

The latest reports from Italy show three very strong opposition parties, the Catholics, Socialists, Communists, in that order. There are over 100 little local groups, Giustizia, Italia Libera, etc., mostly Liberal and Democratic. They lack unity. The person who could unify and direct these groups is Sforza. He should be played up more over the radio. He is known to the intellectuals, although not to the masses. (In answer to this question, S. said that if you asked an Italian workman who Sforza was, he'd say, "what is it, spaghetti or a machine?") Sforza does not represent anything, but could become head of movement during transition period. The Catholics have agreed to work with the Socialists. Socialists want coalition of Liberal, Democratic and intellectual groups under Sforza, together with Croce and Salvemini (S. regards the latter very highly.)

### Internal situation:

This can be summed up as follows: Italian military effort is one-fifth of what it might be. Italy is taking part in the war in about the same measure as Finland and Rumania, and this is the result of the internal situation. If the question were asked, what are the Italians doing?, the answer is that they have paralyzed a good part of the military machine.

The workers are beginning to feel their power because they see how much they are needed for war industries.

Anti-Fascists are strong among world war veterans, students. (Latter prevented from organizing because universities closed.) Also among dock workers.

Trieste and Genoa most important Socialist centers. Milan and Turin most important Communist centers.

Present moment in Italy characterized by lull. Moment for revolution depends on two main factors, i.e. complete military defeat and total internal crisis in regime, which must fall like ripe fruit. Negative factor, attitude of Vatican and so-called anti-fascist generals.

Life in Italy is obsessed by evacuation, not by the war.

Communications in chaotic state. In order to disrupt schedules when a train is about to leave a station the engineer will report that something is wrong with the engine and refuse to leave until it has been checked over. Clerks in ministries mis-direct letters.

Gaffs made by British and Americans react immediately on leaders in Italy.

### Miscellaneous

Socialists would do nothing either to cooperate with, or impede invaders. This does not exclude their independent armed action.

Trieste good base from which to organize revolution because it can be supplied with arms by sea and railway lines from city can be easily cut.

Shout of Civil Disobedience should be repeated more frequently.