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C.S.O. ~~WJF~~ 103 for info. please. P.C. Haines

discussed this with the Ex Comm during

his visit to Rome. ~~QWR~~ 48 to P.C. Haines

P.S. do you wish a copy to go to P.C. Haines
his info, as this case may develop ~~QWR~~ 48

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Executive Commissioner.

Reference your file No 9272/23.

1. File returned herewith.
2. The newspaper article "Who is the corrupter?" has already been seen by this branch and acted upon. Similar articles were discussed between Brigadier Lush - Col. Campbell on 5 February, 1946, and copies of these articles left with the Brigadier.
3. There is no foundation whatever in the allegations contained in the newspaper article which appeared in "Milano Sera" on 22 February, 1946. These allegations emanated from Bolzano, and it is believed that Lt. Nardini, in an attempt at a personal "write up" was largely responsible for their inception.
4. All officers concerned have been interviewed by Col. Campbell who is quite satisfied with their statements.
5. 2 District has also been informed of the whole matter, and have made their own independent investigation.
6. It is a great pity that journalists are allowed to publish such statements, and it is suggested that a public press announcement be made, refuting the whole article.

26 February, 1946.

C.E.M.

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Please draft one with PRO & submit to me.

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J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut-Colonel,
Director,
CEN Branch.

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28 February, 1946.

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Director,
CPI Branch.

C.E.M.

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Please draft one with PRO rebuttal to me.

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Col. Campbell I have viewed carefully & decided, subject to your approval, to let sleeping dogs lie since a contradiction of the enormous story would not get so much play as the original error and would be only one little voice of fact in a babel of wilful journalistic confusion.
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PRO.

Then we should feel CHO of our decision

9 reasons therefor ... copy to No 2 District

18/9/3.

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Done per my OMS 18/3

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letter at 7 submitted for signature, 6
refer. 1/1

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TO: Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference your 9272/EC of 2 January requesting comments on a Soviet press report.
2. Opposite is letter AC/5615/IND of 9 January containing the comments of the Chief of my Industry Department, in which comments I concur.
3. Allied Commission has never had possession of any factories.

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

Econ Sec
16 Jan 46

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As letter at 12 submitted for signature in answer
to 6, 9 & 10 refer. 12/1

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For information. The implied attack on AM in Page 2 is interesting and wants watching for further developments.

3.AUG.46.

M S LUSH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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TRANSLATION from "Unità" - 30 July 1946.

FROM BULLIT TO DON STURZO

I denounced to the Constituent Assembly the anti-Communist inspiration of our foreign policy as being fatal to our Country. I would feel in the fulfillment of my duty if I did not reassert this thesis in a polemic with Luigi Sturzo, after having read his correspondence from Brooklyn on the problems of peace which was published by the Christian-Democrat "Popolo". True enough, I am sorry of being compelled to polemicize with a democratic and Republican politician whose doctrine I agree with as regards other points, but the conflict on this matter is so profound that it would be a great mistake not to make it clear. In fact, there are standing one against the other two political concepts which are hardly reconcilable. To the particular way in which Don Sturzo judges the questions of international politics and peace, I can only allow a mitigating circumstance in the fact that he is living in the United States, which perhaps makes it difficult for him to evade the morbid streams of public opinion artfully created in that country through the release (financed with millions) of either false or ungrounded news, of baleful bias and also of nonsense.

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Thus "European chaos" derives from the agreement with Russia, i.e. from the agreement with the biggest of the nations who helped to overthrow Fas-

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cism and save democracy and humanity from catastrophe? To which conception of international policy does this position correspond? Let us tell Luigi Sturzo and his friends openly: it corresponds to a Hitlerite conception. It is from such a conception that were born first the "anti-Comintern" pact, then the aggression on Spain, then the "non-intervention" policy which strangled the Spanish Republic, and then all the other misfortunes and the other crimes against humanity which followed. But, coming to the substance of the discussion, is it not high time that these gentlemen provokers from across the Atlantic and their followers who talk our own language explained to us in plain Italian what this "European bolshevization" is which they continue to talk about? Do they consider the Polish frontier on the Curzon line "bolshevization"? But the Curzon Line is a national frontier which was drafted by a conservative English Lord and recently accepted by the Polish people itself by means of a plebiscite. Or may be they consider as "bolshevization" the economic and social reforms which have been accomplished in those countries free from an Anglo-American control set-up? If it is so, let them say it with capital letters: but then we would be compelled not to consider Luigi Sturzo as a democratic politician, once we knew that he is enticing the Anglo-Saxons to intervene energetically in Europe in order to annul the agricultural reforms accomplished for the peasants in Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria, Eastern Germany and elsewhere, or in order to have the Czechoslovakian factories handed back to those big industrialists who had put them at Hitler's disposal. If, instead, by "bolshevization" it is meant to say that in these countries the Russian Authorities are exerting a heavy control on the governments, it is well that all those who read us know that also this is a

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wars; and as for Socialism, let Luigi Sturzo know that ^{to} hundreds of millions of men it is a superior kind of civilization, or better it is an end of real barbarity, that of capitalistic monopolies, of trusts, of speculation, of great feudal land property, and of reaction and Fascism which flourish on this ground. In those countries where the Russian troops have arrived, the latter - contrary to the Anglo-Saxon "controllers" - did nothing to prevent the people just coming out of the hell of war and Fascism from taking the measures suggested to them by experience in order to get rid of all remainders of Fascism and avoid its revival. The Russian authorities instead, as it is their duty, favor this action. This and only this is the substance of the question. And the Anglo-Saxon reactionaries and their colleagues of other countries cannot tolerate this, because they always were and still are the friends of Fascism; because they always relied and still rely on the reactionary and Fascist groups of eastern Europe and all the rest of Europe to organize a front, now being only political and in the future possibly also armed, against the country of Socialism.

Luigi Sturzo, therefore, who deprecates a peace built on the base of presumed future wars, actually has his foreign policy resting on the prospect of, indeed on the wish for a war against the Soviet Union and urges the Americans to prepare now for this criminal war.

Woe to our country if such a conception should inspire in any way our international policy. On the contrary, as men and groups who orientate themselves according to this conception do exist and are active, it is necessary for us to watch and prevent them from taking roots. In fact, the independence and liberty of the Italian nation would be in danger if this happened. And the existence of these trends explains better than anything else why they worked so hard to ex-

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PALMIRO TOLLATI

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FROM THE 26 JULY ISSUE OF "L'UNITA"

AUG 3 1946

Journey in ZONE A: Fascist terror by the "Tricolore" bands.
Prinli

Since one year ago everybody is always talking about impending Yugoslav "coup de mains" - But whom is the Nazionale Valleys arms traffic meant for?

(From one of our special envoys)

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Cividale, July.

At Cividale I am recommended at once not to let it known that I am a journalist.

• You might be arrested. -

The rumor circulated, in fact, that the officers of the C.I.C., which is the Allied Military Information Office, have no excessive sympathy for the journalists.

I begin to have a doubt that they do rather exaggerate, here at Cividale; they then tell me that just yesterday Franco visited the premises of the AMPI (Italian Partisans National Association) threatening them that he would have everybody arrested if the papers published further news on the Presento happenings.

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- And who is Franco?

- Well, it is difficult to give an answer. Franco is an Italian. But at the same time he represents a military office. And, moreover, he has nothing to do with that military office.

- It baffles me.

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THE PRESTENTO HAPPENINGS

They finally explain to me that Franco is an Italian, wearing a khaki suit and having a jeep at his disposal. From whom does he depend?

Then Franco does not want them to talk about the Prestento happenings.

Prestento is a little town of the Benocia, in the Natissone valleys.

On the evening of June 4th some inhabitants of the area between Torreano di Cividale and Prestento had observed the mysterious voyage of an agricultural cart apparently loaded with mulberry leaves: when the cart arrived at Prestento a number of arms were unloaded at a farm house. The Cividale police commissario was notified at once, and by midnight a squad of policemen arrives in town, approaches the farm house, but is presently welcomed by heavy rounds of machine-gun and the throwing of hand-grenades. Reinforcements are asked for from the Allied military police which arrives on the spot with four heavy tanks and a unit of motorized infantry. Those in the house resist until dawn, and, only when ammunition is exhausted do they open the doors and surrender. When interrogated they declare that they had thought that the policemen and the americans were Yugoslavs.... who had come to accomplish a coup de main. They are kept in prison for a few hours and then set free. The fact surprised the citizens of Udine and Cividale, but an Allied officer, questioned on the matter, declared that there was no room to continue to keep the defendants in prison. Who are the authors of the Prestento shooting? Why have they been released at once, although they had been found in possession of heavy guns and had injured two M.P.s?

Actually the Prestento happenings are only an episode of the whole situation existing here. Prestento was spoken about following the noise of a night's

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'shooting, but in the entire zone surrounding Cividale, especially in the Natisone valleys on the border between Zones A and B, such incidents could be checked continuously.

THE "TRICOLORI MOVEMENT"

There are armed bands at Prestanto, as well as at San Leonardo, Drenchia, Sanguarzo, San Pietro del Friuli. Everybody knows by now that the bands are controlled by the so-called Tricolore Movement. There is nothing uncommon in this fact. Fascist and Monarchist bands, especially on the eve of the elections, were found also in other parts of Italy.

Here, instead, there has never been anything to uncover: the existence of the Tricolore armed bands had always been known to all the Authorities. These received continuously denunciations from the democratic parties, but the denunciations were not paid much consideration as is proved by the fact that out of 35 thousand inhabitants of the Natisone valleys the number of armed persons is over three thousand.

The most active leader of these bands is Alpine Lieutenant Aldo Specogna, former officer of Mussolini's Republic, and then a partisan with Monarchist units the existence of which was known only when the war was over. Specogna is under command of Lieut. Col. Tussa, another former officer of Mussolini's Republic. The bands are organized with command posts in all

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THE VILLAGES OF THE Benacia, that is just in a very delicate frontier zone. The stronger groups are at San Leonardo, where the General Headquarters are located, Cledis, Savegna, Grimarco, Drenglia, Strigna, and Pulfero. It is more than a year that these bands have been continuously supplied with weapons, and actually they have extra-heavy and heavy machine guns, mortars and tommy guns. Many weapons are of German and Italian make, others of British and American. The authorities have received circumstantial lists of the persons who have these weapons and of the places where they are hidden. But there have been no searches and no arrests.

Here they play very much on form and substance. When some people went to the Allied officers to present their denunciations these replied: Go to the Italian police; it is not our job.

The Italian police in their turn made it clear that they could not operate against the "Tricolore" bands without authorisation from the Allies. "It is not within our powers".

MYSTERIOUS PROTECTION

What is the purpose of these bands? They, as we saw, have the benefit of mysterious protection and strange privileges.

On the Allied side there has even been somebody who let it be understood that the fact that "the population be armed and ready to meet possible coups de main by the Yugoslavs" is looked on favourably.

But the bands, apparently, have also other duties. Waiting to operate against Yugoslavia, they have been operating against all the anti-fascist and ex-partisan elements, capturing persons, beating, throwing hand-grenades against houses. Whole villages have been terrorised by the "Tricolore" bands.

Naturally the anti-fascists have no possibility of defending themselves. A communist found with ^{an old rusted} a dagger would be arrested immediately. In this way in the

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Valleys of the Natisone this kind of Fascist small Republic is governed.

But who keeps the liaison going between the "Tricolore" bands and the well known Franco, intimately connected with Lt Specogna and Col Iussa?

This happens in the valleys of the Natisone in the Province of Udine.

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all continues as before and the situation becomes hotter every day. The day after the incident of Prestento, in fact, in Togliano, in front of the house of a certain Comelli, father of one of the "defenders" of the famous farm-house, a truck stopped and from it some individuals wearing Italian military uniform unloaded a large quantity of weapons.

How many other villages continue to receive cargoes of arms?

Now, it is very strange that such facts may happen, that Fascist bands are allowed to exist legally. The fact that all this happens in such a delicate point as is the boundary between the A and B zones, should be considered, by anybody, as extremely dangerous.

Do not the Allied authorities fear frontier incidents? For a year people have spoken continuously of Yugoslav "coup de main". But recently people spoke also of a march on Ronchi, in which should participate the "Tricolore" bands, which garrison and terrorize the "villages of the Benaco."

RICCARDO LONGONE.

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From Councilman Ais Trieste for general release.

JUN 7 1946

Eight hundred apartments to be constructed in Trieste .

Trieste June 6 (UNR) .

It has been announced at yesterday's meeting of Trieste Municipal Council that construction will shortly begin of some eight hundred modern cheap houses in the city. The building program will be carried out by the municipality , under supervision and active assistance of Allied Military Government .

The Council expressed its gratitude to Allied Military Government for its interest and collaboration in this important scheme , which will greatly contribute towards absorption of local unemployed and alleviation of the housing shortage step ends 24

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From Goumihan via Trieste for general release .

District physician allegedly abducted from Venozia Giulia hamlet .

Trieste June 6 (UNN) .

Local newspapers today carry a police story , according to which an Italian district physician has disappeared from a small town in the vicinity of Trieste some two days ago .

According to the police account , the physician was called out from his dispensary to a presumable urgent sick call , from which he failed to return .

A woman is said to have witnessed a few miles outside the town how the doctor's car had been stopped by two men , who entered the automobile , which then proceeded in the direction of the demarcation line .

A reward of lire 300,000 has been offered by the doctor's family for information leading to discovery of the missing man whereabouts . The "Voce Libera" suggests that the doctor was abducted for political reasons . Ends 23

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LEIGHORN 30 MAY ; --- GENERAL MARK W CLARK, COMMANDING GENERAL , U.S. FORCES IN AUSTRIA AND FRANCIS H OXA, COMMANDING OFFICER, PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, THE ARMY SERVICE FORCE IN ITALY, TODAY DELIVERED IMPRESSIVE MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESSES AT THE AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY AT CASTELFIORENTINO. DESPITE DRIZZLING RAIN THE CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY HUNDREDS OF ITALIAN CIVILIANS AS WELL AS MILITARY PERSONNEL.

