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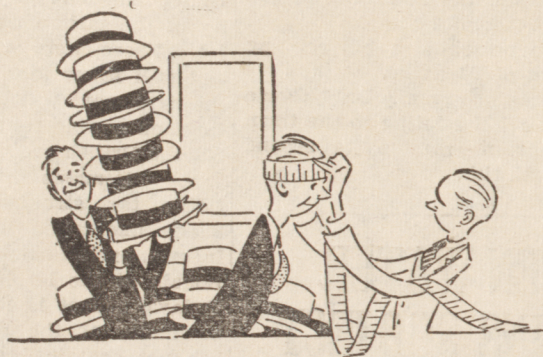
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## WHAT ARE THE REAL ITALIAN AIMS IN SPAIN?

(This article is written by H. M.  
Paint of The Daily Mail staff.)

France grows more anxious daily  
for an end of foreign interference in  
the Spanish civil war. Italian news-  
papers comment which hailed the  
capture of Malaga as an Italian victory  
has not pleased Paris. The  
French Foreign office fears Franco's  
triumph because in a retreat or flight  
of the Valencia Government to Bar-  
celona, the moderates will likely at  
last be merged with the Catalonian  
extremists. This may lead to the  
formation of a true Red republic.  
Such a step would embarrass the  
Blum government badly in domestic  
politics and certainly hasten further  
Italian aggressions in Spain.

The British Government is also un-  
willing to let the Germans and Italians  
Claim Credit for a Rebel Victory  
General Franco has given Britain all  
assurances asked, it is said, regard-  
ing the future of Spanish territory.  
He has also assured the sanctity of  
British mining concessions in Spain  
rumor says. The British have been  
bargaining for concessions while the  
Germans and Italians have been fight-  
ing for promises of them, the story  
goes. In Spain the likelihood is that  
those who have the money will al-  
ways fare better with any govern-  
ment than those who only have troops  
—i. e., of course, unless they have  
plenty of troops! In fact, enough  
troops in Spain to ensure that any  
promises made to them must be kept.  
Italy intends to be in this position  
before long.

### Easy Marks Come Harder Lately

Hitler's enthusiasm for the Spanish  
adventure has waned since Jan. 9.  
On that date the German war coun-  
cil told him at Berchtesgaden that  
the German army was not yet ready  
for a general European war. A dic-  
tatorial government in Spain would  
be a fine thing to embarrass French  
and British communications in the  
Mediterranean in a European war.  
But Franco has already cost Germany  
many million marks. Unless he can  
be put to immediate use he is an ex-  
pensive luxury. German marks are  
precious and Franco's rebellion is  
still, most distinctly, unfinished busi-  
ness.

### Goering was Reluctant

In the recent meeting between Mus-  
solini and Gen. Hermann Goering and  
proved a rather unwilling trailer en-  
deavoring to apply the brakes to I  
Duce's Spanish war chariot. It is  
expected that in the future, German  
interference in Spain will take a  
much milder form. On the other hand  
Mussolini grows more enthusiastic  
Italy is increasing her efforts to par-  
ticipate in Franco's victory and ex-  
tend it to the widest possible limits.

No matter what effect his action  
may have on the general trend of the  
European situation, Mussolini means  
to gain his ends. The immediate ob-  
jects of Italian policy in Spain may  
be indicated with reasonable certain-  
ty. They are:

- (1) Control of strategic points in  
the Mediterranean, near the Straits  
of Gibraltar.
- (2) A possible cession of Spanish  
Morocco by a Fascist Spanish Gov-  
ernment.
- (3) Control of the Balearic Isles.
- (4) Spanish mineral concessions for  
Italian mining companies.
- (5) The possible cession of Spanish  
African colonies, as sources of raw  
materials and strategic bases for  
world trade.

But some observers believe that  
the real aims of Il Duce are truly  
Napoleonic in conception. Their op-  
inion is that Italian intervention in  
Spain is but the first step in the at-  
tempted formation of a Latin Em-

pire. Their argument follows these  
lines. The revival of the Empire of  
Charlemagne is a romantic dream  
which even today has a certain ap-  
peal to the French mind. Frenchmen  
have not forgotten that Charlemagne  
was once crowned with the iron  
crown of Lombardy. Nor has Mus-  
solini forgotten that Napoleon was a  
Corsican. Conditions in France to-  
day are ripe for the coming of an-  
other Emperor. A great man who  
could assure France of a continuance  
of her ancient political dominion in  
co-partnership with Italy in a Latin  
League in Europe might be welcom-  
ed by the French nation under cer-  
tain conditions, even though of for-  
eign blood. What are these condi-  
tions which make such a drastic step  
tolerable to the French nation? They  
are, according to this school of  
thought:

(1) A understanding between Eng-  
land and Germany which would iso-  
late France and drive her to despera-  
tion.

(2) A disastrous war with Germany  
which might make France ready to  
pay any price for Italian aid, if Brit-  
ain remained neutral.

(3) A civil war between the French  
Rightists and the French Left Wing  
in which Germany and Italy inter-  
vened in aid of the French Fascist  
party and England stood aloof upon  
a German guarantee of the integrity  
of the Channel Ports.

It is advanced by this school of  
thought as an alluring project which  
was Napoleon's own—as stated in his  
memoirs from St. Helena—i. e., a  
union of the Latin races in one great  
empire of 45,000,000 Italians; 45,000-  
000 French; 21,000,000 Spaniards;  
5,000,000 Portuguese. Ridiculous! Im-  
possible! Absurd! But after all

### Stranger Things Have Happened

The national boundaries of most  
European nations are yielding to a  
new mental alignment of political  
creeds comparable only to the con-  
flicting partizanship that preceded  
the great religious wars which agi-  
tated France, Germany and Central  
Europe during the 16th Century. A  
day is rapidly coming in the opinion  
of this school of thought where in  
the continental European nations the  
issue will become sharply drawn be-  
tween Fascism or the will of the  
state and Communism or the will of  
the party. In Britain today quite  
plainly the British Empire is making  
ready to protect not only our terri-  
torial integrity but the democratic  
British institutions of constitutional  
government so dear to all Britons  
throughout the Empire.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26—A lot of peo-  
ple won't believe him, but Dr. H. W.  
Oppice insists it's mostly imagination  
you feel when a dentist goes to work.  
To overcome it, Dr. Oppice, teacher  
in Loyola University, said at the  
Dental Society convention here, den-  
tists are using psychology and tech-  
nique.

"Actually there is very little pain  
in modern dentistry," he said. "The  
vibration of the drill gives a sensa-  
tion which registers fear in the brain  
but the anticipation causes more  
pain than the operation. Fear of the  
dentist is inherited—a fear of the  
unknown—and it is magnified by  
education in the home. Parents who  
have been to the dentist and discuss  
their experiences cause much of the  
fear in children."

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