Luigi Galleani

Insurrectionary Anarchist and Alleged Mastermind of the Wallstreet Bombing

(1861 - 1931)

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Quotes:

"The anarchist, assumes himself/herself at least, to have reached (under the whip of experience, or cross the inquiry, the study, the meditation) the belief that social unease in nature and misery is in servitude..." (From: "The Principal of Organization to the Light of Anarchism," by Luigi Galleani.)

"...they descend from a primeval monopoly, fundamentally: from the cornering, to the work of a greedy minority, of the ground, the fields and minerals, those products of the ground are modified in the elements of life, of security, of joy; of the railways and shops that these products spread for all the latitudes in exchange of other products, or against the gold of the realm that is the tool of wealth, of power, of tyranny..." (From: "The Principal of Organization to the Light of Anarchism," by Luigi Galleani.)

"...like that church that consecrates this usurpation like a particular benediction of god, like the state that is legitimate in the parliaments, in the codes, in the tribunals, and defends it with its rules, with its army; which the morale, the hypocrite and dewy moral flow, the thief merges this camp into a circus"
of religious devotion." (From: "The Principal of Organization to the Light of Anarchism," by Luigi Galleani.)

**Biography:**

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Luigi Galleani (1861-1931) was a major 20th century anarchist born in Vercelli, Italy. Famous internationally, he was a proponent of propaganda by the deed. Galleani became versed in legal and political theory at the University of Turin while acquiring a law degree. As a fervent supporter of Anarchism, he was wanted by the Italian police. Consequently, Galleani fled Turin before completing his degree in 1880. Galleani wound up in France, where he would spend 20 years. He spent a brief period in Switzerland before being deported. Galleani was deported soon after arriving in France, and returned to Italy. In Italy he was arrested and detained for several years in prison and on the island of Pantelleria. He married a woman on the island and fathered four children by her. He escaped the island to Egypt, where he was soon in danger of extradition. Fearing a return to Italy, Galleani fled to England, where he immigrated to the United States, settling initially in New Jersey where he was editor of *La Questione Sociale*. In 1902, Galleani was wounded at a demonstration during the Patterson silk strike, and later indicted for inciting to riot. He fled to Canada, where he was literally thrown across the border. Arriving in Barre Vermont, Galleani found refuge with the Italian stone masons in the area. He was the founder and editor of the *Cronaca Sovversiva*, a major Italian anarchist periodical which ran for a period of about 15 years before being shut down by the U.S. government. Several books that bear his name are excerpts from *Cronaca Sovversiva*. The one exception is *La Fine dell'anarchismo?* (The End of Anarchism?) in which Galleani asserts that Anarchy is far from dead, but in fact is a force to be reckoned with.

From: Anarchy Archives.

**Works:**

Author of *The Principal of Organization to the Light of Anarchism* (December 31, 1969)
Author of The End of Anarchism? (November 30, 1924)
Author of Leo Tolstoy (1828–1910) (November 30, 1909)
Author of A Recollection of Elisée Reclus (January 31, 1906)
Author of Workers' Organizations (November 30, 1924)

**Chronology:**

- **August 12, 1861:** Luigi Galleani's Birth Day.
- **November 04, 1931:** Luigi Galleani's Death Day.
- **November 15, 2016:** Luigi Galleani's Added to http://www.RevoltLib.com.
- **April 21, 2019:** Luigi Galleani’s Last Updated on http://www.RevoltLib.com.

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