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Italy Schemes To Train Boys For All Trades

By Andrew Berding
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

ROME (AP)—The Fascist government has under consideration the most extensive system of training boys and young men for industry that the world has yet seen. It embraces the American system of vocational training but goes beyond it by applying it compulsorily to every boy in the kingdom.

It would do away with the young man who goes out for a job and replies to the question "well, what can you do?" by saying:

"I can do anything; at least I can learn."

This educational project is the work of Luigi Maggi, an expert in industrial pedagogics. Signor Maggi names his project the "trade diploma," because around it revolves the whole system. Without a trade diploma, a young man could get a job in certain industries only as a day laborer.

The Fascist state, through the ministry of education, is to take the most important hand in this industrial education, as it does in practically all individual activities in Italy. The state at one stroke would take under its wing between 1,000,000 and 1,500,000 youths. It would change fundamentally the whole method of education.

Signor Maggi proposes that the government group a certain number of factories and shops in all industries. They would be run as before, with the exception that each would have to provide instructive work for a specified number of boys.

These boys would leave grammar school at the age of eleven or twelve. Then would follow four or five years of vocational training in the combined technical school and workshop.

At the end of that time the state would give examinations, run on the same order as the tests for doctors, lawyers and accountants. If the boy passed, he would be given a trade diploma.

Boys destined for the professions would be permitted to go through the grammar school without being deflected into training for a trade. They would, as now, go from the grammar school to the gymnasium, lyceo and university. This new system will make it necessary for the boy to make up his mind at an early age as to what he wishes to do later in life.

COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY MAKES REPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Urging the extension of branch banking by national banks as a way to assure a safe and sound system in rural communities, John W. Pole, comptroller of the currency, said in his annual report today that such a development would be of advantage to agricultural communities.

At the same time the comptroller pointed to the growth of group banking, in which holding companies have acquired the stock of several banks, and the defections of banks from the national field to seek broader privileges under state laws as reasons why the national bank laws must be liberalized.

He said that total resources of all of the 25,110 banks in the country on last June 30 aggregated $72,172,501,000, an increase of $198,177,000 over the previous year. National banks numbering 7,536, were shown to have total resources of $27,446,228,000 a decrease of $1,044,000,000 while the number of all banks had decreased in the year by 412.

Of the total resources, he continued, 250 banks in the cities had resources of $33,000,000,000 while three fourths of the banks of the nation were in country communities and classed as country banks. The country banks he said, operate with small capital funds and economic developments since the war have had the effect of decreasing their opportunities to operate at a profit.

On the question of bank failures Pole said that no "important failures" had occurred among banks in the larger cities between last January 1 and November 1 and said that "whereas a depositor in a large city bank, whether a wage earner or a business man, has had full protection, the depositor in the small country bank has suffered severely from the inability of so many banks to meet their deposit liabilities."

Unlawful To Cut Trees Along Road

Motorists are reminded that Oregon grape and Christmas greens cut from bushes and trees along the roadside may cost considerably more than those purchased.

The legal department of the Oregon State Motor association points out that the cutting of bushes, shrubs and trees along the highway rights of way is a misdemeanor and is punishable by fine and imprisonment. Permission should be obtained in every case before Christmas greens or Christmas trees are cut, warns the motor association, as action may be taken by the owners of private property, by the state or by the government.

BEFORE the MIKE

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

The National Broadcasting company program for Sunday follows: 12 M. to 1 p. m., youth conference; 1 to 2:30, cathedral hour; 2:30, concerts; 4, Musical Musketeers; 4:30, musical programs; 5, drama hour; 5:15, transcontinental hour; 6:15, concert; 7:15, popular program; 9, feature; 10, the Gay Classics.

The Columbia Broadcasting system program for Sunday follows: 6 to 7, Theater of Air; 7 to 7:30, poet of organ.

Portland

KGW (620kc) 12, NBC; 9, features; 10, little symphony.

Tacoma

KVI (760kc) 4:14 to 9, silent; 9, musical programs.

San Francisco

KFRC (610kc) 4, CBS; 7:30, special programs.

KPO (680kc) 5:15, NBC; 8, special programs; 9, NBC.

Oakland

KLX (880kc)—silent night.

KGO (790kc) 5, NBC; 6, news; 6:15, "Song Without Words;" 6:45, little symphony; 8:15, Pilgrims; 9:30, reader's guide; 10, NBC.

