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[printed on paper] TORONTO DAILY STAR, THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1942 / [line] / OUSTING OF ITALIAN PASTOR / FROM A.R.P. BRINGS PROTEST / Welfare Council Asks Probe / - "For Own Good," Says / Police Inspector / [line] / FIVE SONS IN SERVICE / [line] / Dismissal from Toronto's A.R.P. / service of Rev. Libero Sauro, pastor / of St. Paul's Italian United church, / is under investigation by the Com- / munity Welfare Council of Ontario, / of which Mr. Sauro is a member. / The council last night unanimously / approved the motion of the presi- / dent, Dr. Ronald Macleod, that the / matter "be followed through and / brought to the attention of the / attorney-general." / Police Inspector Patrick Hogan of / No. 12 division, in which the Italian- / born minister was a warden, said / today he had recommended to Mr. / Campbell, section warden, that Mr. / Sauro be removed "for his own / good." / "This man went out to take part / in the A.R.P. census," said Inspec- / tor Hogan, "and because of certain / circumstances, a number of persons / on whom he called telephoned me / protesting that he should be going / around. It was as much for his own / good as anything else that we let / him out. He had been insulted by / some people who thought he / shouldn't be going around asking / them questions." / Left to Local Authorities / Inspector Crawford, regional co- / ordinating officer of A.R.P., said he / had not heard of the matter. Judge / Ian Macdonell, vice-chairman of the / provincial committee, said the ques- / tion of fitness of A.R.P. wardens was / left to local authorities, and his de- / partment did not interfere. / Mr. Sauro was born in Italy and / came to Canada at the age of 16. / "As soon as I was 21, I took out Canadian citizenship," he said. / "That was 30 years ago, and I have / not been back to Italy since. My / nine children do not speak Italian / -they are 100 per cent. Canadian. / Five of them are in some sort of / war service. Alberindo, 25, is with / the Queen's York Rangers; Italo, / 23, is in the army, stationed at / Hamilton; Henry, 21, is taking the / R.C.A.F. course at Central Tech; / Livio, 17, is an A.R.P. messenger, / and Silvio, 13, is in the air cadets." / Some three months after Italy / entered the war, Mr. Sauro was / interned. "As they were picking up / all the leaders, I half expected it," / he said, "and I didn't feel nearly / as badly about it as I did when I / was dismissed from the A.R.P. / Released Unconditionally / "I had no grudge about being / taken in. I realized that the state / has to protect itself. Three months / and 20 days later, when I appeared / before Judge Fortier for final hear- / ing, I was released unconditionally / and went back to my work. I did / [new column] TROOPS TO DANCE / FOR HALF PRICE [in box] /

Members of His Majesty's forces / may now obtain tickets for the Guy / Lombardo and his Royal
Canadians / dance at the R.C.A.F. coliseum on / May 1, which is to aid the Red / Cross British Bomb
Victims' Fund, / at half price for selves and lady by / applying to the Y.M.C.A. at the / Coliseum in
Exhibition park. / [line] / not believe there was any stigma / attached to my name. / "My aim in working
with conger- / gations of foreign origin, especially / Italians, has been to impress on / them that Canada,
the land of their / choice, is their nation. Most of my / life has been devoted to furthering / the cause of
harmony among people / of foreign origin. I believe Canada / will be strongest when all her people / are
as one, regardless of racial / descent." / Last fall, together with others / sponsored by the community
wel- / fare council, Mr. Sauro took a course in A.R.P. work at Duke St. / school. "My membership was /
approved by Inspector Nursey, / chief warden of Toronto," he said. / "Then I was transferred to No. 12 /
division, A.R.P., in which district I / live. I took part in the trial black- / outs, attended meetings and
classes, / helped with the census, was issued / an armband and identification card. / I was happy to be
able to find / some way in which I could help / my country. For this is my country. / I hope to live here all
my days, / and to be buried here. The country / of my birth is a faint memory to / me. Since my father, a
very old / man, died a year ago, I have been / out of touch with my brother and / sister in Italy. I do not
even know / where they are." / When he was asked to turn in his / armband and identification card, /
Mr. Sauro said he felt "deep re- / gret." "But I did nothing. I said / nothing. What could I do? I rea- / lized
what was happening, that / there was feeling against me some- / where. Mr. Campbell, who had to /
inform me, was sorry. He did not / wish to say much, and I respected / his feelings by not asking him to /
explain. / "I would have left the matter / there. But I had to report it to the / welfare council, which
sponsored / my joining. I would like to get / back into A.R.P. work if it is pos- / sible. If not, I will do
anything in / my power to help Canada. That is / all I can say." / Held Inexcusable / "There may be some
circum- / stances of which we have no / knowledge," declared Rev. Gilbert / Agar, executive secretary,
at last / night's meeting, "but we just can't / sit down and let things like this / happen in a country such
as ours. / DISMISSED ITALIAN A.R.P. WARDEN HAS SONS IN SERVICE / [new column] [photo] / LET OUT
OF A.R.P. / Because he said people protested / the minister's "going around asking / questions," Police
Inspector Patrick / Hogan stated Rev. Libero Sauro, / Italian-born pastor of St. Paul's / Italian United
church, had been let / out of the A.R.P. service. Sauro, / shown here, was an A.R.P. warden. / [line] / If
the situation is as Mr. Sauro / claims it is, such action is inexcus- / able. And I do know that Mr. / Sauro
denied the charges on which / he was interned and was released / four days after he was given a /
hearing." / [new column] [photos] / HAS ONE SON IN ARMY, ANOTHER AS A.R.P. MESSENGER / Mr.
Sauro's case has been taken up by the Community Welfare / Council of Ontario, of which he is a
member. The council is pressing / for an investigation, urging that the matter be brought to the
attention / of the attorney-general. Police Inspector Patrick Hogan said Mr. Suaro / was let out "for his
own good." He has one son, Italo, RIGHT, serving / in the Canadian active army, another, Livio, LEFT who
is an A.R.P. / messenger. / [new column] [photo] / ANOTHER SON IN AIR CADETS / Silvio Sauro, 13, is
another son of / Mr. Sauro. Silvio is serving with the air cadets of Toronto. Mr. / Sauro came to Canda at



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