

Switzerland has 18,000. There are more Swiss citizens in Italy than either French, British or other foreigners. Germans alone can vie with them in number. But on account of its commercial and industrial importance Switzerland holds the first place. Swiss capital invested in Italy is estimated by the Italian Government at four billion lires. A large number of Swiss nationals are employed in Italian establishments. Such interests are sacred to us and I do not see any reason why they should be compromised for the sake of colonial rivalries which are of no concern to us or because Moscow dislikes the present policy of Italy which stands an obstacle to Soviet propaganda throughout the world.

After the horrors of the world war, the institution of the League of Nations responded to the ardent desire of all civilized nations. In the mind of its founders it devolved upon the League to settle disputes for which certain Powers among the most enlightened periodically unfetter fearful catastrophies upon the world and keep all of Europe in perpetual anguish.

For small countries justly alarmed at the fate of Belgium in 1914, the League was an assurance of peace, a guarantee of independence and a salvation.

The Ethiopian experience should serve to indicate to the League the necessary reforms which ought to strengthen and increase its authority and preserve its prestige.

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