June 7, 1939

The ban on Jewish houses, imposed about a week ago, was lifted this morning. The cinema, cafes, are all closed. The ban was imposed as a result of the bombing of the Bari cinema. The bombing of the telephone men's hold, however, I just heard that an Arab was killed near Messina this morning, but the military authorities will probably impose a sort of collective punishment again.

The King's birthday reception by H.E. is tomorrow. If I can again borrow a cutaway, I shall attend, as representative of the American School.

The city is still in excitement. An ambush explosion of a motor car on Toffa road the other day, had many running to cover, fearing that it was a bomb.

June 8.

Heba and I attended H.E.'s garden party for official birthday of the day. A very, very, big affair. Four guests four cars. People by the thousands wearing a tailcoat.

About 9:40 P.M., a number of explosions of bombs, shining lights in Belavia, etc., out of commission for a while. We were in Belavia at the time.

June 9.

Explosions of bombs in postoffice near Post Office.

June 10.

Another bomb went off in post-office last night.

June 11.

One went off this morning in post-office and killed some people. A Jewish woman caught two days ago trying to get in bomb placed in the prison.