

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 has been ignored. The ~~Italian~~ Government of terrorist Pavelitch in Croatia is forming squads of assassins to combat the Chetniks. The quixotic Premier of Serbia General Petrich 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 ruins. He ~~advised~~ ^{urged} 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 Serbian ~~army~~ ^{people} reveals the degree of hostility inside Yugoslavia against the conquerors. The Chetniks have created a new front in Zagreb and throughout Croatia against Pavelitch and the Italians. An army of several thousands ~~of them~~ destroyed long stretches of railway near the ~~Romanian~~ frontier and Romanian troops have been ordered to occupy the area and deal with the rebels and ^{and organized care} ~~guerrillas~~ ^{and} ~~to~~ ^{and} ~~clashed with regular German units~~ German ^{and} aeroplanes have to escort trains in many parts of Serbia. The guerrillas who are well armed have in many occasions ~~been~~ ^{and} ~~clashed with regular German units~~

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It is reported that in one such clash during September 2 German battalions were routed after losing 250 officers and men killed. Afterwards the entire German garrison was sent against them and olive boulders were used, — for ten days the traffic in the central regions of Serbia proper was at a standstill.

In Greece the irregulars are equally active. Apart from the armed bands the workers are doing all in their power to disorganise supplies to the enemy. Two Italian supply ships were sunk in Salonicca harbour during the early September. The Italians made about 100 arrests but were compelled later to release the men after the secret Greek Trade Union declared a general strike. The Athens newspaper published lists of a number of persons condemned to death for sabotage. In Crete the irregulars comprising both Greeks Cretans and Imperial forces are proving very troublesome and the Greek vice-premier Logothetopoulos has been sent there by the Germans to organise repression.

Antonescu of Rumania disregarded the death sentence for sabotage and ~~the~~ ^{in default of} ~~number~~ executions have taken place. The massacre of the Rumanian Troops before Odessa combined with the economic suffering have caused widespread hatred of the regime and of the Germans. General Antonescu returned hurriedly from the Russian front after the assassination of one of his generals (Generalioshann) by Bessarabian guerrillas in order to quell the rising revolt.

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 slaughter is ~~imposed~~ ^{carried} against them. The same is being done with all other true patriotic and progressive people.

But whatever the forms of Nazi oppression whatever the trials before the people the Balkans are setting ~~the~~ ^{an} example. It is a fact that the Soviet resistance ~~has~~ ^{is} tied up Hitler has inspired fresh hopes in millions of slaves and caused the smouldering fires of revolt to leap into flame. And the revolt will grow ~~with~~ ^{on} into ~~time~~ ^{time} into national revolutionary uprising for the overthrow of Nazi tyranny. Provided the Balkan patriots ~~will~~ are supplied with the requisite arms they continue steadily and increasing to strike at the invaders and sap his morale. It is the duty of the Allies to see that they do not lack the weapons. ~~fight on~~

Rome/Berlin
The answer to the rising indignation is more repression of the civilian population & more ~~brutal~~ ^{bloody} ~~brutal~~ sweep on the political prisoners.