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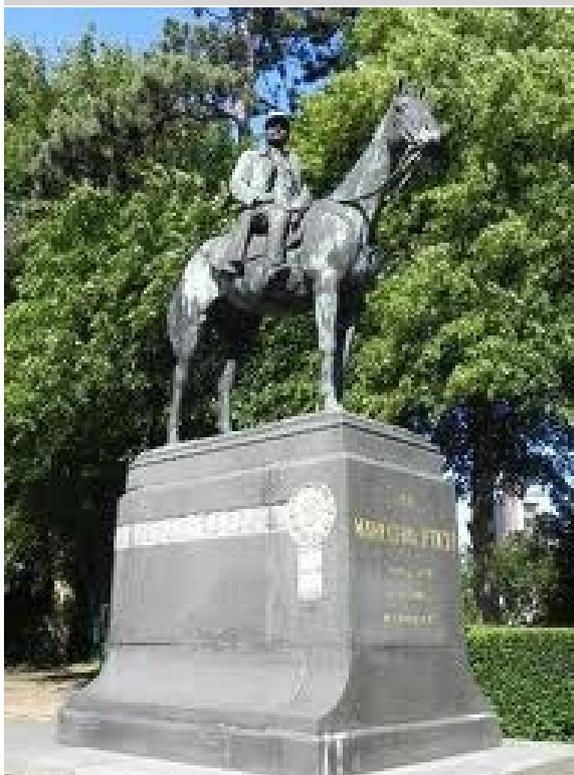
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**FASCIST OPINION.**

## THE FOCH MEMORIAL



**AS SEEN FROM THE  
WINDOWS OF GENERAL  
HEAD QUARTERS OF  
BRITISH FASCISTS.**

### THE CINDERELLA OF THE SKY

**P**ROBABLY few people to-day would deny that flight is becoming a matter of prime national importance, and that instruction in it will be essential, not only to the personnel of our forces, but even more to the ordinary "industrial" man or woman. Transport problems, and population problems aggravating them, have become so acute to-day that there is only one outlet for all the

traffic that will be necessary in the future. That outlet is the sky.

### Universities and Aviation

With the wide acceptance of the Kellogg Pact, and the signature of the Optional Clause, we are justified in the hope that war between civilized nations will become a matter of dead history; but in the meanwhile we have military training being continued. Surely it must be obvious that that military training should be adapted to take account of the new factor of flight.



Oxford and Cambridge Universities have their Air Squadrons, but there is no such opportunity for the cadets of the University of London Officers' Training Corps, which means that that great seat of learning cannot offer facilities for a single cadet to be trained for the Air Force. Those of its members who obtain commissions have to get them in other branches of the service: Infantry, Artillery, Engineers, Medicals, Sound-Rangers, or Survey, as the case, may be.

### A Waste of Good Material

An appeal for young men of good education to train for commissions in the Auxiliary Air Force, the flying equivalent of the Territorial Army, is within recollection, yet here we have, in the capital itself, and within easy reach of several aerodromes, a waste of excellent material for flying officers which the authorities either do not know or do not care to prevent.

If there is any, objection on the ground of economy, it is a false one. In another connection, Mr Pethick-Lawrence very

rightly pointed out that, the true definition of economy is "wise expenditure." Yet that policy cannot be regarded as wise which only trains men for the ground services. If it were merely a matter of money, surely the best course would be to curtail expenditure on the other arms of the service in order, with the funds thus saved, to support an Air Squadron.

### Does London Want an Air Squadron?

It might be argued that perhaps the Londoners are quite content to be foot-sloggers and poultice-wallopers, and so on, but that is not borne out by the facts.

At the annual camps of the contingent it has been arranged in the past to take a certain number of, officer-cadets for flights in Air Force machines, and the eagerness with which the limited number of places are balloted for shows that it is not lack of interest among the personnel which prevents the London University Officers' Training Corps from possessing an Air Squadron of its own. The Corps is not open to the slightest criticism on that account; on the contrary the interest shown is worthy of the highest praise, and deserves that better facilities should be at its disposal.

