

seem to have reached the conclusion that they can have the whole pie for themselves soon, so why help the anglosaxons grab a piece of it first.

### Badoglio and the Fascists.

The army is more fascist than it was before, because of Badoglio's bright move of incorporating the Fascist Milice in it. This gave it some 5,000 young men without education and without any hope of a career or perhaps even of survival unless Fascism wins out. Also much of the army that wouldn't care so much for Mussolini is behind Badoglio. So are the Germans. Net result is consolidation of the the power of the reactionaries at a time when the people are isolated into many small groups.

Badoglio has given order to fire on workers if they refuse to work. Our friend says many higher officers encourage this because it will make Badoglio unpopular with the people and give them a better chance to bring Mussolini back with a coup d'état. Our friend hears of young fascist fanatics who want to bring Mussolini back.

Badoglio is in the power of the fascists backed by the Germans. The fascists control everything. The German soldiers that stayed off the streets for a while are all back in evidence -- with reinforcements.

### Allied Strategy

He criticized it vaguely to a small extent, but I couldn't get much specific out of him. Says Badoglio's agents are telling the people in meetings that Badoglio asked the Anglosaxons for terms and got back only unconditional surrender. Asked him if he thought it was true that Badoglio had asked for terms, and he said he had no doubt of it.

His only specific criticism was only that he thought it was silly for Alexander to make a very formal call on the Bishop of Palermo -- something that hadn't been done since the middle ages. He said "La Démocratie n'est pas tellement liée avec l'Eglise".

Last night Dubois was a bit bitter about Augot turning the schools over to the clergy pending the obtaining of suitable instructors. Says the catholics recently offered to take <sup>over</sup> the school system of Germany during an eventual occupation.

The man from the Mountains would like to hear whether Lusso got into Switzerland. Had heard he was turned back at the border on the 12th. In a day or two he expects the visit of Marguerite Rosval (phonetic) who has been living in fascist circles in Italy all ~~winter~~ and should be full of information.  
} winter and summer,

He may ask to see me again about Wednesday.