



**The Soul of an Immigrant**  
by Constantine Panunzio (1884 - 1964)

Constantine Panunzio begins his autobiography by describing his childhood in Molfetta, Italy. At age 13, he left home as a sailor, landing in Boston in 1902. His trials finding work, learning English, and securing an education in the U.S. were many, but eventually, he became administrator of a social service agency in Boston. During WWI, he served as head of the YMCA on the Italian front. Concerned throughout his career with the treatment and assimilation of immigrants, Panunzio criticized the post World War I hysteria about alien radicals in his book *The Deportation Cases of 1919-1920*. ( Summary by Sue Anderson)

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