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NATIONAL ELECTIONS & REFERENDUM, SECURITY MEASURES
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Friday, October 17

24.7.46.

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ALLIED ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Intelligence Reports.

FILE No. July 16th 1946

TO : Executive Commissioner.

JUL 17 1946

I feel sure you will be interested to see this. I suggest this question might be taken up with the staff section at AFHQ who came back at us the other day for criticising their Intelligence Reports.

The main basis of the contention was that intelligence had to be evaluated. In my own opinion idle gossip and stuff such as included in the attached report should never be submitted for evaluation.

Mc Carr
M. CARR, Brigadier.
VP. CA. Section.

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Brig Carr

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Peckinly agree. Would you discuss with

Brig Carr, who will also, I think agree, & then

take up with G2 AFHQ.

VP, CA SECTION,
For Public Safety S/C.

133.

Mr Carr

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Reference Minute 132, I discussed this matter with Brigadier Low with the following results:

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R. 18/6/44

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For Public Safety S/C.

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- (a) The point raised in the second sub-para of para 4 of Folio 130 had been taken out of its context. It was a reason given for a decision taken at a certain meeting. This was a meeting about which we also had information and I do not think there was anything we could question on the statement made in the Intelligence Summary.
- (b) As regards para. 5 of Folio 130, Brigadier Low said that there were the usual requests for arms, boots, clothing, increase of pay, more food, etc., for the CC.RR. When bandits were operating on Route 6, the CC.RR. could not deal with them because they were inadequately armed, and had no transport, etc.
- (c) As regards para 7 of Folio 129, Brigadier Low agreed that the statement about the offer of Allied aid was incorrect and he would look into this.

There are no grounds on which we can take this matter up with higher authority and if you agree the matter will be considered closed

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Mr. 18/6/44
Brig. Carr
AFHQ

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V.P. CAS (for P.S. S/C)

Will you please let the Ex Comm have
your comments on # 114.

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Ex. (over) Ref m 115.

Ex. Comm. Ref. in 115.
Discussed with P.S. Sp. I have no comments.

Mr. L. B. Yaden. H. 117
V.P.C.D.S.

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Hervach!

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Ex Comm.

p 91 for info. H.S. 17/6

Also 1's 94.95 + 96. H.S. 18/6

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Ex. Com.

101.

Sir,

Please see Folios 99 + 100. Col. Pennycuik phoned you this morning to give a verbal report but you were at the VP's meeting. A written report is being sent up by courier today.

Welland 5/5/68

P.A.

102.

In a case like this I would like to see the information being given to the C.S.O. at once (i.e. when the Pennycuik telephone) so that he (C.S.O.) can send telegram to AFHQ. Signal Officer. H.S. 17/6

Ex. Com.

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Sir, your minute 6. The fault was entirely mine. I should have known better.

Any action in 10 please which I believe you

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[Signature]

P. A. 8/5/76

102.

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Thank you.

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Ex. Com.Please see folios 59-62. pg. 13/5.

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12/14/5.63.Ex. Com.Please see folios 64-67. pg. 15/5.68.69.Chief Commission

P 67 from CA Smith & 2 At-tia for your information. In view of the fact that my memo on K 56 has been sent to the P.M. I rather hesitate to send this second memo over to the Italians. (I thought I shall at tell At-tia of this). Nor do I after with all that is written therein & it is advisable that the memo ~~omit~~ omits all reference to possibly 9512 Soviet victory & to the Referendum.

E.C.

pg. 14/5.17/8/14/5.

68.

Encl.

Sir. Please see folios 64-67. 15
P. 5.

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Chief Commissioner.

P 67 from Mr Smith G 2 states for your information. In view of the fact that my memo on 156 has been sent to the P.M. I rather hesitate to send this second memo over to the Maharaja. (Though I shall not tell A.P.T.S. of this.) Nor do I expect with all that is written therein & it is advisable that the memo ~~omit~~ omits all reference to a possible Secretary's to the Referendum.

F.C.

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W.D.

Ack. with thanks to Gen. Smith. W.D.
82. See W.D.

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Please prepare a memorandum in accordance

1 Summary of my letter.

2 Specifics (nos 1 to 6) - (6) from each one

Summary of reports (5 leave)

3 Summary of all the reports brought out so far

points

e.g. Communists armed - but all on Armed

Communists represent small fraction of population

Communists are not food & defend in Allied

Supplies (at Harir) as much as others.

Local uprisings

War of Nares.

Brig Dantski letter would form a very good

basis for the memo.

MS/3074

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Ex. 1000 - The draft opposite is submitted in accordance with above. I can quite easily enlarge on memo if you seem too brief.

Handwritten note: 2/18

3. Summarizing up of all the reports brought out salient points

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 War of Nerves.

Bir Daul Singh's letter would form a very good basis for the memo.

MS/30/9

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 J. M. M. 2/8

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VP CAS

PP 16-21 for machine.

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Scan by MP, CAS.

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Lui

CSO A/C.C.

Folio B for A.C.C.'s info, please
 En off. Hrs advised of restriction
 in passes. MS. 23/4
 MS. 24/4

Also see folios 26-28. MS. 25/4

P 26.

Who is Vittorio Maffei?

MS. 25/4

F.C.

30/IV

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CSO

But who is Vittorio Maffei? MS. 26/5

MS. 27

31.

b.s.d. Ref. min. 29 & 30. Numerous inquiries have been
 without result. No one appears to have any knowledge
 of Vittorio Maffei. If the Ex Comm. wishes I will pursue
 the question further through Public Safety but I feel
 the latter might be taken as an anonymous
 letter. I don't that writer gives no address

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 En off for Mrs advised of restriction
 in passes. MS. 24/4

Also see Ltr 26-28. MS. 25/4

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 letter in view of fact that writer gives no address
 and every other man in Italy is either a
 "Professore" or "Dottore!"

