

# BADOGLIO GUARDS NAZIS' INTEREST

New Premier Keeping Eye on German Position in Case Italy Sues for Peace With the United Nations.

By VICTOR GORDON LENNOX

Copyright, 1943, by The Indianapolis Times and The Chicago Daily News, Inc. LONDON, July 27.—That Premier Badoglio means to do his utmost to assist the Germans now in Italy to extricate themselves from the grave situation which will be created if Italy sues for peace is a growing conviction here.

The new premier's proclamation, broadcast to the Italian nation on Sunday, urging it to maintain its given word, is taken as an indication that Badoglio has one eye on the German position.

The declaration of Paul Schmidt, German Wilhelmstrasse spokesman, made yesterday in Berlin increases British suspicion of this development.

"We in Berlin," Schmidt said, "are convinced that Italy won't stab us in the back."

Thus Badoglio's broad aims are seen here to be these:

1. To liquidate the unpopular fascist regime and replace it temporarily with military rule.

2. To maintain essential national services and communications to supply the armies in the south, including Italians and Germans.

3. To facilitate the orderly establishment of defensive positions.

4. By publicly announcing that the new government is exclusively composed of non-fascists, to create a situation through which the allies can be approached and asked for armistice terms.

#### Riots Gone Too Far

Badoglio will not succeed in rallying the Italians, it is believed here, as riots in Italy have gone too far.

It is noted that nothing has been heard of the former fascist leaders. This silence must be affecting seriously thousands of minor fascist officials employed throughout the country.

Before the war these numbered nearly 2,000,000. Doubtless they are

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## ADOLF FOLLOWS IN DUCE'S WAKE

Plan for Fuehrer's Ouster  
In Advanced Stage,  
Simms Writes.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS  
Scripps-Howard Foreign Editor  
WASHINGTON, July 27.—Circumstantial reports indicate that after Mussolini, the days of Adolf Hitler may also be numbered.

Details of a plan to overthrow the Nazi führer and set up a new government, especially designed to make peace with the allies, have already reached an advanced stage, according to a usually reliable source known to be in close touch with the European underground.

The head of the new regime probably would be a certain internationally known and admired figure. When last heard of, this man was in a German concentration camp. To publish his name now might subject him to torture or even endanger his life, so it is omitted.

Hint Schacht No 2

The No. 2 man would be Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former financial dictator of the Reich, now reported to be living in a sort of exile at Lienz, in the Italian Tyrol.

The third strong man would be Field Marshal Gen. Walter von Brauchitsch, commander of the Reichswehr at the beginning of the war and grand master of the blitzkrieg. He is now reported in Hitler's bad graces.

This, I was told, does not mean that Germany is about to crack up. On the contrary, it is said, German leaders are convinced that Hitler's ouster is necessary to save Germany. Only in that way can they hope to hold out against the allies long enough to obtain something better than unconditional surrender.

Depends on Breaks

The timing of the coup, it is said, depends on the breaks—on European developments as a whole no less than on developments within Germany itself. That is why Mussolini's downfall is so important. It goes a long way toward bringing things to a head.

An Austrian general and former member of the Austrian general staff said several months ago that the German army would take over when the right time came. When I asked what he meant by "the right time," he replied substantially as follows:

"German officers who despise Hitler are nevertheless just as loyal to the fatherland as Hitler is—or even more so. For while his first thought is of the Nazi party and personal glory, theirs is for their country.

"That has been their training. If they can help it, they will do nothing which might plunge the country into civil war and expose it to certain defeat, which is what a premature coup might do.

Won't Force Matters

"So the officers will not force matters. If given enough rope, the führer will hang himself. His guesswork war planning has already brought colossal defeats. Sooner or later he will become so unpopular that the people will welcome his ouster. That will be the time to act."

Much, of course, depends on the attitude of Russia. But Russia, many believe, is ready to play ball with any "democratic" regime which will oust the Nazis and evacuate Russian territory and Russian spheres of interest—the Baltic states, eastern Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bessarabia, Moldavia and the Balkans.

It is believed that Germany's minimum requirements for the northern Italy line would be 40 divisions. Probably another 60 would be required for holding the Balkans in line.

Front Would Collapse

WASHINGTON, July 27 (U. P.)—Republicans scheduled a conference at national committee headquarters here today which promises to fall considerably short of being the showdown on party foreign policy that some persons expected.

