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heavy iron industry has always been ~~the~~ fortress of ~~the~~ Italian nationalist party; and since it ~~is~~ entirely artificial creation, Italy ~~being~~ lacking ~~the~~ necessary raw materials, it has ~~always~~ been a dead weight on Italian economy and politics, fostering preferential tariffs and autarchy. ~~The~~ Destruction of this industry will be an economic and political relief for ~~the~~ Italian people and will offer, after ~~the~~ peace, a basis for economic collaboration with ~~the~~ democratic countries, on a much wider scale than in ~~the~~ past.

4. ~~The~~ Allied command should declare ~~the~~ Fascist municipal organization ^(Mayor etc.) on the island of Pantelleria as being deposed from office, and should entrust to a commission, chosen from among ~~these~~ Italians ~~who~~ signed ~~the~~ message of goodwill to ~~the~~ Allies, ~~the~~ task of administering ~~the~~ local affairs. ^{These} A measure of this kind ~~(the suppression of the mayors)~~, announced over ~~the~~ radio, would help ~~the~~ Italians ~~to~~ understand what ~~an~~ invasion of ~~the~~ Allied troops would ~~bring with it~~. It is ~~indispensable~~ that ~~the~~ military occupation authorities ~~should have definite instructions on these political measures, on which administrative and the conditions in which the invasion will take place, in part depend.~~

~~The~~ Possibility of setting up a Free Italy committee in ~~one~~ of ~~the~~ localities or colonies occupied by the Allies will be examined by ~~the~~ United Front Committee, as soon as ~~the~~ latter ~~is~~ established. May we know what opportunities would be offered to this committee?

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