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libertà nel suo più profondo, più nobile significato. La pagina di storia, segnata con il sangue di Giovanni Taglioretti, la notte tra il 14 e il 15 febbraio 1798, valse al Ticino la più bella sua conquista! Era quindi doveroso ricordare quella data fatidica, a 150 anni di distanza. In ogni centro ticinese i " Moti di Lugano " vennero ora rievocati, con manifestazioni patriottiche, commoventi e serene. Specialmente a Lugano. La città, liberatasi da un fitto nebbione, apparve, questo 15 febbraio, tutta imbandierata, quando un gruppo di tamburini passò di contrada in contrada. L'obelisco di Piazza Indipendenza, avvolto dai due vessilli, nazionale e cantonale, era il centro delle manifestazioni. Una delle note più significative: il Corpo dei Volontari luganesi, con la caratteristica uniforme, che posò una corona di alloro ai piedi del monumento, e altra venne posata alla lapide che ricorda Giovanni Taglioretti, unica vittima di quella lotta. Un radioso canto di giovinezza si levava dalle scolaresche cittadine, verso il cielo terso. Nel pomeriggio, degna chiusura di sì grande, sentita manifestazione, il Te Deum in

Cattedrale, officiante S.E. Mons. Jelmini, presente autorità, associazioni, e un foltissimo stuolo di fedeli.


Bellinzona rievocava invece quella data il 16 febbraio, con solenne celebrazione in Governo. Bandiere ovunque . . . e fiori rossi e bianchi. Aula stipatissima. Tra il Consiglio di Stato al gran completo, tra altre personalità, il Presidente della Confederazione, on. Celio, è S.E. Mons. Vescovo Jelmini. Calorosamente applauditi parlarono il Presidente del Gran Consiglio, on. Masina e l'on. Galli, capo del Dip. Pubblica Educazione. Negli intervalli un quartetto d'archi esegui musiche di Mozart e Cherubini. Corone vennero deposte al monumento ai militi morti in servizio e a quello dell'Indipendenza.

Così in ogni distretto. Le vicende del tempo e il clima storico in cui si svolsero i fatti di Lugano, formarono oggetto della rievocazione che celebrava il 150.mo anniversario dell'indipendenza del Canton Ticino.

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The people were happy, and the World and his Wife
Were hoping for Peace and cessation from strife.

It is almost three years, yet Peace seems far off,
Due to the " No, No, No's " of old Molotov;
Let old Allies resolve to work together once more
And to keep from now on a wide open door:—

Where Tolerance can enter, and faithful old friends,
In brotherly love may meet and shake hands;
To be followed by Heralds of Goodwill and Peace
From Moscow and London, U.S.A., and Paris.

How useless to quarrel about Zones, Blocs and Spheres,
When bombers and rockets won't stop at frontiers!
Why should love between them be only platonic
Whilst hate, greed and distrust are well-nigh
atomic!

But once the " Atomic " is put into action
The safety of Nations depends on a fraction —
Oh! how disheartening, depressing and weary
To watch Nations wholesale commit Hara-Kiri!

To save this sinful old World, and secure its survival,
Needs a new Christian spirit, and religious revival:
This, with Tolerance and Truth, are its only salvation,
Founded on Justice and Faith, and a World
Federation.

F. ISLER.

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