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See p 27 for reply sent to C-5 as action on p 24 and on 27. This was put together from info given by PRO + Polad (B). I'm afraid it is not as brief as it possibly should have been.

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Afuso

Confirmatory letter submitted for signature at p. 30 if agreed.

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Note: Capt B. state C-5 ref p 32. No action by A.C. JH 1/13

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Confirmatory letter submitted for signature
at J. 30 of approved.

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Note: Capt B. state 6-5 up 1 32. for action by A.C. H. 11/3

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C-22 Ex. Com.

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in reply to P7

Re: 1100 letter for approved (no signature)
FIVE 130 10/10

Thanks. 11/10/10

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Ex. Com.

P. 13014 - ? forward to General Anderson.

FIVE 22/10

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Ex. Com.

D.O. letter in reply to 5 for signature.

FIVE 25/10

1100 Ex. Com.

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Fr. H.

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Re see 24: would Ex-C approve a
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cannot be summarily dismissed as a
"fascist organisation" - Polad B also
said as much.

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telegram at 24. There is no need for Hq. A.C. to enquire
as to why the Cinema was used for this purpose - B Bract
ATF-Hq. is funding this out. All ATF-Hq. was from the Hq. is
a brief statement as to what the Vorno group unique party is and
what we're doing.

McLambey
V.P.C.A.S.
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Defascistization

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cc 2610

11 December 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Two urgent rate telegrams received over the Italian Government lines within the last few days carry emblems of the Royal House and of the Fascist Party. While I consider that the propriety of the Royal insignia appearing on a Government telegraph blank is one purely for the Italian Government to deal with, I feel that the continued use of the Fascist emblem at this late date constitutes a violation, no matter how inadvertent, of the armistice terms.

May I suggest an early overprinting of the Fascist emblem on all Government telegraph forms as has been done on other Government stationery where, to economize on paper, stationery printed during the Fascist era is still being employed.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide DeGasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Rome.

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Polad B
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMM. IN
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Originator's Reference: 50389 CA 2

Message Centre No: H/374

Date/Time of Origin: 081646A

Date Time Rec'd: MAR 091015

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: TROOPERS

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TO : ACTION G5 FREEDOM FOR ALCOM.

SECRET

1. YOUR TELEGRAM C27472 4 THE MARCH NOT UNDERSTOOD.
2. MY ORIGINIAL 98523²⁴ DESPATCHED 21ST FEBRUARY.
3. YOUR FX661383 23 RD FEBRUARY OBVIOUSLY ANSWERS MY 98523 DESPITE FACT YOU QUOTED INCORRECT REFERENCE.
4. .Y 04905²⁹ DESPATCHED OWING TO CANCELLATION OF YOUR FX61383 23RD FEBRUARY BY YOUR C26026 26 TH FEBRUARY.
5. WE STILL AWAIT YOUR COMMENTS EARLIEST ON FOLLOWING PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION.
"WHY BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES TARAMIO GRANTED PERMISSION FOR USE OF ORFED THEATRE BY FASCIST ORGANISATION KNOWN AS PARTY OF COMMONMAN ON 27 JANUARY 1946."

SECRET

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ACTION: EX COMMISSIONER

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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CIPHER TELEGRAM

This message will not be distributed outside British or U.S. Government Departments or Headquarters or not transmitted even in Cipher without being paraphrased. (Messages marked O.T.P. need not be paraphrased).

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MAR 1946
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Ref. : 6520/10/EC

6 March 1946.

SUBJECT: L'UOMO QUALUNQUE Party

TO : G 5 AFHQ

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1. Ref 6520/10 dated 23 Feb 46 and telephone conversation of 4 March 46 Lt/Col White - Major Hind-Smith.

2. It is confirmed that the figure of circulation of the paper L'UOMO QUALUNQUE which is now considered more correct is 450,000 not 800,000.

