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CIVIL DISTURBANCES, SICILY
OCT. 1944 - JAN. 1945

Deos CA Sec (12)

- 1 Ref'd back place in the house on 4/8
- 2 Ref'd from Detroit to be received 4/8
- 3 Ref'd from Wayne received 4/8 in an 1800 bu
- 4 No car in Public safety to take action

4/8/48

Cor 9

Ref 7 am Action taken at 8
22 Oct 48
R. P. Langer

Admission

See also 10th rec'd since 9 am with
23 Oct 48
R. P. Langer
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Deos CA Sec

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I am sorry. (4) if my minute above meant
that there was in fact no car in Public safety
to take action at 1800 hrs on 4/8 Day?
to take action in the usual way

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Ref 7 am Action taken at 8

22 Oct 74

Admission

See also 10th rec'd since 9:00 with

R. R. Lipp id.

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1. I am sorry. (4) I my minute a bone mount
that there was in fact no car in the area safely
to make action at 1800 hrs in 24x day?

2. Action should now be taken in the usual way
by the Sub Committee concerned
Mr. 23/10

(12)

D. O. B. C. A. Sec
Statement in 1 of minute 11 is not correct.
At 1800 hrs 24x, 6th Group, 24x 24x 24x and
Major Wilson was all in the office.
63 Oct. 4 +
J. H. B. (common)

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Please see signal sent today by C-4 See
at 105 Ref Ragusa disturbances

8 Jan 45

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Shollen
C-4

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1 Officer Commissioner.

1. Pages 87-89 contain a report by CA Section on disturbances in SICILY. The points which emerge are:

- (a) Lack of coordination between Ministry of War and the High Commissioner so that Carabinieri were not warned of call up in sufficient time to make preventive plans;
 - (b) lack of preventive action on part of police in CATANIA when crowds began to collect.
2. I will forward report to AFHQ when you have read it.
3. Page 91 - A good letter from Carr on the general situation. You will note that in his opinion the food situation was a contributory cause of disturbance.
3. I have agreed with Economic Section that a further ship from the next convoy shall be diverted to SICILY which will take care of the situation up to 4th February (approx) on 200 tons. I will let Carr know of this.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

30 Dec 44

CofS
Noted
3/1/45

30 Dec 44

Civil Disturbances

2. Major Incident of Public Safety 2/3 telephoned last evening to Major General, the assistant Dir at Palermo, for information regarding

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Chief of Staff.

CofS Noted
3/1/45

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TO: C.S.G.

Civil Disturbances

1. Major Jackman of Public Safety 2/0 telephoned last evening to Major Emanuel, the Assistant HQ at PALERMO, for information regarding further disorders in SICILY rumoured through Carabinieri sources.
2. Major Emanuel stated that disorders broke out in RAGUSA on 3 Jan as a protest to the call-up and current restrictions. These disorders became serious on 6 Jan on which day 100 soldiers were disarmed and beaten. Reinforcements of troops were due to arrive yesterday, 7 Jan.
3. Disorders also broke out in three other Communes in Province of RAGUSA.
4. Major Emanuel was speaking from PALERMO and said that telephone lines to RAGUSA had now been cut. He has sent two signals to us, the latest being yesterday morning, but neither has yet arrived. Major Jackman notified the Duty Officer 8-5 AM of the above last evening.

9 Jan 45.
Office, Chief of Staff,
Ext. 735.

E. Shaden
Captain.

ac/p 177/k of 7 Jan transferred to Rome 21/2/45

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COS

1. Brig. Gen's latest report on Security at
110441 78 and FSS report (by a Sergeant)
at 78-77

2. Ref para 5 of 78 at COS heading
It is necessary to instruct SA Sec.
to see that Col. Freeman took up
the matter of the feeble behavior
of ICRR with General Erlandso,
and that discussion will appear
in the summary.

W. C. C. 20/10/78

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~~CO~~

COS

87-89 is a report prepared by DCS at Sec

2. Ref para 3 of 10, dated 10/1/70, which is being to be inspected CA Sec. to see that the Chairman took up the matter of the people's behavior of CERR with James Orlando, and that direction will appear in the minutes.

Mr. [unclear]

26/1/70

1/1/70

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~~600~~

CoS

87-89 is a report prepared by DCS CA Sec on the Sicilian disorders.

This arises from your minute on CA Sec file asking for a review of the events for submission to the C.C. & also for transmission to AFHQ

29 Dec 70

I suggest by which is in my opinion an excellent report, but there is a CC and some repeated G.S. without further comment.

W. Holden

26/1/70

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~~650~~ Col

Latest sibrop from Sicily is at 71

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12 Dec 44

As mentioned, repeated, if force the in fact been used

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AMHQ Rptd CINCOSD DISTHREX ALCON SICILIA REGION

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8 Jan 45

UP PRIORITY

~~SECRET~~ PD

SICILIAN DISTURBANCES ARE SUBJECT PD

FROM TO AMHQ REPEATED CINCOSD CMA DISTHREX CMA ALCON SICILIA REGION FOR
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FROM HQ ALCON PAREN

RESULT CONFERENCE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THIS COMMISSION DECIDED THAT ALL
POSSIBLE STEPS MUST BE TAKEN PREVENT SPREAD OF DISORDER PD REQUEST IMMEDIATE
STEPS BE TAKEN WITHOUT DELAY REMAINING BATTALION MOSTA DIVISION TO SICILY AND OF
TWELVE LIGHT TANKS FROM CAGLIARI SARDINIA TO PALERMO

For details see files 14 117 on 3626

Int. Dist.

Land Forces S/C (SICILIA)

Navy S/C

C.A.Sec.

Public Safety S/C

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Office of the Chief of Staff

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R. V. GRADY

Major, AGD

ADJUTANT

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DISTURBANCE ACTION RPTD APRIL INFO RE SICILY REGION INFO

ALBA

8 Jan

URG PRIORITY

Jan - 1950

URGENT-12

PARA ONE ID CIVIL DISTURBANCE REPORTED RAGUSA PROVINCE OCCURRED BY
REPORTING OF CALL UP ID COMMUNICATIONS ARE DIFFICULT BUT THE FOLLOWING HAS
BEEN REPORTED ID

PARA TWO DISTURBANCE ACTION RPTD APRIL INFO RE SICILY REGION INFO FROM HQ ALCON
FROM CIVIL AFFAIRS BAREN

PARA TWO ID TOWN COMING SKIRMED BY RIOTERS CMA TELEPHONE LINE RAGUSA TO COMING
OUT CMA ARTILLERY UNIT SENT TO COME FURNISH DISARMED CMA TWO HUNDRED INFANTRY
LEFT SYRACUSE SIX JANUARY MET OPPOSITION GIARRATANO AND FAILED TO REACH COMING
CMA SIX DEER AND FOUR SOLDIERS KILLED THIS PROBABLY EXAGGERATED ID
PARA THREE ID GENERAL ROKIA LEFT CATANIA FOR RAGUSA WITH FORTY CARABINIERI TO
TAKE COMMAND ID

PARA FOUR ID COLONEL ISOMARIA PROCEEDING WITH ONLY AVAILABLE TANK TRUCK
ARTILLERY UNIT ID SIX FIGHTER AIRCRAFT PLACED DISARMED GENERAL ROKIA

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

AS DISTRIBUTION:
Chief of Staff
Political Sec.
Pub Saf S/C
Loc Govt S/C

Ref: X518/1000.

8th January 1949.

SUBJECT: Disturbances - SIGILL.

TO : COM, 11 Dec

1. Reference attached memorandum from the Italian Government, please take the following action:

- (a) Inform Regional Commissioner, Sicily, by telegram that ^{Six} ~~two~~ fighter aircraft are being dispatched to report to Chief General *Roma* ~~Commission, Catania.~~ ~~It is to be ascertained that they would go there and report to Generalissimo, Sicily, along with his own Commission.~~
- (b) Send summary by telegram of this memorandum to No. 5 District, rptd COM and Mr. WICKIN.
- (c) Instruct Public Safety sub-Commission to keep in close telephonic touch with No. 5 District who are in turn in touch with General Lanza.

2. The telegram should go on the highest priority.

3. On the instructions of the Chief Commissioner I am asking No. 5 District that if Allied intervention is contemplated, the Chief Commissioner should be consulted before action is taken.

M. S. LUSH

MS/AS.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Public Safety 3/3

Seen by COM

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Rome, January, 8th, 1945 11^h

N. 04 LP 103

MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER

H.E. Serruti, Chief of Cabinet Interior, telephones to inform Admiral Stone of the following:

Since two days a sedition, uprising is taking place in the Province of Ragusa, Sicily.

Apparent reason: call to arms.

Rebel Armed action was taken against the town of Comiso, which is believed to be held by the rebels.

The telephone line between Ragusa and Comiso has been cut and the railroad damaged.

It appears that an artillery unit has been overwhelmed in the same zone.

Uprising appears limited within the Province of Ragusa.

The High Commissioner for Sicily has sent reinforcements of troops and Carabinieri, which are en route.

Also General Ronca has been sent from Catania to take command of the zone.

As direct information are lacking and the situation is uncertain, the High Commissioner has requested two fighting planes to support the troops.

