

UPRIGHT ENGLAND

In the eyes of an iniquitous world, Italy is regarded as being a malicious and nefarious nation, frenzied by a zeal of conquest and imperialism. Is this the true state of affairs? For one who has not witnessed the grandeur of Mussolinian Italy, nor the disposition of her fine, dexterous people, but is induced by the fallacious and deceptive statements of the press, there is no alternative but to criticize and hamper Italy in every possible way. However, the Italians (especially those who have had the good fortune of visiting Italy and seeing the great man who is leading her through a path saturated with

sacrifices, to the gates of glory) know well that this is utterly untrue. I, a Giovane Fascist, have had the opportunity to see, and now I am able to speak dauntlessly of Italy's integrity. Many times have I been criticized and ridiculed by my schoolmates and even my very intimate friends for upholding Italy. Still, regardless of opposition, I will continue to fight indefinitely for the cause of Italy. As yet I have violated no treaty, no law, have uttered no falsehood or insulting accusations. I have simply presented the facts. Why then all the remonstrations? Obviously, the truth hurts. Repeatedly I have been

told that I uphold the cause of Italy because I am an Italo-Canadian. How preposterous indeed! Is it not my privilege to believe what I wish and to advocate what I believe? Is it not my duty to uphold the cause of justice? My convictions are that any person who does not admire and support the land of his ancestors loves no land and is a disgrace to his adopted country. I do not wish to say we must immortalize our ancestral country. I love Canada and will honourably die for her if need be. I am simply upholding the cause of a nation which needs my help and every other worthy Italo-Canadian's support, particularly when the world press is deliberately inflicting untrue, ridiculous and disgraceful news on the innocent reader's mind.

Presently, I am compelled to say a

few words justifying Italy in the said conflict. The real question, in my opinion, is neither the Italo-Ethiopian controversy nor the prestige of the League of Nations but England's dread of losing world wide interests threatened by Italy's expansion. It is historically recognized that Britain obtained a vast portion of her empire not for necessity of expansion but for the lust of power and military honours, employing at times unlawful and unpropitious methods to achieve her objective. For example: Dear Old England, in 1776 hired Hessians to destroy a band of poor American Colonists, and in 1812 to harass American shipping, hired Indians who had previously received arms and ammunition from British Canada. And last but not least, in 1914

England, when Russia was practical-

ly destroyed—Germany almost on top of Paris—Belgium overrun and England with her back not to the wall, but lying on her belly, licked in spirit and fearful of the end of the British Empire, begged and urged Italy to enter on the side of the Allies, promising her a division of German possessions and recognizing Italy's great need of expansion and economic development. But what happened after the War? Italy's share for saving England and France was billions of dollars worth of debts and about two million dead and wounded, whereas England and France divided about 1,500,000 square miles between them, leaving Italy out in the cold. That is the treatment we received from this same Great, Noble, Upright England which to-day, lines up the world in a most vicious propa-

ganda against Italy. England which has grabbed half the world, England, the world's greatest Shylock, deprives Italy of a little needed colony. England, which owes so much to Italy—England, which owes her early civilization to Rome—England, which owes her system of laws to Rome—England, which owes her greatest Colonial possession to an Italian, for it was Cabot who discovered Newfoundland, thus giving her a foothold on the American Continent. Cunning England which has received nothing but good from Italy, since the time of the Caesars, is harassing the Italians and lines up with a half-civilized, barbaric Ethiopia which has contributed nothing but which Italy has pioneered and is willing to develop and civilize as she has done the world over for almost 2000 years.

In view of all that has been said, how can England, which owes so much to Italy, and has enjoyed the friendship and help of Italy for centuries, support a country like Ethiopia, uncivilized, barbaric, where the power of the Ras is in direct relation to the number of slaves he possesses and where there is no such thing as justice and where are practised some of the most horrible rituals, that make the Spanish Inquisition look like child's play. This is the group of tribes England upholds against Italy, the nation that has contributed more than any other to the world's civilization.

Civilized humanity cannot forget the marvelous part Italy has played in 2000 years of civilization: her sons have worked, built—in slush, sleet, rain or shine—they have shown their ingenuity in the Americas, Asia and Africa: The Italians have never shirked, whether building subways, sewers, docks, railroads, bridges, stadiums—on land or sea—they have done the dirty work with a song on their lips. Now all they ask is that they be permitted to ameliorate conditions, and make a "White Man's Country" out of this degenerated nation.

What a colossal crime it would be to humanity and civilization should England in her selfishness, greed, false pride and stubbornness steer the League of Nations to impose sanctions against Italy, because "sanctions," says Mussolini, mean "war", and thus incite a new world conflict.

England in the name of civilization, beware! Your "peaceful" threats in the Mediterranean are leading to another world tragedy—a deluge that may make the "Black Hole of Calcutta" seem like a Comedy. England beware! History will hold you responsible and civilized humanity will damn not bless the day you invoke sanctions against Italy which has been Civilization's greatest teacher and defender—not a destroyer.

"Piccolino G. P."

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