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be printing presses controlled by troops ~~true to Badoglio~~, although the material for the press would no doubt have to come in by radio.

2. Since most of the people seem to feel that it will not make much difference later whether they now declare for Mussolini or Badoglio, and they are interested only in the safety of themselves and families, he suggests that Badoglio issue a proclamation to the effect that trial by military court awaits those who aid the enemy in this critical hour of the country's history.

3. He advocates the arming of civilians who are disposed to fight against the Germans, believing that many of these are more willing to fight than the ex-soldiers.

4. He advocates aggressive tactics by the armed resistance, to enlarge their positions and make organized sorties before Mussolini can get his militia organized.

Meanwhile, members of his organization are being gone over with a view to finding those fit to bear arms, and he is advising that in the mean time acts of sabotage be intensified.

His man, who just got back from Trieste, says the city is quiet and orderly. Fighting which could be heard east of the city a week or so ago seems to have regressed towards the east. Although for a while armed Italians did some shooting in the streets at night and disappeared at daylight, it cannot be said that partisans occupied any part of the town or that there was any serious street fighting. This may help to answer the inquiry you had on Trieste.

Our friend says he assumes that Sforza will remain in London since in Italy he could not do much good as a private person and he refuses to become a member of the Government.

I will probably see him again on Sunday.

Apparently the reason he did not come in for tea yesterday is because he was peevish with Juliette for making a date with him for Miss Wiskemann without letting him know in advance.

*George Wiskemann*

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