

The manifesto with which the City Council of Torremaggiore informed citizenry that under his patronage would be celebrated the event.



The City of Torremaggiore, hearing of the rehabilitation of the citizen NICOLA SACCO and Bartolomeo Vanzetti from the Governor Massachusetts, **expresses feelings of pleasure and deep satisfaction**, for the will of reparation, which means the iniquity of the judgment that August 23, 1927, brought the two Italian anarchists in the electric chair. It 'a moment of great joy for the democrats from around the world (especially for citizens of Torremaggiore), for the supporters of justice that finally triumphs. The Mayor, while citizenship warns that 23 next August - the anniversary of the conviction - will take place in Torremaggiore, UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE MUNICIPALITY, A NATIONAL EVENT WAS INTENDED TO CELEBRATE THE REHABILITATION, with the likely intervention of Senator TERRACINI,

#### INVITE

to meditate again on the validity of the message of the two anarchists, linked to the positive outcome of a battle of renewal political and moral, so necessary today.

Addi July 23, 1977.

The Mayor  
Prof. Michele Marinelli

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August 23, 1927, on the electric chair Prison in Charleston were killed two innocent, NICOLA



SACCO Torremaggiore (FG),  
and BARTOLOMEO VANZETTI  
Villafalletto (CN).

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## Program of events in honor of Sacco and Vanzetti

Sunday, September 18, at 18 - in the Republic Square, to Comp. The New Repertory presents, **CONCERT FOR SACCO E VANZETTI** Scenic drives Mario Contini, music by Roberto Musto, directed by Giuseppe Corrado (performed, for reference, the next evening, September 19, in the theater SANTAGATA) **Saturday, September 24**, 18 hours - in the Republic Square - screening of the documentary by Torremaggiore "*the memory of Sacco and Vanzetti*" by Italo De Stasio. Followed by a public debate entitled: "*The action of the labor movement and democratic rehabilitation of Sacco and Vanzetti.*" The introductory speech will be given by **professor Michele Marinelli - Mayor of Torremaggiore** Participate in the debate: **the actor Riccardo Cucciolla - Franco Portone** of Rome International Committee of honor - **Senator Domenico De Simone's** Honorary Committee Rome International. At the conclusion of the debate the actor Riccardo Cucciolla read some letters of Sacco and Vanzetti. **Sunday, September 25**, 10,30 hours - inauguration of the mural dedicated to Sacco and Vanzetti, painted along the avenue G. Di Vittorio, the group ARCI-UISP Torremaggiore. 11.30 hour - a delegation of the commonly and the International Committee, will lay a wreath at the cemetery on the tomb of Nicola Sacco. 13,30 hours - will be broadcast by Radio Torremaggiore the special edition of recorded "YOU AND I" dedicated to Sacco and Vanzetti, on the occasion of their rehabilitation. Transmission participated Ruggero Orlando, Giuliano Montaldo, Mario Mattia Giorgetti, Dante Sacco, Vincenzina Vanzetti and Michele Marinelli.

18 hours - in the Republic Square, Commemoration of the two martyrs **Speak Senator UMBERTO TERRACINI** First Constituent Assembly President and Vice President of the International Committee of Rome 20 hours - "50 years ago Sacco and Vanzetti", a documentary presented by TG2 Mario Mattia Giorgetti.