For the Chief Commissioner

/s/ N. W. HIND-SMITH
MRT

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: 6521/EC

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 04905 CA2(B)

Message Centre No: H/112

Date/Time of Origin: MAR 021300

Date Time Rec'd: MAR 041000 A

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ~~XXXX~~ WAR OFFICE

TO : G-5 AFHQ FOR ALCOM

UNCLASSIFIED.

Reference our 98523 21 February. When may we expect reply.

AC DIST.

ACTION: EX COMM (2)

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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4 MAR 1946

Ref telephone conversation Miss Thomson - H. Smith of 4/3 -

No action for A.C. reply sent by 95 to WO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

SECRET.

Ref: 6520/EC.

23 February 1946.

SUBJECT: L'Uomo Qualunque Party.

TO : G-5, AFHQ.

Reference Troopore signal 36923 GA2 dated 22 February 46 and telephone conversation (Brigadier Carr - Lt. Col. White) the following brief comments are made.

The L'Uomo Qualunque Party and the Italian Democratic Party (Monarchists) joined forces for the coming election campaign. Giannini, the leader of the L'Uomo Qualunque Party, and Salvaggi, the leader of the Democratic Party, said in a statement announcing their merger, but not their fusion, that they had done so for the good of the reconstruction of the country.

The L'Uomo Qualunque Party, which is reported strongest in Southern ITALY, has held its first congress in ROME, which concluded its session on the 18th of February.

The new party issued a brief but somewhat general statement of aims as follows:-

1. The dead of the country should be revered no matter when they died.
2. The clergy were praised and Catholicism should be the State religion.
3. The Four Freedoms should be enforced.

As a result of the creation of the L'Uomo Qualunque Front, there are now hardly any small independent parties of the Right who have not joined this movement.

The Front's press organs are the weekly "L'Uomo Qualunque," 800,000 and a new Roman daily "Il Quotidiano." Less than 1,000 persons attended the ROME Congress. Giannini was elected President of the Front, and has claimed a Party membership of one and a half million.

It is considered that to refer to the party as a "Fascist organization" is rather too sweeping, but it is appreciated that the beginnings of the movement have shown some similarity to the birth of fascism.

It might be said that the success of the party has been based on destructive criticism and up to date has shown little that is constructive. Its programme, for instance, is couched in very general terms, few specific details are available.

For the Chief Commissioner: W. W. HIND-SMITH

cc: Polada(A) and (B)
VP, OA Section

Dir, Pub. Rel. Br. 785017/EC

Executive Commissioner:

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 98523CA2

Message Centre No: G/9691

Date/Time of Origin: 22FEB1600A

Date Time Rec'd: 23FEB0900A

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: TROOPERS

TO : G5 AFHQ FOR ALGCM

FEB 23 1946

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REQUEST YOUR COMMENT EARLIEST ON FOLLOWING PARLIMENTARY QUESTION.
WHY BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITY IN TARANTO GRANTED THE USE OF ORFEO
THEATRE BY FASCIST ORGANIZATION KNOW AS PARTY OF THE COMMON MAN,
ON 27th JANUARY 1946.

AC DIST

ACTN: EX COMMR 2
INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE
SKELETON



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23 FEB 1946

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C O P Y

20 November 1945

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My dear Mr. Key:

I thank you for your letter of 16 November transmitting copy of a letter addressed to the Embassy enclosing a circular announcing the intention of the Fascist party to re-enter the political arena.

Yours very truly,

WILHELM H. S. TONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Mr. David McK. Key
Charge d'Affaires ad interim
American Embassy
Via Vittorio Veneto 119
Rome

DISTRIBUTION:

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Polad (A)
Polad (B)
Executive Commr

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COPY

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rome, Italy, November 16, 1945

My dear Admiral Stone:

I take pleasure in transmitting herewith for your information copy of a letter addressed to this Embassy enclosing a circular announcing the intention of the Fascist party to re-enter openly the political arena.

The letter, which is signed in an illegible hand, proposes to give "loyal collaboration to our enemies of yesterday" and in the circular a long statement of Mussolini is quoted in which the deceased Duce transfers his mantle to the unnamed signer of the letter.

