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Thomas Masaryk memorial, 1937.

2 - Yesterday there was laid to rest the noblest figure among ^{our age} the statesmen, the ^{one} ~~used~~
- T.M. - the man who turned raging hell on all the post-bloody Europe
the man who dwarfed by his sp. + intell. stature the men who controlled the
destinies of nations during rather than the world war -

A whole world pauses to pay tribute to this man, who by sheer
integrity, character and by ^{his own} devotion to an ideal, carved out a ^{new} nation
out of a crumbling Empire, followed its institutions and laws, and
set it upon the high Road of History. His devotion to the cause, the
liberation of his people remained constant under every form of pressure
and persecution. He fed the movement for the Jew, his people with his
mind, and heart, his enthusiasm and his sacrifices - until the great day
arrived - when his life ~~was~~ labor was rewarded. To-day Che. stands
a great, free nation, an island of stability in a the midst of sea of
hot. chaos - There it lies on the path, all post-bloody - around
it wrap the stones, F. Ray - but it stands secure, firm
upon the foundations laid down for it by T.M. - upheld by the unity
which finds in his vision and his wise ~~planned~~ architecture.

Who, once having seen him, could ever forget the tall, erect, vigorous
figure, the man who carved himself so peacefully into old age,
whose eye was not dimmed, nor his intellectual power ~~diminished~~ to the
very end, his long & blessed life? To his young disciples - and there
were many, for he loved to surround himself with youth and to train
them for leadership - he appeared as a prophet of exalted faith & morality -
holding & teaching fearlessly to his vision of Freedom, Democracy
and Tolerance in a world gone mad with hate, fear, dictatorships
and intolerance. He saw the rising tide of class warfare, of nat.
chauvinism, of racial hate and of ~~unholy~~ ^{unholy} sweep this ~~unholy~~
fellowship ~~the~~ ^{the} moral collapse ~~the~~ ^{the} spirit of ~~the~~ ^{the} after the war.

He, M. was not moral, was overwhelmed, was stampeded - like the rest of G. he
stood fast & firmly, in his faith, that only freedom & peace & freedom, W. Men
are - equally true of - justice & peace - men save the world - not
a thousand to 100,000 - or 100,000 - or 100,000 - or 100,000 - or 100,000.

I recall in Feb 1933 - not, yes - Future / Peace. (Jude)
What was wrong with the world? He did not blame this country
& that - this econ. system is that - like so many, the shepherds but
who can see no wrong in it - or there are people - but only in the
other fellow (Jude)

2. In a world where faith in D. was crumbling - & sp. values
were ignored & laughed at in the chambers of Europe - this
great sage & statesman - had the courage & high faith to
proclaim anew the Gospel of the Free Man - Truth making
all Peace, Humanity, his eternal abolition

3. M. loved Anne He loved her married her - taught her.
He taught / freedom / peace / peace.
And he was the Bridge bet G. & Anne - That is a close
connection bet Spencer / Am. & Spencer / Am. - not only did
Anne contribute to freedom / G. - Am. is far greater when
this world has not been forgotten - but the motif is same -
Liberty, Justice - freedom -

4. The Jews, the world - Friend & Champion - When his powers
& began in his work -

Leopold Hilsner - 1899 - (Read) - (Resolution)

4) And he championed - not he. he loved Jews and other people -
He. he was just - Every wrong against him
championed Human Rights

Spoke up against superstition of his people as accusers
guiltiness of so-called "Old Czech Manuscripts" - which
were described - inquiries - in his magazine "The Athlete"

A just man! "It is not enough to proclaim yourself
a Jew! You must know what you have to do about it!
First - be the best possible kind of man, yourself!"

5) This is the man we are met here to honor - In honoring
him - we have ourselves - we have witnessed that the
ideal he stood for - an ideal with us on both sides
as long as spirit & T. M. remains living, over of -
that country is free -

As long as spirit, T. M. - remains alive in Europe -
there is hope for the harassed - shelter - maddened continent
God be thanked for T. M.