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At only 17 years Nicola Sacco with his brother Sabino leaves Torremaggiore in March 1908, in search of fortune, in United States. Even Though the insistence father, the mirage America prevailed. In 1908 in Torremaggiore life is devoid of any perspective, America, instead, he lives in freedom. The United States is a land of wealth and well-being, to which we look with confidence and hope. The situation of Torremaggiore in 1908 is disastrous, missing work and there is chance have I live, there are starvation wages and living conditions miserable. So Sabino and Nicola Sacco want groped the Fortunately, with the purpose of return rich in their country to buy a house and a piece of land. So start at Torremaggiore full of enthusiastic and hope. But the little money accumulated soon end up in Boston, where he landed in April, where they try the first disappointment and bitterness, realizing that America was the land that they imagined. Foreigners are seen with suspicion and is difficult to find work. Nicola is hired as water carrier for a team of workers involved in the construction of a road, and not finding better must accept all that is imposed. In late summer terms the work for the construction of the road and manages to get hired in foundries Hopedale the and then in a shoe factory Milford. But the two only Nicola can adapt, Sabino returns Torremaggiore, so the two brothers separate. In Massachusetts Nicola Sacco begins to attend with her countrymen the anarchist circles where he met Bartolomeo Vanzetti. Reads the "Chronicle subversive" by Luigi Galleoni and the weekly, directed by Carlo Tresca. With his companions takes part in the strike in 1912 in Laurence, for better conditions work. Knows in this days of struggle Rosina who will be his partner. So Nicola Sacco, workers silent, active and sincere, active and quiet devotes his time and his money to the causes of its companions, who have always had the utmost confidence in him. In 1916, Nicola Sacco is arrested for spoke on the occasion the strike organized by Carlo Tresca in Minessatoc; yet in '17 for demonstrating against the war, and is forced to go to Mexico where he meets again Bartholomew Vanzetti, which is bound by a deep and fraternal friendship made even stronger by their common political idea. So on the evening of May 5,1920, in Brock tan, the State of Massachusetts, were arrested two Italian Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti. In this years, arrests for operating of foreigners is frequent, enough to go unnoticed the arrest of the two Italians, who are limited in their actions it political manifestation union and military actively in the movement anarchist. Not news nor the verdict issued July 14, 1921 by the court of Delfom believes that the two Italian immigrants responsible for double murder for robbery and will condemned to the electric chair. Only two interests of a few friends and to launch an appeal In those days by Albino Febeau, that on judge's ruling Webster Thayer, a violent Slow attack on freedom so you mobilize civil rapidly opinion public who stood in two opposite according to the prejudices then suited. Only after 7 years, the 23 August 1927 day fixed for the execution of sentences, in every part the world, the attentive crowd incredulous and waits someone intervenes. To 0.16 hours the coroner notes the death of two executed.

Felice Miranda

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**The text of the speech that the Prof, Michele Marinelli, Mayor of Torremaggiore, held on the evening of September 25, 1977.**

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Citizens, friends and comrades, antifascist fighters of Torremaggiore and the Province gathered in this important event, it is with deep emotion that manifest, the anniversary of fiftieth the death of Sacco and Vanzetti's greeting the people of Torremaggiore, the country that gave birth to Nicola Sacco and preserves a brilliant tradition of struggle for freedom and justice.

The whole day cannot be for us only a date of commemoration the unjust death of the two Italian