Chairman Deneen A. Watson, of the Republican post-war policy association, will lead a delegation to confer with Chairman Harrison E. Spangler of the Republican national committee. Watson comes here in fulfillment of directions given last week by the northeastern states conference of his association which took place in New York.

Whether today's conference is a real firecracker or just a sparkler will depend largely on the foreign policy proposals Watson presents to Spangler. Delegates to the northeastern states conference last week directed Watson to urge Spangler to prod the national committee's own foreign policy organization speedily to define a post-war party line.

**PROBE EXPLOSION ON CANADIAN TANKER**

EAST CHICAGO, Ind., July 27 (U. P.)—Authorities today investigated an explosion aboard the Bruce Hudson, a Canadian oil tanker, as it prepared to leave its port loaded with gasoline.

The captain and crew of six were burned critically.

Thousands of gallons of gasoline had just been poured into the vessel from a dock, and Capt. John Hindman was preparing to cast off when the explosion occurred. Police said flames caught the crew as they tried to leap to the pier.

**EDELWEISS GROUP MEETS**

Edelweiss Ladies' society will give its monthly card party at 8 p. m. Saturday at 306 Prospect st. In charge will be Mrs. Paul Kukle, Mrs. Karl Brown, Mrs. Fred Stifan and Mrs. Hans Kleffner.

**WALLACE TO SPEAK**

Frank N. Wallace, state entomologist, will speak at the Co-operative club luncheon in the Columbia club tomorrow. He will answer questions of victory gardeners on insects which harm plants. Arch Vorhees, program chairman, will preside.

## Knox Predicts Early Move By Italy for End to Fighting

WASHINGTON, July 27 (U. P.)—Secretary of Navy Frank Knox said today he believed that an attempt would be made by the new Italian government to take Italy out of the war "in the reasonably near future."

Knox, at a press conference, emphasized that he had no information on the situation in Italy other than that in newspapers.

"I estimate that the appearance of things indicates probably some attempt at taking Italy out of the war," he said.

"Do you mean some attempt by the king and Marshal Badoglio?" Knox was asked.

"Yes."

Asked when he thought such moves would be made, Knox said he didn't know, but added, "I think it will come in the reasonably near future."

He said in reply to a question that he knew of no evidence of "internal cracking" in Germany. Asked for his definition of "unconditional surrender"—the terms agreed upon by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill at Casablanca for restoring peace—Knox said that "only one man can answer that."

"Are you talking of Winston Churchill?" he was asked.

"You better amend what I said and make it two men," Knox replied. "But they would be speaking with one voice."

## HELD ON DRAFT CHARGE

FT. WAYNE, Ind., July 27 (U. P.)—Thomas L. Scott Jr., of Gary, arrested here Saturday on a charge of violating the selective service act, today was bound over to the U. S. district court by U. S. Commissioner Elwin M. Huise. Bond was fixed at \$1000.

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Reports from four of the downtown banks here and the postoffice, where bonds and tickets are being sold, indicate that more than their original consignments of admission tickets will be required. Tickets are free for all who buy an \$18.75 bond or more. Bond issuing agencies include more than 90 banks, theaters, savings and loan associations and bond booths.

Howard Tooley, director of special events for the war finance committee and now on tour with the submarine, reported from East Chicago that Hoosiers are viewing the suicide ship "not as so much machinery, but as something symbolic of Jap treachery in the war, and are buying revenge bonds accordingly."

Shipment had been held up, he said in a statement, pending capitulation of Adm. Georges Robert, former French high commissioner.

Accumulation of food reserves for the islands was begun in May, the statement said. Cargoes included cotton textiles, essential foods, medical supplies and chemicals. They are being distributed through local importers and retailers.

## JAP SUB SELLS REVENGE BONDS

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Treachery.

If Indianapolis and Marion county bond buyers keep pace with bond sales in Elkhart, Michigan City, Gary and East Chicago, \$1,000,000 or more will be invested with Uncle Pietro Badoglio only because its membership would not arouse opposition at home.

As a matter of fact, at first glance it seems to be little more than a collection of semi-official Fascists and nonentities put in by Premier Pietro Badoglio only because its membership would not arouse opposition at home.

Sales for the exhibit in the four cities were beyond the \$1,000,000 mark with Gary recording \$500,000 sales yesterday, East Chicago, \$200,000, and Elkhart and Michigan City, \$200,300 Saturday.

