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PERSONA NON GRATA: Mrs. Simpson's Scotland-Yarders Advise, Stay Out of England

Ever since Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson was bundled out of a curtained limousine and into the Rogers's Villa Lou Vieil at Cannes, she has been the target of letter-writing cranks. Some of the hundreds of ill-humored missives threatened her life, or so her entourage intimated to reporters on the Riviera. Until Saturday, however, the woman for whom Edward VIII renounced the throne probably dismissed them with a shrug.

Over the week-end Mrs. Simpson received a letter that could not be dismissed with a shrug. It was from the Scotland Yard detail that had guarded her at Cannes during the first weeks of exile, and it strongly advised her to heed the threats and stay out of England.

Nothing personal, the kindly Britons assured her. It was just that she was a symbol, just as the King was a symbol.

French papers read into the whole business an official ukase from Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin to his most doughty foe-man.

The men who took it upon themselves to sound the warning insisted they were not even acting for the Yard. Just learned to like the near-royal exile while they were down there on the Mediterranean and wanted to do a pal a good turn—that way."