Among other things, the circular proposes that the House of Savoy be retained, that Fascists side with the Allies, especially Great Britain, in case of a war against Russia, and that Fascists can collaborate with most of the existent parties except the Communists and Socialists. The circular also exhorts Fascists to oppose themselves against the constitution that the "despotic government" of the C.L.N. will want to "impose" on the nation.

The communication was distributed on October 28, ostensibly to commemorate the anniversary of the "March on Rome."

Sincerely yours,

/s/ David McK. Key
/t/ David McK. Key
Charge d'Affaires ad interim

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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C O P Y

Translation

R O M E

October 28, 1945

Excellency:

Under same date, I have sent to the Ambassador of His Britannic Majesty the letter herewith transcribed:

"I have the honor of transmitting to you a circular that I have sent out to Fascists and sympathizers on occasion of October 28.

"We intend to re-enter the political life of our country, ready to give loyal and sincere collaboration to our enemies of yesterday, for the good of today and of tomorrow of the Italian people.

"Fascism has demonstrated before history that when it makes a pledge it maintains it to the extreme limit of its strength and beyond. This is always honorable. Everything else is propaganda more or less reliable which the adversary bandies about on the political arena of the globe in the political interest of one or the other power."

I have the honor of enclosing for your excellency a copy of the above-mentioned circular. With profound respect, believe me, your most devoted

The Special Commissioner for
Social-Fascism

(Signature illegible)

To His Excellency
The Ambassador of the United States of America

To the Quirinale in
R O M E

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The Italian Social-Fascist Party of Action

Comrades! Italians in good faith!

On April 25, 1945, at the Prefecture of Milan, the Duce in a long conversation told me what I am going to repeat here below:

"As you see, the war is now lost. We would have won if Hitler could have employed in time the new arms which are in part completed and if England and America understood in this last phase of the conflict and not only in the interest of Europe, that the Bolshevik danger is much more grave than the pseudo danger of Fascism."

"In a little while the enemy will pursue us into the Valtellins where we shall withdraw for a last stand, a battle which in our case will lead to a physical but not to a moral death. We could have resisted in Milan as many comrades have suggested to me, but I do not want it to be said that for my faction I uselessly sacrificed the population and industry. I do not like the phrase "Let Sessan die with all the Philistines."

"If fate will be against me... Guido Buffarini-Guidi will take my place. I have turned over to him 60 millions of the Republican Fascist Party funds so that he may go to Switzerland and there take up again the strands of Fascism which he will have to transform into Social-Fascism. I shall give new orders to Paolo Zerbindo in case the mission of Buffarini-Guidi should fail for any reason."

"Should Paolo Zerbindo also be physically incapacitated, you have from me precise instructions to substitute him. These provisions will be made known to you at Sondrio. Beside yourself, I am going to give them, in case of any unfortunate happening, to S. R. V. and P. (the names of those others selected are still alive and hence I cannot give the names for obvious reasons). Fascism cannot and must not die! From this very moment you must follow these ideas of mine:

"(1) In Italy it is not possible to create a republic that will distribute well-being to the people because the Italian people need the education that only a century of Fascism could give them. On the other hand, it is well to consider that the House of Savoy represents the history of Italy and to remove it after a lost war would mean to obscure a period of glory and victor. It would have been different if the war had been won. Then, the Social Italian Republic could have substituted very easily the monarchy because of vital historical reasons."

"(2) Italy, having lost a war, will be subjected to the victors for a very long period. It is not improbable that Hitler is right and that at a certain moment the Anglo-Americans will find it necessary to wage war against the USSR. In such a case, the Fascist must side with the Allies."

"If Germany had won this war, we must remember that a defeated England would have had a second place in Europe, just the same and Italy the third place because at the bottom, Hitler had a higher esteem for the English than for the Italians. Instead, having lost a war, Germany will disappear from the role of important nations for an indefinite period and in such a case, Fascists must give their support to Great Britain until it overthrows Russia and takes over again the reins of Europe in her hands."