S.M.C.M. 7/5.

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TRANSVALENS A LINES DEPARTMENT
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APR 32

REF : 470427

15 June 1946

JUN 17 1946

AS/14315/ES

SUBJECT : Public Order.

TO : Mr. G. Section.

1. Public Safety Liaison Officers report public order normal in Italian Government territory during past 24 hours.
2. The Senior Civil Affairs Police Officer Venezia Ditalia reports that at 6.15 p.m. on 12th June 1946, an unauthorised anti-Italian demonstration by about 2,000 persons took place in Trieste City.
3. The demonstrators resisted Police instructions to disperse, they dug up the road using the material so obtained as missiles and opened fire on the Police. The Police returned the fire (30 shots were exchanged) without causing casualties.
4. Finally, at 11.30 p.m., two tear gas bombs were used by Allied Public Safety Officers which effectually dispersed the crowd.
5. Casualties:
 23 Civilians (none serious)
 8 Police (one serious)
 2 Allied P.S. Officers (very slight, remained on duty).
 No injuries caused by gas shot.
 9 arrests made. Conditions now normal.

WTS/co

E. J. [Signature]
E. J. [Signature] Daniel
Acting Director.

Copy:- Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Filed 'A'
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DO/BB

Headquarters,
Rome Area Allied Command.

11th June, 1946

My dear Monsieur

I have just been eye-witness to an incident which has made a disagreeable impression upon me. Attracted by shouting I looked out of the windows on the North side of the Headquarters overlooking Via Quattro Novembre.

It appeared that a small Monarchist procession had been marching down the street towards the Piazza Venezia and by the time I arrived the 3rd Reparto Celere was breaking it up. Their method consisted principally in driving vehicles loaded with policemen round and round on, to and off pavements, scattering chairs, notice-boards, etc, etc, and leaping off, in numbers, to set upon individuals. I saw several men beaten up, man-handled and carried away. One man I particularly noticed was standing stationary on the pavement and so far as I could see completely inoffensive and inactive. He was set upon by at least 5 P.S. agents who belaboured him with their truncheons and carried him a good deal the worse for wear to their truck. Other men I saw arrested or beaten were certainly being so far provocative as to carry Royalist flags.

It was quite clear to me that the Police were concerned, not so much to maintain order, for there was nothing that could really be described as disorder, as to make an example of individuals known or shewing themselves to be Royalist sympathisers. The action of the Police was in my view brutal, provocative and definitely partisan. Unhappily only too reminiscent of Fascist days. I much fear that action of this sort by Police during the present explosive period may well lead to serious breaches of the peace.

It is of interest to take note of the unit which was concerned in view of what we have heard of them in the past. You will recall a well-authenticated report that this unit, called upon some few days ago to disperse a Republican crowd which was so I understand lawlessly invading private property, refused to do so and left them to their own devices.

My personal opinion of course is of little value but I must say that a few more incidents of this sort would go far towards erasing the most favourable impression left upon me by the manner in which the elections were conducted.

*Yours
Alban Hunt.*

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Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.,
Executive Commissioner,
H.Q., Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394.

Tel: 478427

8 Jun 1946

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JUN 8 1946

SUBJECT: State of Public Order.

TO: Executive Commissioner,
thru VP. SA. Section.

1. The following information regarding the state of public order throughout Italy as received by phone from P.S. Liaison Officers at 10 a.m. Sat. 8 June.

NAIRES : Monarchist demonstrations, as previously reported occurred throughout Friday lasting until about 11 p.m.

Public order normal this morning. No serious demonstrations anticipated to-day, Saturday.

Bolzano, Livorno, Milan, Turin, Genoa, Bologna, Treviso, Udine, situation normal. No trouble anticipated.

Information from Sicily awaited.

E. J. BYR, Colonel.
Acting Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Tel : 478427

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7 June 1946

JUN 8 1946

SUBJECT : Demonstrations

TO : VP. CA. Section

The following information was received by phone from Capt. Brown, P.S. Officer Naples, at 16.35 hours 7th June 1946.

Between 13.30 and 14.00 hours today, groups of Monarchists each several hundred strong demonstrated for the Monarchy in various parts of the City. Some travelling around the main roads in motor trucks with Italian flags.

Between 1400 and 1430 hours all above groups collected on Via Roma when several hundred thousands marched in procession and are still marching round main roads.

Mobile squads of P.S. Agents, CO.RR. and Italian Troops are continually patrolling.

In one instance shots were fired from a building near the University at a P.S. patrol and patrol returned fire. 1 Italian soldier reported killed, 6 civilians wounded, 40 arrests. Otherwise quiet.

E. J. BYE, Colonel
Acting Director

RCB/ag

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

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TO : Executive Commissioner.

6th June, 1946

JUN 6 1946

With reference to alleged incident at Pisa, it is now reported that this took place, not at 12.45 p.m. but at 0.045 hrs this morning. No meeting or demonstration was being held at the time.

Man Ray
M. CARR, Brigadier.
VP. CA. Section.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

FILE No.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

6th June, 1946

JUN 6 1946

1. The Liaison Officer, Leghorn when telephoning to the Local Government Sub-Commission this afternoon, reported that at 20.45 ~~to-day~~ ^{this morning} in Pisa in the Piazza Garibaldi, some hand grenades were thrown. One person was killed and 17 wounded including three policemen.

It is not known who was responsible and the police are investigating. The circumstances under which this incident took place are not known, but information is being obtained as early as possible from the Liaison Officer, Leghorn.

2. Public Safety Sub-Commission telephoned Palermo, but the Liaison Officer was out. CCRR Section of MIA spoke to Lt. Colonel Montague this morning who reported that all was quiet in SICILY.

