

They are no longer mere bands of irregulars but a large army exercising varying control over the larger part of Montenegro, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Serbia. The Italians have appealed to the Montenegrins to lay down their arms. The appeal ~~was~~ ^{has been} ignored. The ~~Italian~~ Government of Ferruccio Pavlovich in Croatia is forming squads of assassins to combat the Chetniks. The Quisling Premier of Serbia General Vuchitch broadcasting from Belgrade ~~at the middle~~ of September declared that "the outrages in Serbia are leading to civil war." All Serbs were asked to do all in their power to prevent a punitive expedition ~~being sent into their~~ country which would ~~thus~~ ^{be converted} into a heap of ruin. He ~~appealed to~~ ^{appealed to} the Serbs to form special anti-guerrilla detachments and asked those who have gone astray to abandon their weapons, leave the woods and return to their families."

This appeal ~~of the Serbs~~ ^{of the Serbs} reveals the degree of ~~hostility~~ ^{hostility} inside Yugoslavia against the conquerors. The Chetniks have created a new front in Zagreb and throughout Croatia against Pavlovich and the Italians. An army of several thousands ~~of men~~ ^{of men} destroyed long stretches of railway near the ~~Rumanian~~ ^{Rumanian} frontiers and Rumanian troops have been ordered to occupy the area and deal with the revolutionaries. German ~~and~~ ^{and} aircraft have to escort trains in many parts of Serbia. The guerrillas who are well armed have on many occasions ~~to~~ ^{to} clashed with regular German units.

~~Rome, Berlin, and the puppet rulers by more repression and by exacting brutal revenge from the political prisoners and the civil population. The Communists are accused of being the organisers of these revolts and a fearful persecution and stampede is ~~being~~ ^{directed} against them. The same is being done with all other true patriotic and progressive people.~~

But whatever the ~~trials~~ ^{forms of Nazi oppression} before the people, ~~the Balkans are seething with revolt and~~ it is a fact that the ~~so-called~~ ^{Soviet} resistance ~~has tied up Hitler's forces~~ ^{has inspired} fresh hopes in millions of slaves and caused the smouldering fires of revolt to leap into flame. And the revolt will grow ~~into~~ ^{into} the overthrow of Nazi tyranny. Proved the Balkan peoples are supplied with the requisite ~~arms~~ ^{will} they continue steadily and increasingly to strike at the invader and sap his morale.

It is the duty of the Allies to see that they do not ~~lose~~ ^{loose} the weapons. ~~to fight~~

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The answer to the rise of indignation is more repression of the civil population & more ~~bloody~~ ^{actual} revenge on the political prisoners.