Los Angeles

KNX (1050kc) 6, Dr. Holmes; 6:30, Dr. Abel; 7, Lobouski trio; 8, Presbyterian church; 9, records.

KHJ (900kc) 6, CBS; 7:30, special programs.

KFI (640kc) 5:15, NBC; 8, special programs; 9, NBC.

Spokane

KHQ (590kc) 9:30, churches; 12, NBC; 8, special programs.

Salt Lake City

KSL (1120kc) 5:15, NBC; 8, L. D. S. church services.

MONDAY PROGRAMS

NBC: 10:30 a. m., Woman's Magazine; 1:30, Vagabonds; 2, Mormon choir and organ; 4, Christmas program; 4:30, family party; 7:15, Empire Builders; 8, symphonists; 8:30, Amos and Andy; 8:45, Jolly Rovers; 9, concert; 9:30, novelty; 10 to 11, slumber hour.

CBS: 8 to 10, Blue Monday Jamboree.

Portland

KGW—6, features and NBC; 6, NBC programs.

Tacoma

KVI—4:14 to 9, silent; 9, CBS; 10, popular music.

Oakland

KLX—6, concert; 7, news; 8, features.

KGO—6, NBC; 11 to 12, dance music.

San Francisco

KFRC—6, features; 6, CBS; 10 to 1, dance music.

KPO—6, NBC and features.

Los Angeles

KHJ—6, organ; 8, CBS; 10, news; 10:45, dance music; 12 to 1, organ.

KNX—6, organ; 6:30, features; 7:30, one-act play; 8, features; 10 to 1, dance music.

KFI—6, NBC; 11, news.

Seattle

KOMO—6, NBC; 10, musical program; 12 to 12:30, organ.

KJR—6, musical programs; 10, dance music.

MENUS

By Sister Mary

A box of home-made candy never fails to carry the Christmas message to the person to whom it is given. The simplest kinds neatly cut and packed always are appreciated.

The following rules are for the "never-fail" varieties that don't require thermometers and marble slabs and dipping wires and other paraphernalia.

Don't try to do too many things at once when making candy. The nuts all should be picked out and ready to use, all the ingredients at hand and the pans or platters in which the candy is to harden oiled ready for instant use.

It's never a good plan to double recipes. The average home kitchen equipment is not planned to handle large quantities of boiling syrup.

Fudge

Three cups granulated sugar, 1 1-2 cups milk, 2 squares bitter chocolate, 1 tablespoon butter, few drops vanilla.

Put sugar and milk into a smooth, round-bottomed saucepan. Put over a low fire and bring to the boiling point without stirring. Increase heat slightly and add chocolate. Stir constantly until chocolate is melted, keeping the syrup bubbling. Stir frequently until candy is done to prevent sticking. When a few drops of syrup tried in a saucer of cold water are firm enough to keep their shape as they drop into the water and can be picked up with the fingers, the candy is done. Add butter a few minutes before removing from fire. Cool syrup quickly in pan in which it was cooked. When thoroughly cooled, add vanilla and stir with a wooden spoon until thick and dull looking. Turn into a buttered pan and cut in squares.

Maple Pralines

One cup powdered sugar, 1-2 cup maple syrup, 4 tablespoons heavy cream, few grains salt, 1 cup pecan meats.

Combine sugar and syrup and put over a low fire. Bring to the boiling point and stir in cream and salt. Cook without stirring until a soft ball is formed when a few drops are tried in a saucer of cold water. Remove at once from the fire and place the pan in a large pan of cold water. Begin to beat and beat until thick. Add nuts and drop from teaspoon onto an oiled platter. Let stand until firm. These candies are not smooth and velvety like fudge, but are a bit grainy.

BELGIAN LEADER LAUDS IDEALS OF AMERICANS

BRUSSELS (AP)—Pierre Forthomme, Belgian statesman, thinks that America is much misunderstood in Europe.

"American idealism as shown by the War of Secession and the World War is overlooked," he said in an address to the American club here.

M. Forthomme said that such misunderstandings were responsible for most of the world's political and economic difficulties and pleaded for a greater mutual knowledge among the peoples.

If Sweet Sixteen hasn't become Sweet Sixty-three, it isn't the fault of the drug stores and beauty parlors.

