

## Despite Mussolini's Campaign Italian Birthrate Fails To Rise

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**R**OME, Saturday.—Despite the repeated exhortations of the Prime Minister (Signor Mussolini), and despite the tax on bachelors, and the monetary rewards and other advantages awarded to fertile families, the results of Mussolini's campaign to improve the Italian birthrate have been unsatisfactory, so far, according to Roman newspapers.

The newspapers publish the latest birthrate figures. They took up the subject generally when Popolo Di Roma, the Fascist journal, published an article entitled, Is The Italian Race Dying Out?

### WORSE THAN 1928

Exactly two years after Signor Mussolini opened his campaign to improve the birth rate, the article contended, Italy's position today was no better than other Western European nations.

Taking a number of large cities—for example, Trieste, Fiume, Bologna, and Verselli—the vital statistics in recent months showed that the population was stationary, or even declining.

Certainly the figures for 1929 are worse than those for 1928.

The article declared that foreign nations would rejoice because they desired the disappearance of the threat to their dominions which had arisen on the Italian horizon.



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