DECLARING THAT, " THIS IS A SOLEMN MOMENT AS WE PAUSE HERE THIS MORNING TO PAY HOMAGE TO THE MEN WHO HAVE DIED IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS WORLD SECURE FOR THE PEACE AND FREEDOM WE CHERISH AND BOUGHT SO DEARLY," GENERAL CLARK POINTED OUT, "IT IS WELL AT THIS TIME TO REFLECT, IN THE MEMORY OF THE MEN WHO REST IN THIS HALLOWED GROUND, THAT THE SACRIFICES THEY HAVE MADE WAS IMPELLED BY THE SAME FIERCE LOVING AND FREEDOM LOVING SPIRIT THAT BROUGHT OUR NATION INTO THE WAR WITH OUR ALLIES AND WHICH HAS CULMINATED BY THE SMASHING OF THOSE MAD DOGS WHOSE EVIL FORCES FODLISHLY SOUGHT TO CONQUER THE WORLD. I PARTICULARLY MENTION OUR ALLIES BECAUSE THE ALLIED CAMPAIGN WAS SO THOROUGHLY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITY OF THOUGHT AND ACTION THAT MOTIVATED OUR EVERY MOVE IN BRINGING ABOUT THE FIRST UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER OF THE NAZIS IN THE WAR. IT WAS REPRESENTATIVE BECAUSE THE FIFTH ARMY AND FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP, WHICH I HAD THE HONOUR TO COMMAND ON THE ROAD TO ULTIMATE VICTORY, CONSISTED OF AMERICANS, BRITISH, CANADIAN, NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH AFRICAN, AUSTRALIANS, BRAZILIAN, FRENCH, POLISH, INDIAN, GREEK, PALESTINIAN, AND ITALIAN TROOPS."

COLONEL OXA SAID, "THESE HONoured DEAD REMIND US THAT WE SHOULD DO ALL WITHIN OUR POWER TO ESTABLISH PEACE IN THE WORLD. WE AMERICANS ARE NOT A WAR-LOVING PEOPLE, AMERICAN SOLDIERS HAVE A DEEP HATRED OF WAR, EVEN WHILE THEY WERE IT WITH SUCH DETERMINATION AND SUCCESS. THE FALLEN MEN WE HONOUR TODAY CERTAINLY SHARED THAT BELIEF, THAT BELIEF THAT WAR IS EVIL AND MUST BE ERADICATED FROM THE EARTH. NEITHER THEY NOR WE, WANT TO SEE OUR CHILDREN, OR OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN PERISH IN ANOTHER WAR."

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310900 From Councilman AIS Trieste for general release .

MAY 31 1946

Twelve Yugoslav soldiers surrounded in Trieste street police quickly restored order during small scale disturbances .

Trieste May 31 (UHN) .

Twelve Yugoslav soldiers were surrounded by a hostile crowd in via Valdisavo , Trieste , tonight near the Yugoslav war booty commission offices . The arrival of two Yugoslav motor cars enabled the soldiers to get away without further incidents .

In via Lazzaro three civilians said to be pro Yugoslav were attacked and one was slightly injured . Earlier street fighting on a small scale occurred after a crowd of pro Yugoslav elements demonstrated in via Venti Settembre and forced their way into a cafe which is popular with the younger members of the Italian population . Venetian militia police came on the scene and quickly restored order . Shortly afterwards , apparently as a reprisal , a crowd of Italians gathered outside 6 via Carducci and shouted . They were rapidly dispersed by the Venetian militia police . Minor scuffles occurred as several people were chased , but no one was seriously hurt and no arrests were made throughout the evening as a result of the disturbances . PMS 71

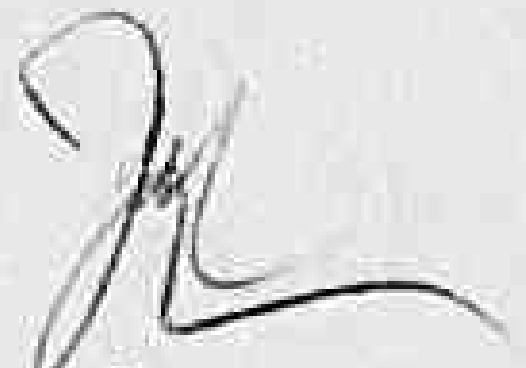
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251225 FROM GOUNIHAN AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE .

UTILITY CLOTH MADE FROM IMPORTED AMERICAN COTTON DETAILED IN VENEZIA GIULIA ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT SCHEME .

TRIESTE MAY 28 UNN . SOME 250 BALES OF AMERICAN COTTON ARE ARRIVING BY RAIL DAILY IN THE GORIZIA COTTON MILLS , WHERE THEY ARE BEING PROCESSED AND MANUFACTURED . THE FINISHED PRODUCT IS NOW ON SALE AT FIXED PRICES UNDER ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION IN ALL TOWNS OF ZONE A OF VENEZIA GIULIA .

THIS IS A PART OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENTS SCHEME FOR THE REHABILITATION OF INDUSTRIES , RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT , AND SUPPLY OF ESSENTIALS TO THE POPULATION OF ZONE A .

THE COTTON IS IMPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES BY ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT , WHICH ALSO HANDLES THE FINISHED PRODUCT , ARRANGING FOR ITS DISTRIBUTION TO WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS .

SPECIAL DIVISIONS OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT ARE NOW STUDYING THE USE OF COTTON BY OTHER INDUSTRIES , SUCH AS THE MANUFACTURE OF FISHING NETS . ENDS 69

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FROM COUNTHAN AFS FOR GENERAL RELEASE ..

FIRST POSTWAR PILGRIMAGE ATTRACTS LARGE TRIESTE CROWD .
TRIESTE MAY 27 (UNN) . LARGE CROWDS OF TRIESTE PILGRIMS CAME TO THE PIRENEO SANCTUARY
NEAR GRADO YESTERDAY , IN FIRST PILGRIMAGE AFTER THE WAR .
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT FACILITATED TRANSPORT OF PILGRIMS WHO HAD TO TRAVEL BY
TRAIN , THE TRADITIONAL WAY BY SEA BEING STILL DANGEROUS ON ACCOUNT OF MINES .
THE BISHOP OF TRIESTE CELEBRATED MASS AND LATER ADDRESSED THE PILGRIMS , MOSTLY
WOMEN .

PIRENEO IS A DELIGHTFUL GREEN ISLAND IN THE GRADO LAGOON , WITH A CHURCH AND A
MONASTERY , THE TRADITION OF WHICH DATES FROM THE SIXTH CENTURY .

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FROM COUNIHAN MANOR , TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE ..

U.S. TROOPS WILL CELEBRATE DAY OF MEMORY CEREMONIES IN GORIZIA , TRIESTE
AND THROUGHOUT ITALY .

TRIESTE MAY 27 TH (UNH) .

TWELVE REPRESENTATIVE PLATOONS FROM THE 88 TH AMERICAN INFANTRY DIVISION ,
WHICH HAS ITS HEADQUARTERS AT GORIZIA , WILL ON THURSDAY , MAY 30 TH ,
TAKE PART IN CEREMONIES THROUGHOUT ITALY AND VENIZIA GIULIA ON VELEBRATION
OF THE ANNUAL DAY OF MEMORY FOR THE AMERICAN WAR DEAD .

THE ROUTES OF THE TWELVE PLATOONS MAKING A TOUR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
CEREMONIES , WILL INCLUDE SUCH PLACES AS CORTINA , BOLZANO , TREVISO ,
AND THE MAIN STOP WILL BE AT LEGHORN , ROME AND NAPLES . THE CITIES OF
L FLORENCE , POLIGNO , PISTOLA AND PRUNAPORTA , WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE
ROUTES .

THE MAIN CEREMONY IN VENIZIA GIULIA WILL BE HELD IN GORIZIA , UNDER
THE SUPERVISION OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE DIVISION , MAJOR GENERAL
BRYANT E MOORE .

SERVICES WILL ALSO BE HELD AT TARCENTO , CORMONS , CIVIDALE , PIAZZO AND
TRIESTE , UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE LOCAL SENIOR COMMANDING OFFICER
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TRIESTE MAY 25 (UNN)

MINOR CLASHES BETWEEN ITALIAN ELEMENTS AND THEIR PRO-YUGOSLAV OPPONENTS TOOK PLACE IN TRIESTE LAST NIGHT, AS AN AFTERMATH OF MAY 24 CELEBRATIONS HERE. A GROUP WHO HISSED PATRIOTIC SONGS, WAS SET UPON BY ITALIAN DEMONSTRATORS, AND TWO PERSONS JUMPED INTO THE SEA TO ESCAPE THEIR PERSECUTORS. LATER STONES WERE THROWN INTO THE YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST HEADQUARTERS IN VIA CARDUCCI, AND TWO PERSONS SLIGHTLY INJURED IN SCUFFLES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY. ORDER WAS SPEEDILY RESTORED BY VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICE, WHO MADE NO ARRESTS.

BONFIRES, SPELLING THE NAME "TITO", AND ILLUMINATED END STARS WERE VISIBLE AT NIGHT ON HILLS OVERLOOKING TRIESTE, PROBABLY AS A REPLY TO THE ITALIAN MANIFESTATIONS IN THE CITY.

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251215 FROM COUNIHAN AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE :

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT SUSPENDS TRIESTE COMMUNIST WEEKLY :

TRIESTE MAY 25 (UNN) : ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAVE WITHDRAWN THE PERMIT FOR THE PUBLISHING OF THE WEEKLY PAPER "IL CANGARO" , ALLIED INFORMATION SERVICES ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY :

THE PAPER , A COMMUNIST HUMOUROUS WEEKLY , HAS BEEN SUSPENDED ON THE GROUNDS OF PUBLISHING "WRITTEN MATTER DETRIMENTAL OR DISRESPECTFUL TO THE ALLIED FORCES , ENDS 60

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151955 . FROM COUNCILMAN AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE .

TRIESTE MAY 15 (UTM) .

MAY 18 1945

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT SCEPTICAL ABOUT CHARGES OF
" LAWLESSNESS " IN TRIESTE . USE OF " EXCESSIVE FORCE " BY VENEZIA
GIULIA CIVIL POLICE INVESTIGATED .

SPEAKING OF CHARGES OF ALLEGED LAWLESSNESS IN VENEZIA
GIULIA , COLONEL ALFRED C. BOWMAN , SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER , ALLIED
MILITARY GOVERNMENT , TODAY SAID THAT " THIS GOVERNMENT REGARDS SOMEWHAT
SCEPTICALLY REPORTS OF ALLEGED CASES OF LAWLESSNESS , IN WHICH PERSONS ALLEGED
TO HAVE BEEN INJURED HAD NOT MADE ANY EFFORTS TO SECURE POLICE ASSISTANCE " .

" THE METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR CALLING POLICE HERE
QUICKLY AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THIS AREA HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO A DEGREE EQUAL
TO THAT IN A METROPOLITAN CITY IN EUROPE OR ELSEWHERE " , SAID
COLONEL BOWMAN , AND HE ADDED THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT POLICE RESPONDED
QUICKLY IN ALL CASES OF LAWLESSNESS . " IT IS PERHAPS NATURAL " ,
CONCLUDED COLONEL BOWMAN , " THAT WE SHOULD SUSPECT SOME OF THESE ALLEGED
CASES OF LAWLESSNESS WHICH WERE NOT BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF
THE AUTHORITIES UNTIL SEVERAL WEEKS AFTER THEY ARE SAID TO HAVE
OCCURRED , HAVE IN FACT NOT OCCURRED AT ALL . " .

COLONEL BOWMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT A COURT OF INQUIRY , PRESIDED BY AN
ALLIED OFFICER , IS INVESTIGATING CHARGES OF ALLEGED USE OF " EXCESSIVE
FORCE " BY VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICE . THIS COURT WILL ACCEPT ,
HOWEVER , ONLY INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINTS , " AS THE RULES THERE DO NOT PERMIT
TO ENTERWHEN WHOLESALE COMPLAINTS BY SECTIONS OR GROUPS OF PEOPLE ,
REPRESENTING COLLECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS " .

IN THE MEANTIME BOTH THE PRO ITALIAN AND THE PRO
YUGOSLAV PRESS ARE FREELY CRITICIZING YUGOSLAVS STATEMENT BY GENERAL
GENERAL SIR JOHN HANDEY , IN WHICH HE COMBINED THE DEPARTMENTAL , " " ,

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AND PATIENCE OF (VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICE) THE PRO YUGOSLAV " VOCE INTERNA " CLAIMS THAT THE PRAISE WAS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY A " HUMILIATING IDENTIFICATION PARADE " , IN WHICH DETAINED PRO YUGOSLAVS WERE SUPPOSED TO IDENTIFY POLICEMEN , WHO ALLEGEDLY INTIMIDATED THEM . THE " VOCE " SAYS THAT THE MOST HUMILIATING PART OF THIS PARADE WAS THAT ONE OF THE COMPLAINANTS WAS AN OLD MAN CONVICT , WHO APART FROM VARIOUS PENAL SERVITUDES FOR COMMON CRIMES COMMITTED IN ITALY , ALSO HAS A RECORD OF SEVEN YEARS , SPENT IN SING - SING FOR MAN-SLAUGHTER .

THE PRO YUGOSLAV " LAVORATORE " , ON THE OTHER HAND , PRAISES ITS REPORT OF GENERAL HARDING'S ADDRESS , " SO MANY POLICEMEN WORTHY OF PRAISE " . THE PAPER UNDERLINES , BOTH WHEN QUOTING THE SPEECH , AND LATER IN ITS COMMENT , THE STATEMENT THAT THE DUTY OF THE POLICE " WILL BE OF EVEN GREATER IMPORTANCE IN THE DAYS TO COME " . THE PAPER SAYS THAT IT HOPES GENERAL HARDING IN HIS SPEECH DID NOT SANCTION POLICE METHODS DENIED BY " LAVORATORE " REPORT , OR THAT HIS SPEECH DID NOT SEEM TO BE A DIRECTIVE TO THOSE WHO ARE CONDUCTING ENQUIRIES INTO THESE CHARGES . " IT APPEARS TO US " , WRITES " LAVORATORE " THAT " THE REPEATED EULOGIES OF THE POLICE REVEAL A QUARTERLY THE AUTHORITIES FEEL ABOUT THE PRESTIGE OF THIS CORPS " .

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FROM COMNAVHQS ALS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE..

