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Flem Band;  
A note to return

For your information and for the radio.

"The Badoglio government intends to <sup>entrust</sup> ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ to ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and technical Socialists, consultative/offices ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ of the Fascist corporative and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>trade union</sup> organizations. The Italian Socialist Party, consistent with its line of opposition to the war and the <sup>warns</sup> all its members against Fascist monarchy, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ accepting positions from the Badoglio Government.

The King has declared a state of siege throughout Italy as the answer to Socialist propaganda for a general strike. But the <sup>having as its aim to</sup> movement in favor of a general strike, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>end</sup> ~~is~~ the war and the residue of the Fascist state, including the monarchy, is spreading throughout the country. It has become the theme of discussion and deliberation of all the opposition groups.

The Milanese Socialist federation deploras the stupidity of the ~~xxx~~ leaflets dropped by the British planes. They are clear proof that British ruling circles are completely unaware of the state of mind of the Italian population. Only imperialists rendered stupid by their sentiment of racial superiority could allow themselves to address Italians in this tone. If there is in London any <sup>an</sup> influential man still capable of reasoning, he ought to be informed that the leaflets will stop hurting the cause of democracy and will help the anti-Fascist movement only when they begin to be formulated more or less in the following terms: "Italians, we are not appealing to your fear, but to your courage. We are your allies against the common enemy: ~~dicta~~ dictatorship, etc. etc., " Or: "Free Italians, followers of