P/A.
(CSO) J.S. 76

Seen by E.C.

M. Can. Brigadier 1471
M. Can. Brigadier.
VP. CA. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF.

3 June 1946

SUBJECT : Political Activity

TO : A/Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. This Division has received the following information in connection with activities during the present elections. The source has not been previously used and its general reliability cannot, therefore, be correctly gauged but it is significant to say that a high police official for whom I have the highest regard has also been informed in much the same way.

2. It is said that either this evening or tomorrow (Tuesday) there will be a mass demonstration of Leftist parties and people in favour of the new Republic. The object is to announce the new Republic although the official results will not be published for some four or five days.

3. All public offices will be seized and in particular such Government offices as the Ministry of Interior and other places where votes are being stored and counted.

4. It is also said that the Republicans staging this 'coup d'etat' are in possession of about 500 CC.RR. uniforms which will be used by members selected to carry out arrests amongst higher Government officials known to have Monarchist sympathies or who are opposed to the Left wing parties.

5. As mentioned above the reliability of this information cannot be checked at the moment but the situation generally is being closely watched through contacts who have been known to us for a long time.

A.H. ELLIS,
Captain,
Security Division.

AHE/lm.

Handed by V.P. CAS

No action.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of Political Adviser (A)

SECRET

May 24, 1946

MAY 27 1946

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner
SUBJECT : Reported Communist Plans

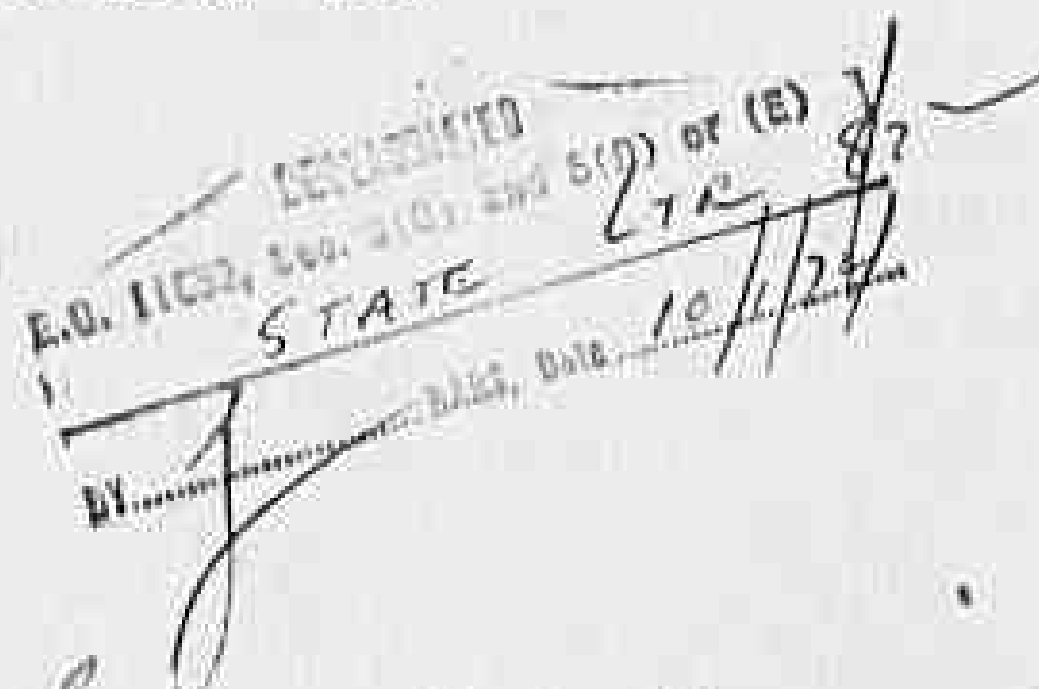
There are attached for your information copies of a report received from the American Consulate General in Milan, regarding a directive for the Communist Party in Rome.

The source from which the report was received is considered reliable by the Consul General.*

J. Wesley Jones
J. Wesley Jones
Political Adviser (A)

Enclosure:

2 copies of report.



* although it has not been confirmed
by American intelligence sources here in
GS/ - Three District.

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(150) H.S. 2715.

H.S. 2715
R.S.

Translation

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MILAN, 11 May 1946.

The Directory of the Communist Party has been the source of the following information which we have received:

On Friday night at 1.40 hrs a telegram in cipher arrived from the General Direction of the Communist Party, ordering a state of emergency in the whole Communist Party in all Italy.

A peremptory order that all partisan formations depending from the Communist Party should be kept on a war footing, and armed guards placed at all the offices of the municipal and provincial federations.

Armed pickets to be placed in the establishments ready to intervene immediately in the struggle, according to Order No. 2 dated 20 March 1946.

The city is divided into eight Regions with eight autonomous commands, in direct contact with the Federations of the Communist Party.

Ten control posts have been fixed for every region. Lists of war criminals and reactionaries have been distributed, who are to be taken immediately as hostages.

COPY

Milano 11 Maggio 1946

Da fonte del Direttorio del P.S. ci è stato comunicato:

Venerdì notte dalla Direzione Generale del P.C. di Roma alle ore 1.40 è arrivato un telegramma cifrato decretando lo stato di emergenza di tutto il P.C. in tutta Italia.

Ordine perentorio di mantenersi su piede di guerra di tutte le formazioni partigiane dipendenti dal P.C. Guardia armata a tutte le sedi e le federazioni della città e provincia.

Negli stabilimenti stabilire picchetti armati, pronti ad intervenire immediatamente nella lotta, secondo foglio ordine N.2 in data 20 Marzo 1946.