TRIESTE MAY 16 (URG)

NO FOREIGN CONSULATES IN VENEZIA GIULIA .

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE , COLONEL ALFRED C BOWMAN , SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT , SAID THAT " IT WAS NOT THE PRESENT INTENTION OF THIS GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT CONSULS OF OTHER NATIONS TO COME TO TRIESTE " .

COLONEL BOWMAN POINTED OUT THAT RESIDENTS OF VENEZIA GIULIA ZONE A , OCCUPIED BY ALLIED FORCES RETAIN THEIR ORIGINAL NATIONALITY, AND ALL MATTERS OF PASSPORTS AND OTHER QUESTIONS MUST BE DEALT WITH THROUGH THE NORMAL AUTHORITIES OF THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT.

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141735 . FROM COMINMAN AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE ..

TRIESTE MAY 14 (UIN) .

DEPORTEES FAMILIES PARADE IN GORIZIA ..

NEWSPAPER REPORTS FROM GORIZIA DESCRIBE MANIFESTATIONS OF FAMILIES OF CIVILIAN DEPORTEES , WHO STAGED A DEMONSTRATION THERE TO PROTEST AGAINST THE CONTINUOUS ABSENCE AND LACK OF NEWS OF THEIR RELATIVES . THE LATTER ARE PERSONS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN DEPORTED BY YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES IN MAY LAST .

COMMENTING ON THIS DEMONSTRATION , THE SLOVENE COMMUNIST DAILY " PRIMORSKI DNEVNIK " DESCRIBES IS AS " PROVOCATIVE " , BECAUSE " ACTUALLY THERE ARE NO DEPORTEES , AS WAS STATED BY MARSHAL TITO " .

THE PAPER ALSO SHARPLY CRITICIZES THE RECENT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY ARCHBISHOP OF GORIZIA AND THE BISHOP OF TRIESTE AND CAPODISTRIA , AS , ACCORDING TO " PRIMORSKI " , THIS COMMUNIQUE " CASTS DOUBT UPON THE TRUTHFULNESS OF PRESIDENT OF YUGOSLAVIA " .

IN CONCLUSION THE PAPER THREATENS THAT " ANY DISTURBANCES WHICH MAY TAKE PLACE AS CONSEQUENCE OF THESE PROVOCATIONS WILL BE DUE TO THE SLACK ATTITUDE OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT " . ENDS 19 .

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141900 FROM COUNIHAN AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE :
STATUS OF TRIESTES NOW -- RESIDENTS TO BE EXAMINED :
TRIESTE MAY 14 (UNR) : THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED
TODAY THAT SPECIAL BOARDS WILL BE SET-UP SHORTLY TO EXAMINE THE
POSITION OF ALL PERSONS , WHO WERE UNABLE TO PRODUCE PROOF OF
RESIDENCE , AND WERE ISSUED WITH REGISTRATION CARDS , INSTEAD OF
A REGULAR IDENTITY CARD :
THE BOARD WILL CONSIST OF THREE ALLIED OFFICERS , AND APPLICANTS
MAY EITHER BE HEARD PERSONALLY OR , IF THEY PREFER , THE CASE
WILL BE DETERMINED UPON THEIR WRITTEN APPEAL AND DOCUMENTS
ATTACHED THERETO . ENDS 23

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141220 FROM COUNTESS AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE.

GENERAL HARDING COMMENDS VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE IMPARTIALITY.

TRIESTE MAY 14 (UNN) . ADDRESSING A GATHERING OF 106 VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICE OFFICERS , INCLUDING CADET OFFICERS AND ALLIED OFFICERS , LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR JOHN HARDING , COMMANDER 13 CORPS , TOLD THEM HE WAS SATISFIED WITH TACT , PATIENCE AND IMPARTIALITY , DISPLAYED BY ALL RANKS OF VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICE IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH PUBLIC . HE ALSO EXHORTED THE OFFICERS TO CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES WITHOUT FEAR , FAVOUR OR AFFECTION , " WHATEVER THE DIFFICULTIES THAT MAY BE AHEAD". FOLLOWS FULL TEXT OF GENERAL HARDINGS ADDRESS " A GOOD DEAL HAS HAPPENED SINCE I SPOKE TO YOU LAST AND I WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND ALL RANKS OF THE VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE ON THE EXCELLENT WAY YOU HAVE HANDLED THE LARGE NUMBER OF PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN TRIESTE AND ELSEWHERE IN ZONE A DURING THE LAST TWO MONTHS . I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP YOU GAVE THE MILITARY POLICE IN CONNECTION WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALLIED PARADE ON MAY 2 .

FROM ALL I HAVE HEARD AND SEEN OF CONDUCT OF THE POLICE I AM SATISFIED THAT ALL RANKS HAVE DISPLAYED TACT AND PATIENCE IMPARTIALLY IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH THE PUBLIC . I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASISE ONCE MORE THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF STRICT IMPARTIALITY IN ALL POLITICAL MATTERS ON THE PART OF THE POLICE . SOME OF YOU MAY REMEMBER THAT IN AN ADDRESS THAT I MADE SOME TIME AGO AT A PASSING OUT PARADE I STRESSED THE POINT THAT A POLICEMAN MUST ALWAYS CARRY OUT HIS DUTY WITHOUT FEAR FAVOUR OR AFFECTION . I WOULD LIKE YOU TO REPEAT THESE WORDS AGAIN TO ALL RANKS UNDER YOUR COMMAND AS BEING OF EVEN GREATER IMPORTANCE IN THE DAYS TO COME . NO MATTER WHAT THE PERSONAL FEELINGS OF ANY MEMBER OF THE POLICE FORCE MAY BE THE POLICE MUST DO THEIR DUTY WITH ABSOLUTE IMPARTIALITY .

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THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF VENEZIA GIULIA IS NO CONCERN OF MINE . I AM A SOLDIER AND MY DUTY IS TO SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER TO WHOM I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS ZONE UNDER ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER IN ZONE A UNTIL A SETTLEMENT IS REACHED . I SHALL CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT THIS DUTY WITHOUT FEAR FAVOUR OF AFFECTION AND I LOOK TO YOU AND ALL RANKS OF VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE TO DO THE SAME . EVERY MAN WHO DOES HIS DUTY ON THAT SPIRIT WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE ALLIED COMMAND . ANYONE WHO FAILS WILL BE DEALT WITH ACCORDING TO LAWS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRACTICE IN ALL DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES. THE ALLIED COMMAND IS WELL SATISFIED WITH THE WAY IN WHICH YOU HAVE CARRIED OUT YOUR TASK UP TO DATE AND FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THEY CAN RELY ON YOU TO DO YOUR DUTY WITH COURAGE JUSTICE AND STRICT IMPARTIALITY WHATEVER THE DIFFICULTIES THAT MAY BE AHEAD . I SHOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU THAT I SHALL WATCH OVER YOUR INTERESTS VERY CAREFULLY INDEED . I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR LOYAL SUPPORT AND HELP IN THE PAST AND WISH YOU ALL GOOD FORTUNE IN THE FUTURE . "

COLONEL ALFRED C BOWMAN , SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER , ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT , AND A NUMBER OF SENIOR ALLIED OFFICERS WERE PRESENT DURING THE PARADE AND GENERAL HARDINGS ADDRESS . ENDS 16

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141845 . FROM COUNTESS AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE ..

TRIESTE SHIPYARDS TO BUILD TWO NEW LINERS ..

TRIESTE MAY 14 . (URN)

TWO OSLO SHIPPING COMPANIES , MESSRS . MARTHEI AND EGER ,
AND MESSRS . WILHELM WILHELMSEN , PLACED ORDERS WITH THE TRIESTE
SHIPYARDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO DIESEL ENGINE CARGO LINERS OF
9000 TONS EACH . BOTH SHIPS WILL HAVE ACCOMMODATION FOR TWELVE
PASSENGERS WITH SINGLE BERTH CABINS . THE LINERS ARE DESTINED FOR THE
SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE .

PAYMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION WILL BE THIRTY FIVE PERCENT IN
STERLING AND DOLLAR CURRENCIES , AND SIXTY FIVE PERCENT IN DRIED FISH .

THE ORDERS FOLLOWED A VISIT TO STOCKHOLM AND OSLO BY THE
MANAGING DIRECTOR OF TRIESTE SHIPYARDS , CAPTAIN AUGUSTO COSULICH .
A CORRESPONDENT WAS TOLD THAT THE CONSTRUCTION WOULD LAST EIGHTEEN TO
TWENTY MONTHS AND WILL PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF TRIESTE
WORKERS , ENDS 21

REC'D, W/T 1940/14 FINLAND ..

141850 . AMMUNITION FOUND DURING RAID ON COMMUNIST CLUB NEAR TRIESTE .
TRIESTE MAY 14 . (URN)

THE VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICE STATED TODAY THAT TWO FIELD
TELEPHONES OF GERMAN ORIGIN AND A QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION WERE FOUND DURING
A RAID BY THE POLICE ON A COMMUNIST " CULTURAL CLUB " NEAR MUGELA , IN TRIESTE
DISTRICT . NO ARRESTS WERE MADE . ENDS 22

REC'D, W/T 1920/14 FINLAND ..

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141730 FROM COMNAV AIS TRIESTE . FOR GENERAL RELEASE .

TRIESTE SAILORS SHIPPING WORKERS DEPLORE LOSS OF SATURNIA AND VULCANIA .

TRIESTE MAY 14 (UEN)

STATING THAT TRIESTE WILL HAVE TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF ITALY'S REPARATIONS AND THAT THE LOSS OF TRIESTE'S LARGEST SHIPS , " VULCANIA " AND " SATURNIA " WILL CAUSE MASS UNEMPLOYMENT AND HUNGER AMONG TRIESTE'S SAILORS , THE EMPLOYEES COMMITTEES OF " LLOYD TRIESTINO " " ITALIA " AND " ADRIATICA " SHIPPING COMPANIES PUBLICLY EXPRESSED THEIR APPREHENSIONS ACCORDING TO REPORTS PUBLISHED IN " VOCE LIBERA " TODAY .

TELEGRAMS WERE SENT TO MR. DE GAULLE IN PARIS , AND TO THE ITALIAN PREMIER , SIGNOR DE GASPERI , ASKING THAT TRIESTE'S SITUATION BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION , AND MEASURES ADOPTED TO PREVENT AN ECONOMIC CATASTROPHE AMONG TRIESTE'S SEAFARING POPULATION .

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FROM COUNTRIES HIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE ..

MAY 22 (UNAV) .

ITALIAN POWS RETURN FROM THE BALKANS.

MAY 23 1946

FIFTY SIX ITALIAN SOLDIERS AND ONE ITALIAN CIVILIAN HAVE ARRIVED HERE LAST NIGHT FROM A DISPERSAL CAMP IN ZAGREB. THEY ARE FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR, THOSE FROM OUTSIDE TRIESTE WILL PROCEED TO UNITS, THENCE THEY WILL BE SENT TO THEIR HOME TOWNS.

HERewith THEIR NAMES AND DESTINATIONS. BRUNETTO COSENTINO, MESSINA. PIO LUCCI, MODENA. GAVINO MANCA, BENE. PASQU LE SACONO, AGRICENTO. ANTONIO BRIGANTI, TRANI. EMILIO PASSONI, UDINE. P. SCALFARI CAPOZZI, BARI. SALVATORE CALABRICO, TRIESTE. SALVATORE DELGANO, NAPOLI. PIETRO DOLEFFI, BERGAMO. ROCCO PASLINI, CHIETI. GILBERTO FERRI, FROSINONE. CUGLIERO CONTELLI, CHIETI. ALDO POLONCHI, FORIGNO. COSTANTINO MERCANTI, PANO. G. SPATE CHILIC, FOGGIA. GIUSEPPE GENTILE, ROMA. ARNALDO DEL PORTO, ANTOVA. VILLO GILIO RALI, SPERTO. ANGELO ROSSINI, BOVIGNO. GIUSEPPE TOMMASINI, VERONA. GIUSEPPE ROSSINI, SOCIATI. MARCO DEZINI, TRIENTO. BRUNO DEVI, TRIESTE. MARCO BERLI, TRIESTE. GILBERTO FRANCHI, VERONA. GIUSEPPE DE LUCA, UDINE. GIUSEPPE PROVA, TRIESTE. REMATO DE ANGELIS, TRI. R. FRANCHI SPINELLI, NOVERA. PIERO MOSCA, TRIENTO. PRABACCO, TRIESTE. UBERTO MARUCCI, FIRENZE. ROSSINI DE BICOLI, NOVERA. LIVENZA. SERAFINO CARRETTA, TRI. TEODORO ZOCCHI, MILANO.

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FRANCESCO MARZO , TRIESTE . CARMELO MICOGLI , REGGIO . ENRICO PASTI , VERONA .
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SAVOIA . ANTONIO CASSISI , REGGIO . AGOSTINO D'AMICO , REGGIO . SALVO ROSSI ,
MANGAROTO . GIUSEPPE VIGANO , ECCONESE MILANO . PIETRO LENTINI , ORVETO .
FRANCESCO LUCINO , AVELLINO . ANGELO MASTROGI , VARESE . ANGELO MARIANO ,
AVELLINO MARIANI , AVERSA . GUERRINO RONZAN , ROVERETO . ETTORRE CRICCHIO ,
SALERNO . BRIGIO ORLANDO , ASTI . ALBINO VESILVER , TRIESTE . FERNANDO
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032355 FROM COUNCILMAN AIS THESSE FOR GENERAL RELEASE .

THESSE MAY 3 (JUN). PARTY PAPERS TREATED MORE VIOLENCE AFTER LABOUR DAY SCUTTLES IN THESSE .

DEALING WITH EVENTS ON LABOUR DAY , MAY 1 , WHEN ISOLATED STREET FIGHTS BETWEEN PRO ITALIANS AND PROYUGOSLAVS CONTINUED IN THESSE ALL DAY LONG , TODAY'S PAPERS OF BOTH FRACTIONS PUBLISH VEILED THREATS OF MORE VIOLENCE . WHILE COMMUNIST " LAVORATORE " BRINGS UP THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EARLY " WOMEN'S RISING " , THE PROITALIAN " VOTE LIBERA " STAKES OF " NEW AND MORE VIOLENT ITALIAN INDEPENDENTISM " , AND DEMANDS THE OCCUPATION OF ZONE D BY ANGLAMERICAN FORCES .

