

## Roosevelt Warns Neutrals Not to Shelter Mussolini

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definite member of the Fascist party. The civilian population in Sicily was relieved immediately by the allied forces, who carried emergency rations with them.

Mr. Roosevelt said the first objective of the allied invasion force was to end armed resistance in Italy and to prevent anarchy.

The peace negotiations might well, he said, be with a king, a prime minister, or a mayor of a town.

Asked whether this meant that he did not regard Badoglio as a Fascist, the president said he was not going to discuss personalities.

Permitting quotation of his remarks on the possibility of axis leaders seeking neutral asylum, the president noted that there were rumors that Mussolini and his Fascist leaders would attempt to escape to neutral territory, and said that "one day Hitler and his gang and Tojo and his gang will be trying to escape from their countries."

"I find it difficult to believe that any neutral country would give asylum to or extend protection to any of them," the president said.

### Promises Punishment

"I can only say that the government of the United States would regard the action by a neutral government in affording asylum to axis leaders or their tools as inconsistent with the principles for which the United Nations are fighting and that the United States government hopes that no neutral government will permit its territory to be used as a place of refuge or otherwise assist such persons in any effort to escape their just deserts."

The president also reiterated the firm determination of the United Nations to punish leaders of the axis for their crimes against innocent persons.

The president told of a report from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower showing the extent to which the allies are aiding the economic rehabilitation of the people of Sicily and promising similar treatment for Italy.

The president said the plight of

## BADOGLIO PEACE 'FEELER' HINTED

British Cabinet Called to  
Hurried Meeting by  
Churchill.

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Naples, and Capo Di Chino in the city's suburbs.

For the second time, British warships sailed boldly in against the Italian coast to shell the Crotone area. They trained their big rifles on a railway line and bridge, and found no opposition.

European dispatches, meantime, told of spreading riots in Italy and the protective arrests of 5000 officials and prominent members of the Fascist party. Swiss dispatches reported that disorders, especially at Milan, were strongly communistic in character and said many demonstrators carried red flags, sang the Internationale and shouted for peace.

If the London meeting were not concerned with a formal Italian offer to make peace, informed sources believed, it at least may have considered an initial Italian peace approach, possibly submitted by a third party.

### Believed Urgent

The ministers also may have laid down a formal time limit for dealing with Badoglio, chief of state in the new Italian government, after which all bets would be regarded as off.

While it is true that cabinet sessions may be summoned almost at any time, the fact that members had to be roused by telephone obviously implied that matters had arisen which required the most urgent consultation.

Under questioning as to how this government regards the Badoglio regime, the president said this sort of inquiry raised the old question of which came first—the chicken or the egg.

When a victorious army goes into a country, the president said there are two prime essentials:

1. The ending of armed opposition.

2. Then the avoidance of anarchy, because a country in an anarchist state is difficult to deal with and requires the use of large numbers of troops.

The length of the meeting also indicated that some discussion and deliberation were necessary. If the Italians actually have approached the allies, at least several exchanges through third parties would be required before direct contact could be established between Rome and Algiers.

Other possibilities were that the cabinet discussed some military question of an urgent nature involving Germany or communications from belligerents other than Italy, such as Hungary, Rumania or Bulgaria, but general belief was that the satellites would wait for Italy to take the lead in getting out of the war on the side of the axis.

Though Radio Rome was silent on Eisenhower's peace offer, it characterized President Roosevelt and Churchill's earlier demands for unconditional surrender as "too harsh."

Meanwhile European dispatches said that 5000 officials and prominent members of the Fascist party have been taken into protective custody in Italy as anti-fascist demonstrations spread in defiance of official threats of execution.

An Italian frontier dispatch to the London Daily Mail said that

## Report Lowry Slated to Be New Parks Head in Shakeup

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Jewett, is "moderately" active in politics, having stumped for Mayor Tyndall last year.

Mayor Tyndall was not to be in his office today, Harry Calkins, his secretary, said. The secretary gave no explanation except to say that the mayor had been trying "to work in" a day off.

### Stunned by Demand

Stunned by the weight of patronage committee pressure on his job yesterday, Mr. Pottenger this morning charged that he had been advised on several occasions to "lose efficiency to the winds" in assigning "incompetent" city hall appointees to park department jobs.

Highlights of the park department shakeup:

1. The dismissal of Mr. Pottenger because of his alliance with Republican County Chairman Henry Ostrom and the regular G. O. P. organization, and his personal friendship with William Ayres, rabidly anti-city hall county commissioner.