La città è divisa in otto Regioni, con otto Comandi autonomi, collegati direttamente alla Federazione del P.C.

In ogni regione sono stabiliti dieci posti di blocco. Sono state diramate le liste dei criminali di guerra e dei reazionari da prendere immediatamente come ostaggi.

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APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Discussed with Bro Carr.

He agrees with Mr Byr that the arrangement
appears to be adequate.

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For the coming political elections and the referendum, the predisposed plan for the public services refers to two distinct periods: the first during the voting, i.e. from 2 to 4 June; the second comprizing the proclamation of the results of the elections and of the referendum from 4 to 10 June and immediately following days.

The two moments require entirely different measures of public order. For the first it is necessary to make arrangements for watching approximately 36.000 electoral sections with consequent scattering of the forces; for the second, on the contrary, it is necessary to have the forces together in order to control eventual demonstrations and also eventually to assume the defense of public offices and public services of particular importance.

For the first period it has been arranged that to each Section be assigned 4 men, of which possibly two - and in any case at least one - P.S. agents or carabinieri. To achieve this, it has been necessary to reduce to the minimum or even close all the less important offices and commands of P.S., of the carabinieri and of the finance guards for the period between 31 May and 4 June, and to utilise - besides the P.S. agents, the carabinieri and the finance guards thus made available - also the Forestal and the Municipal Guards, the Firemen not on duty for their units, and finally the sworn guards.

There will remain at the disposal of the Ministry, in order to be used in each region, mobile battalions of carabinieri and P.S. agents on trucks so that they are in condition to hurry without delay should the occasion arise.

For Northern Italy it is hoped that it will be possible to use for this purpose detachments of the five mobilized Divisions, even taking as minimum unit the battalion or the group.

To complete the forces who will attend to watch the electoral sections (consider that 144.000 men are necessary to have only 4 in each section), it has been arranged that should also concur, not in substitution, but only as integration - with prohibition of entering the premises where the elections are taking place and all wearing the same armband in the Italian colors, with the main task of pacifying and persuading eventual troublemakers - the listed representatives who ought to be two for every list submitted in the college, according to the articles 16, 20 and 51 of the Decree of 10 March 1946, Nr. 74.

For the second period which, as has already been said, goes from 4 to 10 June and the following days, it has been arranged that all the forces which have been displaced in the provinces should instead be concentrated in those centers where the Prefects, with their competence, consider it suitable to concentrate them in order to have them at their disposal.

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Per le prossime elezioni politiche e per il referendum, il piano predisposto per i servizi d'ordine pubblico riguarda due distinti momenti: il primo inerente alle operazioni elettorali, e cioè per il periodo che va dal 2 al 4 giugno; il secondo relativo alla proclamazione dell'esito delle elezioni e del referendum che va dal 4 al 10 giugno e giorni immediatamente successivi.

I due momenti richiedono misure d'ordine pubblico completamente diverse. Per il primo occorre provvedere alla vigilanza delle circa 36 mila Sezioni elettorali con conseguente sparpagliamento delle forze; per il secondo occorre, invece, avere forze riunite per provvedere ad eventuali manifestazioni ed alla pure eventuale conseguente difesa di uffici pubblici e di servizi pubblici di particolare importanza.

Per il primo momento si è disposto che a ciascuna Sezione siano assegnati 4 uomini, dei quali possibilmente due - e in ogni caso almeno 1 - siano guardie di P.S. o carabinieri. Per ottenere ciò si sono dovuti utilizzare, riducendo al minimo o chiudendo addirittura, gli uffici e comandi meno importanti di P.S. e di carabinieri e delle guardie di finanza per i giorni che vanno dal 31 maggio al 4 giugno, e utilizzando, oltre a tutte le guardie di P.S. ai carabinieri ed alle Guardie di Finanza rese così disponibili, anche le Guardie Forestali, le Guardie Municipali, i Vigili del fuoco non di turno per i distretti, e infine le guardie giurate.

Rimarranno a disposizione del Ministero, per l'impiego in ciascuna regione, battaglioni mobili di carabinieri o di guardie di P.S. autocarretti, per essere in condizioni di accorrere al più presto possibile laddove occorre.

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Per l'Italia Settentrionale si confida di poter utilizzare a questo scopo, anche tenendo come unità minima il battaglione o il gruppo, i reparti delle 5 Divisioni mobilitate.

A integrazione delle forze che provvederanno alla vigilanza delle Sezioni elettorali (tener presente che occorrono 144 mila uomini, per averne solo 4 per ogni sezione), si è disposto altresì che concorrano, non in sostituzione, ma solo ad integrazione - con divieto di accesso nei locali ove si svolgono le elezioni e munendoli di bracciale tricolore uguale per tutti, con compito essenzialmente di pacificazione e di persuasione presso eventuali facinorosi, - i rappresentanti di lista previsti in due per ogni lista presentata nel collegio, e ciò ai sensi degli art. 16, 20 e 51 del D.L.L. 10 marzo 1946, n.74.

Per il secondo momento, che va, come s'è detto, dal 4 al 10 giugno e seguenti, si è disposto che tutte le forze dislocate in provincia siano, invece, raggruppate in quei centri nei quali i Prefetti, nella loro competenza, ritengono sia opportuno concentrarle, onde tenerle a disposizione.

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Will you discuss early with Local Govt and Public Safety S/C.
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sgd. M.S. Lush.
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PERSONAL

26 April 1946

My dear Brigadier;

In reply to your No. 643/15/EO, dated 18 April 1946, I report that we have investigated the matter to the best of our ability, and that our answer to your specific questions a and b are negative, there being nothing more definite than rumors discovered to date.

We have been getting all sorts of rumors, as you have surmised; (ever since the early days following the invasion of this country) and much time and effort has been spent in running them down, with nearly always the same results, - nil.