IN ITS EDITORIAL , THIS AFTERNOON'S " LAVORATORE " CLAIMS THAT ATTACKS BY ITALIANS ON PRO YUGOSLAV DEMONSTRATORS WERE " NO SPONTANEOUS ACTS , BUT ORGANIZED REACTION OF NEW FASCISM " . THE EDITORIAL THEN GOES ON SAYING THAT " LARGE WORKING MASSES ARE SICK AND TIRED OF SUCH PROVOCATIONS , AND ARE LOSING PATIENCE . THOSE WHO ARE SINCERE DEMOCRATS SHOULD STAND UP NOW AND BACK SO , OTHERWISE THEY WILL BE PUNISHED WITH THE REST OF OUR RACE " , WHILE THE WORKERS HAVE RISEN . TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE " .

THE ORGAN OF THE PROITALIAN FRACTION , " VOTE LIBERA " , CARRIES A PROTEST OF COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION AGAINST " INVASION OF FOREIGNERS INTO OUR CITY " . THE PROSLAV , ADDRESSED TO ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT , CONDEMS ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE , " CONCEIVED BY A NEW EXCITED SPIRIT INSPIRED BY THE IDEA OF TOOTH FOR TOOTH AND EYE FOR EYE " . HOWEVER , IT CLAIMS THE CIVIL , GREATER PART OF THE POPULATION DESERVED CALM AND DISCIPLINE . THEREFORE , IT WOULD BE PAINFULLY SURPRISED TO SEE THAT ELEMENTS FROM OUTSIDE , KEPT OF THEM FROM THE INTERIOR OF SLOVENIA , AND FROM EVEN FARTHER REGIONS OF YUGOSLAVIA , WERE BROUGHT INTO THE CENTER OF THESSE , " IN CLEAR DEFIANCE OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT'S ORDERS " . THE PROSLAV ALSO CLAIMS THAT " THESSE CITIZENS ARE TIRED OF WAITING THEIR CITY INVADED BY

AND TIED OF SUCH PROVOCATIONS, AND ARE LOSING PATIENCE, THOSE WHO ARE SINCERE DEMOCRATS SHOULD STAND UP NOW AND SAY SO, OTHERWISE THEY WILL BE PUNISHED WITH THE BEST OF OUR ENEMIES, WHEN THE WORKERS HAVE RISEN, TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE".

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A TELEGRAM TO DE GASPERI, SENT BY THE GIN, IS ALSO CARRIED BY "VOCE LIBERA". THIS TELEGRAM THREATENS "A NEW AND MORE VIOLENT TRIESTINISM" IF TRIESTE SHOULD BECOME THREATENED FROM ITALY. THE GIN ALSO ASKS THAT TRIESTE SHOULD NOT BE PART OF AUTONOMOUS VENEZIA GIULIA XX PROVINCE.

DEMAND THAT ANGLO-AMERICAN FORCES SHOULD OCCUPY ALSO ZONE B OF VENEZIA GIULIA IS CARRIED AGAIN BUT IN PROMINENCE ON THE VOCE LIBERA FRONT PAGE. PAGE 207

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021600 FROM COUNTHAN AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE.

ITALIANS ORN SHOCK GANGS ; TRIEST MAY 2 (UNNN) MAY 3 1946

YESTERDAYS EVENTS IN TRIESTE TEND TO SHOW THAT HINTS MADE BY LOCAL ITALIAN LEADERS TO THE EFFECT THAT TRIESTE ITALIANS WOULD RESIST , SHOULD THE FINAL DECISION ABOUT THE FATE OF THE CITY GO AGAINST THEM , MAY NOT BE WITHOUT BASIS .

WELL ORGANIZED GROUPS OF ITALIANS WERE DISTRIBUTED ALL OVER THE CITY DURING YESTERDAYS PROVUGOSLAV DEMONSTRATIONS . OF THEM WERE STUDENTS , AND SOME TOUGH YOUNG MEN OF WORKING CLASS APPEARANCE . ALL WERE DETERMINED AND ACTING IN COORDINATION .

THE PROVUGOSLAV FACTION OBVIOUSLY ADOPTED THE LINE OF STRICT DISCIPLINE , AND IT WAS DUE AS MUCH TO THEIR STEWARDS AS TO THE QUICK AND EFFICIENT INTERVENTION OF VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE THAT THERE WERE NO SERIOUS CLASHES IN THE MORNING . A CORRESPONDENT WITNESSED SEVERAL TIMES WHEN MEN OF THE PROVUGOSLAV PROCESSION , INFURIED BY CATCALLS AND INSULTS HEAPED ON THEM FROM SIBERIALKS , BROKE RANKS AND WENT FOR THE INSULTORS HOW ONE OR TWO STEWARDS COLLARED THESE FOLLOWERS AND UNDERMON KOSLY SHOWN THEM BACK INTO THE RANKS . SIMILARLY , A WOMAN WHO FROM THE PROCESSION REPLIED TO INSULTS , HAD A HAND CLASPED OVER HER MOUTH BY ONE OF THE STEWARDS AND WAS PUSHED IN A WAY WHICH , IF IT HAD BEEN DONE BY POLICE , MIGHT HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED AS QUOTE BRUTAL UNQUOTE .

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WHO CAME INTO TRIESTE FOR THE CELEBRATIONS FROM OUTLYING DISTRICTS AND
ZONES BEE, WERE RETURNING TO THE RAILWAY STATION, THEY HAD TO KEEP
WELL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD AND WERE UNDER HEAVY POLICE PROTECTION.
TEEN AGED GIRLS, WHO CAME TO TOWN TO PARTICIPATE IN GYMNASTIC DISPLAY,
HUDDLED TOGETHER AND HELD HANDS, OBVIOUSLY FRIGHTENED BY THE OPENLY
HOSTILE CROWDS ALL ROUND THEM.

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IN THESE SCENES OF SO MUCH HOSTILITY AND ANTAGONISM THERE WERE TWO POSITIVE SIGNS , NEITHER SIDE USED ANY WEAPONS , AND FIGHTING WAS DONE MOSTLY WITH FISTS . WHETHER THIS WAS POLICY , OR EFFECT OF POLICE SEARCHERS AND PAST EXPERIENCE OF POLICE FIRMNESS AGAINST ANYBODY FOUND IN POSSESSION OF WEAPONS , IS DIFFICULT TO SAY .

THE OTHER SIGN WAS THAT OF OUTSTANDING EFFICIENCY OF THE VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICE . THIS YOUNG FORCE , TRAINED BY ALLIED OFFICERS AND HAVING RELATIVELY SMALL EXPERIENCE , HANDLED THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION WITH ADMIRABLE SKILL AND POLITENESS .

A STRONG DETACHMENT OF THE VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICE , INCLUDING RADIO CARS , WAS STATIONED IN FRONT OF THE YUGOSLAV HEADQUARTERS IN VIA D'ADDUCCI , PREVENTING PASSERS BY FROM APPROACHING THE DOOR OF THE BUILDING . ALTHOUGH THE POLICEMEN WERE HARD AT WORK FOR ALMOST TWENTYFOUR HOURS , THEY WERE STILL CHEERFUL LATE IN THE EVENING , WHEN KEEPING APART THE LAST GROUPS .

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TRISTE MAY FIRST CELEBRATIONS PASS WITHOUT INCIDENT.

TRISTE MAY 1 (UNN). THE L. E. LABOUR DAY CELEBRATIONS, COINCIDING WITH THE FIRST ANNIV-

ERSARY OF THE CITY'S LIBERATION, HAVE PASSED WITHOUT SERIOUS INCIDENTS UP TO EARLY

EVENING, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS AN ISOLATED NUMBER OF STREET FIGHTS BETWEEN MEMBERS OF

OPPOSING FACTIONS. HOWEVER, VENEZUELA GUILLA CIVIL POLICE HAD THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND,

AND THE DAY PASSED FAIRLY QUIETLY.

THE LIBERATION CELEBRATIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN GOING ON ALL WEEK AND WHICH WILL CONTINUE

IN TOMORROW'S LARGE SCALE VICTORY PARADE, HAD AN IMPRESSIVE START YESTERDAY WITH A

FAIRLY LARGE MEETING OF THE PROLETARIAN COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION, FOLLOWED

AFTER DUSK BY A LARGE TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION ORGANIZED BY THE PROYUGOSLAV FACTION.

THIS PROCESSION WAS PARTICULARLY IMPOSING, WITH THOUSANDS OF YOUTH LEADERS CARRYING

ALL IDENTICAL TORCHES, AND GIVING AN UPRIGHT ASPECT TO TRISTE'S STREETS, WHILE RIFLES AND

PISTOLS DISPLAY ON HILLS OVERLOOKING THE CITY COMPLETED THE FORCING EFFECT.

EARLY THIS MORNING A REVUELLA WAS PLACED BY BRASS BANDS, MARCHING THROUGH THE STREETS

AS THE FIRST PART OF THE PROYUGOSLAV CELEBRATIONS. THE MUSIC OF THEM MARCHED WITH

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TRISTE'S MAIN SQUARE, PLAZA UENNA. THIS PROCESSION LASTED ALMOST TWO HOURS AND INCLU-

DED A NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM ZONE B.

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AT TOMORROW'S ARMY VICTORY PARADE AND OTHER ANTI-AMERICAN SOLDIERS "WHO FOUGHT SO

SELFLESSLY FOR THE FREEDOM OF ALL NATIONS".

IN THE MEANTIME, PROLETARIAN SYMPATHISERS GATHERED IN THE SQUARE SURROUNDING THE PLAZA

AND OBSERVED THE PASSING PROCESSIONS WITH INTEREST.

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IN THE MEANTIME, PORTUGALIAN STEPAWITSONS GATHERED IN THE SQUARE SURROUNDING THE PIAZZA
 AND GREETED THE PASSING PROCESSIONS WITH RAISING THEIR BAY, BOLLING WHISTLES, GUNFIRMS
 AND BOOING. ALTHOUGH THIS CROWD BECAME MARCHING AS IT GATHERED IN NUMBER, THE VENEZIA
 GULLA CIVIL POLICE WITH ADMIRABLE TACT AND SKILL, PREVENTED SERIOUS INCIDENTS.

SALTIMISTES BETWEEN THE OFFERING PROCESSIONS LASTED ALL AFTERNOON, AND POLICE WERE KEPT
 BUSY ALL OVER TOWN, BUT ONCE AGAIN DISCHARGED THEIR DUTY IN A MOST COMETANT FASHION.
 LATE IN THE AFTERNOON THE PORTUGALIAN CASERA HAD LAMONO TOWN. TOWN HAD THEIR CENTER-
 ANION AT THE PIAZZA UNITA.

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THE OUTSTANDING POINT (S AN ADDRESS BY REPRESENTATIVE (S THE NEWLY FORMED LOCAL BRANCH OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (AS OPPOSED TO JULIAN COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH SUPPORTS THE YUGOSLAV THESIS).

VARIOUS SPORTING EVENTS TOOK PLACE IN THE CITY MARKING THE CELEBRATIONS.

SOME THIRTY ARRESTS WERE MADE UP TO EARLY AFTERNOON, BUT ONLY FIVE PERSONS RECEIVED WHIST AND TREATMENT. THE CITY IS STILL PERTURBED AS SMALL GROUPS OF MOSTLY YOUNG MEN MARCH THROUGH THE STREETS AND OFTEN CLASH WITH THEIR OPPONENTS.

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PLANS FOR TRIESTE VENICE MOTOR HIGHWAY. TRIESTE APRIL 30.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT TOGETHER WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
ARE STUDYING PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MOTOR HIGHWAY (AUTOSTRADA)
TRIESTE - VENICE. THE PLANS ARE FAIRLY ADVANCED, AND AS SOON AS
THEY HAVE BEEN COMPLETED A DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON WHICH WORK
WILL BEGIN ON THE AUTOSTRADA. AGENCY REPORTS THAT WORK SHOULD
BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING OF MAY HAVE BEEN DECLARED PREMATURE BY A
SPOKESMAN OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

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MAY CELEBRATIONS IN TRIESTE. TRIESTE APRIL 30 . THERE WAS LITTLE INTEREST SHOWN IN THE PRELIMINARY MAY CELEBRATIONS IN TRIESTE OVER THE WEEKEND, AND THE VARIOUS PERFORMANCES, ORGANIZED BY BOTH THE PROYUGOSLAV AND THE PROITALIAN FACTIONS, HAD MINIMUM ATTENDANCE.

TODAY, HOWEVER, TRIESTE IS ONCE AGAIN BEFLAGGED, AS THE PROITALIAN COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION ASKED ALL ITALIANS TO HOIST THEIR FLAGS FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION, TOMORROWS ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION OF TRIESTE, AND THURSDAYS GREAT ALLIED VICTORY PARADE.

BOTH RIVAL FACTIONS ARE PLANNING CELEBRATIONS THIS EVENING, WHILE TOMORROW, MAY 1ST, THE PROYUGOSLAVS WILL HOLD THEIR MAIN MANIFESTATIONS, AN IMPRESSIVE VICTORY PARADE OF 13 CORPS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 2ND, FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF ALLIED ENTRY INTO TRIESTE.

SOLDIERS ARE POURING INTO THE CITY, AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING CHURCHILL TANKS AND FLAME THROWING QUOTE CROCODILES UNQUOTE, IS BEING ASSEMBLED OUTSIDE TRIESTE. MORE BRITISH TANKS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE BY SEA TODAY.

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TO KEEP ROADS CLEAR FOR MILITARY TRAFFIC, AND TO PREVENT OVERCROWDING OF TRIESTE, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT REFUSED PERMISSION FOR ENTRY OF SOME 160000 PEOPLE FROM ZONE B, WHOM ORGANIZERS OF PROYUGOSLAV MAY 1ST CELEBRATIONS WISHED TO BRING INTO TRIESTE TO TAKE PART IN THEIR CELEBRATIONS.

ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF GYMNASTS WERE GRANTED PERMISSION TO COME TO TRIESTE FROM ZONE B.

