

de Gaulle could better be used in fighting against the Italians in North Africa than in trying to occupy other parts of the French Empire.

7. French Minister for Foreign Affairs is expected to approach German authorities on question of exchange of Canadian internees in occupied France against German internees in Canada.

8. It is suggested that the term "Vichy Government" used in official documents should be replaced by that of "French Government", the first expression being considered as an offence by official French circles in Vichy.

9. The expulsion of Laval from the Cabinet is proof that Petain is ready to resist as far as possible any German interference in his Government policy. The appointment of Mr. Flandin, although not ideal, should be considered as an improvement.

10. The French Fleet will never be used to try and reconquer the Free French Colonies, but a time might come when Petain will find it difficult to resist German pressure for their occupation by land. In any case, I was promised that no attempt would be made before my return to Vichy, when we should try to find a modus vivendi satisfactory to both parties. Ends.

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