### Is It Flying Training?

We have already mentioned that cadets have been taken for flights in Air Force machines; it should be added that the Air Force also co-operates with the Corps on field days. It will not be disputed, however, that both the flights and the co-operation are arranged, so to speak, with the "ground-mind." We would not, suggest that the flights, are mere joy-rides, but the training given is with a view to showing what can be seen from the air, and how troops can be concealed against observation. This remark also applies to co-operation in the field.

"Infantry Training" dwells on the essentiality of having the offensive attitude of mind, yet the knowledge of the air arm in war which is given to these cadets, is a knowledge only of defence against aircraft, not of offensive from the air, and that of course will be the governing factor of any future war.

If it is argued that the Air Force is a technical service demanding full time from its members we shalt not dispute it, but only ask why, if that is the case, does the Auxiliary Air Force exist? That is a part-time service, like the Territorial Army, and should, in the same way be open to officer-cadets from the University of London. We do not deny that it may be so open at present; but no one will contradict the statement that under the existing condition of affairs that magnificent contingent is not able to offer facilities as good for cadets entering the Auxiliary Air Force as it can for candidates for Infantry, Engineer, Medical, Sound-Ranging, Survey and Artillery Units.

After all, four years in any one of these branches of the O.T.C., and the passing of two examinations, is regarded as desirable in a candidate for a commission. Will it be seriously suggested that a ten-minute flight once a year is air equally sound qualification in a candidate for a commission in the Auxiliary Air Force?

### **Civil Flying**

There is a further point which should be remembered. To-day, flight is going to be increasingly important in every, branch of human activity. The training and instruction of an Air Squadron would materially increase the number of available commercial pilots. To deny to these young men the chance of becoming familiar with aeroplanes, and capable of controlling them, is denying to our industries a valuable assistance in speeding up transport.

Better and more rapid transport means a simplification of commerce, which can only increase prosperity, and, therefore, reduce the enormous number of our unemployed. It is not unfair or irrelevant, therefore, to ask the Government to use this particular brick when they rebuild the nation's industries.

## **British, Fascists And The Unity Band**

The present crisis in national affairs is such that any past disagreements as to policy should be forgotten and an effort made by all those who are still determined not to see our

Country and once great Empire ruined by treacherous misgovernment.

An alliance is proposed between the Unity Band and the British Fascists.

In the past there have been several occasions on which certain of our members have quite sincerely disagreed with the policy laid down in good faith by the Grand Council.

Again, others have dropped out of touch with the British Fascists because after the General Strike, when we showed our critics that we were not only able to stand on our own legs but to kick with them as well, it was thought that

the British Fascists had accomplished that which they had set out to do and that, therefore, there was no need for further effort on the part of our many thousands of members.

That this line of thought was sadly incorrect is only too obvious to any thinking person today. However, there has arisen an opportunity to adjust past divergences of opinion, to set again willing hands to the plough, and to go forward together with the Unity Band in a great effort to bring this country to its senses.

To those members who have dropped out of the active work of the British Fascists owing to ill-health, age, or to any other natural reason, we appeal to join the Unity Band, where opportunity will be given them to engage in educative and propaganda work which will be well within their physical capabilities. To those of our past members who are anxious to take up again really active militant work against the enemies of this Country we request them to remember their original oath which they took when they first joined us, and to return with renewed vigour to the battle for Great Britain and the Empire.

Although in the past the British Fascists have not necessarily subscribed to this point of view, there can be very few real Fascists who do not see that the present system of Party Government is responsible for most, if not all, of our present ills, and it is thought unlikely that any will refrain from supporting this campaign.

