

Maj. Sharp Talks Of Italy, Abyssinia

In his usually felicitous manner Maj. B. Sharp told the Rotary members today of the facts as he sees them about Italy's mobilization of troops in Abyssinia. He told how Italy got very little in colonies and so-called mandates following the Great War and that it would appear as though England and France must have some tacit understanding whereby Italy may be permitted to carve out some territory if she can get it away from the fierce Abyssinians. These reputed descendants of the sons of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba own the only territory left in Africa that has not been taken over by a European nation. The Major cannot see any tangible trade benefits from the hundred millions or so of dollars that it will cost Italy, not counting the lives of the men, but does see a psychological value to "Mr." Mussolini in holding the war-like spirit of Italy to the pitch he de-

sires, and at the same time taking care of 250,000 unemployed men who might be a serious problem if left at home. Many questions were asked the Major and everyone regretted the limitations of an hour snatched in the middle of a busy day.—R. E.

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