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Britain shows the flag in the Mediterranean. The light aircraft carrier Triumph (a post-war addition to the fleet) lies in the harbour of Venice on an official courtesy call. Her visit coincided with the Western powers decision to hand Trieste - within striking distance of Venice - back to Italy. For the past 150 years, the Royal Navy's guardianship of the sea routes of the world brought commercial prosperity to many nations. Today (no longer the biggest fleet in the world) the presence of His Majesty's ships still inspires confidence and security.

While the Triumph prepares to steam out - another triumph occupies the minds of the Italian people. Premier de Gasperi speaks to the Press after the election victory that gave the Christian Democrats an absolute majority. Looking tired, he talks of his plans for solving his country's vast unemployment problem. Italy is safe for democracy, but Marshall Aid alone will not bring about her recovery - her rebirth as a nation must begin from within.