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THIS MEASURE, TOGETHER WITH THE VARIOUS RESTRICTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO KEEP THE PROYUGOSLAV AND PROITALIAN DEMONSTRATORS APART, GAVE RISE TO CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM ON THE PART OF THE PROYUGOSLAV PRESS. ALLEGED ATTACKS BY BOTH PROITALIAN AND PROYUGOSLAV BANDS, REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN PERPETRATED AGAINST TRIESTE SUBURBS RESTAURANTS AND INNS KNOWN TO BE MEETING CENTERS OF THE JEROSING FRACTIONS, CONTRIBUTED TO THE FURTHER STRAINING OF THE SITUATION HERE.

WORKERS IN SUIPYRUS WENT ON STRIKE FOR HALF AN HOUR IN PROTEST AGAINST ONE OF THESE ALLEGED INCIDENTS. THE SLOVENE COMMUNIST PAPER "PRIMORSKI DNEVNIK" EXPRESSED ITS SURPRISE THAT "PREFERENCE IS GIVEN TO A MILITARY PARADE IN TRIESTE, WHICH IS INTENDED TO OBSTRUCT OUR POPULAR CELEBRATIONS WHILE LABORERS IN PROTEST TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR JOHN HARDING GOES SO FAR AS TO DISCLAIM ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON MAY 1ST CELEBRATIONS".

THE LABORERS ALSO CENSORIZED THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION THAT "PEOPLE WHO SUPPLY THE CITY WITH VITAL FOODSTUFFS ARE DENIED ADMITTANCE TO THE FESTIVITIES" AND THE BELGRADE TARIFFS AGENCY EVEN ALLEGES THAT "ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS FORBIDDEN TO IMPORT MILK AND VEGETABLES INTO TRIESTE ON MAY 1ST".

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271800 FROM COUNTHAN AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE .

CLEAN BILL FOR VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE .

APR 29 1946

TRIESTE APRIL 27 (UNN) . THAT AFTER MOST CONSCIENTIOUS ENQUETRY NO EVIDENCE HAS BEEN PRODUCED OF ALLEGED BRUTALITY ON THE PART OF VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICE WAS STATED BY COLONEL ALFRED C BOWMAN , SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY .

THE STATEMENT FOLLOWED PREVIOUS ACCUSATIONS OF BEATING UP OF PRISONERS BY VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICE , AND OF ILL TREATMENT OF PERSONS ARRESTED BY THIS FORCE DURING DEMONSTRATIONS IN TRIESTE IN THE COURSE OF THE LAST MONTH .

COLONEL BOWMAN SAID THAT IN SPITE OF GENERAL COMPLAINTS IN SPECIFIC CASES NO EVIDENCE WAS FOUND TO BEAR OUT SUCH ACCUSATIONS . VERY THOROUGH INVESTIGATIONS WERE MADE OF A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF COMPLAINING PRISONERS . IN SEVERAL CASES THESE EXAMINATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT IN THE PRESENCE OF PERSONS WHO ACCORDING TO COLONEL BOWMAN CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE HAD NO MOTIVE IN CONCEALING EVIDENCE OF BRUTALITY . BUT NO PROOF OF ANY SUCH BRUTALITY APPEARED AND NO COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO COLONEL BOWMAN ALTHOUGH HE INVITED SUCH COMPLAINTS AT HIS FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER HIS RETURN FROM LEAVE IN UNITED STATES A FORTNIGHT AGO.

COLONEL BOWMAN ASSURED THE PRESS THAT ALL MEASURES ARE BEING APPLIED TO PREVENT USE OF UNREASONABLE FORCE BY THE POLICE . ENDS 157 1118

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AIR DISPLAY IN VENEZIA GIULIA .

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TRIESTE APRIL 27 (UNN) . DESERT AIR FORCE GAVE A SPECTACULAR DISPLAY OVER UDINE , A TOWN JUST OUTSIDE VENEZIA GIULIA , AND THE GRAND FLIGHT PAST OF A LARGE BODY OF FIGHTER PLANES AS A SALUTE AT THE END OF THE DISPLAY WAS WITNESSED ALSO BY CITIZENS OF TRIESTE AND GORIZIA . THE SPECTACULAR DISPLAY , WHICH INCLUDED BLAZE BOMB ATTACKS , MOCK FIGHT , AND ROCKET PROJECTILE ATTACK , WAS WITNESSED BY HIGH RANKING ALLIED OFFICERS , REPRESENTATIVES OF YUGOSLAV FORCES , REPRESENTATIVES OF ITALIAN AIR FORCE AND ITALIAN ARMY , AND BY A NUMBER OF ALLIED AND LOCAL CIVILIAN NOTABLES .

ALL COMMENTED ON THE HIGH STANDARD OF TRAINING AND SKILL EXHIBITED BY THE PILOTS , AND THE EXCELLENCE OF AIRCRAFT , APPEARING IN THE DISPLAY . ENDS 156

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ITALIAN GENERALS ON TRIAL IN TRIESTE .

TRIESTE APRIL 24 (UNN) . THE TRIAL OF GENERAL GIOVANNI ESPOSITO, GENERAL ARMANDO D AQUINO, AND OTHER TEN ITALIAN OFFICERS BEGAN TODAY BEFORE TRIESTE EXTRAORDINARY COURT OF ASSIZES. THE ACCUSED, THREE OF WHOM ARE BEING TRIED IN THEIR ABSENCE, ARE CHARGED WITH HAVING HANDED TRIESTE TO THE GERMANS AFTER ITALIAN CAPITULATION ON SEPTEMBER 8 1943 AND WITH HAVING SUBSEQUENTLY COLLABORATED WITH THE ENEMY . GENERAL ESPOSITO IS ALSO CHARGED ACCORDING TO THE ITALIAN MILITARY PENAL LAW WITH CRIMES PUNISHABLE WITH DEATH. SOME HUNDRED WITNESSES ARE BEING CALLED BY THE PROSECUTION, MOSTLY PROMINENT CITIZENS OF TRIESTE . THE DEFENSE WILL ALSO CALL A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF WITNESSES SO THAT THE TRIAL WILL PROBABLY LAST FOR SOME TIME .

IN ITS FIRST SESSION THE COURT ORDERED THE FORMING OF A MILITARY COMMISSION, TO INCLUDE COMMANDERS OF ITALIAN GARRISONS OF ROME AND FLORENCE. THIS COMMISSION IS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL ENQUIRY INTO THE MILITARY CHARGES MADE AGAINST GENERAL ESPOSITO. THE CASE AGAINST ONE OF THE ACCUSED WAS ADJOURNED, AS THE MAN, A SENIOR ITALIAN OFFICER, HAD BEEN CAPTURED LAST YEAR BY ALLIED FORCES, AND IS IN A PRISONER OF WAR CAMP. ENDS 145

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241800 FROM COMINHAN AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE .
NO FRONTIER CLASHES BETWEEN ALLIED AND YUGOSLAV TROOPS .
IT IS OFFICIALLY DENIED AT 13 CORPS THAT ANY INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED
IN THE CAPORETTO AREA INVOLVING CLASHES BETWEEN YUGOSLAV AND EITHER
AMERICAN OR BRITISH TROOPS . ANY SUCH EVENTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE WERE TWO MINOR INCIDENTS ON THE WESTERN BOUNDARY
OF VENEZIA-GIULIA BETWEEN THE POLICE AND SEVERAL ARMED CIVILIANS .
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TRIESTE APRIL 25 (UNN) . FIRST DEATH SENTENCE PASSED IN TRIESTE ,
THE FIRST DEATH SENTENCE PASSED IN TRIESTE BY A COURT SINCE THE
ALLIED OCCUPATION OF THE CITY WAS PRONOUNCED YESTERDAY BY THE
EXTRAORDINARY COURT OF ASSIZES ON ONE LUIGI MARASPIN , FORMER
WARRANT OFFICER OF MUSSOLINI'S BLACK MILITIA.

THE MAN WAS FOUND GUILTY OF TORTURING THE PATRIOTS AND OF BEING
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PUBLIC HANGING IN TRIESTE OF 51 PARTISANS
INCLUDING FOUR WOMEN . THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON MARASPIN
YESTERDAY COINCIDED WITH THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THIS MASS EXECU-
TION .

IF MARASPIN'S APPEAL IS REJECTED , THE SENTENCE WILL HAVE TO BE
CONFIRMED BY ALLIED COMMANDER , MEDITERRANEAN FORCES . ENDS 1112
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171130 FROM COUNIHAN A TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE.

NEW SHIP LAUNCHED FROM TRIESTE DOCKS.

TRIESTE APRIL 17 (UNM)

A NEW MOTOR SHIP OF 850 GRT WAS LAUNCHED FROM TRIESTE SHIPYARDS YESTERDAY. THE SHIP HAD BEEN BUILT FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A LEGHORN FISHING COMPANY, AND IS FITTED OUT WITH A MODERN REFRIGERATING EQUIPMENT. SHE WILL BE USED FOR TRANSPORT OF FISH FROM NORTHSEA

TO ITALIAN PORTS.

THE MATTER OF THE NORWEGIAN 17000 TON LINER TO BE BUILT IN TRIESTE WAS AGAIN BROUGHT UP AT A PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY. AN ORDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH A LINER HAD BEEN PLACED WITH TRIESTE SHIPYARDS, BUT THE OSLO COMPANY SUBSEQUENTLY CANCELLED THE ORDER BECAUSE OF UNSTABLE POLITICAL

AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN VENEZIA GIULIA.

AN ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO RECAPTURE THE CONTRACT AND LIEUTENANT COLONEL D.E. BICKERSTETH, CHIEF ECONOMIC OFFICER OF THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, RECENTLY CALLED UPON THE NORWEGIAN CONSUL IN ROME TO ASSURE HIM THAT THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE DELIVERY ON TIME, IF THE ORDER FOR THE LINER WERE PLACED WITH TRIESTE SHIPYARDS.

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PRISONER ALLEGES CHURCHELLS CALLED DEMONSTRATORS FROM ZONE B TO TRIESTE .

TRIESTE APRIL 16 (IRM). THAT CHURCHELLS CALLED VILLAGERS FROM YUGOSLAV OCCUPIED ZONE B TO GATHER AND PROCEED TO DEMONSTRATIONS IN TRIESTE , AND THAT ARMS WERE ISSUED TO VILLAGERS BY POLITICAL COMMISSARS , WAS ANNOUNCED BY A HAN TREED YESTERDAY BY ALLIED MILITARY TRIBUNAL IN TRIESTE .

THE ACCUSED , A RESIDENT OF A VILLAGE IN ISIRIA , IN YUGOSLAV OCCUPIED ZONE B WAS CHARGED WITH CAUSING A DISTURBANCE DURING ONE OF THE RECENT UNAUTHORIZED DEMONSTRATIONS IN TRIESTE , AND OF BEING IN POSSESSION OF A HAND AUTOMATIC . HE CLAIMED THAT ON THE MORNING PRECEDING THE DEMONSTRATION IN TRIESTE , THE POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF HIS VILLAGE HAD THE CHURCHELLS TOLL , AND WHEN THE VILLAGERS GATHERED TOLD THEM TO PROCEED TO TRIESTE TO TAKE PART IN THE DEMONSTRATION . THE ACCUSED ALSO CLAIMED THAT BEFORE LEAVING FOR TRIESTE , HE WAS GIVEN THE AUTOMATIC BY THE POLITICAL COMMISSAR .

THE COURT FOUND THE ACCUSED GUILTY OF BOTH CHARGES AND SENTENCED HIM TO TWO YEARS IMPRISONMENT .

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160900 FROM COUNTESS AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE.

COLONEL BOWMAN BACK IN TRIESTE.

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TRIESTE APRIL 15 (UN). COLONEL ALFRED C BOWMAN, SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, VENEZIA GIULIA HAS RESUMED HIS DUTIES IN TRIESTE TODAY.

COLONEL BOWMAN, WHO HAS HELD THIS IMPORTANT POSITION IN TRIESTE ALMOST SINCE THE BEGINNING OF ALLIED OCCUPATION OF ZONE A OF VENEZIA GIULIA IN SUMMER LAST YEAR, SPENT THE LAST FEW WEEKS ON LEAVE IN THE UNITED STATES. DURING HIS ABSENCE COLONEL H F P ROBERTSON (BRITISH), ACTED AS SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER.

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FROM COUNIHAM AIS TRIESTE , FOR GENERAL RELEASE.

TRIESTE SEES A QUIET DEMONSTRATION ,

TRIESTE APRIL 13 (UNN).

TODAY TRIESTE SAW A QUIET AND ORDERLY DEMONSTRATION WHEN , UPON THE CONVOCAATION OF THE COMMUNIST SPONSORED "SINDICATI UNICI" TRADE UNION , SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE GATHERED IN ONE OF TRIESTE'S LESSER SQUARES . THE AIM OF THE MEETING WAS TO PROTEST AGAINST THE RECENT ORDER OF THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT PERMITTING INDUSTRIAL FIRMS IN ZONE A OF VENEZIA GIULIA TO DISMISS A CERTAIN NUMBER OF SURPLUS WORKERS .

THE NUMBER OF DEMONSTRATORS WAS MUCH SMALLER THAN AT ANY PREVIOUS COMMUNIST ORGANISED MANIFESTATION . THERE WERE NO FLAGS , ^{AND} NO SLOGANS WERE CARRIED . THE MANIFESTATION WAS STRICTLY NON POLITICAL , AND THE SPEAKERS DEALT EXCLUSIVELY WITH THE ECONOMIC DEMANDS . THE MANIFESTATION LASTED AN HOUR , WHEREUPON THE DEMONSTRATORS QUIETLY DISPERSED . A LENGTHY RESOLUTION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES BY LEADERS OF SINDICATI UNICI ; ENDS 117

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LARGE ARMS DEPOSITS SEIZED IN POLA.

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TRIESTE APRIL 14 (UNN).

AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF ARMS BY THE TRIESTE CIVIL POLICE IN THE COMMUNIST CLUB OF TRIESTE AND OTHER HIDING PLACES CMA THE VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICE IN POLA CMA IN THE ALLIED OCCUPIED ZONE A OF VENEZIA GIULIA CMA YESTERDAY FOUND CONSIDERABLE QUANTITIES OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION CMA HIDDEN IN THREE PRIVATE HOUSES. THE WEAPONS SEIZED BY THE POLICE IN THESE SEARCHES INCLUDED FIFTEEN MACHINE GUNS CMA LARGE AMMOUNTS OF AMMUNITION CMA GERMAN RIFLES CMA GERMAN HAND GRENADES CMA AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF ITALIAN BAYONETTES. TWO PERSONS WERE ARRESTED CMA WHILE A THIRD ONE CMA AFTER A SHOOTING BATTLE WITH THE POLICE CMA SUCCEEDED IN GETTING AWAY AND IS BELEIVED TO HAVE ESCAPED INTO THE YUGOSLAV OCCUPIED ZONE B ENDS 118

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ACQUITTAL IN ABDUCTION CASE.

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TRIESTE APRIL 13 (UNN).

THE 23 YEAR OLD SLOVENE JOURNALIST , DUSAN FORTIC , TODAY HAS BEEN ACQUITTED BY ALLIED MILITARY COURT IN TRIESTE FROM CHARGES OF COMPLICITY IN THE ABDUCTION OF A WELL KNOWN SLOVENE EMIGRANT , ALBIN

SMAJD .

SMAJD WAS FORCIBLY ABDUCTED FROM A TRIESTE STREET EARLY IN THE EVENING ON FEBRUARY 22 . EYE WITNESSES REPORT THAT THE MAN WAS FORCED INTO A BLACK FIAT SEDAN, WHICH DISAPPEARED AT A GREAT SPEED . THE FOLLOWING DAY A VENEZIA GIULIA POLICEMAN NOTICED A NUMBER PLATE BEING CHANGED ON SUCH A BLACK SEDAN OUTSIDE THE YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST HEAD-QUARTERS IN TRIESTE , AND , IN CONSEQUENCE , THE CAR WAS IMPOUNDED AND ITS OWNER , FORTIC , ARRESTED .

IN GIVING HIS VERDICT OF "NOT GUILTY" , CAPTAIN F.H. LEANING , PRESIDENT OF THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT SUPERIOR COURT, SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION THE PROSECUTION PROVED THAT SMAJD WAS ABDUCTED IN FORTIC'S CAR. HOWEVER, THE PROSECUTION DID NOT PROVE THAT THIS TOOK PLACE WITH FORTIC'S KNOWLEDGE AND ASSISTANCE, ALTHOUGH, AS THE PRESIDENT SAID, "THERE IS A SUSPICION THAT FORTIC HAD SOME KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE CAR BEING USED FOR THE PERPETRATION OF THE CRIME". AS
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AMERICAN OFFICER REPORTED REGARDING THE JEEP. TWO ARRESTS IN TRIESTE. TRIESTE APRIL 10 (AM) HOLLOWED THAT THE JEEP WAS IN TRIESTE ON AN AMERICAN OFFICER. MOST JEEP IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM, AND TWO ARRESTS OPERATED IN TRIESTE. YESTERDAY OF TWO MEN CHARGED WITH HARBORING IN STOLEN ALLIED VEHICLES, MARK THE SPURIOUS FIGHT OF THE TRIESTE CIVILIA POLICE AGAINST SYSTEMATIC THREATS OF ALLIED MILITARY HONOR TRANSPORT. TEN MILITARY VEHICLES WERE STOLEN IN TRIESTE ONLY DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, A BRITISH MILITARY POLICE OFFICER TOLD A CORRESPONDENT THIS MORNING, AND NONE OF THESE VEHICLES HAS BEEN RECOVERED. TODAY, SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT, IN TRIESTE, IN ALLIED OCCUPIED ZONE A OF TRIESTE CIVILIA, AN AMERICAN OFFICER WHILE ENTERING HIS JEEP IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN HELD UP BY THREE ARMED MEN. THE MEN ARE SAID TO HAVE TAKEN HIS JEEP AND MADE AWAY WITH IT. IN AN EFFORT TO CHECK THE MATTER IN SUCH STOLEN VEHICLES, THE TRIESTE CIVILIA CIVIL POLICE YESTERDAY ARRESTED IN TRIESTE TWO RESIDENTS OF THE YUGOSLAV OCCUPIED ZONE B OF TRIESTE CIVILIA, THE MEN ARE TO BE CHARGED WITH AN ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE INFORMATION AN ALLIED JEEP, WITH AN INTENT OF TAKING THE JEEP ACROSS THE BORDER LINE INTO YUGOSLAVIA.

THE ARRESTED MEN ARE A 24 YEAR OLD RESIDENT OF TRIESTE IN ZONE B, ALLIED TO THE YUGOSLAV OFFICER, AND A 22 YEAR OLD GERMEN, ALSO FROM TRIESTE. ONE OF THE TWO MEN, WHEN ARRESTED, IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN IN POSSESSION OF TWO CAR NUMBER PLATES, A JEEP IDENTIFICATION TAG, AND A BURNED TRAYSIED LINE IN CASH (SOME 120 POUNDS

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YUGOSLAVIA.

THE ARRESTED MEN ARE A 24 YEAR OLD RESIDENT OF ARAZIA, IN ZONE B, ALLIED TO BE A YUGOSLAV OFFICER, AND A 22 YEAR OLD CHEMIST, ALSO FROM ARAZIA. ONE OF THE TWO MEN, WHEN ARRESTED, IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN IN POSSESSION OF TWO CAR NUMBER PLATES, A JEEP IDENTIFICATION TAG, AND A NUMBERED FORWARD LINE IN CASH (SOME 120 POUNDS STERLING). THE POLICE ALSO CLAIM THAT A POT OF WHITE GREEN PAINT AND TWO AMMUNITION WERE FOUND IN THE APARTMENT IN WHICH THE TWO MEN STAYED DURING THEIR VISIT TO TRIESTE. ENDS 99

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FROM COUNCIL AND TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE. APR 11 1946
 DISCHARGE OF INDUSTRIAL WORKERS NOW PERMITTED IN VENEZIA GIULIA,
 TRIESTE APRIL 10 (UNN). TOMORROW THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN ZONE
 A OF VENEZIA GIULIA WILL PUBLISH AN ORDER WHICH WILL ALLOW INDUSTRIAL
 CONCERNS IN THIS AREA TO DISCHARGE CERTAIN NUMBER OF WORKERS. THE ORDER
 IS SIMILAR TO THAT ADOPTED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR INDUSTRIES IN
 NORTHERN ITALY. AT THE SAME TIME WEEKLY TIME SCHEDULE IN LOCAL INDUSTRIES
 WILL BE REDUCED TO FORTY HOURS.

THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE PAYING SPECIAL UNEMPLOY-
 MENT BENEFITS AND FAMILY ALLOWANCES, AND IS PREPARING LARGE SCALE PUBLIC
 WORKS, WHICH SHOULD ABSORB A GREATER NUMBER OF WORKERS THAN THAT LIKELY
 TO BE DISCHARGED FROM INDUSTRY.

IN PUBLISHING THIS ANNOUNCEMENT THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT STRESSED
 THE FACT THAT THE ENFORCED MAINTENANCE OF SURPLUS WORKERS ON PAYROLLS
 OF INDUSTRIAL FIRMS HAS PLACED SUCH FIRMS IN THIS AREA IN AN ALMOST
 BANKRUPT POSITION.

THE TRIESTE COMMUNIST PRESS, WHICH HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A STRONG CAMPAIGN
 AGAINST SUCH PLANNED UNBLOCKING OF DISMISSALS, DEMANDS TODAY THAT QUOTE
 FASCISTS AND OTHER MORALLY UNWORTHY UNQUOTE SHOULD BE STRUCK OFF THE
 PAYROLL FIRST. IT ALSO CRITICIZED THE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS OF THE ALLIED
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 CONCLUDES SAYING THAT TRIESTE WORKING CLASS QUOTE WILL FIGHT ON UNTIL
 FINAL VICTORY UNQUOTE. ENDS 102

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091045 FROM COUNIHAN AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE. TRIESTE APRIL 9 (UNN). KIDNAPPING CASE BEFORE TRIESTE COURT.

YESTERDAY AN ALLIED MILITARY COURT BEGAN THE TRIAL OF A SLOVENE JOURNALIST, ONE DUSAN FORTIC, CHARGED WITH HAVING TAKEN PART IN THE ABDUCTION OF A PROMINENT SLOVENE REFUGEE, DR ALB IN SMAJD. THE LATTER WAS ABDUCTED FROM A TRIESTE STREET IN THE EARLY EVENING OF FEBRUARY 22.

THE PROSECUTION IS CHARGING FORTIC THAT HE PERMITTED HIS CAR, A BLACK FIAT SALOON, TO BE USED IN THE KIDNAPPING OF SMAJD. WITNESSES FOR THE PROSECUTION DESCRIBED THE KIDNAPPING SCENE, WHEN SMAJD AND APPARENTLY ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED MAN WERE FORCED INTO A BLACK FIAT SALOON. THE FOLLOWING DAY A VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICEMAN SAW MEN CHANGING A LICENCE PLATE ON SUCH A CAR PARKED IN FRONT OF THE YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST HEADQUARTERS IN TRIESTE, IN VIA GARIBOLDI NO 6. HE TELEPHONED TO THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS, AND THE POLICE ARRIVED AND IMPOUNDED THE VEHICLE. THE TRIAL WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL TODAY, WHEN DEFENCE WILL PRESENT ITS CASE.

TWO OTHER MILITARY TRIBUNALS, SITTING SIMULTANEOUSLY, HAVE BEEN TRYING CASES ARISING OUT OF THE RECENT DISORDERS. MOST OF THE ACCUSED WERE PERSONS FROM OUTSIDE TRIESTE. ONLY A NUMBER OF SMALL SENTENCES WERE PRONOUNCED, WHILE NUMEROUS CHARGES WERE DISMISSED, AS THE COURT **1403** THAT THERE WAS EITHER REASONABLE DOUBT OR INSUFFICIENT PROOF OF THE

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TRIESTE APRIL 9 (UNNN) .

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT WARNS AGAINST ENTERING VENEZIA GIULIA WITH ARMS.

THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN THE ALLIED OCCUPIED ZONE A OF VENEZIA GIULIA YESTERDAY ISSUED A WARNING THAT ANY PERSONS ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THIS ZONE FROM ANY DIRECTION , AND FOUND IN POSSESSION OF FIREARMS OR OF ANY KIND OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS , WOULD BE APPREHENDED AND CHARGED ACCORDING TO EXISTING REGULATIONS . THE WARNING ADDED THAT RECENTLY THERE HAD BEEN CASES OF PERSONS WHO HAD TRIED TO INTRODUCE ARMS INTO ZONE A OF VENEZIA GIULIA .

IN A GENERAL SWEEP TO CLEAR THE REGION OF ARMS . THE POLICE ON SUNDAY SEIZED A NUMBER OF WEAPONS HIDDEN IN A DAMAGED SHED OF THE BOMB WRECKED TRIESTE ARSENAL . THE ARMS , THE POLICE TOLD A CORRESPONDENT , WERE IN A BAD AND VERY RUSTY CONDITION . INVESTIGATIONS ARE PROCEEDING . ENDS 9Z

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TRIESTE APRIL 7 (UNN).

AMERICAN TROOPS PARDE IN GORIZIA.

MORE THAN 5000 OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE UNITED STATES 88 TH DIVISION.

"BLUE DEVILS" YESTERDAY PARADED THROUGH THE STREETS OF GORIZIA, VENEZIA

GIULIA IN COMMEMORATION AND HONOUR OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS OF THE FIRST

AND SECOND WORLD WAR, CELEBRATING AMERICAN "ARMY DAY".

WHILE HEAVY TANKS, MOTORIZED ARTILLERY EQUIPMENT IN FIRST CLASS CONDIT-

ION AND GUNS OF ALL CALIBRES OF THE LATEST TYPES ROLLED THROUGH THE

STREETS OF GORIZIA IN THE ALLIED-OCCUPIED ZONE A OF VENEZIA GIULIA,

PLANES OF THE BRITISH DESERT AIR FORCE ROARED LOW OVER THE TOWNS STREETS,

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THE SALUTE WAS TAKEN BY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR JOHN HARDING, COMMANDER

13 CORPS, AND BY MAJOR-GENERAL BRYANT E MOORE, COMMANDER OF THE 88 TH

UNITED STATES DIVISION. THE TROOPS WERE LED TO THE REVIEWING STAND

BY BRIGADIER-GENERAL RIDGLEY GAITHER, THE NEW ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL

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BOUNDARY COMMISSION COMPLETES ENQUIRIES EXPERTS LEAVING FOR LONDON IMMEDIATELY.

THE COMMISSION WHICH HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING THE ITALO-YUGOSLAV BOUNDARY IS LEAVING VENEZIA GIULIA AND HAS COMPLETED ITS TASK HERE, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY BY THE COMMISSIONS SENIOR SECRETARY. THE STATEMENT READS. "THE COMMISSION OF EXPERTS FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ITALO-YUGOSLAV BOUNDARY HAS NOW COMPLETED ITS ENQUIRIES IN THE AREAS ASSIGNED TO IT FOR INVESTIGATION. THE COMMISSION IN THE COURSE OF ITS INVESTIGATIONS HAS VISITED A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF LOCALITIES AND HAS INTERVIEWED MANY AUTHORITIES AND PROMINENT PERSONS. IT HAS IN ADDITION RECEIVED AND STUDIED NUMEROUS DOCUMENTS AND STATEMENTS SUBMITTED IN WRITING".

"THE COMMISSION IS LEAVING IMMEDIATELY FOR LONDON WHERE IT WILL PREPARE A FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE DEPUTIES OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS". ENDS TO

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FROM COUNCILMAN ALS TRUESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE

MILLION NEW TREES PLANTED AROUND TRUESTE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SPENDS TWO MILLARDS LIRE FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

TRUESTE APRIL 2 (UNN)

SOME 3000 MEN ARE AT PRESENT ENGAGED ON THE LARGE SCALE AFFORESTATION SCHEME

EXECUTED IN TRUESTES SURROUNDING BY THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT. THE

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT, WHILE MAKING THIS ANNOUNCEMENT,

ADDED THAT, 411 PROJECTS, COSTING OVER TWO MILLARDS LIRE (OVER TWO MILLION

POUNDS STERLING) HAD BEEN COMPLETED BY MARCH 15TH. THESE PROJECTS GAVE EMPLOY-

MENT TO 6500 WORKERS, APART FROM EMPLOYMENT IN CONTRIBUTING INDUSTRIES, SUCH

AS QUARRIES, BRICK AND CEMENT YARDS, ETC.

