

Excerpts from Ezra Pound's Radio Broadcasts / short wave from Rome
19.41-1943, under Mussolini government during World War II

ANNOUNCER: Rome Radio ... It is understood that (Ezra Pound) will not be asked to say anything whatsoever that goes against his conscience, or anything incompatible with his duties as a citizen of the U.S.A.

- Pound: 1-29-42 ... The United States has been for months, and illegally at war through what I consider to be the criminal acts of a President whose mental condition was not, so far as I could see, all that could or should be desired of a man in so responsible a position or office ...
- 2-26-42 ... After twenty years of Judaic propaganda, Lenin and Trotsky stuff, crowding American history out of the schools, wild inferiority hate against Europe, dear old Delano comes out with a mixed bag in which two-thirds of the program is Fascist with, of course, the essential part missing ...
- 4-16-42 ... For the United States to be making war on Italy and on Europe is just plain nonsense, and every native-born American of American stock knows that it is plain downright damn nonsense. And for this state of things Franklin Roosevelt is more than any other one man responsible ...
- 5-26-42 ... Every hour that you go on with this war is an hour lost to you and your children ...
- 6-28-42 ... You are not going to win this war. None of our best minds ever thought you could win it. You have never had a chance in this war ...
- 7-22-91 ... Well, you have been fed on lies, for 20 years you have been fed on lies, and I don't say maybe, And Mr. Squirmy and Mr. Slime are still feeding it to you right over the BBC radio, and every one of the Jew radios of Schenectady, New York and Boston - and Boston was once an American city; that was when it was about the size of Rapallo ...
- 4-27-43 I don't think there is any American law that permits you to shoot Nicholas Butler. It's a pity, but so it is no ex post facto laws are to be dreamed of. Not that Frankfurter or any other damn Jew cares a hoot for law, or for the American Constitution.

At War's end, Ezra Pound presents himself to American Army in Italy and says: "I understand you're looking for me," Army takes him into detention (DTC, Disciplinary Training Center) spread over a broad field a few miles north of Pisa, Barbed-wire stockade to house convicted rapists, murderers, deserters, traitors who had been members of U.S. Armed Forces. Acetylene torches build special tiger cage to hold Ezra Pound, All DTC personnel ordered to stay clear of Pound, no one is allowed to speak to him. He is permitted books and writing materials, does daily exercises in tiger cage, Pound claims he will never be brought to trial in Washington as he "had too much on several people in Washington,"

They thought I was a dangerous wild man and were scared of me, I had a guard night and day and when they built a cage out of iron mats from airplane runways and put me in the cage for the merriment of all, they posted a guard outside. Soldiers used to come up to the cage and look at me. Some of them brought me food. Old Ez was a prize exhibit...