The Air Ministry is willing to send two of the fighters stationed at Lecce Airport. The needed authorization from Air Force Sub-Commission is being requested. Will you please support the request?


P. AROSTOLO
Lt. Comdr, RNR
Liaison Officer

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MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF OF STAFF

Rome, 5 January 1944
R. 0434/LS

Additional information received by Ministry of Interior
from Sicily.

Infantry units 800 strong which left Siracusa on the evening of the 4th for Ragusa have clashed near Giarratone with the rebels. It appears that 6 Carabinieri were killed, and so were 4 soldiers; many wounded. Rebel casualties are not known. The troops did not reach Ragusa.

Gen. Bonaiuti has left Catania for Ragusa with 40 Carabinieri.

Col. Leonardo left Caltanissetta with the only available tank in order to retrace run of his battery which started for Ragusa yesterday and that is supposed to have been destroyed near Goiaio.

Mr. Carr has visited Sig. Aldisio & suggested to send some fighter planes to Ragusa in support of the troops. He believes that this action should prove very useful.

11.45 hrs

Spontoni L.O.

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6 JAN 1945

MEMO FOR COL. CHAPMAN

By telephone from Palermo, Sicily, 2000 hrs, 7 Jan. 1945

Major Mammal, A.R.P.S.O. Sicily, reports that as a result of enforcement of the call-up, arrests in connection therewith and for violations of curfew regulations, minor disturbances began to occur on 3 January in the Province of Ragusa, Sicily, reaching serious proportions on 6 January when 100 Italian soldiers, who had been sent to quiet the disorders, were beaten and disarmed by the populace. Additional troops were dispatched on 7 January and further reinforcements are contemplated. Latest unconfirmed reports state that serious disorders occurred in Vittorico, Comiso and Modica, resulting in the death of 4 Italian soldiers and 6 GCHQ. Situation appeared serious.

Report received from HQ, USAR Rome that all communication lines to Ragusa had been cut.

Above information telephoned to Duty Officer, G 3 AFHQ immediately upon receipt.

Major Mammal stated that signals had been sent to this HQ on 6 Jan. and 7 Jan., but until 9 A.M. 8 Jan., they had not been received at this Sub-Commission.

F.P. LICHNER
Major, AG
Executive Officer

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Ref: 3618/56/008

January 1945.

SUBJECT: Disturbances in SIGILL.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

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I enclose for your information a report on the recent disturbances in SIGILL, prepared by Vice-President, Civil Affairs Section.

For The Chief Coordinator:

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section.

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To: Mr. Tolson
To: Mr. Winter of War
To: 'Italo' Rocco
To: the High Commissioner

and

To be sent by mail - 1944 - Chief of the Allied Commission

E. O. R. R.

A group of inhabitants of Catania went to give some information about the riots: the destruction and no entrance allowed. The group said that they were only sent to see what was going on. Italy would get from their fighting, and they would be treated as a defeated country.

The authorities were naturally responsible for what happened; they tried to get the situation under control and organized but did nothing against the mob which acted and destroyed the city of Catania.

A. A. Group of Inhabitants of Catania

Encl. 12, 10 November 1944

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INFO ACTION: CA See

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HIGH COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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FILE: RC/201

28 Dec 1944

My Dear Lush,

I was very glad to receive your LKX/XS of 21 Dec - mails have been very slow recently as your letter only reached me yesterday, 27 December. I note all that you say about the 300-gram ration scale and that further directions must be awaited before any final plan can be put into execution.

I trust that by now your Headquarters has received my official letter RC/435 of 21 Dec on the grain situation in which it was stated that it is estimated that this island has sufficient grain to maintain itself until 25 January but not on a full 300-gram ration scale. I trust however that this more favourable date will not mean that there will be any undue delay in reaching a decision or making arrangements for the future. I know you will appreciate that when there is no cushion and there is a complete lack of suitable rolling stock and a marginal allowance of coal and petrol, if ships arrive at the last moment well-ordered and economical discharge and distribution of grain becomes most difficult.

In view of the uncertainty as to the future the High Commissioner agreed that existing stocks should be released in general on the basis of a total 200-gram ration scale and I propose not to advise any change in this arrangement until the situation is really clear. I feel, however, that this ration deficiency in bread plus pasta might prove to be an underlying cause to any further unrest that might occur and I should therefore be very glad to have, as early as possible, an official decision as to what the final ration scale is to be for Sicily or a semi-official word from you that the situation is sufficiently clear for this island to revert to the full ration scale. Some grain is still being amassed but the amount is small and I do not know how long it will last.

I am using the present situation to get out of the Alimentation authorities a really tight figure as to the amount of grain required to feed the island in relation to whatever ration scale may be decided on. I am also using it to induce the withdrawal of some ration cards from producers.

I appreciate to the full the very great difficulties you must have had in dealing with this very ticklish matter.

As regards the recent disturbances in Sicily I trust that by now your Headquarters has received:

My RC/000.5 of 20 DEC - final report on Catania disturbances.

My RC/000.5 of 20 DEC - General report on disturbances.

My RC/000.5 of 23 DEC - report on Alcamo disorders.

4/19/44/.....

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I should particularly like you to see the Alcamo report because I consider that the basic reason for this disturbance was grain and bread shortage. Information has since come to hand that at 5 other places scattered over the island the demonstrations were against grain shortage or amassing.

As regards reinforcements, an Alpini Unit approximately 550 strong to reinforce the Carabinieri and 300 of the expected 200 Carabinieri have already arrived. An additional Public Safety Officer has also arrived and is doing duty at Provincial Headquarters Eastern Sicily where for some little time we have had no Public Safety representative.

The situation here is calm at the moment. As I have stated in my recent reports, I consider that serious disorders would occur if the bread situation in the island became worse than it is at present and if, concurrently, the call-up was continuing and being enforced. If the bread position is assured then I feel that some disorder might occur only in connection with the call-up. I understand that the results to date have been very meagre only some one thousand men out of the eight thousand due to present themselves before Christmas having left the island for their training centres. I understand that steps are now being taken to round up defaulters and the next few days should show what effect this is likely to have. I have not heard yet whether the original program under which the call-up of the remaining 13,000 was to take place in the first weeks of January is to be adhered to and whether the rounding up of defaulters is to run concurrently or whether some postponement is to take place.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

M. CERR
Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner.

Brig. M. S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C.,
Chief of Staff,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
M. C. E.

1 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: AC/14502/6/15

28 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: Demonstrations against Military Call-up in Sicily.

TO : COS.

The following notes have been prepared regarding the recent demonstrations in Sicily against the call-up for the Italian Army:-

1 Italian Army Call-up

The call-up for the Italian Army affected the 1914-1924 age groups, who were to be called up in three batches: the 1922/23/24 classes to present themselves during the period 12-19 Dec 44, while the remaining classes to be called up during the periods 3-10 Jan 45 and 15-22 Jan 45.

2 Summary of Demonstrations

The demonstrations began on the 10 of December and continued for about 10 days. No incident has been reported since the 20 of December.

In all, 73 demonstrations are known to have occurred, the majority dispersing without causing injury or damage. The incidents may be summarized as follows:-

Demonstrations causing conflict and damage	9
" " conflict	1
" " damage	8
" " without conflict or damage	<u>55</u>
	73

3 Casualties

Dead	4 civilians
Injured	25 "
	6 police

4 Catania Incident

The most serious disorder and damage occurred in the city of Catania on the 14th of December 44.

a) In the morning about 500 demonstrators, led by students, gathered in front of the Italian Military District Headquarters to protest against the call-up. A handgrenade was thrown by an unknown person killing one civilian and injuring another. Two Italian Army Officers were attacked by the crowd and stripped of their uniforms. There was also some dismantling of the Carabinieri.

b) In the afternoon some Carabinieri trucks which had brought Carabinieri into the city were set alight by the mob. Several Carabinieri were disarmed by the crowd. The Town Hall was set on fire after the door had been forced by a beam used as a battering ram. No attempt was made to extinguish

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- b) In the afternoon some Carabinieri trucks which had brought Carabinieri into the City were set alight by the mob. Several Carabinieri were disarmed by the crowd. The Town Hall was set on fire after the door had been forced by a beam used as a battering ram. No attempt was made to extinguish the fire, the Fire Brigade, although called, failing to appear on the scene. The Law Courts and the Tax Office were also gutted, while other buildings including the Military District Headquarters were damaged by fire. The damage was largely caused by a comparatively small number of youths of the hoodligan type.
- c) Further demonstrations were attempted on 15 of Dec but were repressed by the police. The total casualties in Catania on the 14 and 15 Dec were:- 4 civilian killed and 18 injured. 3 Carabinieri were injured. 27 arrests were effected.
- d) On the 17 of Dec demonstrators again attacked the Town Hall in Catania. Carabinieri opened fire killing two civilians. 100 Italian troops were placed at the disposal of the Civil Authorities in case reprisals were attempted but the situation remained quiet.

5 Causes of the Disturbances

While the disturbances originated as a protest against the military call-up, economic and political dissatisfaction was also ventilated. Unfortunately the military call-up coincided with an order from the High Commissioner to agricultural producers to consign 25 kilos of grain per person to ease the food shortage. There is no evidence to connect the separatists with the outbreak but there can be little doubt that their past propaganda exerted an influence on the minds of the population. It is said that the call-up came as a surprise to the Sicilians who had not been prepared by suitable publicity.