THE HILLSIDES OF TRUESTE WERE MERCELESSLY DENuded DURING GERMAN OCCUPATION,

AND THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT PLANS TO PLANT SOME MILLION TREES AROUND

TRUESTE AND ON THE CORSO PLATEAU. PART OF THE AFFORESTATION AREA IS STILL

HEAVILY MINED, AND BOMB DISPOSAL SQUADS ARE AT PRESENT BUSY AT WORK, CLEARING

UP LARGE TRACTS OF LAND SO THAT TREE PLANTERS CAN CARRY ON THEIR WORK IN

SAFETY. THIS PROJECT IS SUPPOSED TO LAST UNTIL THE END OF THE PRESENT YEAR.

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FROM COUNCILMAN ALS TRAESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE

TRAESTE SHIPYARDS LOSE CONTRACT WITH NORWEGIAN SHIPPING COMPANY. ALLIED
MILITARY GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO RECAPTURE CONTRACT.

TRAESTE APRIL 2 (UNN).

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT'S SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED HERE YESTERDAY THAT A
CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 17000 TON LATER FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A
NORWEGIAN SHIPPING COMPANY, PROVISIONALLY PLACED WITH TRAESTE SHIPYARDS, HAD
BEEN CANCELLED BY THE NORWEGIANS ON ACCOUNT OF UNCERTAIN SOCIAL AND
POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN VENEZUELA. THE SHIPYARDS, HOWEVER, ARE
TRYING TO RECAPTURE THE CONTRACT WITH THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF ALLIED MILITARY
GOVERNMENT.

THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT'S SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE SUCCESS OF
THESE EFFORTS WILL LARGELY DEPEND ON THE GOOD WILL OF TRAESTE WORKING
CLASSES AND THEIR LEADERS. IF THERE SHOULD DEVELOP A STATE OF NON-
COOPERATION OF WORKERS, SAID THE SPOKESMAN, FOREIGN BUYERS COULD HARDLY BE
OFFERED ANY CERTAINTY OF RECEIVING THE GOODS OR SERVICES THEY HAD ORDERED.

IT WAS ALSO STATED ON THIS OCCASION THAT ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT IS
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PART OF ARRESTED DEMONSTRATORS TO BE RELEASED.
TRIESTE APRIL 3 (UKN).

A NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARRESTED DURING STREET DEMONSTRATIONS IN TRIESTE WILL BE RELEASED FROM PRISON WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY BY LIEUTENANT COLONEL J. C. SMUTS, TRIESTE AREA COMMISSIONER.

THE RELEASES WILL BE MADE BECAUSE THERE IS EITHER INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF GUILT AGAINST THE ARRESTED PERSONS, OR SUCH REASONABLE DOUBT AS TO THERE GUILT WHICH WOULD ENTITLE THEM TO ACQUITTAL BEFORE A COURT OF LAW.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL SMUTS STATED, HOWEVER, THAT THE POLICE WERE FULLY JUSTIFIED IN MAKING THESE ARRESTS, AND THAT IT WAS PROVED BY INVESTIGATION THAT THE POLICE HAVE SHOWN FAIRNESS IN RESPECT OF EACH PERSON RELEASED. ENDS 44

AMERICAN 66 DIVISION WILL PARADE IN GORIZIA ON ARMY DAY,
TRIESTE APRIL 3 (UKN).

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FROM COUNCILMAN AIS TRIESTE. FOR GENERAL RELEASE.

ANOTHER QUIET DEMONSTRATION IN TRIESTE STIFFENING OF GOVERNMENTS ATTITUDE ENVISAGED. - TRIESTE APRIL 2 (UNW).

WHILE A LARGE CROWD OF DEMONSTRATORS FROM TRIESTE SUBURBS AND OUTLYING DISTRICTS WERE LISTENING TO SPEECHES OF TWO COMMUNIST LEADERS ON TRIESTES LARGEST SQUARE, PIAZZA UNITA, THREE STATEMENTS ISSUED FROM THE HEAD-QUARTERS OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT CLEARLY PRESAGED A STIFFENING OF THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENTS ATTITUDE TOWARDS SUCH MANIFESTATIONS.

TODAYS DEMONSTRATION WAS CALLED TO PROTEST AGAINST QUOTE FASCIST PROVACATION, FASCIST TERROR, ILLTREATMENT OF ANTI-FASCIST FIGHTERS UNQUOTE, AND AGAINST RESTRICTIONS ALLEGEDLY IMPOSED ON PROYUGOSLAV MANIFESTATIONS.

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TO INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, AND TO LABOUR MEMBERS, MR. ZILLIACUS, IN
HOUSE OF COMMONS, SOLICITING DELEGATIONS TO BE SENT TO INVESTIGATE
ACCUSATIONS OF ILLTREATMENT OF PROYUGOSLAV PRISONERS IN TRIESTE JAIL.

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THAT SUCH ACCUSATIONS ARE QUOTE VAGUE AND OF PROPAGANDISTIC NATURE UNQUOTE WAS STATED TODAY BY COLONEL H.P.P. ROBERTSON, ACTING SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE COLONEL ROBERTSON SAID HE OBTAINED FROM PROYUGOSLAV SOURCES NAMES OF 30 MEMBERS OF VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICE, ACCUSED OF BEING FORMER FASCISTS. INVESTIGATIONS PROVED THAT OF THESE THIRTEEN HAVE NEVER BEEN MEMBERS OF THE VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE, FIVE RESIGNED OR WERE DISMISSED PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF THE COMPLAINT : THERE IS NO EVIDENCE AGAINST OTHER FOURTEEN, OF WHOM MANY WERE FORMER TITO SOLDIERS, OR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST QUOTE POPULAR DEFENCE UNQUOTE, OR EMPLOYED WITH ALLIED FORCES DURING THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN ITALY. SIX HAD BEEN UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR SOME TIME, AND THREE OF THE LATTER WILL PROBABLY BE DISCHARGED.

COLONEL ROBERTSON STATED THE INVESTIGATION CAUSED A LOT OF EXTRA WORK, IN HIS OPINION QUOTE UNNECESSARY WORK UNQUOTE.

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TRIESTE APRIL 2 (UNN).

MORE THAN HUNDRED AND TWENTY WEAPONS WERE SEIZED BY THE VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICE DURING THE RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN TRIESTE. THE WEAPONS HAVE NOW BEEN LAID OUT AS EXHIBITS AT THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

A POLICE OFFICER EXPLAINED TO A CORRESPONDENT THAT THE WEAPONS WERE TAKEN FROM BOTH PROYUGOSLAV AND PROITALIAN DEMONSTRATORS, BUT THE MAJORITY OF THE WEAPONS WERE FOUND ON THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROYUGOSLAV MANIFESTATION. OF THESE AGAIN MOST OF THE ARRESTED PERSONS WERE YUGOSLAVS FROM THE YUGOSLAV OCCUPIED ZONE B OF VENEZIA GIULIA.

THE EXHIBITION INCLUDES ELECTRIC LIGHT BULBS FILLED WITH ACID, KNIVES, DAGGERS, KNUCKLEDUSTERS, RUBBER CABLE ENDS, METAL HAMMERS, WOODEN MALLETS, ONE PISTOL AND ONE FULL LENGTH SWORD, CARRIED BY A PROYUGOSLAV DEMONSTRATOR UNDER HIS SUIT.
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PROG COUNTRYMAN AT TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE.

NEW DEMONSTRATIONS BREAK OUT IN TRIESTE.

TRIESTE APRIL 1 (UNN).

AFTER A FOUR DAYS LULL NEW DEMONSTRATIONS BROKE OUT IN TRIESTE TODAY, WHEN PROYUGOSLAV FACITION PROCLAIMED AN UNOFFICIAL STRIKE, AND STAGED UNAUTHORIZED DEMONSTRATION, WHILE PROITALIAN ELEMENTS TRIED TO BREAK THROUGH POLICE CORDON AND ATTACK THE PROYUGOSLAVS.

TODAY'S COMMUNIST PRESS CLEARLY CONVEYED THE DEPRESSION THAT THE PROPGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE AUTHORITIES HERE IS BEING STEEPED UP, AND IT CONFINES ITSELF NO LONGER TO VENEZLA GUILL, CIVIL POLICE, BUT INCLUDES THE ENTIRE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT. THE CITY AREA COMMISSIONER, LIEUT-COL. J.C. SAUTS, OBE, IN PARTICULAR HAS BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR THE ATTACKS. THIS AFTERNOON'S "LAVORATORE" HAS A FOUR COLUMN HEADLINE "RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEO-FASCIST TERROR AND FOR TORTURING OF ANTI FASCISTS" UNDER WHICH THE PAPER PRINTS A LENGTHY MEMORANDUM, SUBMITTED TO ALLIED BOUNDARY COMMISSION, THIS MEMORANDUM CHARGES THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, AMONG OTHERS, WITH RESPONSIBILITY "FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE NEO-FASCIST MANIFESTATION ON MARCH 27", WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN PROTECTED "UNDER THE PRETEXT OF FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY". A PROTEST AGAINST THE "ILLEGAL RAID" ON THE COMMUNIST CULTURAL CLUB, IN WHICH THREE MACHINE GUNS AND OTHER WEAPONS WERE FOUND, IS ALSO CARRIED ON "LAVORATORE'S" FRONT PAGE, TOGETHER WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF HUNGER STRIKE OF PRISONERS ARRESTED IN THE CLUB.

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LATE IN THE EVENING THE POLICE SAID THAT FIVE PERSONS WERE ARRESTED DURING THE DAY, WHILE OTHER THIRTY WERE ARRESTED BY THE RAILWAY POLICE SECTION, BECAUSE THEY WERE COMING TO TRIESTE TO TAKE PART IN THE MANIFESTATION, TRAVELLING WITHOUT TICKETS.

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FROM COUNCILMAN AIS TRIESTE, FOR GENERAL RELEASE.

MACHINE GUNS, PISTOL, DISCOVERED IN COMMUNIST CLUB IN TRIESTE.

TRIESTE MARCH 30 (UIN).

THREE SUBMACHINE GUNS, AN AUTOMATIC PISTOL, A QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION, AS WELL AS
RATCHETS, STONE MISSILES, KNIVES, A WIRELESS SET AND AN EMPTY COFFIN WERE SEIZED
FROM A COMMUNIST QUOTE CULTURAL CLUB UNQUOTE IN A TRIESTE WORKING CLASS DISTRICT
DURING A POLICE RAID EARLY THIS MORNING.

THE RAID FOLLOWED AN INCIDENT DURING WHICH TWO OFFICERS OF VENEZIA POLIZIA CIVILE
POLICE WERE ATTACKED, ROBBED AND RECEIVED INJURIES.

FOLLOWING THE RAID ON THE CLUB, FIFTEEN PERSONS WERE DETAINED FOR INTERVIEW.
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THE COMMUNIST PAPER QUOTE LAVORATORE UNQUOTE, COMMENTING ON THIS RAID, SAID THE
AUTHORITIES ARE OBVIOUSLY DISSEMINATING QUOTE THE FIGHTING SPIRIT NOW STRONG IN
EVIDENCE ALONG THE WORKING CLASSES UNQUOTE, AND SAID THAT INHABITANTS OF THE DISTRICT
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WHICH THEY SAY, ACCORDING TO QUOTE LAVORATORE UNQUOTE, THEY ARE GOING QUOTE TO
DETEND THEMSELVES AT ALL COSTS UNQUOTE.

COLONEL THORNE-THORNE, COMMANDER OF THE VENEZIA POLIZIA CIVILE TODAY (A.3.12)

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COLONEL THORNE-THORNE, COMMANDER OF THE VENEZIA POLIZIA CIVILE POLICE TODAY ADVISED

AN ORDER, IN WHICH HE CONGRATULATES ALL OFFICERS, NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE CIVIL POLICE FOR THEIR BRAVE AND EFFICIENT BEHAVIOUR INQUOTE WHILE IN

SERVICE MAINTAINING PUBLIC ORDER DURING THE PAST WEEK. AS KNOWN. THE POPULATION HAD BEEN ORGANIZING CONTINUOUS DEMONSTRATIONS DURING THE FIRST FOUR DAYS OF THIS

WEEK. ENDS 690

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FROM COUNCILMAN AID TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE.

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TRIESTE STOP

IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED HERE THAT A LARGE MILITARY PARADE WILL TAKE PLACE
IN TRIESTE ON MAY 2 1946 TO COMMEMORATE THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY
OF THE LIBERATION OF THE CITY BY FORCES UNDER COMMAND OF FIELD
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AND TO DEMONSTRATIONS IN TRIESTE NO 650.

LATE IN THE EVENING THREE SHOTS WERE FIRED INTO A VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE JEEP IN A WORKING CLASS DISTRICT OF TRIESTE. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. THE DISTRICT IS CORDONED OFF, WHILE THE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING.

IT WAS STATED HERE TODAY THAT THIS AFTERNOON'S PROITALIAN DEMONSTRATION WAS THE BIGGEST MANIFESTATION TRIESTE HAS SEEN SINCE THE LIBERATION.

MEMBERS OF THE ALLIED BOUNDARY COMMISSION COMMENTED ON THE EXCELLENT WORK BY THE POLICE UNDER DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. ENDS 6,5

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FROM COUNTHAN AIS TRIESTE . FOR CENTRAL RELEASE .

LARGE PROITALIAN MANIFESTATION IN TRIESTE FEW ARRESTS AND INCIDENTS.

TRIESTE MARCH 27 UNN. THE WEEK OF MANIFESTATIONS IN TRIESTE HAS REACHED ITS CLIMAX TODAY WHEN PRACTICALLY ALL TRIESTE WAS IN THE STREETS. PIAZZA UNITA, THE LARGEST SQUARE IN THE TOWN, WAS FILLED TO CAPACITY, AND HUGE CROWDS WERE OVERFLOWING INTO ADJACENT STREETS, IN THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION PROITALIAN MANIFESTATION.