However, from reliable sources, some facts have been obtained, indicating that, in certain areas, there are small marauding bands of ex-soldiers, patriots, etc., that could be maneuvered into political activity of a more violent nature, if opportunities were presented. Also it is believed that practically all arms have been distributed, or otherwise fallen, into individual hands, and that large stocks of hidden arms will probably not be easily uncovered, which condition - that of having the individual supplied with arms, is a source of potential danger in the right situation.

It is also believed that there are clandestine radio stations in operation that could, at the right moment, broadcast false orders, or information, that might precipitate serious trouble, in isolated cases at least.

To refer again to question b: there are those that believe that the extreme rightist may attempt something by force if election results are against them, but again, there are no facts to guide and, so far, nothing more than a rumor with somewhat logical reason behind it.

Although we are constantly on the alert here, as were my predecessors, we have made special efforts, during the past week, to glean some information but we have been unable to discover any case of anyone having been illegally denied the right to vote, or any real evidence of any plan to attain power by force.

As the result of my experiences in Italy, two and one-half years, all of which time I have spent in AMG and AC, I estimate the present situation as follows:

1. The well organized Communist party, and possibly one or two others, use rumors as a sort of "war on nerves" to further their aims.
2. The Rightist and Extreme Rightist are as likely to resort to a show of force as any other group.
3. That any show of force would likely have its beginning in large cities and rural areas, and not appear "en masse". In other words, the trouble would be started by city groups and the small bands referred to above.

Using the estimate as a base for my judgement, I think that the immediate counter action necessary is to supply the rural areas with their required CC.RR strength and their proper transport and communication facilities, and to take necessary action against any clandestine wireless transmitters that may be operating in Italy. (Most of the larger cities seem to be fairly well supplied with police and other facilities, but rural CC.RR

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Finally, it is my personal opinion that the Italian phrase "Molte parole, pochi fatti" is apropos of the situation.

Maurice S. Lush
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner, A.C.

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Rome, 18 April 1945.

to : Am. General LUSH
Allied Commission,

ITALY
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Excellency,

Without doubt the Allied Commission is in possession of all the information in order to foresee the result of the imminent political elections in this country.

If the Allied Commission has not sufficient observers to ascertain the illegality, the injury, as well as the fraud which will be committed by the social-communists; and if the Allied Commission has not sufficient force to repress, and to suffocate a growing revolution, it would be better to postpone the elections to an indefinite date.

A minority, who are addicted to violence, have a great quantity of money and fire-arms (heavy and light, with a great provision of munitions) and their passions are in flame. They will overcome the majority who desire peace, true liberty, and who are above all, monarchists.

Otherwise we shall see the "Maresciallo Russo Togliatti" possess himself of the Government with all the consequences which are easy to imagine.

It is not possible that England and America can desire to see Russia installed in Italy.

If this should come to pass, little will be lacking before we see Russia in London and in New York, unless the Allies decide (before the Russian) to make use of the atomic bombs on the cities of the true enemies of peace, of order and of civilization.

From the result of our elections depends the future of the Anglo-Saxons. May the interested Governments take heed of this warning before they are obliged to repent of not having done so.

In our country actually "Famine" and "Elections" are terms which very badly correspond with the free, peaceful and serene right to vote.

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Devotely

TO : Gen. LUSH
Allied Commission, ROME

Prof. VITTORIO MAFFEI
/s/ Vittorio Maffei

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Am Generale LUSH
Commissione Alleata in Italia

Eccellenza,

La Commissione alleata, senza dubbio, è in possesso di tutti gli elementi per prevedere il risultato delle prossime elezioni politiche in questo Paese.

Se la Commissione Alleata non ha non solo sufficienti osservatori per constatare la illegalità ed i sorpresi nonché gli imbrogli che saranno commessi dai socialcomunisti; se la commissione alleata non ha forza sufficiente per reprimere e soffocare una nascente rivoluzione, meglio sarebbe rinvviare a tempo indeterminato le elezioni stesse.

Troppo le passioni sono accese ed una minoranza facinorosa è troppo provvista di mezzi, danaro ed armi (pesanti e leggere con large munizionamento) per non sopraffare la maggioranza che desidera la pace, la vera libertà e che è soprattutto monarchica.

Altrimenti, si vedrà il maresciallo russo Togliatti impadronirsi del governo con tutte le conseguenze facili a prevedere.

Non è possibile che Inghilterra e America possano desiderare di vedere la Russia installarsi in Italia.

Se ciò si avverasse mancherebbe poco di vedere i Russi a Londra e New York qualora gli anglosassoni non si decidano a scaricare (prima che lo facciano i russi sulle città anglosassoni) tutte le bombe atomiche sul vero nemico della pace, dell'ordine e della civiltà.

Dall'esito delle nostre elezioni dipende l'avvenire degli anglosassoni. Che i governi interessati tengano ben presente questo ammonimento per non pentirsene dopo.

Nel nostro paese, attualmente, CARESTIA ED ELEZIONI sono termini che mal si conciliano col libero, pacifico e sereno esercizio del diritto di voto.

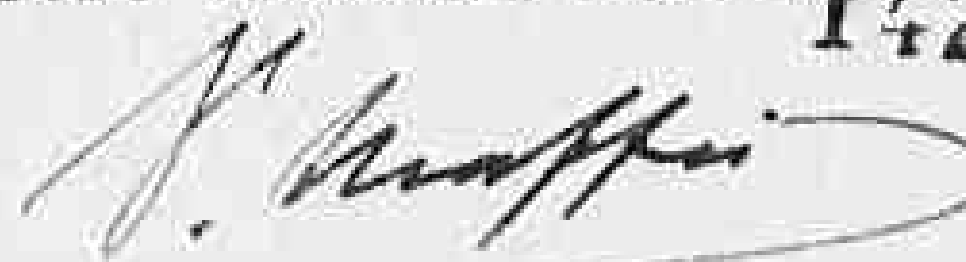
Si tenga presente che la precaria situazione nostra alimentare è stata portata ad arte a coincidere proprio col periodo elettorale!

