

1. The Italian Socialist Party and the Partito d'Azione have decided to come to an agreement, on both home and foreign policy, for the struggle against Fascism and against the war. The Italian Socialist Party intends to present to the other antifascist groups a text reannouncing the programme of the first phase of the antifascist revolution; the text will be entitled "Pact of Freedom". The pact stipulates a pledge to liquidate, together with Fascism, the monarchy and the power of the trusts. The groups adhering to the pact will keep their own programmes and their own autonomy of organisation, but they will have committees for the co-ordination of common action. A committee along these lines will be set up as soon as possible in this country. It is improbable that a single person will be delegated to represent the entire Italian opposition. In this connection it must be observed that the Italian Socialist Party does not recognise even Sforza as having this authority, especially less than ever since his oscillations on the question of the monarchy.

2. Italian prisoners recently returned to Italy report that they were submitted to propaganda for the constitution of antifascist Italian legions. Can this report be confirmed? Are such legions really being formed?

3. Roosevelt's declarations concerning Italy have made a good impression because they mean the end of the illusion which arose of an agreement, sponsored by the Vatican, with a moderate wing of Fascism, for a separate peace. This has greatly strengthened the moral position of the democracies among Italian antifascists. The interest of the opposition is now directed towards the transition regime which the United Nations will impose on Italy after the capitulation. The prevalent opinion is summarised as follows: if the Allied troops occupy the key positions of the country and leave freedom of action to the antifascist parties, the latter are strong enough to be able to liquidate rapidly all residues of Fascism. [For the successive measures to be taken against them the responsible persons of the old regime, the Allied troops can follow the model of the procedure of the Germans and Italians in the countries occupied by them.]

The crisis which will hit a large part of Italian industry following when Germany stops supplying raw materials, which the Allies will be unable to replace at once with supplies of their own, may turn out to be providential. Italian