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POLITICAL, COUNT SALAZAR
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An alleged British subject, who remained in Italy during the war, Count Southfield Salazar poses as the personal representative of Mr. Winston Churchill for big business deals. He sends round to leading ex-fascist industrialists and others a British sergeant called Stevens who asks them if they have had any trouble with the patriots and according to their answer urges them to go and see his chief.

At a party given last week at Salazar's house, 24 Piazza Solustio, were present among others Vaselli, Federici, Scolera, Armenise. Salazar made a short speech stating that he had been instructed by the Prime Minister to help the Monarchy but that money was required and asked his listeners to contribute to the party fund (at least one million lire monthly). The person who reports this was asked if he could afford Lit. 50,000 per month.

It is understood that Salazar helped Sir Francis Osborne during the German occupation and was understood to be in touch with our Intelligence. It is further understood that he helped in the release of political prisoners in 1943-44. He claims to be an Irishman but is believed to be a Maltese. On his door the plate "British Representative No. 1" is now replaced by one reading "Anglo Maltese relations or 'Italo-Maltese relazioni'".

He seems to have collected around him all the multi-millionaires fascist Contractors, intimates of Ciano, like Armenise or of Mussolini, Starace and Farinacci, like Vaselli, Federici and Scolera.

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