The grounds of protest may be summarized as follows:-

- a) The Sicilians have no wish to participate in the War (such slogans as "we will not serve as gun-feeders" were carried by students).
- b) They do not wish to fight for the Italian Government.
- c) They are unwilling to bear arms against Italians in the North.
- d) The Italians are still treated as enemies by the Allies.
- e) The armistice terms have not been made public.
- f) The young men called up refused to abandon their families to starvation.
- g) Those called up were invited to bring with them blankets, spoon and messtin which they would have to buy.
- h) The call-up should not have coincided with the Xmas festivities.

6 Result of Call-up

Of the 8000 men who should have answered the call-up in Sicily between the 12 and 19 Dec, only 1600 presented themselves. The Ministry of War has stated that the military call-up both in Sicily and elsewhere will proceed and that men who failed to enlist will be arrested.

7 Control of the Disturbances

In general it can be said that the police failed to take energetic action to disperse demonstrations before disorders occurred. In Catania especially, it is alleged that no policemen were seen in the streets while crowds of excited people were gathering. Although Italian Troops have been called on to stand by as a reserve no instances have been reported of troops having been used against the civil population.

8 Strength of Police, etc

The strength of the Police Agencies in Sicily is as follows:-

Carabinieri 8273

Agents of Public Security 2702

Finance Guards 2248

Internal Garrison troops of the Italian Army (chiefly Sabaudia Division) stationed in Sicily number:

633 Officers and 10372 men.

9 Reinforcements

- a) Arrangements were at once made to reinforce the Carabinieri in Sicily by sending 786 troops of the Montegrano Battalion to Palermo. The majority of these have already arrived, while the others are in course of transit. The Commanding General of the Carabinieri, at the request of the Ministry of the Interior, is sending to Sicily 300 Carabinieri from the mainland (Rome,

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- b) It has also been agreed to expedite the transfer of two battalions (800 men) of Italian troops to reinforce the Italian garrison troops in Sicily.
- c) A mobile unit of 1000 Carabinieri is being equipped with 24 three Ton trucks and 24 armoured vehicles supplied by the Ministry of War. These Carabinieri are drawn from those already serving on the island. They will be distributed throughout Sicily with Headquarters at Palermo and Messina.

10 Other measures

- a) A new Prefect of Catania left Rome by plane on the 17 Dec 44.
- b) The High Commissioner for Sicily has ordered an investigation of the conduct of the Carabinieri during the Catania riots.
- c) The Director of the Public Security, Ministry of the Interior and the Commanding General of the Carabinieri have been requested to conduct a thorough investigation of Police action in Sicily. It has also been suggested to them

d) that a statement originating from the Prime Minister might be issued announcing to the Italian people that it is the intention of the Government to preserve law and order by any means in its power and by force if necessary. There is before you for submission to the CC a draft letter to the Italian Prime Minister expressing concern at the inability of the Italian Police to control the disturbances in Sicily and asking what measures will be taken to prevent a recurrence.

J. R. Waples

C.R. WILSON HRIS,
VP CA Section,
DCOS AC.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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Ext: 300.

FROM: PAB Report on Disturbances in Sicily due to a Military Call-Up.

Ref: 5618/002

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

26 December 1944.

1. The following minute has been received from Political Section.

"This is the usual weekly PAB report sent to us for vetting. Do you think the long report on disturbances in Sicily at the end of sufficient interest (and accuracy) to include it? Alternatively, we might ask PAB to summarise it."

2. Would you please comment on the accuracy of the report and make your recommendations whether we should ask PAB to withdraw it, summarise it, or leave it as it is.

1234 G. W. S. L. J.
DU 3/12
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Lt. Col.
Chief Staff Officer.

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25 Jan 1944

RECEIVED THE ILLINOIS
STATE DEPARTMENT
JAN 25 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

TO : MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

100-100-100-100

1. In continuation of my report of 10/10/43, I am forwarding the copy of a report received from the Director of the Illinois State Department (this report was received from the Illinois State Department) which is to be used in the future to provide information on the activities of the Illinois State Department.

The report is dated 10/10/43. It is of the type which is not usually given to the public and is not usually given to the public. It is of the type which is not usually given to the public and is not usually given to the public.

2. It should be noted that the report is of the type which is not usually given to the public and is not usually given to the public. It is of the type which is not usually given to the public and is not usually given to the public.

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4. From reports (P.M.) received in the past, it is known that the Illinois State Department is of the type which is not usually given to the public and is not usually given to the public.

Catalina.

The report is made by a 30%. King of the FSS who was not present during the disorders but was sent there to investigate. His principal sources of information are stated to have been the Carabinieri and the head of the public security.

2. It would appear that the primary cause of the disorders was the grain and bread situation. The ploughing down of certain grain was an experiment of the High Commissioner's office in order to reduce consumption of flour in producing districts and to assist in ensuring more grain in view of the serious shortage with which the Italian is faced. The consequences were serious, a large number of public buildings being damaged.

3. It is significant that it was at about that the Carabinieri held their last meeting which took place on December 3rd. The meeting was held in a cinema and was not a public meeting but from reports received about 1000 persons attended and it appears that there was considerable enthusiasm generally in the town on account of it.

From reports (P.M.B.) received statements on the following lines were made by separatist leaders in their speeches: the aristocracy must be revoked - the separatist Government has taken a clear position against the Salocillo and General Minichini and will maintain it against any Government that may follow in Italy. - The Government must understand that we Italians do not joke - a great shock could occur tomorrow there was no intention of creating trouble for the allies.

4. Mr. G. G. of the separatist Italian Movement who, according to the enclosed report informed the G.O., has been arrested. Leading separatists have already interviewed the High Commissioner regarding the separatist's release on the grounds that he is innocent. I advised the High Commissioner strongly against any release until the matter has been fully investigated to determine whether there is a case for prosecution.

5. I would again draw attention to the lack of offensive action by the Carabinieri and Public Safety agencies. I consider it a matter of great urgency that some effective should be taken by the Italian Government which would give the forces proper liberty of action and would counteract the effects produced by the G.O. in a circular of 28 OCT 1941 to the report on the G.O. in disturbances 20/200.5 of 20 DEC.

Copies TO: V.P. C.A. Section
Public Safety
Sub-Commission

Mr. G. G.
Regional Commissioner

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Abstract

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all night and interrogated citizens. No curfew was imposed. Numerous arrests were made.

The arrests were made in the morning. Investigation of the night events, which were reported in the press, indicated that the situation in the city was out of control. It was reported that the police were still trying to control the situation. The situation was reported to be out of control. The situation was reported to be out of control. The situation was reported to be out of control.

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A list of the arrests to date is attached hereto.

In the field,
19th December, 1944

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ROUTINE

ALCOM SICILIA REGION (CARR)

24 DEC 1944

ALCOM HQ MONA (R) PUBLIC SAFETY W/G XIA SUB AREA AND SUB PALERMO

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1. Special sitrep SICILY 21 December situation calm.
2. No fresh disorders reported.
3. In places where disorders have occurred order reestablished.

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ACTION: Sub Safety 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
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ALLIED COMMISSION
COULDER HADISON HEAD QUARTERS
APO 344

WILL:MC/000.5

20 Dec 1944

22 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: UNREST IN SICILY

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
R O M E

1. I am sending herewith a general report on the present unrest in SICILY and on its causes and effects.

I would point out that this Region has (except for the Islands) Provincial Officers only in Catania Province and that therefore in general has no sources of information of its own. Moreover, with the existing small staff it is not possible adequately to sift and collate all the information including voluminous P.M.B. reports which are transmitted to this Office.

At this stage, therefore, the following views must be taken more as personal opinions rather than those based on weighed evidence.

2. Widespread demonstrations and disturbances have occurred throughout the Island during the period from approximately 20 DEC to date. So far demonstrations with or without damage and conflict have been reported at approximately 55 places. Damage to public buildings at Catania was serious. There have been various other reports about damage to property out, although this may be comparatively considerable, approximate details are not available. Casualties so far have not been serious and to date might be estimated at 4 dead and 51 injured, mainly civilians.

At Catania Police action was completely ineffective. In Ragusa Province it is reported to have been good. I have not sufficient information to express an opinion on Police conduct generally.

Italian troops have been moved to various centres of disturbance but I have not had any reports of their being actively engaged in quelling disorders. There has been a tendency on the part of the local administration to apply to an Allied Headquarters, if one is nearby, for intervention or assistance e.g. with transport. By far the greater

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ing on the situation now to which the Italian Government has
mal violence propaganda against the Italian Government.
local administration and their continual misrepresentation.
One of the lines of separatist propaganda has been that in the
event of an independence Sicily there would be no conscription
service in the Italian army or that in any case Sicilians
ought to fight under their own flag or banner.
The separatists weighed in early with a letter to the High
Commissioner copy of which was sent to me. A copy is enclosed
as annexure B.

