

Germany at Turning Point, Says **Badoglio**

Rome, July 22—P—Marshal Pietro **Badoglio**, commenting on the present events in Germany in an interview almost a year to the day after the coup which overthrew Mussolini in Italy, said today that "if a group of officers has revolted against Hitler it is because Germany has lost the war."

The veteran Italian soldier said there seemed to be no doubt that Germany had reached a turning point for two reasons—first, that evidently the German army no longer is able to stop the Russian offensives, and second, that Germany has no more reserves to throw into the fighting in Italy and Normandy.

Referring to the announcements that on the Russian front one army general and 23 other generals, among whom were corps commanders, had surrendered, Badoglio declared:

"If generals of that rank are caught, it is because the masses

of troops in front of them either went over to the enemy or ran away."

Discount People's Rebellion

Badoglio, one of the most prominent figures in Italy's surrender, said he believed a German revolt may have been planned by Field Marshal Karl Rudolf Gerd von Rundstedt and others of the same military tradition. He discounted the possibility of a peoples' rebellion.

"The only people in Germany are women, children, old men, and 10,000,000 foreigners, such as prisoners and forced laborers. All other Germans are in the army and a revolt must come there."

Badoglio said he was too seasoned a campaigner to predict when a German collapse would come.

"Prophecies are for cafe dilettantes," he declared. "The end can
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come suddenly or be delayed some months. There is no doubt, however, that Germany is in a tragic moment" . . .

Badoglio made no comment on the anniversary of the overthrow of Mussolini except to say that of all the satellites Italy was the only one which broke from the Germans.

He closed the interview by pointing to an ancient telephone on a pedestal in the study of his spacious villa. A plaque on the pedestal says:

"This is the telephone with which Badoglio directed the battles of Piave, Vittorio, Veneto"—decisive engagements against the Austrians in the last war.
