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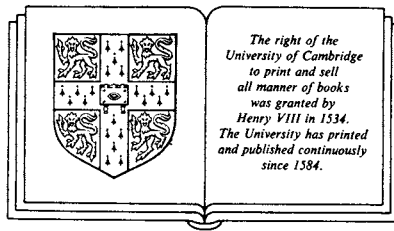
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PREFACE

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ABBREVIATIONS AND ITALIAN TERMS

ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|------|---------------------------------|
| AAT | Tuscan Agrarian Association |
| AIT | Tuscan Industrial Association |
| ASLU | Archivio di Stato di Lucca |
| CGL | General Confederation of Labour |
| FIOM | National Metalworkers' Union |
| PNF | Fascist Party |
| PSI | Socialist Party |
| SMI | Società Metallurgica Italiana |

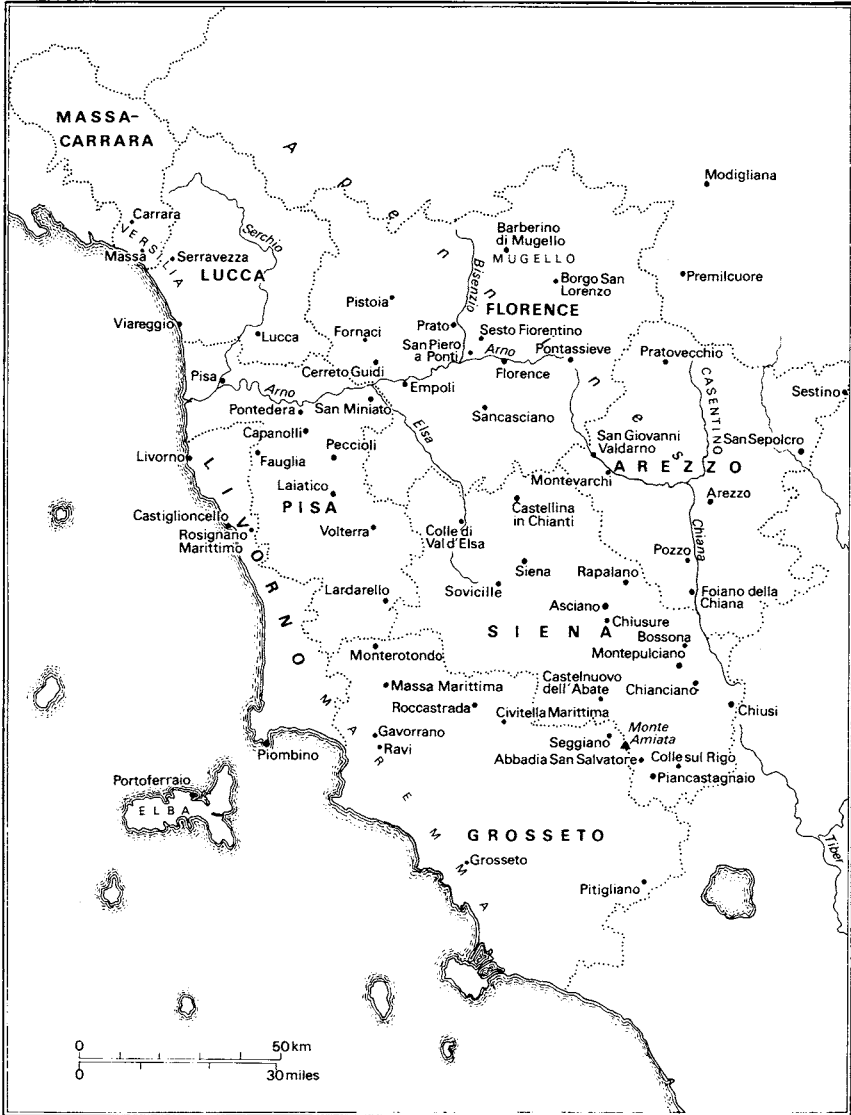
ITALIAN TERMS

| | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <i>affittuario</i> | peasant leaseholder |
| <i>agrari</i> | landlords |
| <i>arditi</i> | shock troops in the Italian army |
| <i>arditi del popolo</i> | non-party anti-fascist armed resistance movement |
| <i>bracciante</i> | day labourer |
| <i>camporaio</i> | semi-proletarianized sharecropper |
| <i>capoccia</i> | head of a sharecropping family |
| <i>caposquadra</i> | head of fascist action squads |
| <i>carabiniere</i> | military policeman |
| <i>collocamento di classe</i> | roster of union men for employment in agriculture |
| <i>colono</i> | sharecropper |
| Confindustria | Italian Confederation of Industry |
| <i>consiglio di fabbrica</i> | factory council |
| <i>consiglio di fattoria</i> | farm council |

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| | |
|---|---|
| <i>direttorio</i> | executive committee |
| <i>famiglia colonica</i> | legal peasant family |
| <i>fascio</i> | branch of the fascist movement |
| <i>fattore</i> | bailiff |
| <i>fattoria</i> | estate |
| <i>imponibile di</i> <i>mano d'opera</i> | compulsory employment of agricultural labour |
| <i>latifondo</i> | great estate |
| <i>massaia</i> | wife of the head of a peasant family |
| <i>mezzadria</i> | sharecropping system |
| <i>mezzadro</i> | sharecropper |
| <i>podere</i> | peasant family farm |
| <i>popolari</i> | members of the Popular Party |
| <i>questore</i> | local chief of police |
| <i>ras</i> | local fascist boss |
| <i>sottofattore</i> | assistant bailiff |
| <i>sottoprefetto</i> | deputy prefect |
| <i>stime</i> | estimates of debt between sharecropper and landlord |
| <i>terrazziere</i> | day labourer |
| <i>ufficio del lavoro</i> | fascist employment office |



Tuscany at the period under study