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Just obtained following summery of appeal/addressed by Italian Socialists and syndicalists against national defense: Mussolini appeals to all Italians to defend the soil of the fatherland. We reply, where there is no liberty there is no country. There will not be an Italian fatherland until the Italians are again masters in their own x house. Mussolini is not defending Italy but his own dictatorship. Slaves have no interest in fighting to tighten the chains by which they are bound. Mussolini has forever rendered impossible under his regime the sacred unity of the Italians. Pascism has divided Italy into two hostile camps. Pasciam has deprived the majority of Italians of their civil rights. Fascism has dissolved and outlawed the Socialist party the free workers unions the Communist Party the Democratic Party the Catholic Party the Liberal Party. Pascism has defined this war as a Fascist war. The coming defeat will thus be a Fascist defeat. The Italian Socialist Party and the free union of workers end their appeal which is addressed to all non-Fascist Italians by affirming that in the catastrophe in which Mussolinia dictatorship is now placed it is the duty of the Italian people to participate with all means for its own liberation by passive resistance by civil disobedience by strikes by the sabotage of manufacture of transport public services industrial production and wherever possible by armed insurrection. A special appeal has been addressed by the Exmitte Socialist Party to the soldiers sailors and aviators to time effect. You have given your oath to serve your country to the death but Pascism has abolished the fatherland. serve the country means at this moment to revolt against Fascism

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