

The Socialists and Partito d'Azione said they would refuse to accept appointments from the King. The Catholics were on the fence.

On that same day, according to the story in Milan, the King abdicated but later, when he was told that he should not take it for granted that his son would succeed him, he issued a dementi.

On the evening of the 8th, the King and Badoglio left Rome.

His friend says that there are so few short wave radios left in Italy that he prefers tracts as a means of spreading information. This is apparently due to the fact that short wave radios have not been on the market for a long time, although medium wave sets have been sold.

There is an illegal sender thought to operate from Italy using wave length 14.5. These last two items might interest Jerry.

On the 10th, the Socialists distributed a tract in Milan against the Germans and the King and urged a republic.

Suggests Avezzano as a target. It lies some distance east of Rome on the line to Pescara. He says this is where Badoglio removed most of the military material from Rome and that it is today a more important link with Naples than is Rome.

He considers it a more important target than Solmona which is east of ~~Rome~~ ^{Avezzano} and which was bombed heavily recently. Avezzano has two large chemical factories near the station and many feed storage silos where the Prince who owns the entire region collects the food from the rich