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The Italian Unknown Soldier

In the following test I’m going to tell about the history of the Italian Unknown Soldier.

First of all, I’m going to discuss how developed the cult of the Unknown Soldier in Italy and, finally, I’ll compare it with the cult of the Unknown Soldier in England.

At end of the First World War, 680.000 Italian Soldier died and the Italian government tried to refund all the families had lost a dear person in war. Thus, in 1919 with an administrative order by Armando Diaz, the Italian Marshal, was established the “Commissione Nazionale per le Onoranze ai Militari d’Italia e dei Paesi Alleati Morti in Guera”. The idea of the Italian Unknown Soldier was born in 1920, when the colonel Giulio Douhet wrote an article about the cult of the Unknown Soldier, taking into consideration the French and the English Unknown Soldier. Thanks the Honourable Cesare Maria De Vecchi, the Parliamente ratified the Decree Law to building a national monument for all soldiers died in war. The War Minister, Luigi Gasparotto organized the selection of the body from eleven battle areas (Rovereto, le Dolomiti, gli altipiani, il monte Grappa, Montello, il Basso Piave, il cadore, Gorizia, il Basso Isonzo, il monte San Michele and Castagnevizza del Carso). Giulio Douhet proposed to bury the body in in the Pantheon, but the Parliament decided to bury the Unknown Soldier in the Altare della Patria. For the choice of the body was designated Maria Bergamas, mother of Antonio Bergamas, who had fought for the Italian Army. She chose the body on the 28th of October 1921 in the Basilica di Santa Maria Assunta in Aquileia. Other graves were buried in cimitero degli Eroi in Aquileia. The chosen one was transported by train in Rome. The journey started the 29th October of the 1921. The train went through Udine, Treviso, Venezia, Padova, Rovigo, Ferrara, Bologna, Pistoia, Prato, Firenze, Arezzo, Chiusi and Orvieto, to allow people to celebrate the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, who represented all soldier died in war. The graves was buried on the 4th November of the 1921.

Now, I’m going to compare the cult of the Italian and the English Unknown Soldier. In my opinion, the most relevant different of the two history, regarding the the selection of the body of the Unknown Soldier, Indeed, the English Unknown Soldier was chosen by a Brigadier General and the Italian Unknown Soldier was chosen by a soldier’s mother. Thanks the information, we can gain the different ideas of the war in Italy and in England. In Italy inhabitants conceived the First World War like an event which provoked death and devastation, while in England it contributed to the unification of the nation.