At the moment the lines of cooperation on which the Unity Band and the British Fascists are proposing to work are as follow:--

1. The Unity Band will deal mainly with Propaganda and Educative work.
2. The British Fascists will undertake all the militant work of the "Association," while still carrying on their own propoganda in such a way that there is no overlapping or duplicating of work.
3. The Fascist Children's Clubs Dept., which is a most practical and important part of the work of the organization, owing to the terrible cancer of sedition and blasphemy which the Socialists, and Communists are implanting in the, youth of the country, will continue its excellent work as before.
4. Joint meetings will be held by the two organizations where the policies will be explained and the public urged to join up.

As a further measure of co-operation a member of the Unity Band will be invited to sit one the Grand Council of the British Fascists, and one of our own Council members will join the Council (as yet unformed) of the Unity Band.

All past and present members of the British Fascists are asked to write to General Headquarters stating their attitude towards the Alliance; and if they are able-bodied to reaffirm their willingness to support the British Fascists, or if unable to undertake really active work, to state how much time they can give and whether they have any special knowledge which would be of use to the Unity Band

## REVIEW

"*Fads and Phrases*" (Boswell, 5/- net) is the title of a trenchant criticism of current social and political life in this country by Oscar Boulton. He is not afraid to call a spade a spade, or to tell the electorate to its face that it is largely composed of dupes, and led by scamps.

His outlook is essentially sane, and we can confidently recommend this book to our readers.

The only criticism we have to offer is one of detail. He is not alone 'in wishing to see the Air Ministry dismembered, and the carcass shared between the War Office and the Admiralty, but this view of the case overlooks the extreme and growing importance of commercial aviation, for which, so far as we can judge, he has made no provision in his otherwise excellent scheme of reform.

Many of his proposals will commend themselves unreservedly to every British Fascist; for some of them we have for years fought and preached: and certainly few sincerely patriotic British people will deny that his system would mean a saner, healthier and stronger Britain than exists to-day.

"Fads and Phrases" is a book every British Fascist should not merely read, but regard as a work' for frequent reference.

## MENACES TO THE EMPIRE

By Elliott O'Donnell



**M**ENACES without the Empire confront us, ostentatiously, at the moment, in Russia and China; menaces within the Empire confront us everywhere—in India, in Egypt, and right here in the very heart of England. Never has there been a time, indeed, when this still mighty Empire has been confronted with so many menaces, never a time when it has been more urgently in need of a solid front to face these menaces, and never a time when it has been more divided and, consequently, less able to face them. Were it not for the traitorous Reds at home we would en masse, smilingly dare Russian Sovietism to do its worst, and laugh at the mere mention of India and the Yellow Peril. As it is, however, the

East and the Far East afford us food for a reflection, which daily grows more and more serious.

There are too many unemployed, and therein the greatest of all menaces lies. The unemployed uneducated are only really dangerous when starving; the unemployed educated are dangerous always. A liberally inclined Government gave to the Indian, as well as to the poorer middle classes at home, the opportunity of a technical and University education at a low-cost. The opportunity was utilized, and today, India and the British Isles teem with an educated youth, for the most part genuinely anxious to obtain employment.

The statistics in the Press are thoroughly misleading. They point to a million odd unemployed. Those unemployed are only the manual workers, no account is taken of the large and daily increasing number of unemployed educated, and yet these are the people any intelligent and far-sighted Government would try to cater for first, for out of such leaven all Revolutions have sooner or later come. It was so in France and Russia, it is so in India; and it will be so in England, unless we can substitute, in the immediate future, statesmen for politicians; there are far too many of the latter, far too few of the former.