5. Unsubstantiated news has been given which confined to those
directly affected by the call-up nor have these individuals
always been the perpetrators of the damage. This was most evi-
dent at Catania where criminal and disruptive elements, many
of whom were boys and having been delinquent youngsters, the
morning, such the elements and others affected in the after-
call-up, resulted to take a hand in the proceedings in the public
noon when inevitable consequences of public damage to public
undamage resulted.
The lack of effective action on the part of the police forces
at Catania leads me to feel that they may have some sympathy
with the demonstrators. It is reported, but it is not known
whether any reliance can be placed on the report, that at
Catania the head officials at the Customs had given instruc-
tions not to interfere.

I have not heard any reports as to the army sympathizing in any
way with the demonstrators.
Although there have been the usual unconfirmed reports, I have
no concrete evidence of any anti-Italian feeling.

6. As regards future developments this seems to depend
on two factors, the extent to which the call-up is going to
be enforced, and the bread situation. It is reported that the
response to the call-up has been very meagre. It is said that
some of those affected may have retired into the country and
that they have arms. If following on this present unrest, no
grain was imported into the island with the result that bread
and pasta would comparatively soon only be available in the
towns to those who could afford to buy them in the black mar-
ket where prices might soar, serious unrest might occur and in
my opinion would occur.
As regards the forces of law and order, I feel that those at
present on the island, if properly employed, might be sufficient
to maintain order if there is no deterioration in the situation
as it stands at the moment. But this depends very much on the
methods, if any, to be employed in the arrest of those who fail
to present themselves and on whether or not grain is to be im-
ported to maintain the present ration. I have, however, always
been of the opinion that the forces of law and order here have
been reduced to a dangerous level and I am therefore supporting

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the High Commissioner in his request for some reinforcement. Moreover my present instructions from your Headquarters are that force is to be used to collect grain which policy in existing circumstances is quite impossible. The High Commissioner considers it imperative that reinforcements should be sent at an early date.

M Carr Brigadier

M. CARR
Brigadier
Regional Commissioner

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Copies To: Vice President Civil Affairs Section
Public Safety Sub-commission

ANNUNZIO A

GIOVANI SICILIANI.

Ancora una volta dopo lunghi anni di guerra, di sciagure e di miseria, ci si chiede contro la volontà di un popolo; di spargere il nostro sangue.

Come ieri il vile monarca ci impose di morire per la conquista di altri imperi, oggi con la stessa viltà, ci impone di conservargli col nostro sacrificio quella corona che non ha il diritto di tenere, per il suo alto tradimento al popolo tutto.

A noi giovani si uniscano le nostre madri ed i nostri padri. Il popolo tutto formi un blocco compatto per difendere questa gioventù vanamente destinata al macello.

Noi non impugneremo le armi.

GIOVANI DI SICILIA,
siate tutti solidali nell'esprimere la vostra volontà non presentandovi. Pace pane e Lavoro: Ecco quello vogliamo!

AGGIUNTA B.

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MOVIMENTO PER L'INDIPENDENZA DELLA SICILIA

COMITATO NAZIONALE

Palermo 13 Dicembre 1944

A S.E. L'ALTO COMMISSARIO PER LA SICILIA

- PALERMO -

e per conoscenza:

AL GENERALE M. CANE Capo della Commis-
sione Alleata

- PALERMO -

A.S.E. IL PREFETTO DI

- PALERMO -

"More solito" gli avversari di questo Movimento diffondono in mala fede, la voce che i movimenti giovanili contro il richiamo alle armi verificatisi in questi giorni siano da attribuire, in tutto o in parte, al Movimento per l'indipendenza della Sicilia.

A scanso dei soliti equivoci, dichiaro nella forma più esplicita ed ufficiale che questo Movimento è perfettamente estraneo alle dimostrazioni di questi giorni, non avendo alcun interesse che il richiamo alle armi sia coronato da successo o da insuccesso.

Questo Movimento per l'indipendenza della Sicilia prosegue nella sua propaganda legalitaria con la osservanza delle leggi e la protezione della libertà; ma non intende subire deviazioni dell'opinione pubblica inteso a metterlo in cattiva luce o a farlo oggetto di persecuzione.

Occorrendo chiedo che l'Ecc. V. indaghi con scrupolo e severità.

con ossequi.

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE
/c/ (Antonino Varvaro)

/s/ A. Varvaro

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20/Dec/1944

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PRIORITY

From: ALDO STOLY MEDIAN (GARR)

To: ALDO MEDIAN FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION 204 SUB AREA LF SUB PALERAO

20 DEC 1944

Subject:

Special Sitrep.

1. General situation ALDO fresh demonstrations reported ALDO and ALDO.
2. Disorder at ALDO reported to be protest against grain amassing and not call up.
3. Other minor demonstrations occurring but details not available.
4. Resistance to call up period November 27 to date 43 demonstrations without incident at 30 different places; demonstrations with damage and situation conflict 2 places; demonstrations with damage 5.
5. Concurrently there have been reactions to grain amassing as follows; demonstrations without incident 3; demonstrations with damage 2; demonstrations with damage and conflict 2.
6. Total casualties approximate civilians dead 4, police dead nil, civilians injured 25, police injured 6.
7. Understood that commencing 20 December force will be used to arrest those not responding to call up

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INFO-4377: PUBLIC SAFETY (GARR)
INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
COO /
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FILE (GARR)

see Minute 72373

Ref: 4206/-/008.

21 December 1944.

You have been kept rather in the dark I am afraid with regard to the food situation in Sicily. The reason has been that we have been fighting for over a fortnight a very intensive battle to get the 500 gram ration equalised all over liberated Italy, including Sicily. This, of course, has involved the revoking of the original order made by Deputy SACRED with regard to the importation of food into Sicily, which at the present moment stands as follows. The Allied Commission are allowed to plan for the import of food into Sicily on the 500 gram ration scale but not to put the plan into execution until we know what the answer will be with regard to the equalisation of the ration. We have convinced the authorities at AFSA that grain hoarded now is not assessable, if I may use the word, even by force. At the same time we do not want to encourage the Italian authorities to relax their efforts in any way by telling them that the grain ration will be kept at 500 grams or that food will be imported. Diversion of ships and other arrangements are being made by the Economic Section in order to meet the situation after 10th January, up to which date, I understand, the present arrangements will last you.

This is all very untidy from your point of view but it has been impossible to send you an official direction without appearing to depart from the definite instructions laid down by Deputy SACRED and SACRED which would not only bring Sicily into the daylight, and involve a reduction of your ration straightaway, but might prejudice the approval of the GIB for the 500 gram ration.

We have received a very good report from the GIB on the recent disturbances in the Island and the probable reasons therefor. I understand that you are sending us a separate report today or tomorrow and I shall be interested to see whether your conclusions are similar to those of the Italian authorities. You will have been told, I hope, by the Public Safety Sub-Commission of the proposed reinforcements of Carabinieri and military forces in the island. I also understand that an additional Public Safety officer has been sent to you.

You must be having an anxious time and I shall be glad to see from your report whether you think these disturbances are likely to continue or whether they are related only to the tactless handling of the call-up. With the present situation in Greece, eyes are likely to be turned to Sicily with some concern and I am anxious to be able to give an appreciation by someone in authority in the island.

With all Good Wishes for Christmas and 1945.

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Brigadier M. Carr, CBE, MC,
Regional Commissioner,
SICILIA REGION.

Copy to: 4319/3618/008.

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Ref 10 - this is not reassuring but the It. Govt. is doing all it can.

ES. 19/12.

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S.S.S.
We spoke. I should like to hear from Carr his opinion as to the basic reason.

ESL. 19/12.

Col 15.
I spoke to Carr on the phone this morning. He says the basic reason is dissatisfaction of the end up. He will let you have a written report in detail tomorrow, but he is busy so he has no time to offer. I will take this up with State Sec.

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DOCS Est

We spoke. I understand Col. Blough is on his way to Rome. Will you suggest Ex Offer for Sicily?

Send back from Temporary packet

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E-mail: edward@cs.cmu.edu

1. Chief Criminals.

It was found that the following individuals were involved in the activities of the group. The names of the individuals are given in the order in which they were identified by the investigators. The names of the individuals are given in the order in which they were identified by the investigators. The names of the individuals are given in the order in which they were identified by the investigators.

A. Edward was born in 1910, and was the son of a family in the United States.

B. John was born in 1915, and was the son of a family in the United States. He was a member of the group and was involved in the activities of the group. He was a member of the group and was involved in the activities of the group. He was a member of the group and was involved in the activities of the group.

C. The name of the individual is given in the order in which they were identified by the investigators.

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URGENT

FROM: ALGERIA MEDICAL (CAMP)

19 DEC 1944

TO: HQ ALGERIA WITHIN THE SAFETY SUB COMMISSION AND HQ 204 SUB AREA AND US NOB
JALISMA

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Para 1. Disorders at following places reported under control by use of Police
Carabinieri and Italian troops in CASTEL DI JUDICA 5 civilians wounded VIZZINI 2 civilians
dead PALMA MONTI 2 civilians dead 2 civilians and 1 policeman wounded.

Para 2. Fresh disorders reported today at ALGARO order not completely restored
at VIZZINI MARACCA and CASTEL DI JUDICA but situation reported to be under control.

Para 3. Situation in MIERMO and CATANIA normal



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INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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1. The following information was obtained from the files of the

State Department.

