

In grubbing your way about the corporate State you get gleams of meaning. Changes which disturb many people and which taken apart from the plan for the corporate State and the general idea of syndicalism can only be interpreted as the work of a dictator determined on getting absolutely into his own hands every particle of power is the change that has been made in all Municipal governments. They started out by putting at the head of each commune of 5,000 or less a podesta as they call it, or as we would call it a city manager. It was stated that the syndicates of the commune were each to select from their members a representative. These were to form a counsel that were to work with the podesta. As near as I could find out the counsels are not very active bodies yet, but they are still in the ear. The reason that they are not active is that the syndicates themselves are still in the formative period. Communes and cities have not taken generally enough to the idea though the thing is growing absolutely all the time. People say "But there are no elections". It is true. No elections of the old kind, that is what Mussolini wanted to get rid of. America ought to understand the situation in which Mussolini found the Municipalities. They were in the hands of the politicians and instead of two parties as with us there were any way from half a dozen to a dozen. Theoretically you elected to run your town the best people. These people are to devote themselves to the interests which are business interests. Roads, sanitation, schools etc. But we know particularly how it has worked out in many places in America. The political governor of towns and cities has become the source of corruption dangerous to the whole source of government. Could anything be a more severe criticism on democratic government

