

Mussolini's Fall Paves Way For Peace Bid by Italians

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fascist militiaman, the king must have felt pretty certain of his ground. He must have known that the duke had shot his bolt and lost whatever popularity he had ever enjoyed, and that a swing away from fascism was demanded by a majority of his subjects.

The early abdication of King Victor Emmanuel, if not exactly expected, would surprise no one. He belongs to the ancient house of Savoy, oldest reigning dynasty of Europe. He would rather die than face with disaster.

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED FOR FILES

Although the last of more than 3,000,000 copies of war ration book 3 were placed in the mails yesterday, the task is not yet completed. According to OPA officials volunteers are now needed to complete the filing system for checking late applicants.

Persons who have failed to apply for ration book 3 will be permitted to do so between Aug. 1 and Aug. 10 by obtaining the proper form from their local rationing board and by sending it to the mailing center, 36 S. Pennsylvania st.

The center will continue to operate from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. every week day and the county defense council will continue its recruitment of volunteers for the work yet to be done.

N. Y. LIVING COSTS UP

NEW YORK, July 26 (U. P.)—Wage earners and lower salaried clerical workers in New York City found their living costs increased 1.3 per cent from May to June, primarily as a result of higher food costs, the national industrial conference board reported today.

An "Earthquake"

Marie Jose, popular with the Nazis, might become queen regent and so save the succession for the Savoy line.

But Washington is less interested in what happens to the Savoys than in the possible or even probable collapse of Italy as a member of the axis. Envoy here say the fall

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The Balkans, therefore, the vulnerable back door to Hitler's European fortress, may soon be wide open. The history of 1918 may repeat. Germany, her support crumbling about her, again stands face to face with disaster.

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Premier Marshal Badoglio, hoping to represent themselves as also having been pro-allied and now ready to conclude a separate peace.

As a condition of this peace, such fascists would probably demand to be allowed to hold on to their possessions and privileges.

Names mentioned especially here as likely to be among such a group are: Count Galeazzo Ciano, Il Duce's son-in-law, who was recently transferred from his post as foreign minister to the ambassadorship to the Holy See in Rome, and Count Dino Grandi, formerly ambassador to London.

Badoglio has always been known as the "king's man," and Victor Emmanuel certainly was Il Duce's man, since he supported Mussolini for 21 years.

Incidentally it was the king who privately gave Badoglio permission to fire on Mussolini's revolutionary thugs when they marched on Rome in October, 1922.

Badoglio is said to have protested strongly at that time, saying that with two battalions of Carabinieri he could sweep out "these fascist upstarts."

Fought Il Duce

The new premier is Italy's best soldier. It is known that he has frequently told the king that the Italian army was not strong enough to undertake campaigns of world domination. He was strongly opposed to the invasion of Albania and Greece in 1940 and "resigned" his post as chief of staff of the Italian army after that fiasco.

These disagreements brought him into more than one violent conflict with Mussolini.

Now that he has been called to attempt an eleventh hour salvation of his country, it is felt that, in accord with his military reputation, Badoglio will do his utmost to organize resistance on the Italian mainland.

It is possible that the Italian army will now put up a stiffer fight than it has shown in Sicily, knowing that a real soldier has taken over the government. Physical conditions of communication and supply will make this difficult, however.

Badoglio will feel justified in accepting an allied offer of honorable capitulation, it is believed here, when he sees that the forces against him are superior and that it is useless to sacrifice further the lives of his army and of the population.

J. E. FITZPATRICK DEAD AT ANDERSON

ANDERSON, Ind., July 26 (U. P.)—J. E. Fitzpatrick, 47, eastern division sales manager of the Ward Stilson Co., died of pneumonia on a hospital here today.

Fitzpatrick was stricken at Reading, Pa., Tuesday and was brought here.

He was with the Ward Stilson Co. for 17 years and at the time of his death was a stockholder.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lucille Fitzpatrick, his mother, a daughter, a son, two brothers and a sister.

87 R. R. RECEIVERSHIPS WASHINGTON, July 26 (U. P.)—As of Dec. 31 last, 87 railroads remained in receivership, involving a total investment of \$5,131,042,653, according to a report of the interstate commerce commission.

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Clare Luce's Column for Army Is Banned From Paper

NEW DELHI, July 26 (U. P.)—A war department ban today deprived the army newspaper, CBI Roundup, of its congresswoman-columnist—Clare Boothe Luce—and her weekly quota of verbal cuts at such things as the OPA and bureaucracy.

After 11 weeks in which Mrs. Luce contributed free a regular column to the publication for U. S. soldiers in China, Burma and India, the war department ordered the feature discontinued.

The order was issued under regulations which prohibit material containing matters of political controversy from being printed in soldier newspapers.

Roundup editors, who last week suggested editorially that Mrs. Luce try for the vice presidency to get a "neat pair of game presiding over the senate," will announce the order in the next issue. Maj. Fred Eldridge, Roundup chief and formerly of the Los Angeles Times, indicated there would be no accompanying comment.

ATTACKED NEW DEAL

Plans for the column entitled "Here the Gavel Fell," were born before Mrs. Luce was elected to congress from Connecticut. During the first Burma campaign, Mrs. Luce visited here and made a host of friends among the staff of Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell. But the suggestion produced nothing—even the Roundup was just an idea then—until after her election.

Mrs. Luce said she had many "flattering" offers from syndicates to write a column, but turned them down because it "seemed to me a patriotic privilege and great honor to write exclusively and without any remuneration for our men overseas."

"I felt I had been completely fair and unbiased in my presentation of the Washington scene," she said, "but it is now clear that I must have been in the hair of those who are not anxious to have our men overseas know how many people feel about the home front."

"I note with interest that my column was not suppressed until congress had recessed. To all loyal readers of the Roundup, to the men of Stilwell, hail and farewell!"

The column became one of the most popular of the Roundup's features.

In one of her columns Mrs. Luce reported that the price fixing efforts at home had left "consumer and producer alike with tongues hanging out, eyes rolling dizzy and the larder, pocketbook and gas tank empty."

The office of price administration, she said in another was "Caesared by Democratic Lane-Dick Prentiss Brown" and was headed for a blowup; new deal agencies "are feeling like Eliza crossing the ice, while the blood hounds of congress close in." She added that the president is "power hungry." Her first column expressed feeling for "young men of the United States raised in the Italian army after that fiasco."

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