2. It was learned that the following information was obtained from the files of the State Department. (See also page 1371.)

3. The following information was obtained from the files of the State Department.

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2. The reason that the vector has not been settled earlier in that time was short; the strength of the resistance to MMTI involved their being taken away from classroom; recommended to not the author received in MMTI. I had to be stopped, and at that time there was no particular money for the more of those or but others. Taylor those circumstances I do not think that we want to make an official statement any more.

Lt. Col.
The Staff Colonel,

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1. The Internal Security position in the US is mentioned by the
the US L.S. Division in the US L.S. Division as being on the subject
(CLASSIFIED) for security reasons.

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3. In the signed 21 45713 of 20 October 1944 as being on the subject
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of 2 September 1944.

4. In view of the distribution in the US L.S. Division as being on the subject
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24 September 1944

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 of troops considered necessary in 300 PD which was answered by 300 PD
 of 2 November PD
 300 PD In view of recent developments in 300 PD, we must state the
 full U.S. Division are under constant pressure required for 300 PD and
 that none of troops to achieve this be sufficient element

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17 December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Present Strength of Italian Troops in SICILY.

TO : Chief of Staff.

1.	Troops in SICILY:		Inf.	Gr.
		BARBUDA Division.....	220	4766
		AGOSTA Division.....	226	5047
		Total Strength.....	446	9813

2. There is a battalion of each of the above Divisions on the mainland, CALABRIA L of C. It has been proposed to AFHQ that these two battalions return to SICILY, but no decision has yet been reached. A reminder was sent last week.

3. Public Safety Subcommission applied to AFHQ, 16 December, to move a battalion to SICILY, which will happen in the near future (MONTESERVO Bn).

4. Public Safety Subcommission are moving 500 CO.MR from NAPLES to SICILY. It is now a question of transportation and a high priority is being asked for.

5. While speaking to Colonel Hana about the hunger march which did not take place yesterday he asked me the latest news on the situation in CALABRIA. I gave him this and told him that we were considering the re-allocation of Italian troops and CO.MR and that while the position was not happy we do not consider that it was serious. Colonel Hana, while obviously somewhat anxious about the situation, accepted this and I promised to keep him notified of the position.

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Lt. Col,
Chief Staff Officer.

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PRIORITY

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PARA ONE PD THE FOLLOWING REPORT DATED ONE FIVE DECEMBER FOUR FOUR HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM REGIONAL COMMISSIONER ALLIED COMMISSION SICILY PD

PAID TO AFHA FROM HQ ALBON PAPER PD

PARA TWO PD SITREP CATANIA ONE FIVE DECEMBER ONE SIX ZERO ZERO HOURS SITUATION UNDER CONTROL PD

PARA THREE PD CROWDS ON STREETS THIS MORNING BUT NO DISORDERS PD

PARA FOUR PD FIRES STARTED DURING DEMONSTRATION YESTERDAY GUTTED MUNICIPAL TRIBUNALE AND TAX OFFICE PD

PARA FIVE PD REPORTED THREE OTHER OFFICES DAMAGED BY FIRE PD

PARA SIX PD REPORTS INDICATE THAT FIRES WERE STARTED BY FEW AGGRESSIVE DEMONSTRATORS OF CRIMINAL CLASSES WITHOUT AN/VIGOROUS PREVENTIVE ACTION BY POLICE PD

PARA SEVEN PD CASUALTIES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN LIGHT ESTIMATED 1 DEAD AND 8 INJURED PD

PARA EIGHT PD RESISTANCE TO CALL UP HAS BEEN WIDESPREAD PD

PARA NINE PD MANIFESTOS OR WRITING ON WALLS HAVE APPEARED ABOUT TWENTY PLACES PD

PUBLIC SAFETY S/O

Ext 365

A.F. WILCOX Lt Col.

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1. TEN PD OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE OCCURRED IN MISTRETO (CATANIA) MODICA (RAGUSA)
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PARA ELEVEN PD IN PALERMO MESSINA AND CATANIA STUDENTS HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE IN
OTHER PLACES ARE AFFECTED BY CALL UP PD
PARA TWELVE PD EXCEPT CATANIA NO SERIOUS DISORDERS REPORTED PD
PARA THIRTEEN PD PALERMO SITUATION UNCERTAIN PD
PARA FOURTEEN PD REPORT DATED ONE SIX DECEMBER FOUR FOUR FROM REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
SICILY IS AS FOLLOWS PD
PARA FIFTEEN PD DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST CALL UP HAVE BEEN WIDE SPREAD PD
PARA SIXTEEN PD SITUATION IN CATANIA QUIET TODAY PD
PARA SEVENTEEN PD STUDENTS IN PALERMO DEMONSTRATED AGAIN THIS MORNING PD
PARA EIGHTEEN PD NO FRESH DISORDERS PD
PARA NINETEEN PD HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SICILY INFORMED ITALIAN
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AT SEVEN P M ON ONE SIX DECEMBER FOUR FOUR THAT PUBLIC ORDER IN
SICILY WAS QUIET PD ITALIAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IS SATISFIED THAT THE SITUATION IN
SICILY IS UNDER CONTROL PD

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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ALONG STREETS (CAMP)

RE ALONG STREETS FOR THE AREA OF THE PALMERS
ALONG THE SAFETY S.C.

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- Para 1. Demonstrations against call up have been wide spread.
- Para 2. Situation in GATANIA quiet today.
- Para 3. Students in PALMERS demonstrated again this morning.
- Para 4. No fresh disorders.

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ACTION FOR SAFETY (2)
INFO Chief Commissioner
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the village.

Y. C. Li and H. H. Hsu

1. Street CALABIA 15 December 1960 hours situation under control.
2. Crowds on streets this morning but no disorders.
3. Fires started during demonstration yesterday gutted Municipio, Tribunale and Tax Office.
4. Reported 2 other offices damaged by fire.
5. Reports indicate that fires were started by few aggressive demonstrators of criminal classes without any vigorous preventive action by police.
6. Casualties are reported to have been light estimated 1 dead and 8 injured.
7. Resistance to call up has been widespread.
8. Manifesta or writings on walls have appeared about 20 places.
9. Other demonstrations have occurred in MILITELLO (C. FALIA), MORTA (M. JONA), MELISSANO (FALIANO), Melis Montechiaro (ORIENTO) PALERMO and MESSINA.
10. In PALERMO MESSINA and CALABIA students have been responsible, in other places men affected by call up.
11. Except CALABIA no serious disorders reported.
12. Overall situation uncertain.

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12:45 PM

ACTION: C. J. Lee
 INFO: Chief Counselor
 C. J. Lee
 Pub Safety
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ALCOA SIGLEY REGION (CASH)

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1. Reaction in SIGLEY against the military registration is widespread and hostile.
2. Demonstrations by students have been reported at CATANIA, ENNA and PALERMO without serious public disorders but possibility of disturbances exists.

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ACT: Pub Safety 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
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ROUTINE

From: AICOM SICILY REGION (CARR)

To: HQ AICOM MILITARY SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

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Para 1. Demonstration by students at CATANIA against military call up is somewhat serious.

Para 2. Full details not known at present further report will follow



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ACTION: JMD SAFETY (2)
INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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7 September 1944

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

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20-25 Oct 1944

as indicated

COUNTRY Italy (Sicily)
SUBJECT The Palermo Riot (19 October)ORIGINAL REPORT NO. 1044, 1058, 1060
DATE OF REPORT 20-25 Oct 1944
EVALUATION as indicatedCONFIRMATION }
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REF SOURCE as indicatedDATE OF INFORMATION 19-20 October
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ATTACHMENTS
ENCLOSURE 44-1053ANALYSIS
OBSERVATION

A. Background V-2

1. The Palermo riot originated October 16th with a strike of City Hall employees, in protest against constantly deteriorating economic conditions and the high cost of living, without corresponding wage increases.
2. On October 17th and 18th, communal employees in Palermo declared a strike. They were joined by other state and private employees. The strike was conducted in a disciplined manner, and no incidents occurred.
3. The specific causes of agitation were:
 - a. The request for the immediate payment of a high cost of living allowance.
 - b. The request to obtain official recognition for Palermo as a heavily war-damaged city, as was given Florence, Rome and Naples.
 - c. The request for an energetic intervention of the authorities to suppress the increase in prices and abuse in rationing practices, which are detrimental to the fixed-income classes.

REPORT CONTINUED

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: The Riot

On October 19th, 1968, before noon, several hundred persons gathered in front of the Federal Courthouse in Los Angeles, California, and proceeded to march. The march was led by a man who was wearing a sign that said "I AM A NIGGER". The march was peaceful and ended at the Los Angeles Convention Center. The march was organized by the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation Movement. The march was a demonstration of the Black community's demand for civil rights and an end to the Vietnam War. The march was held in front of the Federal Courthouse, which is the seat of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. The march was held on the steps of the courthouse, which is a public area. The march was held in front of the courthouse, which is a public area. The march was held in front of the courthouse, which is a public area.

