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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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10 June 1945.

Ref/147/83.

SUBJECT: Political Advisers - Sitreps from
N. ITALY.

TO : Distribution below.

The following cables received from the AC political
advisers in N. ITALY are forwarded for your information:

No. 142 of 2 June 1945.

According to press discussion on leadership seem to have
reached a deadlock with DI CASPARI and ROSSI each refusing to
accept the other.

I think I should warn you that if failure to find a personality
acceptable to all parties should lead to break up of coalition
and assumption of power by right wing parties with exclusion of
Communists and Socialists a very serious situation would arise
in the North.

I doubt whether left-wing parties here would be willing to
accept such a solution and it might even lead to formation of
separate government in the North. As a purely left wing govern-
ment would be equally dangerous at this stage when arrangements
for elections will be going ahead it seems essential that the
coalition should be preserved.

No. 172 of 2 June 1945.

Following members of CLN Regional Deputation left for Rome
yesterday by car. RENZI (Action Party VENEZIA)
AFFRERI (Liberal LIGURIA) JONE (Socialist BASILICATA)
SALIMONI (Christian Democrat EMILIA) UGOLINI (Communist
PIEMONTE).

MORANDI and BRUCCO (Christian Democrat) of CLNAI leave this
morning by air.

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Brigadier, 4715

Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 117/230/EC.

9 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Political Advisers - Sitreps from N. ITALY.

TO : Distribution below.

The following is copy of cable received by hand from Mr. HOLLIMON in N. ITALY dated 6 June 45 :

"At concluding meeting of Regional Committees of National Liberation of Northern Italy yesterday strong criticism was expressed by speakers of various parties of delay in formation of new government. There was tendency to lay blame on politicians of the South and Republican Party speaker went so far as to say that if ROME could not make up its mind the CLN's in the North should consider the possibility of setting up a provisional government of Northern Italy. He also suggested that delay might be due to foreign intervention.

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Motion also approved the political and planning activities of CLNAI during the insurrectionary period and its governmental acts after liberation. It went on to refer to the historic role played by the CLN's in the liberation of the country and demanded that the committees as consultative organs of the democratic state should until elections to the Constituent be held, be the only organization which represented the will of the people for the radical revival of Italian political life and the source of all initiative in the reconstruction of the country.

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I will report date of arrival of delegation in ROME as soon as I know it together with any reactions on the meeting I may be able to obtain."

For the Chief Commissioner:

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HQ IV CORPS FROM HOPKINSON
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Col FISKE reports that there have been minor incidents between troops of POLISH BRITISH who were recently moved into BOLZANO Province and German speaking population. Although it appears to be nothing serious at present I think it is a good instance of a case in which ALLIED COMMISSION ought to have been consulted by Allied command before and on political aspects of movement of Italian troops. You may care to take up question of principle using above as example.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1752
Date/Time of Origin: JUN 07 1831H

Message Centre No: 3/1062
Date Time Rec'd: JUN 08 0830H
Precedence: URGENT

FROM: IV CORPS FROM HOPKINSON
TO: ALCOM (PLEASE PASS TO AGREED RECIPIENTS)

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Christian Democrat representative on CINAI MARAZZA called yesterday and expressed grave anxiety in regard to (1) activities of CLNS in factories and (2) acts of violence in Provinces. As regards (1) he said that activities against individuals in factories were still continuing. Wholesale education was being carried out by factory CLNS against managements and employees. Managers were being sent away on purely personal grounds and with no political justification. Appointment of COMMISSARI was not an adequate remedy. General MALAISE among moderate elements including many workers was leading to risk of reaction. As regards (2) he said that in Provinces and especially in smaller communes of NOVARA, BIELLA, VAL D OSSOLA and other mountain regions there existed what he described as virtual reign of terror. Locally appointed police were carrying out requisitioning and blackmail and conniving at robbery and killing. Carabinieri were intimidated and powerless. He said that similar conditions existed in country districts of BOLOGNA, MODENA and REGGIO Provinces. He admitted that elements were in fact a small minority of thugs only nominally forming part of Communist party but deplored failure of Communist and Socialist leaders to take an open stand against these practices. Indeed by accepting many dangerous republicans ⁴⁷⁷¹² parties they were making situation still worse. He thought that Christian

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Democrats might find it necessary themselves to take the lead in the matter.

As regards the factory committees, I told MARAZZA that the ALLIED COMMISSION and AMG were working actively on the question in consultation with the Italian Government and that I hoped that very shortly, measures would be announced which would clarify the position. He said that he hoped it might be possible to establish epuration commissions for factories which would not only have the duty of clearing out Fascists but would have the power to reinstate owners, members of management, and workers who had been sent away improperly. Decisions of any commissions should be open to review by Allies.