anarchists, nor can it be the only occasion a tribute to those who act with a certain bold proclaimed in July the moral rehabilitation of Sacco and Vanzetti. This day wants to be even and especially an appointment of a struggle to repel the attempts of rejection of the proclamation of Dukakis as the one conducted forward by Republican senators of Massachusetts with a resolution condemning promoter of the initiative of the Governor of rehabilitation. It has been many years after the death of the two anarchists and big steps have been made on the way civil confrontation and peaceful coexistence among men; However, even today, hatred against socialism, the same hatred that led the prosecutor to Sacco and Vanzetti to sentencing that "even if they were not guilty of murder, they are guilty of "socialism", has not yet given up the mood of many continue to live on the exploitation of large masses of men on the continuing ignoble of privileges, on the repression of every legitimate aspiration of a society freer and more human. The proclamation of Dukakis is not the sign of a new course that went affirm I send in the US policy and the new sensibility of American citizens for the moral problems and civil, the aftermath of the infamous attack on Vietnam, product deleterious to a tragic desire to dominate and power. Men, however, as David Locke, convinced that the proclamation of July 19 is a shameful fact in the history of Massachusetts, witness the tenacious persistence of feelings in the US that does not do honor to the American people. Senator Packman, criticizing the promoters of the attack on the proclamation said fact that the resolution against it "is the continuation of the injury and infamy poured on minorities for many years". Remember today Sacco and Vanzetti, the day dedicated to them, also means even give beyond the traditional and even right interpretive scheme that sees the two Anarchists in the electric chair as victims of pressures and terror, hunt "radical" and "delirium of the deportations", the "climate of the moment" and the "fanaticism of the masses". As noted recently, the 'Corriere della Sera', the journalist Pasinetti, stop and this means being very hasty. Prejudice and persecution of citizen jurors who expressed the verdict of condemnation August 23, 1927 "were part of their natural constitution" and then the item to be detected in this judges more than a feeling of momentary and circumscribed aversion against the anarchism and minorities, is the quality of their culture or rather their ignorance, lack of interest and openness towards other experiences intellectuals, the tare weight heavier than a narrow ethnocentrism and persecutor ".And 'why today, at a time of meetings and collaboration of cultures and peoples, the resolution of condemnation passed by the Senate of Massachusetts is reason of indignation and concern and is awaiting a decision by the President Carter tooth that is associated to the proclamation of Dukakis, reflecting the will of part of the American people to correct their mistakes, to restore credibility to a State which in recent years has often denied the principles which says inspired "Therefore the proclamation of July last year cannot and must not be understood solely as an act of repairing a formidable "miscarriage of justice", but as the triumph against prejudice and discrimination in political and social burden of minorities. In this it has been understood by the public opinion of fellow citizens Sacco . In this way it was intended by the City Council of Torremaggiore in a timely public meeting approved an agenda of protest against the initiative of the vote of condemnation of the proclamation of Dukakis. The day of July 19, 1977 marks a historic date for freedom, Justice and Human Rights. The rehabilitation of Sacco and Vanzetti is the goal of a deep commitment and appassionato that has proceeded relentlessly and uncertainties on the part of all citizens who in the world are fighting for democracy and for the civil coexistence of peoples."The seed of generous solidarity and internationalism thrown fifty years ago - had this to say Senator Terracini August 23 in Turin - has sprouted in depths of minds and consciences and finally today gave its fruit. Was a lighted torch for over half a century that has enlightened consciences more clear the world of 'art, culture and politics. " A sincere and profound message, I believe, goes bestowed the International Committee of Rome, chaired by Senator Pietro Nenni, the tireless work for the rehabilitation of the two anarchists unjustly convicted, has associated direct engagement to reiterate and spread the news of an ideal message, alive and throbbing, issued by Sacco and Vanzetti and where today millions of men Democrats recognize. likewise, a solemn eulogy should be made to the anti-fascist civic consciousness of citizenship of Torremaggiore that never ceased to fight for the innocence of the two martyrs and that a little less than a week ago they lived again quietly and composed devotion, through the scenic

representation of a qualified theater company, the tragic story of Sacco and Vanzetti, which is a sad memory of 'emigration, the forced separation from family and suffering, that is mindful of the struggles stout against injustice, which is the memory of lives sacrificed for freedom. A non-formal greeting is a must turn to the Auditors and Directors of Commons neighbors gathered in the village of Nicola Sacco on his memory, reflecting the democratic faith that inspired their humble and daily office, to the family of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti that neither justice nor proclamation will ever compensate unchanged in their affections, political representatives and union of Torremaggiore and the Province, Parliamentarians, men of culture, the delegation of the National Association of Partisans and the National Association of Political Persecuted Antifascists, to the civil authorities, local, provincial and regional associations cultural, to all those who, in short, that by their presence they wanted to pay tribute, this evening, a high recognition to the memory of two Italians killed August 23 1927. Finally, a heartfelt thanks are made to the general partner Umberto Terracini, that despite his no longer young age, is wanted today to come among us to commemorate the two anarchists and remember Italians and citizens of Torremaggiore how tough, troubled and full of sacrifices was and is still the battle for freedom, justice and brotherhood among peoples "

Torremaggiore, September 25, 1977.