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- B-1 4. No violence was reported until 1:30 p.m. when a large contingent of hoodlums advanced on the port section, close by the U. S. Naval Operations Base, and hurled three gas can in the direction of a Libanese Brigade sentry guarding a fuel line pump, leading from the Base to the airport. The bombs were hurled at once. The sentry was behind the walls of a detached building. He fired two shots into the air, which brought the trackside of armed Carabinieri into a red cross truck. There was no word of either. According to eye-witnesses, the hoodlums were carrying red banners and shouting vengeance on the Libanese. (The Libanese Brigade is largely composed of Catholics.)

C. Varying Reports

Notes: The above account is a composite picture of the happenings of October 19th and 20th after 10:00 am can be placed together from the various reports. Other accounts and information follow:

- B-1 1. In the morning of October 19th, the doors of some of the shops for days were closed by the hoodlums. The police of local police were present in the morning, and in the afternoon of 19th they were seen with their arms in the black truck. They pointed were directed against the "profiteers." Other words for "profiteers" were "livore" (blood, profit, etc.).
- B-2 2. Authorities had ordered reinforcements of police and guards at public offices and especially at the Prefecture, where the trouble incidents occurred shortly after. Organizers had succeeded in recruiting other municipal, state, bank, police and street cleaning department employees, until the situation took on the proportions of a general strike. The daily traffic was temporarily paralyzed. Well-prepared individuals harassed the demonstrating crowds at various points about the city.
- B-3 3. The crowd was estimated at 10,000 (another report 2000 to the Prefecture and 1000 at the Prefecture), rapidly growing out of hand. Military agents and Carabinieri were spotted throughout, attempting to maintain order. And only an Italian Army truck, with reinforcements ordered by the Prefecture, came down Via Mazzini.

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- B-2 4. According to the official statement drawn up at once by combined Italian Army, Royal Police and Posture Agents, as soon as the truck halted, a hand grenade was thrown from the crowd. It exploded almost directly under the army truck, which contained forty soldiers with one lieutenant in command. Nine soldiers were wounded instantly, which was the signal for the troops to hurl grenades in all directions and to fire upon the stampeding crowd. Most of the wounded victims suffered injuries to their backs. The dead were dismembered, dismembered and decapitated. An Italian army official admitted the soldiers fired in self-defense. He said the lieutenant in command gave no order to fire.
- B-2 5. An employee of the Palermo Finance Office, who arrived at the Prefettura a few minutes later, saw several soldiers standing at the intersections. He reported they were shooting in all directions, without any apparent motive, and appeared to be dominated by overpowering excitement. His report has been corroborated by others.
- B-2 6. Other soldiers were circulating in the vicinity of Piazza Santa Maria, near Via Bagueda, searching out frightened people who had taken refuge in nearby houses, threatening them with rifles unless they obeyed the order to come out. Many of the victims were innocent bystanders.
- B-2 7. The reaction was one of indignation against the Italian troops, mostly boot-necked carabinieri, and there were no less threats of violent resistance during the night that General Castellano, commanding officer of the 10th Division, ordered all Italian troops off the streets. Even the guard around the Prefettura was to be changed only at night, until the street quieted down, to avoid reprisals by the civilian population.
- B-2 8. The tobacco shop owner adjacent to the Prefettura confirmed the contention that the soldiers were the first to open fire, by stating the first hand grenade was thrown by a captain in the troop truck.
- B-2 9. According to the authorities, the soldiers hurled seven bombs and fired about forty shots, but this version is denied by all those present. Seven of the wounded were P.S. (Italian Police) agents, and there were a few in the Royal Army, which would seek to demonstrate that they were

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Admittedly, the Corps was doing every possible thing to give help for the Army.

- a. It was established that the Adjutant Major had distributed hand grenades to the soldiers. The Adjutant Major said he was merely following the regulations but the political representatives observed that it was not in the regulations to give hand grenades to the soldiers. (Hand grenades are considered as weapons).
- b. It was found that the grenades which had been sent to the soldiers were not of good quality. The grenades were of two types, one was a stick type and the other was a ball type. The stick type grenades were not of good quality and the ball type grenades were of good quality. The stick type grenades were not used and the ball type grenades were used. The stick type grenades were not used because they were not of good quality and the ball type grenades were used because they were of good quality.

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Attachment 78.1

NOTE: On the evening of October 10th, the Committee of Liberation posted a statement throughout the city. Late on the afternoon of the same day, the separatist movement circulated a handbill. Translations of both follow:

COMMITTEE OF LIBERATION 10/10/37

People of Ialoma!

The people of Ialoma, and the people hereafter by five years of a terrible war, yesterday paid a new and more painful tribute of blood.

It is very painful because these poor victims testify to the grief of the bewildered people who cannot find their place in the new world of work, in an atmosphere of civil dissension and human solidarity.

The Committee of Liberation will continue, with the new year, to continue its investigations to ascertain the responsibility of each one, even the political parties of the Committee of Liberation. It is their duty to ensure that the people of Ialoma are not misled by the separatist movement. To ensure this, the Committee of Liberation will continue to work for the liberation of Ialoma and the people of Ialoma.

Finally, representatives of the Committee of Liberation are collaborating in an inquiry to discover those responsible.

In any case, we will be allowed even to attempt saving those responsible.

It is not enough, now, and before an inquiry, to blame the separatist movement. But, one thing is clear: That the separatist movement, which is now worthy of consideration, is a movement which, in its selfish interest, could unconsciously serve and entirely opposed to public welfare.

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However, this cannot in any way lessen our efforts and our strong belief in the necessity of our party and we expect the announcement of the winner to grow, so we expect the life of the citizens to be added to all.

Interstate

The physical existence and demands of the people constitute one of the principal concerns of our parties, and the local political authorities themselves have already informed the Government.

Expenditures have already been taken to meet your rightful demands and others will follow.

With me, of every place and profession, I tell you all back to a more human and tolerant comprehension of the complex difficulties in which the administrations and agencies, like the laborers, find themselves now, due to the present war conditions.

The people's calm trust is indispensable.

The grave incidents are advised, or rather, exact such individual to keep full control of himself, in order to avoid worse evils and to prevent the destiny of the Government from being jeopardized.

John P. Galt, Oct. 10, 1944

Signed: Party of Action
Communist Party
New Christian Party
Democracy of Labor
Liberal Party
Socialist Party

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SEPARATE MOVEMENT HANDBILL

INTRODUCTION.

The massacre which occurred in front of the residence of the late King, who was assassinated by the representatives of the people, is a tragedy which has shocked the conscience of the whole world. It is a tragedy which has shocked the conscience of the whole world.

The massacre and the death of the King's son have no other significance.

So soon as the royal massacre, the citizens were ready to exercise one of their precious rights of striking.

The hand-organ which played against the defenseless citizens, the machine-guns fired against the peaceful and disciplined people, the provocation (which lasted all day) by the murderers who, in perfect uniform, looted the main streets of the city, are the concrete indications of the deliberate, premeditated royal will against the applicable sentence of the civilian people, pronounced on the day of liberation and regained liberty, the sentence which added with blood all the treasures of the House of Law in regard to our degraded and exploited people.

THE KING.

The demands put to our Island have been, perhaps more, than of restriction of our liberty, terrorizing our people, depriving us of freedom and affluence which is indispensable to liberty, of leading us to violence and massacre. The proud, insolent will of the House of Law is a curse to us.

THE KING.

The House of this party is convinced in our state.

While kneeling reverently in front of the victims of the King's hand, we grant to the people the most complete expression of the right of liberty. We assert our own will and to recognize any other form of government is strictly not recognized. We, the people of our fate, will always fight for the liberty and independence of our country.

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ATTACHMENT No. 2

BRITISH FIELD SECURITY SERVICE REPORT ON DISORDER IN PALERMO

Appendix 'B' to Security Report No. 9

Interior Report on Disorder in Palermo - 19 Oct. 44

1. Chronology of Events

On October 19th 1944, municipal employees of Palermo went on strike against the high cost of living. The Italian state employees had been given an increase in salary and the Municipal employees considered that the same privilege should have been extended to them. Large crowds assembled in the main streets, including a high percentage of juvenile delinquents and rioters. These were carrying sticks and throwing stones against shop windows. The proprietors, in order to avoid looting, closed shops. Shortly before 1200 hours a large crowd assembled outside the Prefettura and demonstrated for 'pane e pasta'.

A Signor Sabatella at the Prefettura, becoming anxious, telephoned the Italian Army Corps for military assistance. This was provided and a company (thirty strong approximately) arrived on lorries at the scene of the demonstration. As far as can be ascertained two grenades were thrown at the lorry, wounding eleven soldiers. At that time the order was given to the soldiers to fire with machine guns and small arms fire, and on 19 October 1944 the death roll amounted to Italian persons, together with 104 wounded. The street was then blocked off and the soldiers were relieved by Carabinieri.

The wounded were removed to First Aid Posts and hospitals, while the dead were carried away on an open lorry with the tail-board down, creating an unfortunate impression. So much for the actual events.

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2. Action Taken

Squadre of Carabinieri were then employed in keeping the street clear. The scene of the incident was kept blocked off for 48 hours. Street lighting was inaugurated on main thoroughfares. The U.S. Navy cancelled all shore leave and confined their men to barracks. U.S. British troops and British Merchant Marine conformed. There was no incident involving any Allied personnel.