As regards state of affairs in Provinces, Public Safety Officer of LOMBARDIA REGION confirms that violence of this sort is on the increase. He attributes it in part to activities of criminal elements released from jails by Germans. In existing circumstances this state of affairs is not surprising. It is of course mainly a police matter but from this and other reports I have received, it has attained such proportions that it requires special investigation by Provincial Commissioners and organized suppression involving if necessary, use of Allied troops. General CRITTENBERGER is already interesting himself in this situation and has given orders to divisional commanders to increase their patrols. He also is interesting himself actively in raising prestige of Carabinieri.

*Note: G.O. 46 came this operation
it went out on 4 June*

*cas - I believe the
person quoted as
MARAZZA, whom we
saw last week (at St. Barbara's, etc., etc. Chapman 10475 ph)
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Ref: 147/129/EC.

29 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Political Advisers - Sitreps from N. ITALY.

TO : Distribution below.

The following is copy of further cable received from the AC Political Advisers in N. ITALY.

"No. 4056 of 26 May 45.

I visited BOLZANO and TRENTO May 24 -25. Despite continued presence of large numbers of German troops situation in both Provinces appears satisfactory. I will submit detailed report on my return to ROME but briefly position is as follows. In BOLZANO Province there is roughly two-thirds German speaking majority and in BOLZANO city large Italian majority. Prefect a Socialist selected by CLNAI Milan is adopting sensible Liberal policy towards German speaking population e.g. there is a German newspaper, German schools and two representatives of South Tyrolean Party on the local CLN.

Active agitation in favour of separation or union with AUSTRIA is however banned. In TRENTO position is quite different. Except for ten communes which are administered as part of BOLZANO population province is overwhelmingly Italian and there is no racial problem. CLN consisting of usual five parties is functioning well."

For the Chief Commissioner:

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24 MAY 1945

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Office of the Executive Commissioner.

Ref: 147/DC.

24 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Political Advisers - Sitreps from N. ITALY.

TO : Distribution below.

Following is copy of further cables today received from the
 40 Political Advisers in N. ITALY.

Mc.4045 of 23 May 45

As a result of recent measures number of assassinations in
 MILAN at night are going down. Last night there were 4 as
 against a figure of 11 on the night of May 17/18. In the
 provinces shootings seem to be going on sporadically varying
 from place to place according to degree of control exercised
 by local partisan leaders. Col. BERNINI will inform you on
 his return of the position in regard to courts. Briefly the
 situation in LOMBARDIA is that special Assize Courts will be
 formally established tomorrow and should be functioning in
 MILAN by the end of the week and elsewhere by the beginning
 of June. These courts are not popular with Communists who
 prefer military tribunals and may try to obstruct the sat-
 isfactory operation. Another great difficulty is that though
 prisons are full there is almost no evidence in majority of
 cases and people are unable or unwilling to come forward with it.
 Semi-legal extraordinary military tribunals are functioning in
 MILAN and COMO and have imposed an carried out several death
 sentences. Procedure and organization of these courts are
 most unsatisfactory and BERNINI hopes that once Assize Courts
 are functioning they can be put an end to altogether. CLAVI
 are still issuing orders which in some cases cut across those
 of ADI and I understand that Colonel BOLIVETTI is seeing MORLIERI,
 Chairman of CLAVI, this afternoon and telling him that this has
 got to stop and that after May 28 no order, decree or appoint-
 ment made by CLAVI will have any force unless confirmed by ADI.
 In this connection I have suggested to Colonel BOLIVETTI that
 General CRISTOFERINI might propose to ADI that text of agree-
 ment between SACCHI and CLAVI containing undertaking that latter
 will hand over administrative powers might usefully be published.

Mc.4045 of 23 May 45

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 understand that only names now under discussion for Premiership
 are LOMBI and DE GASPERI. Liberals and Christian Democrats are
 still reluctant to take LOMBI. LOMBI told me at party given by

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10 Political Advisers in N.ITALY.

No. 4043 of 23 May 45

As a result of recent measures number of assassinations in
MILAN at night are going down. Last night there were 4 as
against a figure of 44 on the night of May 17/18. In the
provinces shootings seem to be going on sporadically varying
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situation in Lombardy is that special Assize Courts will be
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of ANI and I understand that Colonel POLETTI is seeing MORRINI,
Chairman of CLINI, this afternoon and telling him that this has
got to stop and that after May 28 no order, decree or appoint-
ment made by CLINI will have any force unless confirmed by ANI.
In this connection I have suggested to Colonel WILKIN that
General CRIVELLER might propose to ANI that text of agree-
ment between SLOMEL and CLINI containing undertaking that latter
will hand over administrative powers might usefully be published.

