

One of the best-known Italian industrialists - anonymous for obvious reasons - has written a political programme. After summarising the sequence of historical circumstances leading to Fascism, he re-invokes the Socialist faith of his youth and expresses his hope of seeing a Socialist government in Italy. If the Fascists are arrested, he says, nevertheless large numbers of former officers are utterly sick of the regime, and many officers ~~are~~ no longer in active service could be counted on to throw the weight of their authority into the cause of the revolution.

Formerly, he sketches the construction of a federal republican Italian government formed from the 8 different regions of Italy. To be composed of -

- a) a Supreme Council of the Republic, composed of 1000 ex-Presidents
- b) by a Supreme Court supervising the central and regional governments -
- c) by a President head of the executive, a vice-president, together with a personally chosen Council of Ministers & helped by the legislative parliaments;
- d) by a technical parliament
- e) by a political parliament, mainly for consultation.

Former servants of the Fascist Government to be excluded from voting for 15 years -
The Central Government to control

- a) foreign policy
- b) the army, as far as national defence is concerned
- c) the organisation of justice & public institutions
- d) general direction of the affairs of the country

Each region to have a Council of its own corresponding to the Central Technical Parliament, for the solution of regional financial & public works problems - police etc. The Councils will solve directly communal questions -

Foreign policy - one of our main problems - we must aim at armistice - at least for the moment - and peace negotiations with U.S. & America as soon as possible. Must organize a small but efficient army for defence - Germany might not be so sorry to get rid of a somewhat shabby & badly organized ally. To ensure having a good friend in U.S. when peace comes - In any case - no spirit of revenge either at home or abroad.