Michele Marinelli  
Sindaco di Torremaggiore.

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Summary of the speech that Senator Umberto Terracini, Vice President of the International Committee for the rehabilitation of memory Sacco and Vanzetti, held on the evening of September 25, 1977 in Torremaggiore closing of the events organized to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the death of the two anarchists.

Start: shortly before nineteen.  
Senator Umberto Terracini

#### **DEBUTS**

by saying that Torremaggiore is known in Italy and in Europe for the quality of its wine and its oil that the farmer is able to draw from the earth with his work and will be known throughout the world not only to have given birth to Ferdinand (Nicola) Sacco but also because in its cemetery holds half of the ashes mixed with those of Bartolomeo Vanzetti, 'Another Italian immigrant who along with Sacco, the August 22 1927 nello State of Massachusetts, USA, died in the electric chair, innocent victim of a racial hatred and anti-worker.

#### **RECALLS**

the times when, at the beginning of this century, many Italian workers, mostly workers the earth, the precarious living conditions then existing in Italy, they were forced to emigrate to the United States to earn a pittance and support the family left at home,

#### **EXPLAIN**

why Ferdinand Sacco has passed to history as the Nicola thus: "If, during the First World War, the United States of America on end of 1917 entered the war against Germany and Austria-Hungary, obligation to enlist in their army all immigrants many of whom refuse to do so because they do not have the confidence to make sacrifices for a country whose powers that had forced them to a brutal exploitation and transmigrate mass in nearby Mexican Republic demonstrating with their gesture to be the precursors of that vast internationalist movement that later will be finished "Conscientious objection". Ferdinand Sacco was among them, and after the war, back in the US, to avoid the crime of American law that qualified him as a deserter, took the name of "Nicola Sacco"

## **EXPOUND**

because the ashes that are preserved in cemeteries of Torremaggiore and Villafalletto be mixed: "Who brought back to Italy the funerary urn containing the remains the two Italian immigrants, since the two bodies were cremated together, arrived in Genoa, pulled from the same urn a handful of ashes to gave it to the family of Vanzetti, the remaining was sent to Torremaggiore".

## **DESCRIBES**

American society in the first quarter of this century ... "A dominant class consists of the most enterprising descendants of the first settlers of origin Anglo-Saxon it is concerned only for the preservation of their own power political and cheap "... the natives, the Indians, destroyed as a people and Survivors relegated to the reserves for some time .... "" ... The company American not expressed no party politically qualified vindicated the aspirations of the working class and the Democratic and Republican parties alternate in power without any qualification of social class and always at the service the ruling class. "

## **BRIEFS**

briefly, the difference between Anarchism and Socialism ... ".. to give life and to increase the anarchist ideal was mostly the craftsmen who, closed in their shops and used to think and act in isolation,, trying so " individually" to solve their problems and give life to the socialist movement and were industrial workers and farm laborers who in direct contact between them because exploited by the same capitalist boss, gave a mass character al struggles to claim their rights. "

## **COMPLAINT**

the partisanship of American justice demonstrated in the trial Sacco of Vanzetti ... "the Boston police arrested the two Italian immigrants following the revelations " seeker ghosts" a fortune teller "... defense witnesses were not heard at the insistence of the defense their words were not held in any account even after the real killers declared before the Court their crime "...The process, despite its importance, was closed in a matter of months and the Court judges, for six long years, was deaf to all cries of appeal and revision it "...

## **ITEMIZE**

the names of the great cities of the husks in which were held large demonstrations organized by the Committee for the Liberation of Sacco and Vanzetti: Paris, London, Tokyo, New York, Buenos Aires, ....