No. 4045 of 23 May 45

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are MENNU and DE GASPERI. Liberals and Christian Democrats are
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LONCHI this afternoon that he thought Communists and Socialists
might accept DE GASPERI but that it would be a week or ten days
before final decision could be taken. VALLERANI was more opti-
mistic and thought that a decision might be reached at further
meeting to be held tonight. In any event most of political
leaders from South are returning to Rome by air leaving at 1500 hours,
tomorrow, May 24. Remainder are returning by car.

For the Chief Commissioner.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner.

Ref: 117/30.

SUBJECT: Political Advisers - Sitreps from N. ITALY.

TO : Distribution below.

Below please find consolidated copy of cables today received from the AC Political Advisers in N. ITALY:

No. 4038 of 22 May 45

I understand that at a meeting of the CLM/I last night agreement was reached on formation of Government on following basis:

1. Prime Minister - Socialist, NERI or SARAGAT.
2. Foreign Affairs - Christian Democrat, DE GASPERI.
3. Interior - Liberal, GROSIO. (Corrupt Group).
4. War - Action Party, PARI.
5. Justice - Communist.
6. Treasury - Labour Democrat.

Later in meeting however serious disagreement apparently developed over insistence of three Left Wing Parties on right of CLM/I to dictate composition of Government. Liberal and Christian Democrats insisted that it must be done in consultation with leaders from the South and by constitutional means, i.e., through the Legislature. Meeting has now been arranged for this evening at 6 o'clock between CLM/I and secret organization of Parties now in the North when it is hoped that final decisions will be taken both on composition of Government and procedure.

No. 4039 of 22 May 45

I visited TURIN yesterday. Local situation is satisfactory and in my opinion atmosphere is altogether better than MILAN. Law and order is being maintained and killings have ceased entirely for over a week. MARSAL seems to be handling local CLM with tact and hopes to reach agreement over management of Fiat which will enable factory to be efficiently run while not excluding representatives of workers from having their say. His four main problems are, in order of precedence: (1) the French; (2) coal and raw materials; (3) lack of POL; (4) removal of German prisoners. He states (3) and (4) are being dealt with satisfactorily but points out that unless a limited quantity of raw materials and coal can be provided within six weeks to two months there will be large scale unemployment and strikes.

23 May 45

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No. 4040 of 22. May. 45

As you know Colonel MARSHALL is deeply exercised over French situation. He states that in spite of presence of large Allied formations French continue their policy of minor provocations and he fears that at any time partisans in AOSTA area may get out of hand and take some action which will lead to serious international incidents. On other hand French reinforcements are still arriving and he considers it imperative that action should be taken at once on highest level to secure their complete withdrawal which alone in his view can prevent bloodshed. General CRUTENBERGER is of course aware of situation and has expressed his views fully to higher authority. Col Marshall may perhaps be oversteering the dangers of the situation but

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I would venture to suggest that the United States and British Ambassadors should give further warning to the State Dept and Foreign Office and urge that from the purely political angle action should be taken to solve this crisis without further delay.

No. 4041 of 22 May 45

TOGLIATTI yesterday addressed a meeting at seat of Communist Party HQ. He afterwards spoke a few words to an immense crowd which had assembled outside building. General Crittenden is investigating whether circumstances were such as constitute violation by TOGLIATTI of his undertaking not to hold public meetings. If this proves to be the case he proposes to inform him that he will be obliged to report the matter to higher authority. Speech which lasted two hours was moderate in substance and tone. TOGLIATTI reviewed activities of Communist Party since beginning of war and particularly since his return to Italy. While insisting on need for radical changes in political economic and social life of the country he advocated national unity through CLN movement and expressed desire to continue working with Christian Democrats and Liberals. On VENEZIA GIULIA he came out stronger for Italian character THISTLE but claimed that this could be satisfactorily arranged by agreement with YUGOSLAVIA. He stressed that Italy must be fully independent and not a sphere of influence of Soviet Russia or an Anglo-Saxon dependency.

For the Chief Commissioner.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner.

Ref: 147/95/EC.

19 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Political Advisers - Sitings from N. ITALY.

19 May 1945

TO : Distribution below.

The following cables received from the AC political advisers in N. ITALY are forwarded for your information:

No. 4025 of 18 May 45

In case you have enquiries from Minister of Foreign Affairs you may like to know that some 50 members of Republican Fascist Ministry of Foreign Affairs were removed from GARGUANO to concentration camp at PLACENZA with other Fascist officials on 10 May. They are being interrogated by FSS whom no doubt can supply complete list. My own view is that sooner these persons and other Fascist officials held by US can be turned over to Italian Govt. for justice the better.

