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In a speech at Parma on October 23rd Mussolini discussed the relationship of the syndicalist system to fascism. His choice of words in addressing the people, and his direct appeal to the proletariat is worthy of more than passing interest.

"Comrades", said the Duce, "the Fascist Revolution has brought the laboring man into his own, a fact which Liberal Democracy has failed to accomplish. We wish, "continued the Premier", "to be a party of the masses, directing them, instead of being directed by them".

After praising the work of the local syndicate he said : "I am a syndicalist, a fascist syndicalist. I believe that the three important units of fascism are these:

- (1) The Party, Administration of the Communes, political propaganda, education, and , in a word, all which serves to hold our thought spiritually intact.
- (2) The Militia, which is the armed defense of the regime.
- (3) Syndicalism, the elevation of the working masses, the doctrine of our methods of severity and discipline which will not admit of flattery and lie

"This is the Fascist Revolution my comrades, the fact that 400.000 workmen of this land are arrayed under our banner. Revolution is the introduction into the State of syndicalism which the former democracies ignored. First come our duties, then our rights. Ours is an Italy of syndicalism. We unite all the elements of production and place them upon an equal plane for the benefit of the whole nation, of which we are a part".

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