

LEST WE FORGET

("Now that the Sacco-Vanzetti case is a closed incident, let us turn our thoughts to other things more vital to the nation's welfare. —News Item.)

Now that the trial has ended,
And the execution is o'er ;
Let us return to our business,
Talk of the thing no more,
File it away in the records,
Dead men's ashes won't speak ;
Turn to tomorrow's problems,
"Who'll win the fight next week?"

Drink with the judge at the clubhouse,
Styme his ball on the links ;
Escape from the inquisition
Of the mind that unceasingly thinks,
Some things are better forgotten,
The clamor for justice dies ;
Conscience is eased of its mission,
If only the ghosts won't rise.

But some of us can't forget it,
By the bitter pain we shared,
By our high hopes disillusioned,
By the faith that was not spared ;
By the questions still unanswered,
By the challenge still ignored,
We've lit a flame within our hearts,
A beacon of the Lord.

So keep us, keep us, Justice,
Forever toward that Light ;
Keep us we pray from slipping
Back to that deadly plight ;
Where buoyant doubts lie buried,