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REORGANIZATION OF THE ITALIAN ARMY ANNOUNCED

SALERNO, June 7 - A reorganization of the Italian Army in order to attain a higher degree of efficiency and to eliminate the numerous evils created by the Fascist-injected regulations, was announced today by the Italian Government.

The new Army has suppressed seven out of nine military posts considered useless, on the General Staff, and filled only for political reasons by the Fascist regime.

The Fascist decree of April, 1940, making possible the promotion of General Staff officers without the traditional Army regulation of pursuing a period of command of troops, has been revoked. Every General Staff officer under the new ruling will have to serve a period of actual troop command functions before he may be promoted to a higher rank. The reason for this requirement, the communique explained, is to give general officers lower-echelon experience and to acquaint them with the needs of the lower units.

Up to the month of June, 1944, 29 general officers, 21 colonels, 368 staff officers, and 4,996 company grade officers have been retired under the new provisions.

Among those officers retired for their behavior during the crucial period of the Armistice, 50 officers have been placed on the retired list, dismissed from the service, or are facing charges before a military tribunal. The process of defascistization within the Ministry of War is reaching many of its civilian functionaries as well as the military personnel, said the communique. 3355 (PWB)

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Tutti i doveri del militare sono riassunti nel seguente giuramento, che deve essere prestato solennemente da chiunque entra nelle file del R. Esercito.

"GIURO D'ESSERE FEDELE AL RE ED AI SUOI SUOI REALI SUCCESSORI, DI OSSERVARE LEALMENTE LO STATUTO E LE ALTRE LEGGI DELLO STATO E DI ADEMPIRE TUTTI I DOVERI DEL MIO STATO, AL SOLO SCOPO DEL BIENE INSEPARABILE DEL RE E DELLA PATRIA".

Col giuramento il militare vincola solennemente la sua parola di onore; il militare spergiuro e' macchiato di infamia.

OATH

All duties of the soldier are comprised in the following oath, which is solemnly taken by everyone who enters the Royal Army.

"I swear to be faithful to the King and to his royal successors, to loyally observe the Statutes and all other laws of the Nation, and to fulfill all duties of my country, with the sole aim of maintaining the inseparable welfare of the King and of the Nation."

By taking this oath, the soldier solemnly pledges his word of honor; he who violates it is stained with infamy.

The CORR oath is not distinguishable from that of other components of the Italian Army.

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Badoglio To Fight Italian Inflation

SEAT OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, March 28—Prompted by conditions which he fears will threaten programs aimed at stabilizing Italy's economic sphere, Prime Minister Badoglio today declared war "on the inflationary spiral of artificial wage and price increases."

In conjunction with Allied authorities, Marshal Badoglio announced legislative measures were being mapped which, he felt, would curb inflationary tendencies and would provide genuine improvement throughout the country. "The workers of Italy," he said, "will understand that only in an increase in the amount of consumer goods and not through any illusory swelling of paychecks can the proper solution to economic problems be attained."

Included in the planned legislation are provisions which will govern labor conditions throughout areas in liberated sections of the peninsula. These laws will cover individual and collective labor controversies and their settlement, manpower problems and unemployment cycles. When adopted it will be made retroactive to Feb. 11.

The Prime Minister recalled that a decree issued on that date stipulated that prices and wages must remain unchanged at the levels which prevailed on that date.

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