

Office of Affairs

When the Italian Government signed the treaty of peace, did it do so with mental reservations that it would give religious liberty to people, the ones they liked, and would withhold the right of worship to those whom they did not like provided that they were not Pentecostals, those of the Church of Christ, Baptists, Methodists and other minorities. I think that Italy surrendered unconditionally and the treaty of peace only had no reservations.

Article 15 of the Peace Treaty specifically provides for the protection of religious minorities. It does not say Pentecostals, Baptists or anything else and the Italian Government agreed to this as a solemn covenant. Did it mean this, or did it not? This is all we want to know. With these facts before you, Sir, we know that our government will take whatever measures are necessary to bring about the application of the law for full liberty under the guidance of God. For we wish on the Italian Government and Italian people God's richest blessing.

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Dear Brother Goriotti:

I am leaving Washington for California, where I have spent the greater part of the last few weeks fighting for the cause of religious liberty in Italy. I am going home only for a little while so that I can get things straightened out in connection with my own problems; but I want you to know that we are going to keep up the fight and that we are getting everything ready to see to it that there is complete and absolute religious liberty in Italy.

The letters that you received from Dr. Clyde Taylor's Office of the National Association of Evangelicals, I prepared, my dear Brother, both as to the certification that the Assemblies of God are a part of the National Association of Evangelicals and the resolution that was passed at the National Convention in Indianapolis regarding our fraternal fellowship. I feel, of course, that we could do no less; but I want you to know, and through you I want the brethren in Italy to know that the Lord has led me to give up my work so that I could be of help to the cause of Christ.

I am looking forward to possibly seeing you this fall. I want you to gather all the evidence of violations and see that they are sent to me direct because eventually they get to me anyway; and some of these folks who are unknown here in Washington and come down here and speak to one of the clerks in the State Department get the same result as making a hole in the water. You know, after taking your finger out, there is no more hole; and that is the same impression they have left here. I hesitate in saying this, but some of the folks have been more interested in making an impression about themselves than they have been in establishing the Kingdom of God, and that has hurt.

I want you to know that we shall pray and fight and work until complete victory is won. I want you to get documentary evidence for me about

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