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The Man from the mountains.

Some shots have been exchanged between the Lecco group and some Fascist Militia -- nothing serious yet, no dead apparently.

All the ~~partisans~~ armed resistance our friend could find around Domodossola was one officer with ten, but these were well organized and had stolen light arms and bombs for several hundred men.

Both groups have too much military in their psychology. They think in terms of later being able to occupy, hold and defend towns, rather than guerrilla warfare, incursions, sabotage. Don't want to relinquish their uniforms, lose their rights of war and be subject to execution as bandits. Lecco is even doubtful about arming civilian volunteers that our friend might send them.

It is beginning to snow in the mountains and these groups feel they will soon be forced to occupy towns in order to get food, clothing, doctors. Our friend trying to persuade them to scatter in civilian clothes, establish small mobile bases, and keep on the move.

Musso is trying to become head of the Republicans whether socialist or not. Will not allow persecution socialist and communists, but only of renegade fascists who let him down, and jews -- frightful pogroms going on according to our friend. When Mussolini's Constitutive Assembly finally meets, it is to have representatives of the workers of all big factories, regardless whether socialists or communists.

Pogroms

Musso wants to clear out armed resistance in Rommel's rear by use of this political soft soap -- and Rommel has given him till end of the month to accomplish it by that method -- otherwise force will be used.