La salvezza dell'Europa, ed in conseguenza quella degli Anglosassoni, sta nella salvezza dell'Italia.

Roma, 18 Aprile 1946

Prof. Vittorio Maffei

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Milan, April 11, 1946

Dear Mr. Key:

I have the honor to refer to secret report submitted by this office under date of April 4, 1946, particularly with reference to the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Communist Party as outlined on page 4 of that report and to transmit herewith the Italian text of that resolution.

It will be observed that subparagraph 4 of the resolution as given in my report does not correspond to the meaning of the Italian text. In other words, the information conveyed to me was incorrect with respect to that item, and the elimination by violence referred to fascists who for one reason or another have been able to avoid epuration or have been able to save themselves in the Fascist breakup of April 1945.

Sincerely yours,

sgd:

Charles A. Pay
American Consul

Enclosure:

Copy of the Italian text of the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Communist Party.

David McK. Key, Esquire,
Charge d'Affaires ad interim,
American Embassy,
Rome.

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ARGOMENTO:

Riunione Esecutivo Comunista in
Milano il Giorno 26 Marzo 1946

Ponte molto attendibile che per ragioni di riservatezza e sicurezza personale desidera mantenere l'incognito, segnala che in Milano il giorno 26 marzo 46 si è riunita una sezione particolare dell'esecutivo comunista: in detta riunione è stato letto un'ordine del giorno nel quale si danno agli elementi dipendenti le seguenti disposizioni:

1. Appena avvenuta la Costituente, se con esito favorevole per il P.C. verrà dato l'Ordine di arresto immediato per tutti gli appartenenti alla Casa Reale ed i rami collaterali; pertanto necessita fin da ora individuare l'indirizzo esatto di ciascun membro di Casa Reale.
2. Con la proclamazione della Costituente avverrà da parte di operai comunisti l'occupazione delle fabbriche.
3. Nelle campagne si provvederà immediatamente alla distribuzione delle terre ai contadini eliminando sia la proprietà che i latifondisti i quali si opponessero al provvedimento.
4. Si procederà immediatamente alla eliminazione violenta di tutti i fascisti non epurati, assolti dalle Corti, o che in un modo o nell'altro sono riusciti a salvarsi durante l'insurrezione popolare del 25 aprile 1945.

"To an independent observer the election activities of the Communist Party in this area reflect a directive organization of great efficiency. The campaign is extraordinarily well managed, and apparently financial resources are abundantly adequate and liberally applied. Compared with the other political parties the activities of the Communists are so superior that a comparison is almost without point. Every village is provided with a speaker at least once a week, mostly on Sundays. Public buildings are plastered with the Communist insignia. The radio at all hours of the day gives out Communist propaganda and in Milan itself auxiliary organizations are ceaselessly active. For instance, there was recently established in Milan a local entity known as La Casa della Cultura. Notices of the establishment of this organization included a long list of names of Italian intelligentsia and the inaugural ceremonies were held in the quarters of the former Union Club of Milan, although only the street address was given. The Communist Party took over the Union Club during the last days of the German occupation of Milan and it has been reluctant to release the quarters even though it has no use for them. The establishment of the Casa della Cultura was merely a subterfuge employed to retain these quarters. Signor FARRI, ex-prime minister of Italy, spoke at the inaugural ceremonies which were attended by some 500 persons many of whom did not realize until later that it was a Communist manoeuvre. Likewise the Unione Donne Italiane, or the Women's Organization of the Communist Party, gave an exhibition of domestic handicraft which attracted large crowds. The outstanding public manifestation consisted of an orderly procession estimated to have consisted of some 100,000 persons who paraded in the center of the city on March 14, which stopped all traffic and caused some retail stores to close their doors. The purpose of the demonstration was difficult to learn, but banners and placards referred to the desire of the workers to be free from security insurance payments and pleaded for a staying order against the dismissal of employees in accordance with recent efforts to effect an orderly reduction of employees in those industries which have no need for them. Altogether, the Communist Party activities during the elections have reflected excellent organization, the disbursement of funds on a large scale and a considerable public interest. The Russian Consul in Milan who appears to be liberally supplied with money is now engaged in purchasing real estate both in Milan and Genoa.

From a reliable source it has been learned that MOSCATELLI, assisted by an associate known as BULO, whose real name is FOLDRINI, is the most influential and dangerous Communist in this vicinity. He is said to have recently received the sum of 500 million lire from Russia. He is Counselor of the Communist Party and the head of ANPI (Associazione Nazionale Partisani Italiani), the headquarters of which are now being transferred from Milan to Rome. This is the central organization for a possible uprising in Italy and passes as a non-partisan

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organization. Moscatelli is said to dress like Tito and is talked about as the proposed leader, at the appropriate time, for a march on Rome. He takes orders from Togliatti and Russia. It is this organization that deserves watching in Rome.

Togliatti spoke in the Piazza del Duomo in Milan on Sunday, March 31. There was a crowd estimated at 200,000 persons in the public square to hear him. Some observers state that the Piazza had the appearance on that occasion of Fascist days when these congregations were of frequent occurrence. All men in uniform were rigorously excluded from the Piazza. It was an orderly crowd and the meeting provided the opportunity for many Communist processions of a noisy nature through the streets to the center of the town. Togliatti attacked the Christian Democratic Party, indicating that the Communists have some fear from that direction, and also attacked the monarchists. He thanked the Allied governments, including Russia, for aid given to Italy, but made some remark to the effect that they have the obligation to help Italy. He resorted to a common election manoeuvre in giving assurances that no one need have fears of what the Communists will do in a government directed by them, and he attempted to allay anxiety on the score of division of the wealth.