3. Subsequent Events

For two days small groups consisting mainly of juveniles roamed the streets, demonstrating for "pane and pasta," but no further incident occurred, and by 22 Oct. 14 the situation was normal.

4. Political Repercussions

The following is a translation of a pamphlet issued by the Separatists on 30 Oct. 44. It is pointed out that the heads of the government were all away at a conference in Taormina at the time, and this pamphlet was not signed by any responsible members of the party; in fact, many Separatists disapproved strongly. (Translation follows. See Attachment No 1.)

Following, on the issue of this pamphlet, the High Commissioner took action and made a statement as follows:

"As the Ventura received information that Separatists were scattering these pamphlets on passers-by from the windows of their R.I. These pamphlets were not only unauthorized but were calculated to stir up the passions of the people."

Thereupon the order was given to the Police to raid the premises where documents were found of a nature contrary to the government. Eight individuals found on the premises were arrested and later released. The documents were impounded. The High Commissioner concluded that it was clear that the Italian state could no longer tolerate infractions of the law which could compromise the unity and integrity of its territory and would take all the necessary energetic action to suppress any such illegal activities.

5. Communist Reaction

The Communist party also attacks the Sabaudia Division (S.D. 11)

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was troops of the Spina Division involved in the incident, as being the instrument of the policy of Savoy in bringing back a reactionary form of government against the wishes of the people. The following is a copy of a note made by the Area Commander, Capt. Orback, from the camp of La Vaca Corralita 300 to 400 yds on 21 Oct. 41. The newspaper did not appear.

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Why did the soldiers fire, breaking from the noble civilized generous and humanitarian traditions of the Italian army?

Why was an infamy committed which can certainly not reflect on our army but which undoubtedly dishonored those who prepared and committed it?

The desire that full light be shown on all these questions and on other points as well, because the Italian people have the sacred right to know the whole truth, to know the reality, to judge them, to punish them in competent courts, to deal with the insidious plots planned against the Italian Republic and the Italian people, to install a new Fascist Government, which is more cruel and bestial than that of Mussolini, which brought Italy to catastrophe in her history.

The events which occurred on Thursday last by officers and men of the Spina Division bring into prominence a constitutional question, that of the monarchy which, after having betrayed the state and imposed fascism in 1922, is trying now to save itself by preparing a new and more brutal reactionary government.

In truth the monarchy, as we pointed out in the second number of Unita proletaria, is working intensively to bring back the Royal army, not the national, but Savoyard army, which they need to sustain them and impose their will; despite the will of the people. It is certainly not without significance that, in variance with all Italian traditions, officers still carry the arms of Savoy on their uniforms, and that the emblems of their formations carry the same sign. It is a fact of the greatest interest that attempts are continually being made in the army and the navy to force the hands of the officers and men, by Fascist and other opportunities in violation of discipline, to carry out, against all the wishes and hopes and fears of our people, the restoration of the house of Savoy. Hence episodes of violence for various parts exercised by officers and men against civilians who will not declare themselves monarchists. The vile killings of 19 Oct. are only the most tragic of the episodes in this Savoy policy of

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suppressing with violence the notoriously anti-monarchic feeling of the Sicilian people."

The reason for these acts is clear.

(1) The presence in Sicily of units of the Italian army is necessary to the Allies, not only for the preservation of civil order, but also for the guarding of Allied Camps and Installations, permitting the number of Allied troops in Sicily to be kept to a minimum, thus helping the Allied war effort.

(2) It is obviously to the Allied interest that the unpopularity of the Italian troops in Palermo should diminish as soon as possible so that they continue in their previous role.

Other Portion of the Committee of National Liberation

They express pious horror. Many speeches exhorting Sicilians to get together and live together in brotherly harmony.

2. Anecdotes by this Section

(a) It is not felt that any ill-will is shown against the Allies. Personnel of this section driving through the crowd shortly before the incident were well received.

(b) It is not thought that there was any political significance in the event itself, nor can any evidence be found that any party fomented the disorder.

(c) It is clear however that both Communists and Separatists intend to draw political capital out of the incident.

(d) The same reaction has been violent antipathy to the Italian army on the part of the civilians. This has manifested itself by groups of individuals parading the streets with wreaths labelled "To the innocent victims of bayonet lead." Unconfirmed reports also state that Italian soldiers have been assaulted by civilians. It is pointed out that the majority of the troops are Gardisiana, between whom and the Sicilians no love is lost.

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(e) This section is not in a position to state who threw the first grenade, the civilians maintaining it was the soldiers, and vice versa. Full inquiry is being made by Government authorities.

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(f) As far as can be judged, the object of the strike was to break the Black Market and to stabilize prices - all in five minutes. As an example of racketeering carried on by private traders, the price of ground rice in one night fell from sixty lire per kilo to thirty lire, and the strike was a protest against this form of sharp practice.

(g) It is feared that unless the government takes strong measures to clear up existing abuses, more incidents are likely to result.

C. A. Oliver, Capt.
O.S. 51 Field Security Section

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NICHOLAS W. DRAGNETT
Major, AGD
ADJUTANT

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Utilities	1	3	1	1		1	1			
Supplies	3	4	1	2	1	2			2	1
Subsistence	1	3		1						
Agreement	1	1				1		2		
Collecting	1	5	1	1	1	1	1			
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Property/Int	2	2								
Communication	-	1								
Health	-									
Q & A	-									
Education	-									
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Insurance										
Community										
Public Market										
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LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION					ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION				Total Count
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Public Safety S/C

26 OCT Recd

REFERENCE DAILY SITUATION REPORTS FOLLOWING FIREARM INCIDENT FD PAKED TO REGIONAL
COMMISSIONER SIGILLIA FOR ACTION AFHQ FOR INFORMATION FROM HQ AOC SIGNED STONE PAKEN
AS SITUATION IN CASE NO FURTHER REPORTS NECESSARY UNLESS DIFFICULTIES ARISE TO

Copy to : A/Chief Comm.
Chief of Staff. ✓

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: SAC
FROM: LHM, OFFICE JUNE 10
REFERENCE NO: 7 12310
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 25 OCT 1945
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER NO: 17-12
CLASSIFICATION: 25 OCT Read
PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE 17-12

- ~~REPORT~~. Reports of recent disturbances in Germany have brought further information on following points.
4. How many Civil Affairs Officers are there and in what are their duties.
 5. What extent of control is exercised by the Civil Affairs.
 6. With regard to treatment of Italian returned to Germany Control what situation with regard to points in A and B above.

Requires figures and necessary information quickly in order to read this.

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REFERENCE No: F 42510 PRECEDENCE: **25 OCT Recd**
 DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 06105155 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: DITE FIELD

~~Summary~~. Reports of recent disturbances in Eastern Asia through various news
 Washington on following points.
 A. American (CIA) Affairs Officers are there are in detail and what are the situation.
 B. That extent of control is exercised by you over details.
 C. With regard to remaining portions of field returned to Italian (Western) that
 the situation with regard to policy is in line with B above.
 Request figures and necessary information directly on with to the staff.

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DATE and TIME of RECEIPT 10/10/55

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ROUTINE 25 11 Recd
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~~RECEIVED~~. 3 Apr 1968. Situation Palermo: total casualties from incident of 15 Oct according latest information from Italian authorities. 26 dead 156 injured. This is last daily status on Palermo situation any new developments will be reported.

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ACC HQ, FOR LHM BOMR

ACC DISTRICT REGION

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25 OCT Recd

~~Security~~ Special sitrep situation 1000hours this morning PALARAC city quiet later
casualty report dead 17 wounded 108. Nearly all casualties occurred on 15 in one
place and high rate appears to have been due to use of hand grenades in confined area.
Hope to hear more details Interior report this morning will

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RE: ACC NO. 708 FOR LUSH AND PUBLIC SAFETY LABOUR SUB COMMISSION INFO 11, 70 SUB AREA

CATANIA

ACC ITALIA REGION (CARR)

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OCT 23/1965

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CITE: RPA 58

24 OCT Recd

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~~RESTRICTED~~. Special atrep number 7. Situation PALERMO today quiet and almost normal though area still strongly controlled

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SUB AREA CATANIA

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ACC SICILIA REGION

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~~RESTRICTED~~. Sight special atrop. Situation PALERMO 1500 hours calm

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ACC SICILIA REGION (OMR)

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ROUTINE

Oct 22

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~~RESTRICTED~~ Subject is PALERMO disturbances since 79th & Special Sitreps have been sent you 1 classified secret 1 in clear also 1 interim report by air courier on 21st.

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PARSON SITUATION QUIET TO STRIKE OF PUBLIC WORKERS OCCURRED BUT STRIKERS
REFUSED WITHOUT INCIDENT TO LATEST CASUALTY FIGURES ONE SIX DEAD ONE ZERO
FOUR WOUNDED ALL CIVILIANS ALSO ELEVEN MILITARY POLICE WOUNDED

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CA Section for PS Sub-Com.
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23 Oct 44*

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ADD VICTIM REGION (CASH)

ROUTINE

25 Oct Recd

Oct 23

~~_____~~ Fifth special sitrep 220000Z 110 hours 22nd
situation quiet. 2200Z on strike of public workers occurred at
2200Z (but strikers returned workers occurred at 2200Z) but
strikers returned 21st without incident.