"When the English-speaking people will have become acquainted with the Italian people at close hand they will understand that only under a Fascist regime, even reduced to 51 per cent, Italy is useful to Europe. An Italy governed by Fascism even with a democratic opposition at its side will always have an historical mission of first importance to fulfill and no state will be able to contest its

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"(3) This plethora of parties that have sprung up again in a most shameful manner just as they shamefully disappeared twenty years ago should not discourage Social-Fascism. It is undeniable that both the Communists and Socialists will give much trouble. But it will not be difficult to unmask the Communists because it is evident and proved that they are guided by an agent of Russia and subsidized with

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Swiss francs from the coffers of the Comintern. They have the specific duty of creating disorder and to push those responsible in the Government to liquidate Iatria and perhaps even other things in favor of Bolshevism, which is spreading over all of Europe. On the other hand, to battle the Socialists, it is sufficient to consider that their social program has already been surpassed by ours and their party is headed by that Nenni who in '19 when he was courting Fascism had already given evidence of his demagogic character. I am ready to affirm from this moment that it is possible to arrive at a collaboration with a majority of the other parties."

Comrades! Italians in good faith!

These were the words of the Duce, pronounced a few hours before he was assassinated. Now you know how to comport yourselves. Remember: your immediate duty is that of fighting against that type of constitution which the despotic government of the so-called C.L.N. wants to impose upon you.

FASCISTS AND ITALIANS IN GOOD FAITH ARE TODAY A MAJORITY THAT THE ADVERSARY MUST FEAR.

Our efforts must multiply for one aim: obtain a free plebiscite so that all Italians can decide with absolute liberty their future destiny.

And I limit myself to reminding you of what Giordano Bruno wrote: "Do not fear to buck the torrent. Only a sordid spirit thinks like the mass of people just because the mass is in majority."

Long live our Italy.

Long live Social-Fascism.

The Special Commissioner

(signature illegible)

Rome, October 24, 1945

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Rome, October 28, 1945

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Ref: 6521/16/EO

26 October 1945

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I asked our Liaison Officer in Bologna to investigate personally the statements made by Professor Roth in his letter to Lord Nathan, which I first discussed in my 6521/EO of 2 October 1945.

He replies that the Sindaco has instructed the Municipal Police to order owners or occupiers of buildings to have any Fascist inscriptions or slogans which may still be left erased immediately. He assures me that there will be no difficulty in having the mosaics in the NAAPF Institution at Forlì removed, and says that as AC officers tour the province the attention of Italian provincial and municipal authorities will be called to the Minister of the Interior's instructions to erase all Fascist signs.

I think you can assure Professor Roth that his complaints have been very thoroughly investigated and that we are doing all we can to remove all slogans.

M. S. LUSH

CS
Major General A.V. Anderson, (O.B.E.)
The War Office
Hotel Victoria
Northumberland Avenue
London W.C.2

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BOLOGNA

Ex Comm

BOLOGNA

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Ref : AC/ECL/LC/P/8

19 Oct 45

Subject : Fascist Slogans on Walls
and Buildings.

OCT 22 1945

To : Executive Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission.

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With reference to your letter 6521/EC of 2nd October, I have personally investigated the statements made by Professor Cecil Roth in his letter to Lord Nathan with the following results.

It has not been possible to trace the "Morte agli ebrei" in Bologna, but I have no doubt it was there, as in many other places. When interviewed upon the subject, the Sindaco stated that he had instructed the Municipal Police to order owners or occupiers of buildings, to have any Fascist inscriptions or slogans erased immediately.

In many administrative offices there are still Fascist signs etc., but there is none in the Municipio at Bologna, which was formerly used as Region H.Q. In many instances such signs, emblems and slogans are permanent fixtures, e.g. wood panelling, carving and patterns in glass of windows. Obviously it is impossible to remove such things having regard to the extreme shortage of materials for replacement.

