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Pontine Marshes--they were made way back from Caesar. He built three cities on them, with irrigation. They were just swamps, outside of Rome. He took the water from the north part of Italy down to the south. Because during the summertime, the drought there was so heavy, so bad that the people, you know, almost perished without water. Bad summers. He did a lot of work. He broke down cities and villages, and built up buildings. He did all he could do in Italy. But then when he wanted a little expansion, you see, to send the Italians abroad. That's why he went to Ethiopia that time. And they claimed they should have that. But that was part of the Versailles Treaty of 1914. England didn't treat Italy good either in the First World War. It was a war unfinished. Oh, I never found out. I didn't body knew who was going to be t know. No- interned. (Before you were interned, did you know it was going to come?) Well, I knew that the war would come. But you see, a lot of people here turned against Mussolini, though. A lot of people, first, they went to visit him. They said that--they praised him, he was a good man. (Canadian politicians.) Yeah, politicians. Even the ordinary people here, they went and they even visited Mussolini. He used to receive anybody. (Ordinary from Cape Breton?) Ordinary people from Sydney on Charlotte Street--without mentioning their names--they went to visit Mussolini, right in Rome. Of course, he received anyone, then. (Italians?) Oh, yeah. Anglo-Saxon. (Anglo-Saxon?) Yes, the Scotch people from Cape Breton, they visited Mussolini: he received anybody. They went to Italy. It was a law-abiding country under Mussolini--discipline. He showed what discipline meant, see, for the people. You had to respect the laws. Not like over here. Today, especially it is today--you're not safe to go on the streets any more. Like in the United States. It's after 6 o'clock, after dark, you've got to lock yourself in. What that meant, when Mussolini was there, there was no such a thing. You could travel late at night and nobody ever molests you. Because all those people that were no good, he just did away with them. They were all exiled, shot, and destroyed. Law and order. (Well, that's easy to say. But sometimes people that he might think are no good might be people that you and I might think are wonderful.) Yeah, well, I don't know, I wonder.... (How did you find out you were going to be interned--placed in a concentration camp?) Just, the day that Mussolini declared war, they came in the shop and--the Mountie came in asking me if I was Dominic Nardocchio. I said, "Yes." He said, "You're under arrest." I said, "What for?" "You know Mussolini declared war on England?" "Well, what have I got to do with that?" I said, "Well," he said, "the order came from Ottawa. Take you in." So they took me in. (They took you in. Where did they take you?) The city jail. But I came home here, I told my wife, and (then) they took me to city jail. And there I found, we were 13 that night there. (Thirteen Italians.) Yeah. (In the city jail.) Yeah. (Took them right out of their shops or wherever they were.) Wherever they were, they arrested, took them there, yes. And then during the evening there was--I don't know--4 or 5 natives (locals). I "WeCome to your tiome away from home! These signs invite you to come make new friends and experience a unique way to enjoy Cape Breton's



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