

American Note To Italy Defines Stand Of U. S. On Independence Of Poles

WASHINGTON, D. C. Aug. 11.—Pressing against the partition of Poland, the American note on the present crisis was issued to the world through the medium of a reply to the Italian government's request for a statement of the policy of the United States.

The note in full follows:

"The aggression which has been committed against the Italian government would welcome a statement of the views of this government on the situation presented by the Russian advance into Poland, and I will attempt, without delay, a definition of this government's position, not only as to the situation arising from Russian military pressure upon Poland, but also as to certain cognate and inseparable phases of the Russian question viewed more broadly.

"Poland Must Be Free.

"This government believes in a united, free and autonomous Polish state and the people of the United States are earnestly

solicitous for the maintenance of Poland's political independence and territorial integrity. From this attitude we will not depart, and the policy of this government will be directed to the employment of all available means to render it effectual. The government therefore takes no exception to the effort apparently being made in some quarters to arrange an armistice between Poland and Russia, but it would not, at least for the present, participate in any plan for the expansion of the armistice negotiations into a general European conference which would in all probability involve two Russia's from both of which this country strongly resents, viz. the recognition of the Bolshevik regime and a settlement of Russian problems almost inevitably upon the basis of a dismemberment of Russia.

"From the beginning of the Russian revolution, in March, 1917, to the present time, the government and the people of the United States have followed its development with friendly solicitude and with profound sympathy for the efforts of the Russian people to reconstruct their national life upon the broad basis of popular self government. This attitude, reflecting the spirit of its people, has at all times desired to help the Russian people in matters affecting the latter's interests, which have been conceived and governed.

"The government of the United States was the first government to acknowledge the validity of the revolution and to give recognition to the government of Russia. Almost immediately thereafter it became necessary for the United States to enter the war against Germany and in that undertaking to become closely associated with the allied nations, including, of course, Russia. The war weariness of the masses of the Russian people was fully known to this government and its sympathies were extended to the Provisional government, which was struggling to accomplish a peaceful task, to carry on the war with vigor and at the same time to reorganize the life of the nation and establish a stable government, based on the popular sovereignty.

"Quite independent of their interest, however, was the sincere friendship of the government and the people of the

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erment of the United States to recognize the present rulers of Russia as a government with which the relations common to friendly governments can be maintained. This conviction has nothing to do with any particular political or social structure which the Russian people themselves may see fit to embrace. It rests upon a wholly different set of facts. These facts, which have been fully and honestly stated in the past, have convinced the responsible leaders of the United States that the existing regime in Russia is based upon the negation of every principle of honor and good faith, and every usage and convention underlying the whole structure of international relations. It is therefore impossible to have harmonious relations with the present government of Russia if it is to remain independent and free.

"The responsible leaders of the United States have frequently and openly boasted that they are willing to sign agreements and undertake with foreign powers, while not having the slightest intention of observing such agreements or carrying out such undertakings. They have upon many occasions declared that they are not bound by the obligations voluntarily entered into, they have upon many occasions declared that they have not only approved this as a doctrine, but have exemplified it in practice. Indeed, upon numerous occasions, the responsible spokesmen of this power, and its official agencies, have declared that it is their understanding that the very existence of Bolshevikism in Russia, the maintenance of their own rule depends, and must continue to depend, upon the occurrence of revolutions in all other great civilized nations, including the United States which will overthrow and destroy their government and set up Bolshevik rule in their stead. They have not only stated this doctrine, but they have attempted to use every means, including, of course, diplomatic agencies, to promote such revolutionary movements in other countries.

"It is true, that they have in various ways expressed their willingness to give assurances and guarantees that they will not abuse the privileges and immunities of diplomatic agencies by using them for this purpose. In view of the declarations, already referred to, such assurances and guarantees cannot be very seriously regarded. Moreover, it is within the knowledge of the government of the United States that the Bolshevik government is itself subject to the control of a political faction with extreme international ramifications through the Third International and that this body, which is secretly subsidized by the Bolshevik government from the public revenues of Russia, has for its open avowed aim the promotion of Bolshevik revolutions throughout the world.

"The leaders of the Bolshevik government have boasted that their promise of non-interference with other nations would be a guarantee of their good faith. There is no room for reasonable doubt that such agents would receive the support of their own government, inevitably, therefore, the diplomatic services of the Bolshevik government would become a channel for intrigue and the propaganda of revolt against the institutions and laws of countries with which it was at peace, which would be an abuse of friendship

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No Russian Partition

"By this feeling of friendship and honorable obligation to the great nation have brave and heroic self sacrifices contributed so much to the successful termination of the war, the government of the United States was guided in its reply to the Lithuanian national council on October 15, 1919, and in its persistent refusal to recognize the Baltic states as separate nations independent of Russia. The same spirit was manifested in the note of this government, of March 12, 1920, in which it was stated, with reference to certain proposed settlements in the Near East, that no final decisions should be made without the consent of Russia.

Warns Hands Off

"These illustrations show what consistency the government of the United States has been guided in its foreign policy by a loyal friendship for Russia. We are unwilling that, while it is helpless in the grip of a nonrepresentative government, whose only weapon is brutal force, Russia shall be weakened still further by a policy of dismemberment, concerted in other than Russian interests.

No Popular Voice

"That the present rulers of Russia do not rule by the will or the consent of any considerable proportion of the Russian people is an incontestable fact. Although nearly two and a half years have passed since they seized the machinery of government, promising to protect the constituent assembly against alleged conspiracies against it, they have not permitted anything in the nature of a popular election. At the moment when the work of creating a popular representative government based upon universal suffrage was nearing completion, the Bolsheviks, although in number an inconsiderable minority of the people, by force and cunning seized the power and machinery of government and have continued to use them with savage oppression to maintain themselves in power.

Without an Interest

"Without any desire to interfere in the internal affairs of the Russian people, we suggest that kind of government they should have, the government of the United States does express the hope that they soon will find a way to set up a government representing their free will and purpose. When that time comes, the United States will consider the measures of practical assistance which can be taken to promote the restoration of Russia, provided Russia has not taken itself wholly out of the pale of the friendly interest of other nations, by the pillage and oppression of the Polish.

Rule Without Honor

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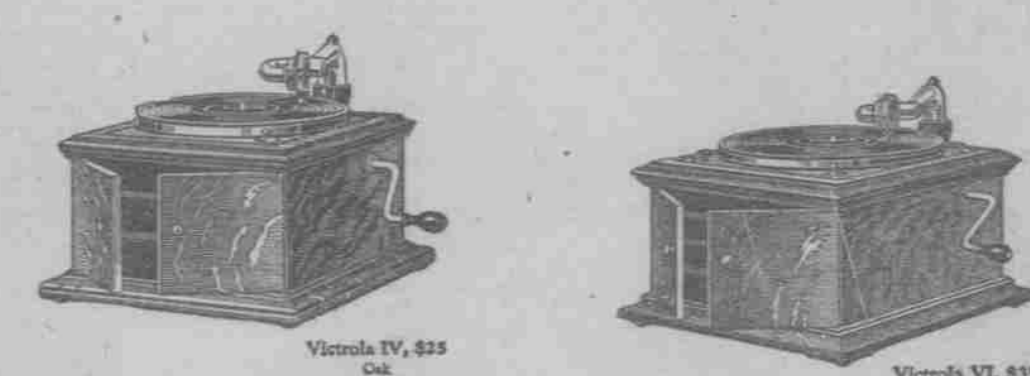
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