MOST of the men were too obscure to have many enemies in politics. It remains to be seen whether they have the capability necessary to cope with the transition of Italy.

## New Italian Cabinet Inept At Handling Delicate Issues

By REYNOLDS PACKARD  
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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS,  
North Africa, July 27.—The new Italian cabinet appears to be not only less liberal than expected but also of doubtful quality to handle Italy's delicate position.

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Plays Petain Part

Although lack of news obscures the real situation in Italy, Badoglio seems more and more to be playing the part for his country that Petain played for France. He is trying to maintain order in the country to prevent bloodshed and trying to ease the nation through a tough period of change before setting out definitely on a course.

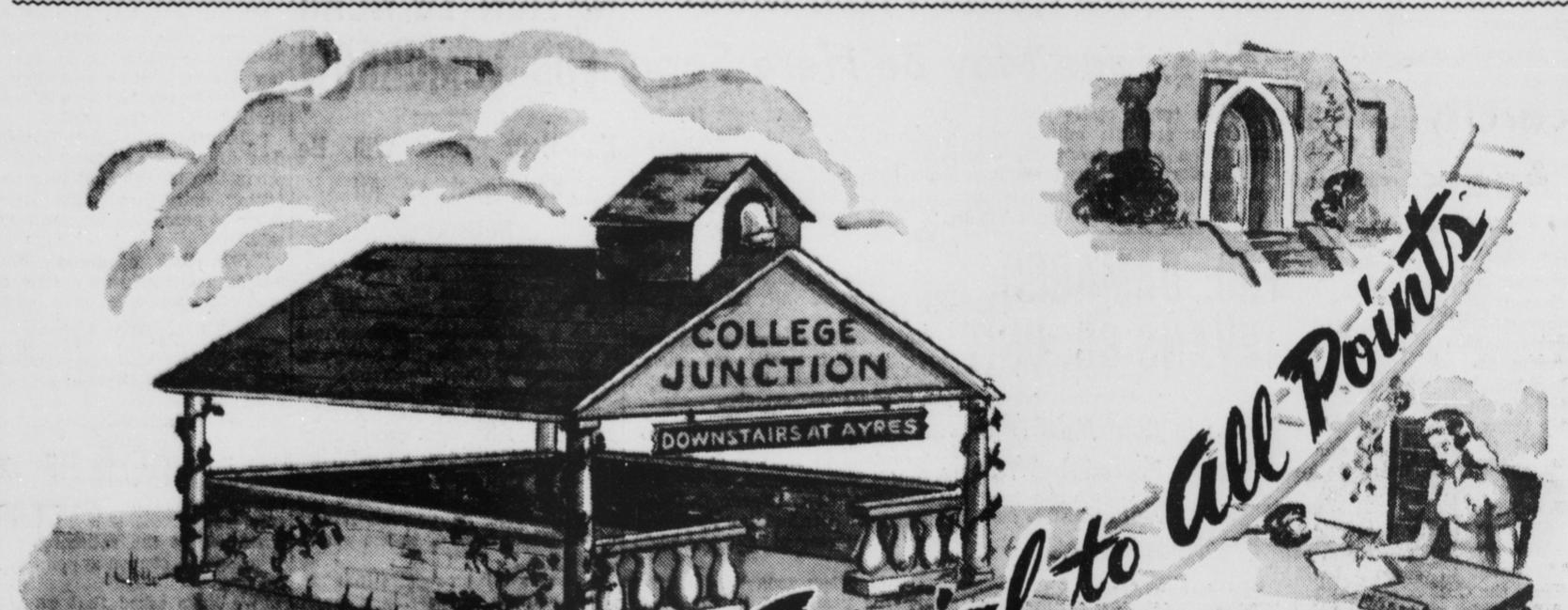
Whether he will be any more adept than Petain at politics is a question.

There is some indication that Rome is making an effort to placate the allies. For instance, the Rome radio has discontinued its daily German lessons along with its daily Arabic lessons. The latter was a Fascist method of trying to spread itself through the Moslem world.

## HEADS HOLY CROSS SISTERS

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 27 (U. P.)—Mother M. Rose Elizabeth was elected superior general of the eastern province of the Sisters of the Holy Cross yesterday, succeeding Mother Vincentia, it was announced today.

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