## **REMEMBER**

then that in Italy there was the fascist dictatorship and that it was impossible for the masses Italian workers and individuals to publicly demonstrate and protest this injustice.

## **MOVED, MOVES THE AUDIENCE**

remembering that the last act of human justice, denied by the American justice, was the one made by the authorities of the State of Massachusetts, when they denied the grace to Nicola Sacco, requested by sister Felicetta (on stage), when she went to Boston was told that the electro execution had already been made and that the authorizing only to bring in his homeland, the ashes of the two bodies cremated.

## **LAW**

Proclamation did put up all over the territory of the State of Massachusetts the current Governor Dukakis in which proclaims August 23, 1977 "Day Memorial Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti "and" trusting in reaching maturity of consciousness of the younger generation American adds "although United States of America, among many demerits, have the merit of having contributed to the liberation of Italy and the overthrow of fascism in the world, it is up to these young generations rehabilitate the memory of the two martyrs Italian deleted from their consciences any form of racial prejudice and intolerance towards minorities of foreign origin".

## CONCLUDES

remembering how I personally met the news, in the prison of 'San Vittore' in Milan, waiting to be tried by a special court that sentenced him to twenty-two Fascist years in prison, of the electro execution of Sacco and Vanzetti.. "I heard the news during " air time " by newcomers in prison and, tacitly all detainees antifascists, decided to return to our prison agreeing how to respond in case of interrogation:" I renounce my air time because yesterday I was hit by a great loss "and the leaders of the prison, when questioned, understood and there punished."

**The speaker ends his speech a few minutes after hours twenty.**

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I transcribed a few hours later and on the basis of memory, the summary of the speech given by Senator Umberto Terracini, because I knew that none of the organizers of the event had failed to record the service, and then also for a personal revenge towards them because, in compliance with team orders received, they tried to exclude me from the event.

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In early 1962 I was in Turin and I saw, in the Theatre "Alfieri" representation the drama "Sacco and Vanzetti"1 staged by Giancarlo Sbragia, Valeria Valeri, Ivo Garrani and Riccardo Cucciolla and a few nights later, on the premises ARCI Turin, wires present at the debate on the representation elapsed among actors and the public, and on that occasion I asked the actor if Cucciolla knew that the Martyr anarchist Sacco was actually called Ferdinand 'and not Nicholas and that when he asked me why did I know I said I was to Torremaggiore, the only town in Italy and in the world that he titled one of his ways Sacco and Vanzetti because Ferdinand Sacco was born in Torremaggiore, not Orta nova (FG). Riccardo Cucciolla thanked me for this my clarification and told me that the drama they represented had not had in some cities in the South of Italy success that reflected in some northern cities and in this regard Sbragia, Garrani of Valeri and asked me if it was possible to represent the drama in the theaters of Captains (FG) and told them that it was feasible and that I'd be interested as a result I became interested but it could not come into port for others obstruction and indifference.

