

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

Tentatively he sketches the constitution of a provisional federal republican Italian government formed from the eighteen different regions of Italy, to be composed of

a) a Supreme Council of the Republic, composed of worthy ex-Presidents

b) by a Supreme Court supervising the central and regional governments

c) by a President, head of the executive, and a vice-president, together with a personally chosen Council of Ministers and helped by the legislative parliaments

d) by a technical parliament

e) by a political parliament, mainly for consultation.

Proved 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 defense is concerned

c) the organization of justice and public institutions

d) general direction of the affairs of the country.