From a source which I believe should be given full credence, it has also been learned that the Executive Committee of the Communist Party in a meeting held in Milan on March 26, 1946 adopted the following resolutions:

1. In the event that the political elections are favorable, the following orders will be immediately promulgated:
 - a. all factories will be taken over by the workers;
 - b. farmers will take possession of the land and will distribute it among themselves, eliminating all property rights;
 - c. the arrest will be made of all members of the Royal family;
 - d. the elimination by violence will take place of all persons who are not sympathetic with Communist ideas.

Paragraph no. 1 was elucidated by the statement that favorable elections meant favorable to the left parties and did not necessarily mean a complete Communist victory. The underscored part of sub-paragraph "d" is in the actual reading of the text of the resolution.

Italians, other than monarchists, express their belief that the results of the referendum in June will be unfavorable to the monarchy. The monarchists limit themselves to a hope that the middle and southern parts of Italy will vote to preserve the monarchy. In other than monarchist circles, there appears to be a general belief that unless there is a preponderant majority in favor of the monarchy there will be trouble.

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{ In other words, there seems to be a widespread opinion that if the voting is favorable to the monarchy by a very small percentage disturbances are likely to follow any attempt by the monarchy to preserve itself. As there does not seem to be, at least in this area, any preponderant class of voters favoring the monarchy an overwhelming vote in favor of the monarchy does not seem to be possible."

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The Noiseless Red Terror

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As a matter of fact the law was passed and the Communists did not resign for the Soviet Political circles directed them to do so, and advised them as to how they should manage to have the law changed and the penalties against non voters abolished.

In fact, later the law was changed and modified so as to meet Moscow' wishes, and consequently it was deprived of all the efficacy the ruler had intended to give it.

The only substantial paragraph left is the No.66 which forbids political propaganda to churchmen. The approval of this article originated deep discrepancies between the Vatican and the Christian Democratic Party which was accused with having slavishly given up to Social Communist pressure.

Once they had tested the Political weakness of their opposers, the Social-Communists had the Govt pass a lot of measures on their favour with the definite purpose of showing the Allies that everything is effected with lawfulness and justice.

The rightist parties members fearing reprisal, slavishly approved of all the Communists proposed, turning thus into their hands the weapons to fight them on a field that, although perfectly lawful to the unexperienced, really makes it possible to adhere tightly to Moscow directions, which plan in Communist circles is being referred to as the "Noiseless dread". The plan consists in obtaining all they want from their political opposers, by checking up every activity, securing the least details of both their political and private life - Such enquiry is effected even in regard of their farthest relatives in order to set up a record to be used in due time to blackmail and soften them.

On this subject, De Gasperi's case is quoted, in regard of whom a bulky "dossier" ^{is being prepared} including speeches that the Christian Democrat leader is alleged to have made at the Austrian Diet when he was a Parliament-member of that country. On his regard, besides, some circumstances, allegedly very serious one, have been gathered concerning his part in the occasion of Battisti's hanging.

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Evidently De Gasperi was purposely made understand something about it and the consequence of that are allegedly De Gasperi's numerous compromises with the Social-Communists, which made him be called by Orlando "Master of compromises".

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- 1) number of "People's patrols" and of "pioneers" to be increased;
- 2) electoral certificates to be bought from poor voters at top-price of 1,000 lire each;
- 3) directions to be given to communist members in post Offices to delay delivery of mail addressed to rightist parties and such personalities contrary to leftist parties as will be

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pointed out.

Delivery of electoral certificates not to be affected or to be delayed, mostly in large towns. By this system more than 150,000 electoral certificates were not delivered in Milan, which gave the elections a different outcome.

- 4) Communist members in jails to keep ready to fling the doors open on short notice in order to upset public order.

As to the institutional question it is reported that social Communists took advantage of either the weakness or partnership of De Gasperi to make the political elections in a hurried-up way and simultaneously with the referendum in order to compel the various candidates to declare themselves either for or against the republic; this as they reckon that most of the candidates are not prepared to face in open meetings the fanatic and excited communists and therefore they will at last stand for the republic or at least assume an undecided attitude as to the institutional problem.

To the whole of the Communist activity, the threats, the enticements must be added, especially towards the farmers who are being promised that the 1946 harvest will be entirely left to them and nothing will be given to land-owners. The Social-Communists are only worrying as to whether the elections will be postponed, since they fear that :

- 1) the delay might soften the enthusiasm and the wits of the masses after the Social Communists victory in the administrative elections;
- 2) Should that the case, the promises to the farmers would not be kept because it is felt that Police forces will in the meantime be reinforced;
- 3) After a test-period of Social Communist administration in the various towns the situation would completely overturn since the new officials were chosen no more for their moral and technical qualities than for their revolutionary principles, as most of them are ex-convicts and adventurers and their methods could not therefore last long without raising discontent and possibly reaction.

Rome, 13/4/1946.

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Headquarters,
Rome Area Allied Command.

18th April, 1946

I have heard for the last few days rumours and received yesterday official confirmation that Train Guard duties, hitherto performed in and around Rome by the 53rd Lt AA Regiment, are in the immediate future to be taken over by Polish troops.

Hitherto of course your policy has been to confine the number of Polish troops in and around Rome within strict limits and hitherto no Polish troops have been employed on armed duties in Rome.

