 1926, several years' experience having shown that radio broadcasting was unlikely ever to have much relation to its major business of furnishing a means of direct personal communication. In November of that year, permanent wire networks were established, with WEAF as the key station of the National Broadcasting Company. In the following year the first program of the Columbia Broadcasting System was put on the air.

### Eleven Networks Link Nearly 200 Stations

With the advent of the organized chains, more entertaining and instructive programs began to be broadcast—not only to the relatively few listeners around the key stations, but to millions of others through local broadcasting stations linked with the key stations by wire.

Since then, chain broadcasting has become the rule, rather than the exception, and so far have we progressed that some programs originate now either aboard ocean liners or across the Atlantic.

At the present time there are eleven networks in this country, connecting 194 radio broadcasting stations. These networks regularly use more than 44,000 circuit miles of telephone wire.

In the earlier days of chain broadcasting, the Bell System's program transmission networks were located chiefly in the eastern parts of the country. As the networks grew and points on the Pacific Coast were added, the distances traversed by a single program might be as much as 5,000 miles. The transmission of program material over circuits of such length made it necessary for the Bell System to introduce a series of improvements in its equipment for program transmission. These improvements have kept the circuits and apparatus in the van with broadcasting developments in general.

### Stormproof Cables Now Circumvent Weather

The first important improvement in the circuits came from a modification of the repeaters which are placed at strategic points, to amplify and strengthen the transmitted currents.

Another factor which the telephone engineers had to consider was the weather. The weather in certain parts of the country has no consideration for chain broadcasting, and Mother Nature seemed to take particular delight in playing with an open wire line at the most unfavorable moment, leaving in her wake a broken link in the radio chain. Circuits in storm proof cables were planned for sections of the country where the weather conditions were particularly unfavorable, and the first one was opened between New

York and Washington during the summer of 1926.

### Improvements in Transmission

To offset other forms of distortion, Bell System engineers developed various improvements in cable facilities used in program transmission, until they finally arrived at the type of loading and repeater which are now being used. The circuits, under these arrangements, transmit a sufficiently wide band of frequencies to take care of the tones met in both vocal and instrumental numbers and cause a negligible amount of distortion.

While these important improvements have been made in cable circuits for transmitting programs, further improvements were also required in the open wire circuits, on account of the increased use of studios distant from New York. There was a need for improved circuits linking the east with the far west, and special open wire type repeaters and associated equipment were developed and a highly refined type of open wire circuit evolved which was vastly superior in fidelity of transmission to any open wire circuit used heretofore. This type of circuit is utilized by both the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System in their network circuits between Chicago and the Pacific Coast.

### Some Notable Broadcasts

The growth of chain broadcasting has witnessed many notable programs. There was, for example, the broadcast of Colonel Lindbergh's return to New York and Washington in 1927, after his famous solo flight across the Atlantic. There was the inauguration of President Hoover in 1929, which was broadcast over 118 radio stations using about 80,000 miles of Bell System wire; the address made in 1930 by King George V of England over a still larger American network; the address made from Vatican City on February 12, 1931, by Pope Pius XI, which stands out as the largest worldwide broadcast yet made; and the extensive broadcast which took place on November 8, 1932, when about 200 radio stations were linked in network for the election returns.

### Controls at Strategic Points

For its broadcast transmission service the Bell System has established control points at Boston, New York, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington and Charlotte, N. C. The circuits are lined up and tested at these points and switched to meet the varying requirements of the networks. A close watch is kept, in order to avoid interruptions in the broadcasts. The New York office is in general control of the Red, Blue and Purple networks; that at San Francisco of the Orange, and that at Boston of the Amber.

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