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Italian M neality. Not external beauty: blue sky, sea, mountains, vine-

Three courts:

1. The Entropal Treedision.

2. Characteristic Humanism.

3. The Revoluti any Idea.

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Can't form an idea from a casual acquaintance with emigrants: a) Al Capone. b) Labourers. (built r'lw's) c) shanting fruit.

1. The Bath wal Tradition.

One of the arrawark oldest, most exculsite cultures of Europe. a) Ingerial Rome; not domination but law; not uniformity (Gleichshaltung but tolerance); not an ondless strain of polity wars but reace. Culture, Bld: r Etr scan origins, traditions of city state, Ck influence; Livy Tacitus Sallust; Virgil Horace Lucretius; Cleero Caesar; Cat Tipur

b) B, zantine Home: contre mayed to Const; Rome focus for constructing Europe; occur four dumpley of greatness that was

Romanità: Laws principles; ada tiveness ela: ticity
c) Medieval Univ. Pisa Bologna (med); Dante Beccacio Petrach; as southern France midway between phil & remainee of Arabs and crude farecity

simple Atlanity of north; so also Italy but/quester flow-ring/ rest barb d) Galileo, Volta, Marconi; Einstein's/maths, Rie Man Genes, also Civit ta Rex Conte Craiser that went to Anat/alia; electrified riwys, expresses e) sainters, schukptors, architects

2. The National Charact ristic.

Difficult: Milan Notles Shelty; Aberdeen Liverpool Couchhamps on

a) Politoness, respect for humanity; move culture in the Floa ish with weach a neesboy of haples -- friendliness.

mx Aris persoy: prestort exactitude, Hou e of Savoy & Roman aristocrats

Ex Bourgeois: cen't learn Italian, won't corecet you

& Germans b) Tempo: blue is money, never heard of it Poscusts like doing blangs in a cool: botkshed ok for sheep Contracts: no time clause - Rome wasn't built in a day - blue-prints// Dismounting train, pian piano

Siesta: streets deserted, shops closed from 12 to 2 or 3 Evening walk: public gardens, motor out to Frascati

Family life: children adored, dressed

grievance agst Foscism: taking children away; run and take off that magnerade and then I'lk give you a kiss

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5. The Revolutionary Inea.
a) Musso (socialist blacksmith) kicked out of school; exile (Lenin's most brilliant papil); war wounded Latio alism; Georges Sovel and theory of violence (nko om radiculous, costor oil); March on Rome; Kerensky period; Parliament not dissolved till 1934 5. (Att Ch V 8th etc

b) Philosophy of AZIONE: meet events as they come. General scepticism: to Mastericism; Regelian influence in universities, Croce, Contile; England get the just on the world in introd of mechans age, creditor nution (rentier), ampire; that are is over; New Age not self-interest but communal int rest; Leader and Party; office ney, and committy, vigour, public a rvices; crodure ubbidite combattere; Italiani al estero;

s prees of raw amperials (property vs process); empire.
c) Fleat movement: reconciliation, joy to masses, crucifix in schools,

Letter to Figure, Stress.

d) Abyssimian Grandign, sanctions, Spain, Sept 39 (Greek) March 40 (asse comparciale) April (50 generals) May (Pope's telegramme; Ossewa black-Ilstod, civilta /Take Osser secretly

4. Why does not Fone speak?

a) How? As divine vice-roy deposing Mass? Medieval theory, held by some than

How? As teacher. In general principles? In concrete instances?
b) For the good of the taught. Start worldwide prescution; Catholics. can't be relied on; depend on foreign power. Elizabethan tradition.
For good of Italians? How speak? Wireless (interference). Pastoral (consored) filtrim group (concentration camp). (Can be done Mbr Sor)r Would they listen? 60 years of no religion in school, with whole-heated approval of Protestant world; 10 years with dribble of rlgs education overlaid with intense Resciet propaganda.

## Italian Mentality.

- The National Tradition.
   Italian Humanism.
   The Revolutionary Idea.

