

Lombards during the 7th century were looked on as wild barbarians, pillaging and wrecking and so on. By the 8th cent° they had settled down pretty much, ~~and~~ they probably ~~although they~~ were still rather wild but much more cultivated/<sup>probably</sup> than the Franks were in France, for instance. But the Lombards, by the 8th century, were settling down to the point where it looked as if they would establish a kingdom of Italy. And it is altogether probable that were it not for the papacy the Lombards would have established Italy as a kingdom, a united nation, just as eventually the Franks established France as a united nation, and as England became a united nation. And that would have happened during the middle ages instead of not occurring until 1870. In all those years Italy was divided up into little sections constantly fighting against each other, and one big reason for it is that bishop of Rome was able to prevent those Lombards from establishing a control over all Italy. But it was very difficult for the pope to do. And so the way they did it is

b. Relations with the Franks

And we notice that during this 8th ~~century~~ <sup>in France</sup> century/the Merovingians (I don't know that France is quite the right term because it covers probably half of what we now call Germany as well as <sup>maybe</sup> ~~probably~~ three-quarters of what we now call ~~France~~ France--the kingdom of the Franks) but the Merovingians' kings, the descendants of Clovis, had settled down to men who lived in debauchery and luxury and paid no attention to ~~rulers~~ <sup>ruling</sup>, and the mayors of the palace did the real ruling. And these mayors of the palace, an office which went from father to son were able men who were very successful in ruling, while the nominal kings became weaker and weaker and more worthless, as time went on, until ↑ Pepin (↑?) the mayor of the palace, wanted to do away with these Merovingians, get rid of them and be king himself/. But he was afraid of upheaval and turmoil if he did it. And he thought ~~that~~ if the bishop of Rome, whom many looked to as the head of the Chn° church, at least in the west here, if he would sanction my being king, if he would actually crown me, it would avoid any such upheaval. And at the same time you have the bishops of Rome who are afraid the Lombards are going to establish a unified kingdom in Rome, and then they won't be