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Although the chaos which we found before us in the various branches of public life was very

great indeed, the state of dissolution into which economic life had fallen was still

greater. And this was the feature of the collapse that impressed itself most strikingly on

the minds of the broad masses of the people. The conditions that then actually existed have still

remained in their memories and in the memory of the people as a whole. As

outstanding examples of this catastrophe we found these two phenomena:

(a) More than six million unemployed.

(b) An agricultural population that was manifestly doomed to dissolution

I have always had sympathy for those excited people who invariably talk of the collapse of the

Nation whenever they find themselves confronted with a difficult situation. What do they mean

by a collapse? The people were already in existence before they made any definite

appearance in history as it is known to us. Now, leaving out entirely what their pre-historic

experiences may have been, it is certain that during the past two thousand years of history,

through which that portion of mankind which we call the People has passed, unspeakable miseries and catastrophes must have befallen them more than once. Famines, wars and pestilences have overwhelmed our people and wreaked terrible havoc among them. It must give rise to unlimited faith in the vital resources of a nation when we recall the fact that only a few centuries ago our people, with a population of more than eighteen millions, were reduced by the Thirty Years War to less than four millions. Let us also remember that this once flourishing land was pillaged, dismembered and devastated, that its cities were burned down, its hamlets and villages laid waste, that its fields were left uncultivated and barren. Some ten years afterwards our people began again to increase in number. The cities were rebuilt and began to be filled with a new life. The fields were ploughed once more. Songs were heard along the countryside, in concord with the rhythm of that work which brought new life and livelihood to the people.

dissolution- dismissal of an assembly or partnership

manifestation- an even, action, or object that shows or embodies something

Evidence

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The Fascist State is, however, a unique and original creation. It is not reactionary but revolutionary, for it anticipates the solution of certain universal problems which have been raised elsewhere, in the political field by the splitting up of parties, the usurpation of power by parliaments, the irresponsibility of assemblies; in the economic field by the increasingly numerous and important functions discharged by trade unions and trade associations with their disputes and ententes, affecting both capital and labor; in the ethical field by the need felt for order, discipline, obedience to the moral dictates of patriotism.

Fascism desires the State to be strong and organic, based on broad foundations of popular support. The Fascist State lays claim to rule in the economic field no less than in others; it makes its action felt throughout the length and breadth of the country by means of its corporative, social, and educational institutions, and all the political, economic, and spiritual forces of the nation, organized in their respective associations, circulate within the State. A State based on millions of individuals who recognize its authority, feel its action, and are ready to serve its ends is not the tyrannical state of a mediaeval lording. It has nothing in common with the despotic States existing prior to or subsequent to 1789.

Far from crushing the individual, the Fascist State multiplies his energies, just as in a regiment a soldier is not diminished but multiplied by the number of his fellow soldiers. The Fascist State organizes the nation, but it leaves the individual adequate elbow room. It has curtailed useless or harmful liberties while preserving those which are essential.

usurpation- taking someone's power or property by force

ententes- a friendly understanding or informal alliance between states or factions

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To put an end to our backwardness in agriculture and to provide the country with the largest possible amount of market grain, cotton, and so forth, it was necessary to pass from small peasant farming to large-scale farming, for only large-scale farming can employ modern machinery, utilize all the achievements of agricultural science and provide the largest possible quantity of market produce. But there are two kinds of large-scale farming –capitalist and collective. The Communist Party could not take the capitalist path of developing agriculture not only on grounds of principle, but also because that path presupposes an exceedingly long process of development and requires the preliminary ruination of the peasants and their transformation into agricultural laborers. The Communist Party therefore took the path of collectivizing agriculture, the path of organizing large farms by uniting the peasant farms into collective farms.

The collective method proved to be an exceedingly progressive method not only because it did not call for the ruination of the peasants, but also, and particularly, because it enabled us in the course of several years to cover the entire country with large collective farms capable of employing modern machinery, of utilizing all the achievements of agricultural science and of providing the country with the largest possible quantity of market produce.

There is no doubt that without the policy of collectivization we would not have been able to put an end to the age-long backwardness o

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employ-make use of

presupposes-to be based on the idea that something is true or will happen

ruination-the action or fact of ruining someone or something or of being ruined

Please Complete the table below by writing the main arguments or ideas from each speech.

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**Directions: Write a letter or an argument based paragraph describing which leader you would follow and why they are the best leader available. (Use evidence from speech to back up your claim)**