



June 26, 1959: plane crash

Report of Olgiate Olona mayor Carlo Ferrari during the town Council on August 11, 1959 (resolution No. 119)

With sincere emotion I must ask to move on to the last item on the agenda of this meeting, to commemorate with Christian heart and with spirit of human solidarity the victims of the plane crash that occurred in the sky over Olgiate Olona and then - after the report of the course of events, as a result of the disaster that our people were witnesses to - to go on to examine the actions that the Council proposes to take.

First of all, I want to acknowledge and give public praise to all those generous people who either spontaneously or readily adhered to the request of pitiful performances. In particular we should remember the charitable work performed by a group of men who offered to carry the poor remains of the victims recovered from the wreckage with stretchers; and those administrators who either spontaneously or called have proved that civil and moral virtues are not extinguished at all in Olgiate Olona and that in front of Death we are able to operate with respectful silence. A praise is surely earned by policeman Baglio and Municipality of Fagnano Olona eologizes the cemetery guard, they both did their utmost in the service of order. I apologize if I forgot any generous persons in my praise: all my esteem and admiration are for them too. I'm going to read now some of the most meaningful letters received by the relatives of the victims, by Authorities and institutions. Now in order to inform you about what happened and what we have done after the disaster, I invite you to carefully follow the reading of the letter I sent to H.E. the Prefect and His consequent reply (the Mayor reads the letters). I have to immediately admit that I'm not satisfied by this reply. I could replicate that: although (at the time of the coming of the Prefect) I was justifiably absent, one could call me; I learned only the day after that the Prefect had asked for me, but that he had been warned that I had just gone home, because I was drenched in rain; and that all that was done elsewhere could be done here. But I won't absolutely continue in this unfortunate matter; first of all out of respect for the Dead, and then not to give painful ridiculous spectacle of rumor and miserable rivalry that are non-existent at all; as well as in respect of the Prefect. I don't want to doubt that the offer of Mr. Mayor of Busto Arsizio was dictated by a spontaneous feeling of generous solidarity. Therefore, I beg you my dear Colleagues to consider this unpleasant discussion closed; and since I know what your generous desire is, to think what to do to keep alive the memory of these sad deaths and this disaster that touched the entire world.