

The socialist movement started again in Italy in 1942 and the first six months of 1943: its clandestine activity has been growing during the last period of fascism. During this period the various groups have been spontaneously unified to form the Italian socialist party, which is the only political organisation of the Italian socialists and goes under the name of "Italian Socialist Party of Proletarian Unity". The party has been active during the Badoglio period and is now continuing its activities both in the German occupied regions and in the zones which are already controlled by the Allies. It is fighting against Nazi invasion under extremely hard conditions, it continues organisation and propaganda work, has been publishing since August 1st the newspaper "L'Avanti" which is the traditional organ of the Italian socialist party, is preparing for the reconstruction of the country on socialist basis and for the re-creation of a political, syndicalistic and cooperative movement of Italian proletariat.

The various anti-fascist parties, which during the last few years had ~~annexed~~ steadily come into closer contact with ~~each other~~; each other, have formed ~~an~~ after July 25th a Committee of anti-fascist parties. Five different parties take part in the Committee: Liberal; Christian-Democratic; Action party; Socialist and Communist. Since September 8th this Committee has been transformed into a Committee of National Liberation, with a common directive activity. Its Military Committee is directing the fight against the Germans.

On the political plan, the Committee of National Liberation, which represents the political will of the Italian people, has taken a position which derives from the present situation. It is therefore asking for an emergency Government, which must get rid of fascists and start the country towards freedom and reconstruction. The five parties, which undoubtedly represent the country, are willing to take part in this program.