

Trouble over Trieste

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This is the Adriatic Port of Trieste, where to-day, the Italian flag flies possessively over the City Hall. This followed an announcement that Britain and America (who ^{have} garrisoned the area under the terms of the Italian Peace Treaty) ~~are~~ to withdraw, and transfer administration to Italy. Protests followed from Yugoslavia - and tension rose on the National borders after Marshal Tito's announcement that his troops will march in - should Italian troops enter the zone. ~~Yugoslavia administers neighbouring zones under the terms of an earlier treaty.~~

Meanwhile, in Trieste, the civilian police (mostly Italians trained by the Allies) parade for the last time - watched by Major-General Sir John Winterton - the Allied Military Governor.

Already, there have been demonstrations against the Allies - who, for seven years have been patient caretakers - hoping that Italy and Yugoslavia would reach an agreement. Now with the decision to part - Trieste looks anxiously to the future. ON THIS ADRIATIC TROUBLE-SPOT.