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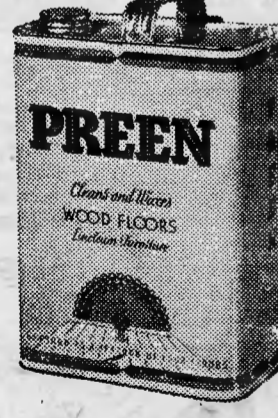
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Communism, and thus allow it to win.

Not that de Gasperi is not greatly respected and admired. It is simply that his party includes many reactionaries who are profoundly distrusted. It is a question, in many minds whether because of their influence, de Gasperi will be able to put into effect his proposed reforms and help the country as he honestly wants to do. For that reason, many people regret the size of his majority vote, believing it does not represent the true sentiments of the voters, and will give encouragement to those elements in his party destructive of the common good.

Most Understand

When I asked if the American pressure to get Italians to vote anti-Communist had been recognized, people smiled. "Of course," they said, "the Italians are not stupid. There has been resentment among some that Americans would use the people's need for food and drugs, for instance, to win their votes, but most of them understand the over-all situation."

Just the same, the Communists exploit that situation to the hilt. I thought of all the to-do one heard at home about insisting that the recipients of our food should know where it came from and be properly grateful. We forget that they are proud people, as well as hungry ones.

Communist Tactics

I was told about a smart trick the Communists pulled when the Friendship Train came to Italy. It was in Bologna, a strong Communist city. The Communist mayor ordered his people to boycott the Train and, although he headed the official committee and was supposed to make the welcoming address, he did not come. So a leading churchman made the speech, and made the most of the opportunity. There was a big crowd, and the streets were lined with monks and nuns. The result was that the word went out: "The Church is in charge of the American food. Americans will only give food to Catholics." And, although there are not many non-Catholics in Italy, there was deep resentment and sneers at "American justice," "American Freedom of Religion," "America buying votes for the Church" and so forth.

It was a clever trick, but not, I was earnestly assured, as clever as the "trick" of the Friendship Train itself. On every side one heard praise and gratitude for that visible expression of America's good will.

Re-Education

Italy's Communism is not the real variety. It is based on distrust, on opposition to the status quo, and, much of it, on utter ignorance: either of real Communism or of real democracy. This goes right up into the higher brackets.

An American told me an amusing incident in illustration. One of the young leaders of the Communist party in Florence came into his office one day and picked up "Life Magazine." There was an article on Greece in it with dramatic pictures, and when the young man came to a photograph of a dead Partisan, with a sympathetic caption beneath it, he exclaimed in wonder. "But this is extraordinary!" he said. "This publisher, Henry Luce, must be a very brave man."

"He may well be," said the American, "but just why do you say that?"

"Why," said the Italian, "here he prints a picture that is in direct opposition to the policy of your government. How does he dare to do it?"

"Sit down," said the American, and spent the next half hour delivering a lecture on freedom of the press and democracy, U. S. style.

"And remember," he said, as he told me about it, "This young man is exceedingly well read and well educated."

"But how can he be?" I asked.

"How? Well, perhaps I should have qualified that and said: as Europeans go, these days. But to take only Italy: She had 10 years or more of war and after-war. Before that she had Mussolini. No books except Italian books saying what they wanted said. For the last year there have been small American libraries in a few Italian towns, run by the U. S. Service of Information. The one in Florence has 2,700 books, none of them fiction, and anyway there has not been time, or much effort made either, to spread information about America. That young Italian Communist is well-read, as far as anyone is well-read in Europe. But that's not far. Americans must take all that into account when they talk about fighting Communism and re-educating Europe. It's got to be done but it is a gigantic job."

It Must Be Done

Perhaps that was the thought that was uppermost in my mind when I left Italy: A gigantic job that must be done.

That it is a big task is obvious, and much more so to me since I have had even such a slight glimpse of the complexities of the Italian scene. It looks so difficult that if there were not the rest of the phrase, "It must be done," and if the Italian people were not trying hard to do it, I'd cry quits right now.

But it must be done, and not "to fight Communism" either. That is simply one of the inevitable results of doing it, if a most important one. Italy must be saved for Italy, and Italy must be saved for us. Because the world can't do without Italy. Because Italy and her loveliness, her great art and her great people, constitute a vital stone in the arch of civilization.

A Good Place

As my porter and I waited for the train in Florence's beautiful new pinkish marble station, I asked him how things were going. "Better?"

He shrugged. Maybe. There was lots of room for improvement. Too many out of work and prices so high. It took two months of your salary to buy a suit. And hadn't I found Florence changed? All the sad ruins of the war!

"Yes, that's true. But the Baptistery doors are back, aren't they? That was fine."

His face lit up. "Has the signora seen them?"

I had crossed the cathedral square five or six times during my stay and always had had to circle around the people standing gazing at the doors, Ghiberti's famous bronze relief doors, one of Florence's most treasured works of art. The Germans had carried them off during the war and only a few months before my visit they had been found and brought back. Now they were reglazed and shone in all their glory before the worshipping

gaze of Italian people. Crowds of from 50 to 100 stood there, silent, from dawn to dusk, their faces expressive of joy, of pride, of wonder, of deep sombreness as the mind perhaps reviewed Italy's tragic years.

But even in the saddest faces there was a look of hope. It was as if the return of these doors was a sign that Italy herself would return and live again in her place of honor and glory in the world.

My porter felt that, and when he said goodbye he added, "You come back again?"

"Just as quick as I can," I said.

"It is good that you want to come back again," he said, and I don't think he meant because I was a tourist and would spend money. He meant: it was good that people wanted to come back again to Italy; that Italy was a good place, once more, to come to.

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