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For Mr. D. for his information and for Lazzato.

The Italian Socialist Party has decided to ask for the revision of the trial for the assassination of Matteotti and has asked for the immediate arrest of Mussolini for having decided on the killing, and of General De Bono as his principal organizer.

The Socialist Party asks all families and parents ^{of the victims} /unpunished by Fascist violence to formally request the immediate arrest of those responsible and for their trial.

In face of the increasing menace of a coup d'etat directed by ex-Fascist chiefs, with German military assistance, the Socialist Party considers it an urgent necessity to constitute committees for liberty, with the participation of the five anti-Fascist parties, in every region, in every province, in every city and even in every factory and in every village. With or without the permission of Badoglio, the people must prepare themselves immediately to repulse every attempt at the return of Fascism and to exterminate its authors. Every anti-Fascist who receives this invitation has the duty of immediately providing for its realization. Every Socialist group which is isolated from the Party center owing to communications difficulties must know that this is the directive of the present moment and must follow it with discipline and promptness.

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A secret conference of Socialists in Italy has voted a resolution condemning the equivocal policy of the Government towards political emigrants. The press has made much of the return of some persons, but visas have been refused to political refugees living in Switzerland who have collectively asked to return to Italy. Some who returned clandestinely have been arrested. The Socialist Party holds it an