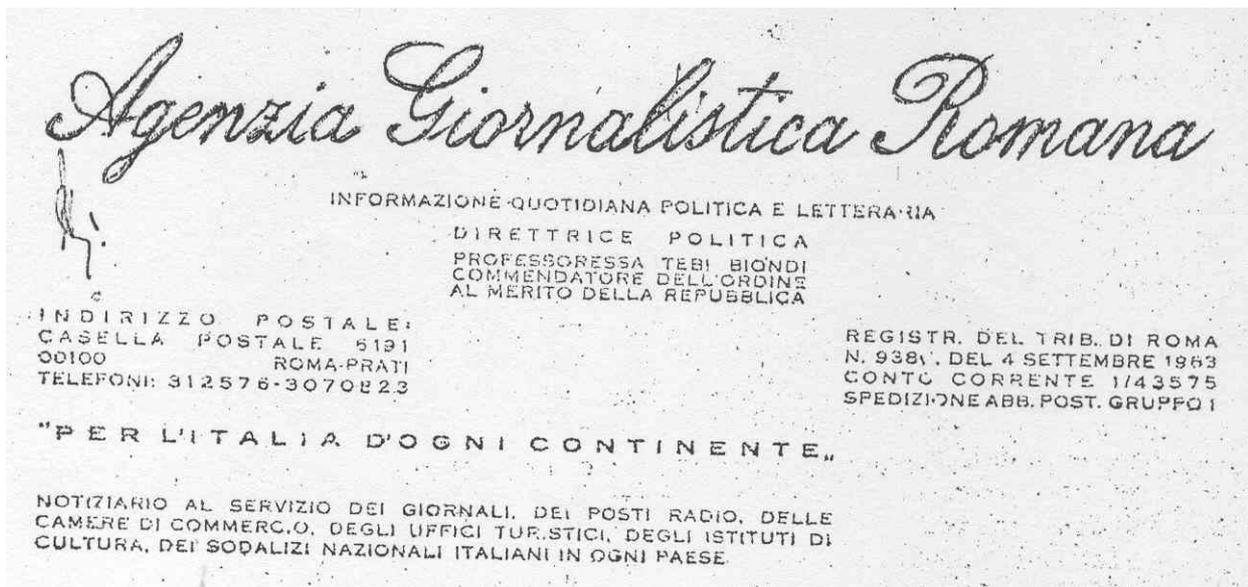
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The night before the one in which Senator Terracini held its rally I ventured in the halls of the office of the Town Hall in a fluctuating environment hostile to me and I was able to contact Riccardo Cucciolla, "guest of honor" of the commemorative event because interpreter of the part of the film Sacco Nicola directed by Giuliano Montaldo. I introduced myself to him reminding him of the particular conversation in Arci of Turin, and then the rest shooting transmitted by television, and what ensued was a brief conversation of the parties incurred by him in both drama in the film.

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Republic Square was overcrowded, despite the grapes harvest period, when Senator Terracini gave his eulogy. On stage bust in "chalk - plastic" depicting Ferdinand Nicola Sacco performed by countryman Alfonso Marinelli. Behind and to the sides of the bench reserved for speakers were the Mayors and Municipal Gonfalon San Severo, San Paolo di Civitate and Casalvecchio di Puglia, the relatives of Sacco, some MPs of Capitanata, some Regional Councilors', the Provincial Government, the provincial delegations socialist and communist, the representatives of the world of art and culture. Among the crowd stood and flags dell'ANPI dell'ANPPA; Many strangers present in the audience. Between the Public Force: a Captain, several NCOs and several Soldiers of the Carabinieri. This "Radio Torremaggiore" with microphones and cameras.

Overall it was an event to remember of bringing on paper its most significant moments.



## “ITALY FOR EACH CONTINENT”

### "News Agency Roman" TERRIBLE STORY OF "IF" ' SACCO AND VANZETTI;

Service TEBI BIONDI, director of "AGR", dean of the responsible bodies of free information for the press, the author of "material for a story of innocence of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti."

- II stopped two Anarchist
- The First investigations, one-way, county police
- the absurdity of the indictment of the two Italians for facts of Bridgewater and the South Braintree, belt industrial Boston
- II Process the spring of 1921
- prosecutor and Judge convince the jury to deliver a guilty verdict on the basis of a ballistics between doubts.
- And Defense Committee Bostonian anarchist in the seven years of agony of Sacco and Vanzetti
- The culprits to the bitter end of the "Palace" Bostonian
- Sins of the "prominent" of Italian origin, always at the service of the ruling class New England
- Civil courage of Governor Dukakis
- Criticism of the contents of a "Proclamation" which does not reject the judgment of Dedham and realizes an amnesty or "judicial pardon" for memory and the name of Bart and Nick
- what remains to be done to bring justice to their souls.