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**ITALY OUT.**

Italy's "stab-in-the-back" entry into the war. Visions of cheap conquest which were to vanish, together with its sawdust Caesar, Fascism, the Italian Empire and, after over three years of catastrophic warfare, the unconditional surrender of the Italian Nation.

The prolonged stay in Canada of our great Prime Minister was explained, when the magnificent but not wholly unexpected news of Italy's fall came through. Here we see how the citizens of Quebec opened their hearts and lungs in welcome, as Mr. Churchill made his 10 mile tour of the city in an open car. Spontaneous affection which rivals our own.

Thousands of people fill the spacious lawns outside Parliament building Ottawa, to hear President Roosevelt address the two Houses of the Canadian Parliament. Speaking from a dais outside the building, the President turns to Mr. MacKenzie King and says :-

"May I, through you, thank the people of Canada for their hospitality to all of us. Your cause and mine have run so closely and affectionately during these many long years, that this meeting adds another link to that chain.

During the past few days in Quebec the combined staffs have been sitting around the tables, which is a good custom, talking things over, discussing ways and means in the manner of friends, in the manner of partners, and may I even say in the manner of members of the same family.

We spend our energies and resources and the very lives of our sons and daughters because a gang of gangsters in the community of nations fails to recognize the fundamentals of decent human conduct. We have been forced to call out what we, in the United States would call the Sheriff and his posse to break up the gang in order that gansterism may be eliminated in the community of nations. We are making sure, absolutely and irrevocably sure this time, that the lesson is driven home to them once and for all. We actually are going to be rid of outlaws this time."

It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of these meetings in Canada. British-American unity is not created; it is a brotherhood which goes further than the history books. What you hear now is the carillon ringing the British National Anthem - Distorted in reproduction, but worth hearing never-the-less.

The people of Ottawa are given the opportunity of observing Mr. Roosevelt just as Quebec crowds had cheered Mr. Churchill. Could the one temporarily remaining Dictator in Europe travel abroad like this today? and besides, where?

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On the day Britain commemorated its declaration of War on Germany, the Allied invasion of the Italian mainland commenced. It was to prove the shortest invasion in history, for on that same day came the Italian capitulation and acceptance of the Casablanca terms of surrender. At 4.30 in the morning as our landing craft thrust their bows onto the shore, the strange absence of concerted resistance, the timorous rifle shot or two, gave rise to the feeling that something was brewing.

One sneoping enemy fighter-bomber poked his nose out of the morning mist more in sorrow than in anger.

Events were to move rapidly. Italy was giving herself up, and the moment came to spread our occupying forces along the entire West Coast.

It was from General Eisenhower that we were to hear of Italy's exit from the war. The B.B.C. sent his momentous words to the four corners of the Globe.

Admiral Cunningham called on the Italian Fleet to sail to Allied Ports. By this strange twist of events Italian warships were preparing to slip their moorings and place themselves out of German reach. With alacrity certain units made the breakaway and sailed for Gibraltar. Italian reaction against her former masters was bursting out. This was the start of her revenge for being kicked around by the Nazis.

The moment is ripe to extol the men who have driven one enemy nation out of the war. Pre-eminent in this are the British and Canadians of the 8th Army.

Side by side with us, the 6th 7th and 5th American armies have made their ~~an~~ indelible mark in Africa and Europe.

Allied airmen of the North West African Air Force are the Supreme Lords of the air. Helped by their prowess, the Axis has now two distant and very battered extremities, with no middle.

And it was upon the Royal Navy that our mastery in the Mediterranean chiefly depended. Combined Operations which led to Combined Victory.