I inspected the mosaics in the NAATI institution at Forli about which Professor Roth complains. This building was the school of the Italian Air Force and the mosaics show the development of aeronautics. There are two instances only to which exception might be taken, one is the tribute to Bruno Mussolini (who was an air force officer) and the other a map of Greece with a plain statement alongside showing the number of aircraft engaged in the campaign, miles flown and tonnage of bombs dropped; certainly there was nothing "glorifying Fascist air achievements (and barbarities)". However there will be no difficulty in having them removed either by our Military authorities or the Italians.

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On the general question of the removal of Fascist signs etc., the Prefect of Forli informed me that he has had an instruction from the Minister of the Interior ordering the removal of all Fascist slogans and signs; this has been passed on to Sindaci for action. As officers of this Group go round, the attention of Italian Provincial and Municipal authorities will be called to the instruction.

20 OCT 1945

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In conclusion, it might be stressed that the clandestine painting of slogans of all sorts is a favourite form of propaganda in this country, and A.M.G., with its limited personnel, had many tasks to carry out in order to ensure the life of the community, much more important than the erasure of slogans which might offend some particular religious or political body.



T. J. WALTERS.
Lieut. Colonel,
Liaison Officer.

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Lieut. Colonel,
Liaison Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
~~Office of the Chief Commissioner~~
APO 394

(12)

19 October 1945

Ref: 6521/30

Many thanks for your letter of 12 October 1945 enclosing a copy of the report addressed to XIII Corps by CSI (Civil Liaison) in the Veneto, which is returned herewith.

I have heard from Dunlop who tells me he always sees and reads these reports. In his opinion they are frequently rather sensational, although he is keeping an eye on Abelli. He advises against present action at the moment; as you say, Archie Colquhoun fought with the Partisans for some time and his politics are rather "red". I think these reports are possibly somewhat biased and am of the opinion that we can leave it to Dunlop to take action if he ever considers this necessary.

Yours

M. S. LUSH

H.L. d'A Hopkinson Esq., C.M.G.,
British Embassy
Rome.

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6821 EX COMM
INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: EXII/31

Message Centre No: G/1291

Date/Time of Origin: OCT 17 1130A

Date Time Rec'd: OCT 17 1630A

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: HQ VENEZUELA REGION

TO : ALCOM

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DUNST to LUSH.

Reference your 7110 of 151311. Always see and read reports. Personal opinion is they are frequently rather sensational. Watching situation described but advise against present action.

DIET

ACTION: Ex Commissioner 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
File 2
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LUSH PAREN

PARA TWO PD GRATEFUL YOUR COMMENTS ESPECIALLY ON DESIRABILITY
TAKING ACTION AGAINST PERSON MENTIONED PARA TWO PAGE TWO REPORT
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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

12th October, 1945

Secret and Personal.

Dear Maurice.

I enclose a copy of a secret report addressed to XIII Corps by 23 (Civil Liaison) in the Veneto. This report is written by an officer named Major Colquhoun who came to see me the other day. It is used in making up the monthly XIII Corps political reports of which I enclose you two copies.

I assume that copies of these reports go to Dunlop but in any case I think that his attention should be drawn to the section dealing with the "Demo Qualunque" movement in the Veneto and on pages 2-A and in Appendix I. I suggest that he should be asked for his observations and whether he thinks that any action should be taken against Abelli. I would add, for your own information, that Major Colquhoun, who has had a great deal to do with the partisans on the 8th Army front over a considerable period, is distinctly sympathetic towards the Communists and it is therefore possible that the report may be in some respects biased.

Yrs. ever

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Henry Hopkinson

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Indrajit N. S. Iyer, C.P., C.I.E., M.C.,
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I think you can assure Lord Nathan and the Secretary of State can assure the House, if necessary, that the Italian people themselves have not been slow or negligent in the rapid removal of Fascist slogans. I have travelled pretty well all over Italy and in very few instances do you see the "Duce" and the tents and the fasces which adorned every village and almost every building in this country from head to heel. Some of course cannot be deleted without destroying a building or part of it. I won't say that this applies to the bronze on the Roman Bridge but I do know that the ante room to my office is decorated with the most evil Fascist looking decorations which it would require a major operation to remove. No, the people who shot Mussolini and hanged him by the heels have been quick to efface his efforts to spoil their countryside. Nor has AMG been negligent - though obviously in efforts to get people fed and public order restored some slogans have been overlooked. We will do our best to ensure that no trace of Mussolini's dicta remain to discourage the Italians from returning to the democratic way of life. I must say however that the totalitarian method was neater than the untidy and contradictory wall paintings of the existing six parties which are still spoiling much of Rome's and other cities beauty. That however is democracy in Italy! And I must admit that I have never seen "Morte agli ebrei". That Professor Roth should have stumbled on to that was really bad luck.

