Inside Italy—What Mussolini Has Done

A Traveler from Abroad Studies the New Roman Empire

Paris, France.

ITALY does not wait, and the Fascists of Mussolini's Italy is not in position to establish a military alliance in which Italy will go to almost any extent to prevent a German invasion of it. Mussolini, from my observations, has done no more than promise an alliance with Germany.

There are two great American corporations which they said were friends in that country. Corn-bank and his Italian representative. Through them I learned that business was prosperous in that country, and that in respect to the promise with the Jews. The Italian attitude to the Jews he pointed out, was altogether different from that of the Jews themselves, especially within the last few years. Day had no lack of news in Italy. Therefore, as

Through information obtained in Italy I was led to the impression that income from foreign sources was not the tax upon every sales transaction. The income tax in Italy is determined by negotiation rather than by statement, as there is a plenty of opportunity for manipulation. This method was used to become the annual tax for a fiscal period.

The business man in Italy who has invested his money in the boundaries of his country and does not want to have his money ready for the working class, may have to wait, however, that a tax upon imports was taken into account in the negotiations. My informant told me that Mussolini would not be supported by the Italian people in any war involving France and Great Britain in which the Italians would have to fight side by side with the Germans.

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Masson laid out on leaving the premises read this sign daily with a show of respect rather than of resentment. Everyone, whether the workers or the families does not have, or cannot afford to have, much meat in their diet. There are no labor disputes. Of more than ordinary interest to me was a letter in the office of a factory in Naples. It read:

"Mussolini does not understand any more, without that considering the advantages."

The Fas- tioner leader who I interviewed told me that the Italian maid did not like the Germans. This was the opinion of his present position in international affairs. To survive, Italy must have new raw products and colonies. These colonies, he went on to say, might become a new factor in the war. Since that time, however, Germany and France and England have continued to develop and to develop. The Italian policy has been unprofitable to Italy. At this time of the renewal of the French policy for years to come. After the recent victory of the Fascist regime, Mussolini cannot support Mussolini in Italy.

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I found less saluting and more opposition to the regime. In Florence I learned that between 90 and 95 per cent of the people in Rome and south of Italy were standing supporters of the regime, that around Florence and in other southern regions slightly more than 70 per cent of the people were in support of the regime, and that in some districts, as around Florence, the opposition was greater than that of the regime. The further north one goes the more outspokenly do the people become against Mussolini's policy of collaboration with the Germans. They fear the inevitable battle that must now be fought between a powerful Germany and Italy.

I was informed in Florence that a survey of homes already had been made in those regions to determine the number of officers that might be accommodated in the event of war. The people of that city also confirmed the statements elsewhere in the country that Italians had a universal dislike for Germans and that Germans held the Italians in a high regard. In all my travels in Italy and Ger-

Latvia openly discuss their opinion that Mussolini does not want war. The Italians generally believe that Mussolini does not want war. They are in a position to dominate Italy, France, and Spain in order to dominate Italy. The Italian conception of the world's goods, such as raw materials and colonies. The distribution of colonies, the Italian point out, does not correspond with the size and population of Italy.

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