I am of course well aware of the necessity which compels this change of policy, but I feel that I must observe the following two likely reactions; (1) I think there is no doubt that certain circles in the Second Polish Corps will represent that we have till now arbitrarily limited their numbers in Rome and now that it suits our convenience we are increasing them. (2) There is certain to be a brisk Italian reaction both at the increase of Polish numbers in Rome and at the fact that they are now to be employed on duties which will certainly cause them to open fire on frequent occasions at the Italians. I think, moreover, that it is very probably that it may be represented both by certain Italian political parties and by Delegations of our Allies in Rome as being a move prompted by our apprehensions as to the outcome of the forthcoming elections.

I have no doubt that these considerations have been fully weighed in reaching the present decision, but feel it my duty to mention to you what I apprehend.

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Lt-General Sir W.D. Morgan, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
Commander-in-Chief, Central Mediterranean Forces.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14315/PS

17 April 1946

SUBJECT : Reports by Security Officers
on Political Situation.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. With reference to the instructions given to Col. Bye on 17th April 1946.
2. It is suggested the following points should be stressed in security reports:-
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 - a. Changes in the apparent strength of the Political Parties during the past 2 months.
 - b. The names of the organizers of extremist parties and whether the parties are well or badly organized and their avowed objects.
 - c. What is known of arms in possession of parties.
 - d. Numbers of searches made for arms; results; arrests and whether it is known to which party arrested persons subscribed.
 - e. Facts should be shown separate from mere rumour. Some indication should be given to enable its usefulness to be appreciated.
 - f. Support given to various political meetings.
 - g. Report on the extent and what type of propaganda used in election campaign.
 - h. Any other relevant information to assist in assessing true position.

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Deputy Director.

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Return to Hill Group

Following orders have been issued by Togliatti to the
depending Federations :

- 1) Each Federation is to send a trustee to get directions
on the way of watching the Allies.
- 2) Try to know whether there are in Italy atom-bomb depots;
check up the location of air fields and ammunition dumps
for possible sabotage.
- 3) Identity Italian officers acting as liaisons to Allies.

Rome, 4/4/1946.

3TRANSLATION

A very reliable source reports that on 26/3/46 in Milan a particular branch of the Communist Party held a meeting wherein an order of the day giving the following directions was read :

- 1) Soon after the Costituente Assembly if favourable to the Communist Party a warrant of arrest will be issued for any member of the Royal family and its side-branches; it is therefore necessary to get the exact whereabouts of all of them as soon as possible.
- 2) Plants and factories will be occupied by Communist workers on the declaration of the Constituent Assembly.
- 3) In the country the land will be immediately distributed to farmers thus eliminating ownership and landowners who might oppose the move.
- 4) All non epurated or acquitted or in any way whatsoever survived fascists will be violently eliminated.

TRANSLATION

2/ A reliable source reports that the completion of enquiry on the Communist Party's activity revealed that at n.77 Viale Regina Margherita, Milan, in the house formerly occupied by Mr. Ceccarelli, Piscitelli, Mesiano and another person whose name is not known, all of whom left Milan for Rome being Members of the Italian Social Republic, and later impounded by Communists the secret files of the Communist Party are being kept including documents of broad national and possibly international interest (Soviet correspondence).

Further the organization and propaganda activity of the Communist reaction in Italy is being effected in the centres of Communist reconstruction, namely in Milan, n.3 Via Boggonovo, in Rome, n.68 Via Palestro, in Venezia, Ca Foscari, in Turin, address unknown.

Seemingly secret meetings are being held where all the subjects concerning the utter elimination of non Communist Parties most of all monarchic groups and ex-fascists are dealt with. It seems doubtless that long lists of persons to be eliminated were compiled.

It was also ascertained that the most important G.A.P. and S.A.P. leaders of the new reactionary movement (Communist) use to gather in the house of Mrs. Grossi Emilia, n.6 Piazzale Bocconi.

Neither the day nor the time of such meetings could be learned as the organization is based on such a complicated and strict connection system as to be impossible for a stranger, even through a communist, to attend them.

Even in case you could, it would mean a certain death.

It is not possible for the time being to supply further details, as in view of the forthcoming elections the watch has been heavily intensified and elements reported dangerous for the Communist Party are being kept under strict observation.

TRANSLATION

The Communist Party in agreement with the Socialists are preparing a surprise uprising which is scheduled for 3/6/46. Orders to that effect allegedly have already been issued to the depending Federations to which a sealed envelope to be opened only on 1/6/46 has been sent through special messengers.

According to such order between 2 and 3 June a large demonstration as if the referendum results were yet known to be favourable to the republic should take place before the referendum results are actually known.

According to the directions given, the large towns should be occupied and reprisals against ex fascists whom the epuration failed to strike, against monarchists and P.S. Officers including CC.RR.s in order to discard Police Forces should be carried out.

Social-Communists believe that Police Forces will not react fearing the referendum-results are actually for the republic, so P.S. agents and CC.RR.s will endeavour to gain the Social Communists' favour.

To solve every detail the most famed partisan leaders have been called to Rome, including Moscatelli, who talking to a friend is alleged to have told him about the uprising being scheduled for 7/6/46 before issuing the referendum results.

In case of favourable results the uprising will be legalized by politicians.

The movement center is to be in Milan acknowledged as the natural Social-Communists fortress.

To materialize and carry out in every least detail the plot the decision has been taken of moving the ANPI HQ to Milan and to postpone the deadlock day for epuration in the North to 31/5/46 to prevent 50.000 people approaching the police.

The only point which worries the leaders is the Allies' attitude as they would like to know what reaction would the plot cause amongst them.

The Communist Party HQ upon seeing that the Italian population has a stronger tendency towards the Christian Democratic Party, has received orders to contact De Gasperi and offer him the Presidency of the Italian Republic.

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