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4. ACC ROCKET FOR PUBLIC SAFETY LASH LASHER SUBCOMMISSION COMMAND OFFICER TO
SUB AREA CATANIA

ACC SICILIA REGION 3010

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~~SECRET~~. Dist special atrop. Situation Palermo 1600 hours only.

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HEADQUARTERS
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TO ALL FOR INFO N-14, COUNCIL, BUREAU AND BUREAU FOR COMMISSIONS

ATTN: DIRECTOR (C-14)

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11/11/44

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12/1/44

A. C. C.

9-1-1 Recd

Summary. Firey 1600 hours 10/11/44. October some unrest during day but situation under control some demonstration satisfactorily dealt separatist headquarters raided 19 persons arrested illegal printed material 10/11/44 to have been confiscated and headquarters now under police guard.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

FILE: MC/000.5

21 Oct 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Disturbances in PALERMO.

TO : H.Q. A.C.C. Rome.

COPY TO: Public Safety Sub Commission
Labour Sub Commission.

1. With reference to the serious incident which occurred at PALERMO city on the morning of 19 Oct, the following interim report is forwarded based on information at present available to this Headquarters.
 2. During early part of week there were sporadic strikes and demonstrations against high cost of living, low rate of wages and unfulfilled expectations regarding cost of living bonus which has been discussed in the press. On the morning of 19 Oct some strikers endeavored to call out on strike other elements. There was some raiding of food shops and many youths and boys joined the demonstrations. About mid-day crowd collected outside the Prefecture which is in a main street but the street at this point is narrow. Present information is that an official at Austere then called for assistance of Italian military to protect the Prefecture building which request was met by dispatch of one officer and 36 men to the Prefecture.
- On arrival at the Prefecture, it is alleged that two hand grenades were thrown by the mob and that they exploded under the trucks conveying the troops, wounding 9 soldiers. The troops replied with hand grenades and some rifle fire. The high casualty rate appears to have been due to the use of hand grenades in a confined area which was crowded. At no other point in PALERMO city was any major force used and casualties elsewhere in the city have been very small and of a minor nature.
- Fosters and leaflets, believed to be of Separatist origin, of a definitely inflammatory nature have since been appearing in the city. One line of this propaganda is that the troops employed belonged to the Sabauda Division, thus giving the impression that the monarchists are behind the employment of troops against Sicilian liberties.

3. The High Commissioner has arrived

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posters and leaflets, believed to be of Separatist origin, of a definitely inflammatory nature have since been appearing in the city. One line of this propaganda is that the troops employed belonged to the Eschault Division, thus giving the impression that the Bourgeoisists are behind the employment of troops against Sicilian liberties.

3. The High Commissioner has arrived back in SICILY and has discussed all aspects of the situation with him and I have supported his proposal that Headquarters of the Separatist movement in PALERMO should be raided to obtain, if possible, evidence as to the printing and distribution of illegal posters and pamphlets.

Two inquiries into the incidents on 15 but are taking place. One of these is a judicial inquiry and the second is being carried out by representatives of the local authorities and of the local Committee of Liberation. Findings are expected in about two days time.

A full and detailed report will be reviewed as early as possible.

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23 OCT Read

~~SECRET~~ - Safer, now disturbances at 001000 00th Oct. Situation remains under control but with some unrest in 2-4-4. Reports of attacks against Italian Troops. Complete facts have not yet been ascertained. Inquiries by Italian authorities to determine responsibility are proceeding. Latest casualty report 16 dead all civilians, wounded 104 civilians, 11 military or police.

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Action - Pub Safety 10 (2)
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

Ref:- AOC/17/2/CA

22 Oct '44

TO:- Public Safety.

SUBJECT:- Civil Disturbances FALLENBO.

1. Ref. telegraphic reports (a) District 3 No.8613 dated 20 Oct
(b) Sicilia Region No.8669 dated 21 Oct
(action copies to you).
2. No further action will be taken by you in this matter without first reference to the Deputy Chief of Staff CA Section who will give further directions after consultation with the Chief of Staff.
3. You will of course continue to obtain and receive reports on the matter and will keep this Section advised with all up-to-date information.

P. R. Griffiths
P. R. GRIFFITHS. Col.
For VP CA Sec.
Dep. C. of S.

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ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

Ref:- ADX/17/2/CA

22 Oct '44

TO:- Public Safety.

SUBJECT:- Civil Disturbances PALMER.

1. Ref. telegraphic reports (a) District 3 No. 5613 dated 20 Oct
(action copies to you). (b) Sicilia Region No. 5669 dated 21 Oct
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For VP CA Sec.
Dep. C. of S.

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~~Following~~ following in perspective of message dated 20 000 from daily region para
 George - five able for from from from from cable Charlie Charlie for last
 signed from from d. Several hundred persons demonstrated at one zero three
 zero alone today d. Public employees paraded the streets leaving a d closing
 shops and demonstrating lower prices and higher ~~prices~~ wages d. Proclamation continued
 to offices of refusal and high Commissioner shore Carabinieri and Italian troops
 dispersed crowd d. Italian troops returned fire with hand grenades and rifles
 in reply to hand grenades thrown by crowd d. No four civilians presently
 reported dead and twenty wounded d. Five soldiers executed d. Italian military
 and police have ^{Control of} situation ~~under control~~ d. Street names to be directed against
 Italian troops from not Carabinieri from and in quite widespread in city d.
 further report expected from Sicilia region d.

Following is paraphrase of message dated 20 0800 from Sicily region para-
 George - Five Able Fox Queen from flow men able Charlie Charlie for last
 signed stone para m d. Several hundred persons demonstrated at one zero three
 zero Palermo today d. Public employees paraded the streets looting and clashing
 shops and demanding lower prices and higher wages d. Procession continued
 to offices of Prefect and High Commissioner where Carabinieri and Italian troops
 dispersed crowd d. Italian troops returned fire with hand grenades and rifles
 in reply to hand grenades thrown by crowd d. One four civilians presently
 reported dead and twenty wounded d. Nine soldiers wounded d. Italian military
 and police have ^{Control of} situation ~~under control~~ d. Worst scene to be directed against
 Italian troops para m d Carabinieri para m and is quite widespread in city d.
 further report expected from Sicilian region d.

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CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER NO. 10/11

CLASSIFICATION:

OFFICE OF ORIGIN

2101 Road

REFERENCE No:

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN (OCT 21 1944)

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: RND 100-6

21 OCT 1944

~~Subject:~~ Demonstration by covered hundred persons started 1030 hours today. Demonstrated public employees demanding higher wages and lower prices. Continued parading in the streets closing and looting shops. Pro agents continued to the Government Offices (Prefect and High Commissioner) where the crowd was dispersed by police Carabinieri and Italian troops. Hand grenades thrown by crowd over (X) Italian troops to return fire with hand grenades and rifles. Present report 24 civilians dead 40 injured and 4 soldiers wounded. Situation under control of Italian police and military. Threat quite widespread in city appears to be directed against Italian troops (not carabinieri). Further report will follow.

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ADJUTANT
C.O. 3. Dec. 9
INFO: ~~Security~~
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TO: AFHQ (03 075 GH) 1000 52 AREA - (008 20 3 1112) ADD 3000 - 101A

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER NO.

CLASSIFICATION

PRIORITY

REFERENCE No: 0 734

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 20 11 35A OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

~~RESTRICTED~~. Ref our 726 of 20 Oct. 70 Sub Area report further incident Palermo today. Sub Area 1000 attacked Italian 3d at US Naval Base with stones. Italian 3d replied by throwing hand grenades and firing shots. No serious casualties. Local anti-aircraft (AA) feeling high as result incident yesterday. Italian 3d on British installations returned to barracks and replaced by British 3d personnel. US Navy taken similar action except for use within port perimeter. Reentry internal civilian killed yesterday will occasion further incidents. Ref ACC bar C 723 of 20 Oct refer.

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DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: OCT 20 1935A OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

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PUBLIC SAFETY S/C

RESCUE SIGHTS REPORTS BY PHONE SERIES STRIKES AND PROCESSIONS PAIDRED BECAUSE
ARMED INADEQUACY WAGES AND HIGH PRICE FOOD CULMINATING TODAY DISORDERLY
DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE SENIORITY AND PREFETTORA PD PAREN TO AFHQ 0-FIVE FROM
RE AGO SIGNED SIGNED PAREN PD ITALIAN TROOPS OPENED FIRE TEN KILLED SITUATION
UNDER CONTROL BUT CITY NOT CALM WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED PD

COPY TO CCS ✓

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Immediate

19th October, 1944.

SUBJECT: Rioting in SALERNO.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. Lt. Col. Brooks, Head of Public Safety, Sicily, calls me on the telephone that there have been a series of strikes on the part of the employees of the Government demanding more wages, culminating today in disorderly processions through the streets. There was some disorder in front of the Municipio and the crowd then marched to the Prefettura and demanded that the prices of food should be lowered. Italian troops had been called out previously and, in what circumstances I do not know, opened fire on the crowd killing ten.

2. The situation is now under control with Carabinieri and troops in the streets but the city is by no means tranquil.

MSL/SC.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: CA Sec (for Public Safety S/C).

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