Mileage between more than 15,000 ports and points along inland waterways of the United States is listed by the coast and geodetic survey for the convenience of navigators.

Reporter Knows Many Persons By Their Voices Only, From 'Phoning

"Doesn't it seem a bit odd to you that a person could know almost fifty people by their voice only? Guess that is what telephones do for the modern world." But that is the way almost two hours every morning of a local reporter's day's work is spent, talking to people on only a vocal acquaintanceship, for that is the way "society" is written. Of course as the weeks pass by more and more faces become familiar and phone calls to only voice friends decrease because the known ones are growing in numbers.

And after the parties and bridge clubs and ladies' aid meetings are written, and given to the city editor to send out to the machines; the list of lodge meetings and prominent church affairs, plays, coming events, anything that may be a story of local interest is written with a share of the articles assigned to this reporter. Each morning it is to a different place for a different type of a story, even though the subject is the same there is always something changed, and that is interesting.

That Old "Deadline"

And the "Deadline." That old bugaboo. In order that the paper can be published in the afternoon, all the stories, and local news must be turned in by 2 o'clock or 2:10 at the very utmost extreme latest. Some days this means the good typewriter must prepare for rapid use and faithful service, for there is much to write and it must be done quickly. Other days the typewriter isn't put under such a strain.

The rest of the day is spent mostly in just looking around and seeing folks, and finding out what they know. The search for news seems to be more like the searches of the knights of old for elusive birds or beasts or tokens. But the knights were thrilled just as much with the search as they were with the finding, and the search for news is even more exciting than the finding, and the monotony of newspaper work couldn't tire a baby, for there is no monotony.

And follows a few impressions of "newspaper work."

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And again she left the office and the faithful typewriter in search of the ever elusive substance or mayhap creature, "news." It is a queer element, this news, even if the town should be gleaned of all its news in one day, (if that were possible) the next day there would be just as much waiting to be handled. Potatoes and hams can be secured one week, and made to last for months, if you buy enough of them, but large lasting quantities of news fail to exist, a reporter's work is "daily work" with emphasis on the "daily." But it is more fun than several parades or even circuses, and this is why.

To the beauty shops, to the law offices, to the doctors, the reporter wanders and as she gathers item after item, there seems to be a chuckle, by that substance she pursues, meaning that there is more around the corner.

"I have good news for you," one man said. She beamed with joy. "No news is good news." Her sailing ship stood still.

How They Sometimes Answer

In answer to the oft repeated questions; "are any of your neighbors sick? Have any of your friends gone on a trip? Is anyone visiting you? Do you know any news?" come the following answers:

"I am as dumb as an ox." "I just don't know anything." "No one ever comes to see me." But those are only on "off days." For there comes a day to each one of these persons when they help to catch the elusive creature that delights in being so persistently pursued.

"Know any news?" the reporter once asked a man who was interested in reading. "Why, I was just trying to find some in your paper." The wind left her sails.

And then comes the secrets. "I know some news?" somebody will chirp. "Oh tell me about it." "Well it isn't publishable." "Oh — tell me anyhow." At these times she hears only the things that travel from mouth to mouth, like the legends of the ancients. Sometimes, "So and so's engaged!" "N. O. Brakes missed a stop street last night, but the cop's gave him another chance." "you can't guess who she was with last night." Often after lodge meetings refreshments are served or programs held. Once while getting a story of a lodge meeting, a man's answer to the question, "did they have anything after lodge?" was, "Well — some of the boys did, but I didn't."

"It's all quiet on the Potomac," one lodge usually answers, when nothing has happened.

The old system of barter and trade, though not used strictly, is often employed. They tell her one piece of news, and then she tells them some other news. "Turn about is fair play."

The Christmas spirit is high now, and every store is filled with people and gifts, and it's pure joy to go in for news, and just look and look. Many of the locals come from the soda fountains, luncheon counters, and drugstores; and every store has a news item, once in a while.

Maybe this sounds like all she hears is bright "cracks" and "I don't know," but if people only knew how much fun it is, they'd all apply for the job.

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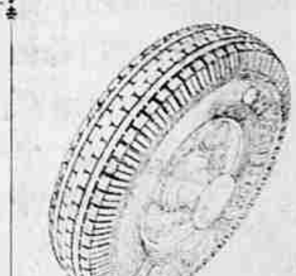

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