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**Oral history interview with Paolo Fadda**

**Interviewer: Filippo Petrucci ; Date interview: 2020 April 5 ; Language: Italian**

**Summary**

Paolo Fadda was born in Cagliari on March 30, 1930. He grew up in Cagliari, in the same building where he now lives. In the interview, he talks about his childhood, the fascist indoctrination and how the various youth activities worked. He says that his father had a construction company and contributed to the construction of the city of Carbonia (a new town founded in 1937 to the will of Fascism to exploit self-sufficient coal). He talks about his Catholic education and the fact that within some parts of the Catholic world there was some opposition to Fascism; about the industrial development done in Sardinia by Fascism; about the displacement in the countryside and the huge differences between Cagliari and agricultural Sardinia (great poverty, children without shoes, great illiteracy, no toilets). He speaks of the engineer Guido Segre, one of the creators of Carbonia who was sent away because of racial laws. He talks about the role of the Church and the Catholic world in post-war Cagliari and about the bombing of Cagliari. He also talks about the post-war reconstruction and the development of the various parties (communists and anarchists in Carbonia, Democrazia Cristiana helped by the Church in Cagliari).

**Topical Terms:**

Bombing of Cagliari in 1943

Coal mines

Confinement

Democrazia Cristiana in Cagliari

Development of communism and anarchist movement in Carbonia after the war

Displacement of civilians

Fascism

Homosexual

Jews

Partito Sardo d'Azione

Political prisoners

Post-war period and development of political parties

World War, 1939-1945--Personal narratives, Italian.

Youthful propaganda brainwashing

**Persons:**

Annio Bignardi

Emilio Lussu

Guido Segre

**Geographic Names:**

Sardinia

Cagliari

Carbonia

Sulcis

Piscinas

Pozzo Maggiore