No. 4026 of 18 May 45

Ministers and others who arrived by air yesterday morning received a fair welcome but large numbers of Socialists and Communists at airport were most disappointed not to see PENNI and TOGLIATTI.

Party were afterwards received by General CRIVINBENGER with a guard of honour and speeches of courtesy were exchanged between the General and MASOISS, Senior Minister present.

TOGLIATTI and DE GANPERI are expected here today and PENNI tomorrow morning.

Leading articles in Left Wing Press this morning intimate that Communist, Socialist and Action Parties will try to exploit visit of Ministers in a final effort to secure removal of BONOMI and rapid and radical reconstruction of the Government with a Left Wing emphasis.

Resolution which Socialist Party is presenting at today's session of CLNAI says that if Government crisis is not solved in a few days in sense desired by CLN, the CLNAI will have to pronounce itself formally for the immediate resignation of the BONOMI Government. All three Leftist Parties are doing utmost to emphasise solidarity of CLNAI in contrast to disunion among parties in South and to stress the political role of the CLN as the sole repository of Democratic powers until the constituent is elected. Whether Christian Democrat and Liberal Parties will

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 354

Office of the Executive Commissioner.

Ref: 147/89/EC.

18 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Political Advisers - Sitrops from N. ITALY.

TO : Distribution Below.

The following cables received from the AG Political Advisers in N. ITALY are forwarded for your information:

No. 5062 dated 17 May 45.

Except for continued shootings at night which are, however, on decrease, situation remains outwardly calm in MILAN. Armed partisans have disappeared from streets. Prefect and officials were formally confirmed by General HUMER yesterday and Regional AG seems to be getting into its stride. At same time conversations I have had with General CRITTENBERGER, Colonel WALKER, Colonel POLLETTI, Colonel SALVADORE and Questore convince me that a very firm hand on part of Allied authorities is necessary in immediate future and will prevent trouble later. This chiefly involves:

1. Disarmament of Patriots.
2. Public Security.
3. Preservation of order in factories.

General CRITTENBERGER is in full agreement on this and is taking necessary measures. As regards 1 - these include issue of an order by General GUORNU to hand in arms. Responsibility by heads of parties for enforcing this. Raids by Allied Military Police on arms caches. Brutal punishment for offenders. Working out of new measures for accommodation, compensation and disposal of patriots more in keeping with actual conditions in NW ITALY. As regards 2 - establishment by AG of Italian Military Tribunals to be followed in near future by Popular Justice Courts which are already functioning in Provincial centres outside MILAN. Reorganisation of police force and building up its authority and that of CC.PP. Joint Allied and CC.PP. jeep patrols at night. Lighting of streets, etc. As regards 3 - an order is being prepared for whole of NW ITALY under IV Corps implementing existing AG directive which will lay down that where management of factories has been set aside for political or other reasons, Commission will be appointed by AG who must be technically competent and not political. CLNs in factories will be relegated to background in an advisory capacity. This order will be firmly enforced.

The following cables received from the AC Political Advisers in N.ITALY are forwarded for your information:

No. 5062 dated 17 May 45.

Except for continued shootings at night which are, however, on decrease, situation remains outwardly calm in MILAN. Armed partisans have disappeared from streets. Prefect and officials were formally confirmed by General HUBER yesterday and Regional AME seems to be getting into its stride. At same time conversations I have had with General CHIFFENBERGER, Colonel WALKER, Colonel POLLETTI, Colonel SALVADORI and Quersone convince me that a very firm hand on part of Allied authorities is necessary in immediate future and will prevent trouble later. This chiefly involves:

1. Disarmament of Patriots.
2. Public Security.
3. Preservation of order in factories.

General CHIFFENBERGER is in full agreement on this and is taking necessary measures. As regards 1 - these include issue of an order by General GIDORN to hand in arms. Responsibility by heads of parties for enforcing this. Raids by Allied Military Police on arms caches. Drastic punishment for offenders. Working out of new measures for accommodation, compensation and disposal of patriots more in keeping with actual conditions in NW ITALY. As regards 2 - establishment by AMG of Italian Military Tribunals to be followed in near future by Popular Assize Courts which are already functioning in Provincial centres outside MILAN. Reorganization of police force and building up its authority and that of CC.RP. Joint Allied and CC.RP. jeep patrols at night. Lighting of streets, etc. As regards 3 - an order is being prepared for whole of NW ITALY under IV Corps implementing existing AC directive which will lay down that where management of factories has been set aside for political or other reasons, Commandario will be appointed by AMG who must be technically competent and not political. CLNs in factories will be relegated to background in an advisory capacity. This order will be finally enforced. If successful I suggest it be implemented in other parts of N.ITALY.

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