It is an easy blunder, one to which we are particularly liable, to form an idea of Italy from the emigrant's among us. One watakes reeds the exploits of Al Capone or the susational Mayor LaGuardia, one looks at jiling rows of shoring fruit in a shor wirdow

It would be much enaler to speak to you to-night about German montellty and the Nazionalsozialist movement than about Italian mentality and khm Fascismo. Not only is the German movement far simpl r and each r to compreh no bet also mymbavevinc Sanda abunavatopavalbelumtovbeavdommauxkhama it can more readily illustrated by local ranallels; for instance, Hitler's/campaign against the Jews Onterio could be paralleled with the /campaign calling itself Protestants Action and devoting its efforts to reviling Roman Catholics; just as religion in Ontaclo so the Jewish question in Central and Nestern Europe provided an abundance of inflammable material, a facile opportunity for the unintelligent to excite mass-passions, and on that excitement to ride to notorietyx and power. Further, just as you here ridicule the ineptitude of such a Campaign and pooh-book the idea of it ever amounting to anything - the good sense of the people of Ontario is proof against such nonsense - so also in Cormeny was Hitler for ten years regarded as a vulgar nuisance of no importance. I sincerely trust you are right in your estimate of the fomenters of an indigeneous Hitlerism, that you have good grounds for being certain that the individuals in question never heard of Georges Sorel, that they /have no knowledge of revolutionary technique, no ambitions of creating ignorance and a solid national spirit based on maxaxxxxxxxx hatred, and no hope of success in their effort to stimulate letent prejudice and passion into a massive intolerance. But one thing is certain: not only the people of the province of Amebec but even its Premier, Mr Godbout, cannot arrive as rapidly as you do who is no anglophobe, dexmet xarrivexxex readily at your comfortable and reassuring judgement; and even though the Quebec Premier has been reassured on the point, it remains that such a compaign does infinite harm because it saps the very foundations of Ganadian unity and makes ever so much more difficult the task of increasing the technical unity and centralization of the country to meet its economic problems.

approach a study of Fascism, and if this adds to the difficulty of our inquiry, it also adds to its interest. First, then, let me state what that deeper problem is. Mr. Christopher Dawson, perhaps the profoundest English this cor of the present time, predicted a number of years ago that every modern state would assume an ever greater and greater control over the lives, the actions, the speech and the thought of all its citizens. The basis of such a prediction is, of course, the modern economic structure: modern economy is not a patch-work of relatively

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isolated units, as were the fendal manors and the modieval free cities; it is a net-work of complementary functions in which no part can enjoy even the vestages of self-sufficiency. In a primitive economy each amall group attends to all its needs and exchange is merely an incidental appendage, a means of getting rid of surplus products and obtaining conveniences and luxuries in their stead. In an advanced economy exchange moves from its former minor and supplementary role to kha become the centre and pivot of the whole of life our material lives. Azxnoxisxbi ganxall: Maxakraflacted As the derression so for tibly imprinted on our minds, there is a vast machine, the economic system, that sometimes works well, and we enjoy prosperity, and sometimes works ill, and then rich men are reduced to penury, and and the poorxworking classes wander almilessly about in scarch of work that decembe exist. Numerthaveymentuate alvavmaatmakohumenthetudoesimotmeektulumotionmetuvnähymkeedemtevaamunm effortatorcometruobyanotherymechingyto-makeyhtwwark Because there is the vast machine which does not always function, which needs direction and control, Dawson concludes that inevitably there will be evolved another wast machine to direct and control it. Because the economic machine hanxaxahangakatkitakaankra is a pathern of exchanges and because exchange is at the very basis of our material lives, it follows that the controlling machine will have to enter into our lives. Because exchange is the term of economic activity, because the in itself it is a psychological and moral act, because such acts are greatly influenced by all that is said and written, one immediately comes to Mr Dawson's conclusion: the modern state will assume an ever meater and or ater control over the lives, the actions, the speech and the thought of all 1ts citizens.

This problem is world-wide: all modern states are highly centralized and the lesscentralized among them will be more so in the future. As you know, the present state of the question in Canada is discussion of the Sirois Report, momentarily shelved, but not at all dead. Evproposevithematovidibustmy tendovy our whove very interest edutive the vibration of the Sirois reports account softwhere it alianvex pyroximant with invariant should represent the interest of the very discussion of the Italian experiment in contralization should provide many usoful lessons for our own future; it can beach us, above all, never to be over-confident, never to be deceived by appearances, never to take it for granted that the 90% excellence of a programme is not the going to be desirated by 10% error.