2. The "firing" of Mr. Johnson reportedly for his activities in behalf of the senatorial ambitions of Homer E. Capehart, Indianapolis industrialist.

### Wholesale Release Seen

3. The possible wholesale release of a number of park department job-holders given employment directly by Mr. Pottenger instead of by the patronage committee.

Following a meeting of park board members and the patronage committee yesterday, it was reported that patronage string-puller Charles W. Jewett had vigorously demanded Mr. Pottenger's release, ostensibly because the park superintendent had failed to follow strict patronage committee orders in hiring park employees.

### Jewett Makes Charge

Mr. Jewett, it was said, accused Mr. Pottenger of dismissing certain pro-Tyndall workers because they allegedly were "incompetent."

The park superintendent today replied that in some instances job-seekers sent to him by the patronage group "were either too old or too decrepit" to perform their duties. He added that he "wouldn't be surprised" if many of his own personal park department appointees were dropped from the payroll as a result of the administration action yesterday.

"When politics holds the reins," said Mr. Pottenger, "the most effective use of the taxpayers' money is of secondary importance. I'll say one thing. When they try to replace some of my own men with their patronage choices they'll find

King Victor Emmanuel and the new Italian government had yielded to a "massed clamor for peace at any price" to the extent of announcing that they were aiming for peace, but only a peace that would permit Italy to be neutral and unoccupied.

### Allies Optimistic

Allied sources were optimistic that Italy would capitulate and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told reporters that he expected "a definite situation requiring the government to consult parliament will develop in respect to Italy" during the summer recess, which begins early next month.

Serious riots continued in the northern industrial city of Milan and on the Istrian peninsula, opposite northern Yugoslavia, but there were no further reports of German and Italian troop movements in the northern area.

Informed sources here were inclined to doubt Madrid reports that two Italian army corps had been dispatched to oppose the entrance of further German troops through the Brenner pass.

Doubt also was cast on reports that the Germans were reinforcing their garrisons in northern Italy, though it was considered likely that Nazi forces have been massed along the frontier ready to move should Badoglio suddenly side with the allies.

### Workers Rebel

A German Transocean broadcast acknowledged that a general strike was continuing in Milan and reported that Vito Mussolini, a nephew of the deposed premier, had gone in hiding there with other Fascists.

Bitter anti-Italian demonstrations among 600,000 Croats were reported continuing on the Istrian peninsula, which was taken from Austria and given to Italy in 1918 under the Versailles treaty.

An Italian frontier report said that Italian troops and Croatian units had been rushed to Trieste and the frontier city of Fiume to put down the demonstrations, and a Stockholm dispatch asserted German troops also had been sent to the area.

Madrid dispatches said Italians throughout the country were ripping down Fascist emblems and photographs of Mussolini.

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been completed so that there will be sufficient motor fuel to bring in essential food supplies.

He said evidence will be offered at a hearing to be held in Kansas City next Tuesday by a Senate subcommittee to show that Midwest and Southern gasoline allotments should be increased rather than reduced.

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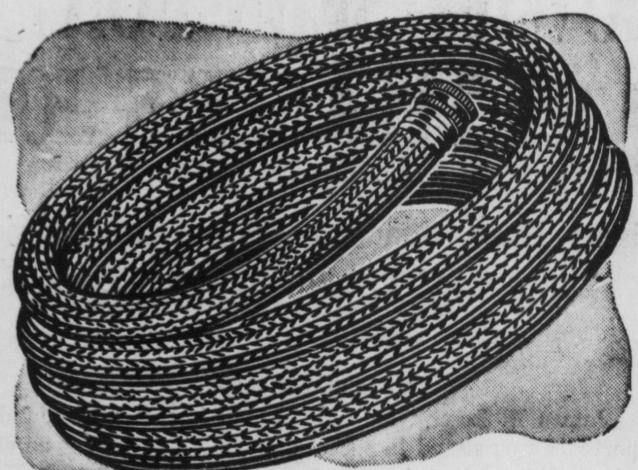
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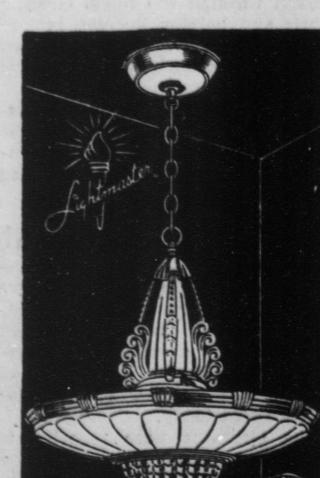


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