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28, September, 1945.

My dear Lush,

Professor Cecil Roth, who recently visited Italy to lecture to Jewish personnel in your theatre, has written to Lord Nathan of Churt, and the relevant extract is as follows:-

(Reference Fascist slogans on walls and buildings).

"I do not think that the Allied military authorities are being sufficiently downright in this respect. It is of course impossible to cancel all Fascist slogans (though I resented "Morte agli ebrei" being left on a wall at Bologna). But the carelessness shewn in this respect is sometimes dangerous. In a regional H.Q. (?Bologna) situated in a former Fascist Administrative office all Fascist slogans were left. At Forli, the palatial NAAFI institution in the former Air H.Q. still has the mosaics glorifying Fascist air achievements (and barbarities) and immortalising the name of Mussolini junior. One of the Roman bridges bears in bronze letters the text of the inflated communique issued on the capitulation in "Italian East Africa". Our people think that leaving this sort of thing is a little humorous and somewhat sporting. But the Italians interpret it differently."

I need hardly point out to you that it is highly desirable that these slogans should be removed wherever it is

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possible for arrangements to be made for it to be done, since their retention presents a possible source of embarrassment to our Secretary of State, should the matter come up in more public fashion than a private letter to Lord Nathan.

I am sure I can leave the matter in your hands.

Yours

Sincerely,
Robert L. Davis

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13 February 1945

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am sending you herewith a copy of a translation of a News Sheet of the Republican Fascist Party - Palermo Section which has appeared in Palermo and to which you will no doubt desire to give attention.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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Newsheet of the Republican Fascist Party -
Palermo Section

STRENGTHENED by the pains of an unjust slavery and in the cult of an Idea that the vileness of the present time enobles and purifies, the voices of the free Italians of Sicily is raised today working in secret revolt. To the disgrace of the traitors and the outrages of the enemy these voices will oppose what still survives the spoliation of the Fatherland: the untouchable dignity the utmost strength of the souls.

While the democrats, slaves to the foreigner, arbitrarily clothed as a pretender, imposes on the people of Italy an unending series of humiliations and sufferings that the lying tongues of the rhetoricians, far from relieving, exasperates; while a criminal reversal of values, on the tattered symbols of the old and only Ideals, is hoisted the dishonored banner of renunciation and fraud; while the name of the fatherland is profaned every day by men who never worked for its greatness but who besmut it and who speed it towards disaster; while political life based on corruption and persecution in the name of national exigency organizes hate and vendetta, and the foreigner raised to the state of master without struggle has taken advantage of an exhausted and divided people, now thanks to his superciliousness and his rancour, this voice rallied round the symbols of our redemption the free forces of the fatherland reborn, working in the dark.

Those who have understood what it means to guard honour, have had strengthened in their hearts during the changing vicissitudes of fortune, intact the culture of the Italian Fatherland, the desire to remake it free and great and the certainty of reconquering some day the honour and the respect of the world, the duty of rededicating the true liberty and of imprinting on a future destiny the instinctive forces of their revolt.

We want to guard in the darkness which has come over our Country that which the enemy seeks in vain to destroy; our past and our future, our threatened national unity, our ransomed independence, our Italian name.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AND OF ITALY

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At the same time it is necessary to add: At bottom you are right. You can't be wrong, when one thinks of the twenty profitable years work, of true well-being all to the credit of fascism, while two years of so-called "liberty" have already disillusioned the most rabid anglophile and Americanophiles.