At the present, those who are at the helm are not only Little Englanders, they are "little" men. In the unemployed they see only The man with the pick and shovel, the representative of the majority of voters, and for him only do they try and find the remedy, increase of "doles" and work on the roads. It is so very simple, at least so they boast, and the long-suffering rate and tax-payers have to bear the financial onus of it, though this, of course, is not always so. The unemployed intellectual, not caring to be on the "dole," starves, grumbling, perhaps, but, at the moment grumbling more or less to himself. For him, work on the roads is impossible. He is physically and temperamentally unfit for it. (I can speak from experience, for I once tried manual labour, in Oregon). Nothing, either, will ever make him an agriculturist. He has been trained to work with his brain; consequently, cerebral employment is the one and only occupation to which he can adapt himself. But how can he obtain it? Should

Industry prosper he can, acquire it readily enough.

Increase the factories and warehouses and you automatically increase the demand for clerical workers. But how, again, can industry prosper? Only by some such system of protection as is now being advocated by the most astute and far-sighted of our Imperialists. A continuation of the present Free Trade system, with its accompanying plan of making England the clumping ground not only of all kinds of foreign goods but of all kinds of foreigners, can only result in the steady decline of national prosperity and the proportionate increase of unemployment. Once commerce forges ahead and, industries flourish, there will be a demand not only for manual workers but for clerical workers too.

As an example and undeniable proof of what I am saying, look at Italy under Mussolin.

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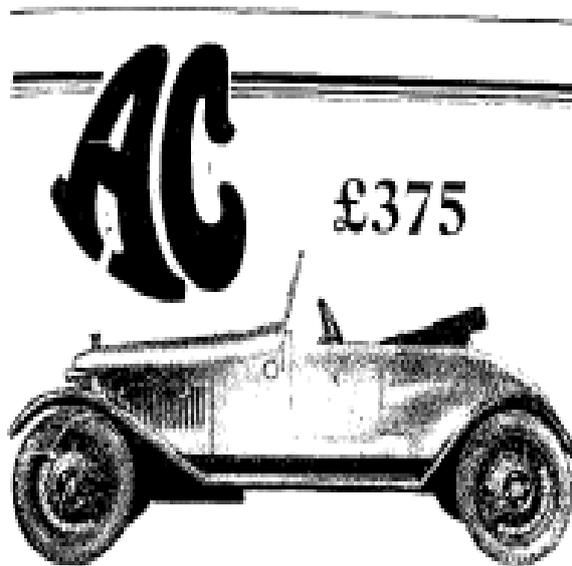
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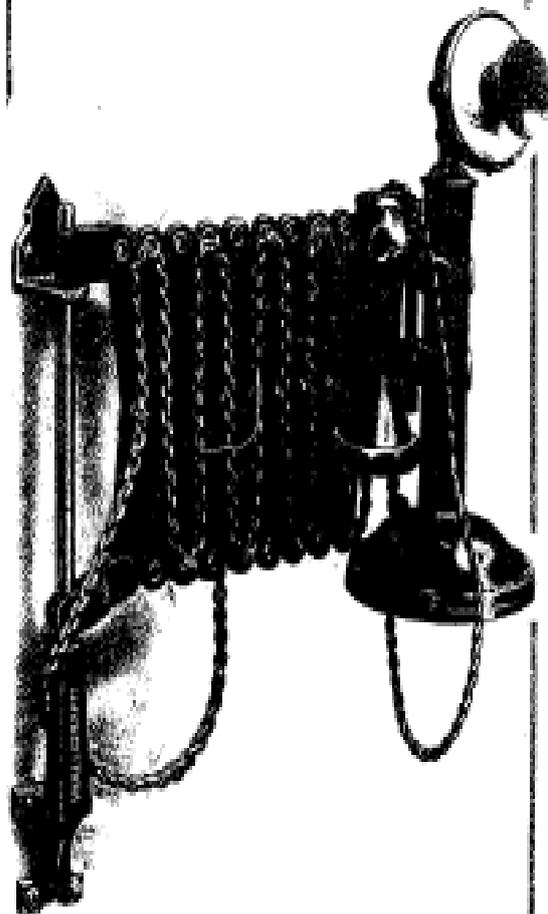
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