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## U.S. Not Consulted By Russians About Recognizing Italy

Washington, March 17.—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull made it clear today that the United States would not consider extending diplomatic recognition to the Badoglio government in Italy.

It also emerged at a new conference that the United States was not consulted by the Soviet government prior to Moscow's decision to exchange official representatives with the Badoglio regime.

The secretary told Washington what the United States was consulted by Moscow. There has been speculation that both Washington and London possibly had approved Russia's recognition of the Badoglio government because, according to Secretary Hull, Washington and London secretly wanted to see the regime strengthened in power.

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## Election Laws Of State Meet All Requirements

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Radios in state capitals across the country were silent yesterday as the last of the 10 bills amending election laws in the 48 states were introduced in Congress. The bills, which were introduced in the Senate yesterday, were designed to meet all of the requirements of the federal election law.

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The State Department, he added, is assembling all the facts and circumstances involved in the diplomatic exchange.

Hull then indicated that Russia's diplomatic recognition normally would come up in the first instance before the Allied Advisory Council on Italy. Asked whether the United States would enter into such relations with Badoglio, Hull replied that the question is not arising under our policy. He declined to go into the policy, explaining that certain details are in process of development at this time, and he did not think it would be effective to raise policy questions now.

A Soviet policy is made evident in previous pronouncements, including recognition of King Victor Emmanuel and Badoglio when the Allies were Rome. There is no evidence here that any recognition of the Badoglio government has been given to Germany and centered to the Italian people.

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## Army Takes Men And Lets Materials Lag

Washington, March 17.—(AP)—Hopes for a return to peacetime have been dimmed by the news that men and not materials are the chief concern of the Army.

The Army, which has been fighting the Axis' presence in North Africa and its recent successes in Sicily, has been unable to meet the needs of the combatants.

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