We often feel the urge to say this. But we answer, No, dear sir, no, dear friend, we are not the defenders of a party that has lost the last battle. Because it is necessary to observe that the last battle has not yet been fought, that the issue of this cruel conflict - you must admit it - is to say the least very uncertain.

But that which we want to make clear at the moment is that we are not defending a party. The National Fascist Party is dead; on this we are completely at one. But the original Ideal is not dead, the revolutionary spirit of fascism is not dead; and of this Ideal, of this spirit, we feel ourselves the custodians, precisely us, young men of an incorruptible faith, who have made of Fascism a religion since boyhood, of our strength.

We are Fascists not because of a nostalgic yearning for an era of well-being and of tranquillity, neither by reason of the fact that we remember a regime which is above all praiseworthy for the indefatigable work for the people.

These are secondary motives; because we are Fascists because Fascism is perennial youth, heroic morale of life, audacity without confine; because Fascism is honour and dignity of the Fatherland, sure sign of every victory; in a word, because Fascism means ITALY!

"DIES IRAE!"

DON'T worry yourselves too much, silly old fools of all pseudo-parties! Just follow the advice which your anglo-saxon so kindly offer you. This is our disinterested advice: don't worry too much. Save your energies a little: because the day when you will need them is not, perhaps, very distant. Spare your breath; you may need it.

But perhaps you won't even need it. Your dear "liberators", preoccupied with their leaving, certainly won't have much time to spare for you! And it will then be our exquisite pleasure to deal with you ourselves....!

Then we will make you eat your words. Pray heaven that you won't have to eat the words you have actually written - literally. Then we should ask you to take a good dose of castor oil to help your digestion and a salutary massage with a truncheon.

And you, judges of all the commissions of defascistization; instead of venting your spleen on some poor devil of a clerk, instead of venting your stupid annoyance against some officer who has sought only to do his duty, remember what the gospels say: "Judge not that ye be not judged!"

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No mercy for all the outrages you have perpetrated against our people; to please your masters you have deprived families of the pensions which are justly due to the fallen of this war; you have forbidden the heroes the right to wear the ribbons which they have won by their courage; you have renounced, in the name of a people whom

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you do not represent, all the conquests of twenty years, which fascism, or no fascism, has cost the sons of Italy much suffering and much blood.

We have a steel will and a memory like an elephant. And we won't forget! It will come, then, it will come, for you "Dies Irae!"

PLAIN WORDS

At last has appeared the first number of "FOR US" which seeks to be, among all the base cringing to the foreigner, the sincere and free voice of all true Italians.

Around it, symbol of every hardihood, mark of purest faith, gather the comrades of yesterday and today, the most faithful of every hours, those who never give up. Now is the hour to sound our battle-cry, because the hour of decision is at hand.!

We say this to the uncertain ones, the too luke-warm ones, to the diffident ones, not to push them or force them into our ranks, who are for the rest strong enough for any battle, but to warn them that now is the time to abandon certain purposely ambiguous positions, certain convenient masquerades, certain sitting-on-the-fence attitudes through cowardice or calculated self-interest. Enough of hypocrisy! You must chose one side or the other of the fence. We can't stand any more of this shilly-shallying, playing safe, this waiting-and-seeing or this "you never know" attitude, those who, in a phrase, always stand behind the blind!

Today there are no more concessions, there is no more waiting allowed: The Fatherland is in danger and calls its sons to the death-struggle in defence of the race, tradition, honour. Those who turn a deaf ear to the cry of the Great Mother are unworthy to be called Italians and should tremble for the just and inexorable fate that awaits them.

Against the evil genius of those who betrayed and still betray or sell themselves to the enemy or who merely help the enemy by their pretended cooperation, whose lack of faith paralyses all attempts at resurrection, against all that ignoble company the youth of Italy considers that the time is ripe.

Now at the dawning of what cannot fail to be day of our redemption we point out to every Italian worthy of the name the sacred path of sacrifice of thousands and thousands of fallen: the way of honour!

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