

5. Petain and Darlan also declare that they are in a position to defend French naval bases, which in case of risk would be handed over to us before the Germans could take hold of them.

6. It is general conviction in French official circles, and this opinion is also that of the public at large, that General 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.