THIS MORNING WORKERS, WHO PRESENTED THEMSELVES FOR WORK IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND THE PORT WERE SENT HOME BY THE COMMUNIST TRADE UNIONS AT 0900 HOURS. SINCE THAT TIME PROYUGOSLAV PROCESSIONS OFTEN WITH BRASS BANDS, WERE PASSING THROUGH THE STREETS OF TRIESTE.

AT THE SAME TIME A LARGE AMOUNT OF LEAFLETS ASKED THE TRIESTIANS TO CLOSE THEIR SHOPS AND OFFICES AT 1600 HOURS AND ASSEMBLE IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY FOR THE OFFICIAL PROITALIAN MANIFESTATION. THIS APPEAL MET WITH A WHOLE HEARTED RESPONSE, AND AFTER LUNCH THE CITY ONCE AGAIN ASSUMED A HOLIDAY ASPECT. ALL SHOPS AND OFFICES WERE CLOSED, WHILE PEOPLE WERE FILLING THE STREETS.

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261930Z FROM COUNIHAN AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE, TRIESTE MARCH 26
(UNN). ITALIAN MANIFESTATIONS IN GORIZIA.
SINCE SUNDAY AFTERNOON, WHEN IT WAS FIRST RUMOURED THAT THE ALLIED
BOUNDARY COMMISSION IS COMING TO GORIZIA, ITALIAN ELEMENTS IN THE CITY
WERE STAGING SPORADIC AND UNORGANIZED DEMONSTRATIONS. THESE CLIMAXED
IN TODAYS LARGE MANIFESTATIONS WHICH LASTED FOR TWO HOURS AND DURING
WHICH THE ENTIRE CITY WAS BEDECKED WITH ITALIAN FLAGS.
ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A SMALLER YUGOSLAV COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION, ALLIED
MILITARY POLICE TOGETHER WITH VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICE KEPT THE
TWO CROWDS APART AND THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS TODAY. SUNDAY AND MONDAY,
HOWEVER, A TOTAL OF 50 PERSONS WERE ARRESTED, AND TWO PERSONS WERE SER-
IOUSLY INJURED AS A RESULT OF THESE MANIFESTATIONS.
NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT HAS BEEN RELEASED AS TO THE ARRIVAL, ACTIVITIES
OR LENGTH OF STAY OF THE ALLIED BOUNDARY COMMISSION IN GORIZIA.
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FROM COUNCILMAN AJB TRN TE... FOR GENERAL RELEASE.

THIRD DAY OF DEMONSTRATIONS IN TRIESTE... LJUBLJANA TRAIN TURNED BACK
TO PREVENT OUTSIDE DEMONSTRATORS ENTERING CITY.

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TRIESTE MARCH 26 (UPI).

FOR THE THIRD DAY IN SUCCESSION TRIESTE HAD A LARGE-SCALE DEMONSTRATION
IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY.

TRIESTE DOCK WORKERS AS WELL AS WORKERS IN ALL LARGE FACTORIES AND
SHIPYARDS STOPPED WORK AT 1500 TO JOIN IN A LARGE PROYUGOSLAV
DEMONSTRATION. WHILE THE MEN WERE MARCHING IN CLOSED FORMATIONS FROM
THE SUBURBS TOWARDS THE CENTER, SCUFFLES TOOK PLACE AT THE RAILWAY
STATION BETWEEN POLICE AND DEMONSTRATORS, ARRIVING BY TRAINS FROM
OUTSIDE VILLAGES, MOSTLY WITHOUT TICKETS. A NUMBER OF PERSONS WERE
ARRESTED AT THE STATION AT THEIR ARRIVAL, AND FLAGS, CARRIED BY THEM,
SEIZED BY THE POLICE.

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OF FIGHTS ENSUED WITH SMALL GROUPS OF PROITALIAN DEMONSTRATORS, BUT
THE POLICE STATE THAT THERE WERE NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS.

LATE AT NIGHT THE DEMONSTRATION IS STILL CONTINUING. DEMONSTRATORS
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SERIOUS TOMORROW, WHEN THE PRO ITALIAN COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION
IS ORGANIZING THEIR FIRST OFFICIAL MANIFESTATION. SPEAKERS, WHO WERE
ADDRESSING THE PRO YUGOSLAV DEMONSTRATORS TODAY, DESCRIBED TOMORROWS
PRO ITALIAN MANIFESTATION AS FASCIST, AND HAVE ASKED THEIR FOLLOWERS
QUOTE TO BE IN TOWN UNQUOTE. TOMORROW IS ALSO THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE SIMOVICH QUOTE PUTSCH UNQUOTE IN BELGRADE, WHEN IN 1941 YUGOSLAVIA
BROKE OFF HER RELATIONS WITH GERMANY AND JOINED THE ALLIES. IT APPEARS
THAT THE YUGOSLAV FACTION IN VENEZIA GIULIA IS PREPARING CELEBRATIONS

OF THAT DATE. ENDS 638

RECD - W/T - 2300/26 A.R.

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FROM COUNIHAN AIS TRIESTE . FOR GENERAL RELEASE.

PERJURY AT "LAVORATORE" TRIAL .

TRIESTE MARCH 26 (UNW).

YESTERDAY, ON THE FOURTH DAY OF THE TRIAL OF THE RESPONSIBLE EDITOR OF THE COMMUNIST PAPER "LAVORATORE", THE MYSTERIOUS WITNESS WHO ALLEGEDLY TOOK AWAY A PISTOL FROM THE POLICEMAN, ADMITTED THAT HE WAS NOT TELLING THE TRUTH . THE PRESIDENT OF THE COURT STATED THAT THE WITNESS'S EVIDENCE WILL BE SENT TO PUBLIC PROSECUTOR WHO MIGHT CHARGE THE WITNESS WITH PERJURY .

THE EDITOR OF "LAVORATORE" IS BEING TRIED ON TWO CHARGES , OF DISSEMINATING A RUMOUR LIABLE TO CAUSE ALARM, AND OF COMMITTING AN ACT TO THE PREJUDICE OF PUBLIC ORDER. THE CHARGES ARE BASED ON AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED BY THE "LAVORATORE" A DAY BEFORE THE FATEFUL SERVOLA SHOOTING INCIDENT . THESE ARTICLES ALLEGED THAT VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICE. WHILE REMOVING YUGOSLAV FLAGS FROM THE SERVOLA SCHOOL, SHOT INTO A CROWD IN A CLASSROOM, AND BRUTALLY MISTREATED WOMEN AND CHILDREN .

AT THE OUTSET OF THE TRIAL A PISTOL AND AN ANONYMOUS LETTER WERE HANDLED TO THE PRESIDENT BY THE DEFENSE, WHICH INDICATED THAT THE PISTOL WAS TAKEN FROM A POLICEMAN WHO FIRED IT INTO THE CROWD.

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FIREARMS EXPERTS DEMONSTRATED THAT THE DEFENCE THESIS THAT THE POLICEMAN'S PISTOL FIRST MISFIRE, AND IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS WAS FIRED AGAIN, IS MOST IMPROBABLE. THE TRIAL WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. ENDS 625

REC'D- 1230/25 L.W. KIRKLAND

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231500 FROM COUNIHAN AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE,
 (CLA 22 MARCH (AIS) STOP THE INTERALLIED COMMISSION FOR VENEZIA GIULIA
 ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY MORNING JUST BEFORE MIDDAY AND WAS WELCOMED
 AT THE TOWN HALL BY COLONEL BREWOOD, AMG REPRESENTATIVE, AND THE
 PRESIDENT OF THE ZONE SIG DASHI.
 AFTER RECEIVING THE PRESIDENT OF THE ZONE WITH THREE MUNICIPAL COUN-
 CILLERS THE COMMISSION BROKE OFF ITS DELIBERATIONS AT 1520. WORK WAS
 RESUMED A FEW MINUTES AFTER 1700 HOURS AND AT 1730 THE COMMISSION
 SAW A DELEGATION OF SIX MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE CPL AND UALIS. THIS
 MEETING LASTED UNTIL 2015 AND WAS FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY A 25 MINUTE
 INTERVIEW WITH THE BISHOP OF PARENZO.

AFTER A SHORT RECESS THE COMMISSION CONTINUED ITS WORK BY RECEIVING
 AT 2115 A FOUR MEMBER DELEGATION FROM THE CLN.
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DEMONSTRATIONS, WHICH OFTEN SERIOUSLY INTERFERED WITH THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION, TOOK PLACE IN FRONT OF THE TOWN HALL DURING THE WHOLE TIME THE COMMISSION WAS PRESENT IN THE TOWN BUT THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF ANY UNTOWNEZ INCIDENTS.

THE V.G. CIVIL POLICE CARRIED OUT THEIR DUTY IN AN EXEMPLARY MANNER.

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242120 FROM COUNIHAN AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE STOPTUMULTUOUS
DEMONSTRATIONS IN TRIESTE. PARA TRIESTE MARCH 24 UNN : TODAY THE ITALIAN
POPULATION OF TRIESTE BROKE THEIR POLICY OF CALM AND STRICT ABSTENTION
FROM ALL POLITICAL MANIFESTATIONS, WHEN A CROWD, WHICH TOWARDS THE EVEN--
ING ASSUMED CONSIDERABLE PROPORTIONS, DEMONSTRATED FOR THE ITALIANITY
OF TRIESTE. PARA THE CITY WAS FAIRLY QUIET THIS MORNING, ALTHOUGH PEOPLE
FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE WERE SEEN ARRIVING SINCE EARLY HOURS TO TAKE PART
IN THE FUNERAL PROCESSION OF TWELVE COMMUNIST PARTISANS, WELL ORGANIZED,
AND SUPERVIZED BY THEIR OWN USHERS, THE CORTEGE PASSED THROUGH THE MAIN
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FROM COUNCILMAN AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE TRIESTE MARCH 24
COURT GOES TO SERVOLA SCHOOL THIRD DAY OF QUOTE LAVORATORE UNQUOTE
ORS TRIAL .

YESTERDAY, ON THE THIRD DAY OF THE TRIAL OF THE RESPONSIBLE EDITOR OF
TRIESTES COMMUNIST PAPER, "LAVORATORE", THE COURT WENT TO THE SLOVENE
SCHOOL OF SERVOLA TO AFFORD THE PROSECUTION AND DEFENCE AN OPPORTUNITY
TO CROSS EXAMINE A WITNESS ON THE SPOT.

AT THE SAME TIME AN APPEAL WAS BROADCAST OVER TRIESTE RADIO AND PUBLIS-
HED IN ALL TRIESTE PAPERS ASKING A PERSON WHO SENT AN ANONYMOUS LETTER
AND A PISTOL TO THE DEFENCE ATTORNEY TO COME FORWARD AND "GIVE EVIDENCE
IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE".

THE "LAVORATORE" EDITOR GASPARINI IS BEING TRIED ON TWO CHARGES OF DISS-
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COURT.
PREVIOUSLY IT WAS STATED BY THE POLICE THAT NO POLICEMAN WAS ALLOWED TO
HAVE A PISTOL AND THAT PISTOLS WERE ISSUED TO OFFICERS ONLY.
THE EVIDENCE SO FAR TENDED TO BE CONTRADICTORY BUT ONE WOMAN CLAIMED SHE
WAS SLAPPED BY A POLICEMAN AND ONE MAN SAID HE SAW THE POLICEMAN FIRE
FROM A PISTOL IN THE CLASSROOM. THE TRIAL WAS ADJOURNED TILL MONDAY
MARCH 25.

RECD. W/T. L.W. KIRKLAND. 0930/24

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TO..... JJKM V JJKC

FROM COUNIHAN AIS TRIESTE . FOR GENERAL RELEASE.

SHOTS IN CLASSROOM . "LAVORATORE'S" EDITOR CHARGED.

TRIESTE MARCH 21 (UNN). A SEQUEL TO THE TRIESTE GENERAL STRIKE TOOK PLACE BEFORE THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT SUPERIOR COURT TODAY, WHEN THE 52 YEAR OLD RESPONSIBLE EDITOR OF THE COMMUNIST PAPER "LAVORATORE", LEOPOLDO GASPARINI , WAS CHARGED WITH DISSEMINATING A RUMOUR CALCULATED TO EXCITE AND ALARM THE POPULATION, AND WITH COMMITTING AN ACT PREJUDICIAL OF GOOD ORDER.

THE COURTROOM WAS PACKED WITH SPECTATORS, MANY OF WHOM WERE UNABLE TO GAIN ADMISSION AND WERE MILLING AROUND IN THE CORRIDORS OF THE SPACIOUS PALACE OF JUSTICE, WHEN CHARGES WERE READ AGAINST THE "LAVORATORE'S" EDITOR , BASED ON AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE PAPER A DAY BEFORE THE ACTUAL SERVOLA INCIDENT, WHICH LEAD TO THE GENERAL STRIKE. THE ARTICLE ALLEGED THAT VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICE, WHILE REMOVING A YUGOSLAV FLAG FROM SERVOLA SCHOOL BUILDING, FIRED A SHOT IN A CLASSROOM CROWDED WITH CHILDREN, AND MALTREATED LITTLE GIRLS AND THEIR MOTHERS.

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ALL DAY LONG WITNESSES FOR THE PROSECUTION, ALL MEMBERS OF THE VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE, WERE HEARD AND CROSS EXAMINED BY THE DEFENCE. THE ALLEGATIONS OF THE ARTICLE WERE DENIED, BUT CAPT. HOBBS OF THE VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE SAID HE FOUND A HOLE AND A PELLET IN THE CLASSROOM. ANOTHER POLICEMAN CLAIMED THAT WHILE TAKING TO HOSPITAL HIS COLLEAGUE, INJURED IN A SCUFFLE WHICH ENSUED AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF THE POLICE IN SERVOLA, THE LATTER TOLD HIM THAT HE FIRED A SHOT INTO THE CLASSROOM FLOOR FROM A PISTOL. THE MAN, WHO IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE FIRED THE SHOT, HOWEVER, DENIED HAVING FIRED.

ANSWERING TO QUESTIONS OF DEFENCE, MOST OF THE POLICE WITNESSES STATED TO HAVE A PARTISAN RECORD AND NO CONNECTION WITH THE FASCISTS.

THE TRIAL WAS ADJOURNED TILL TOMORROW. ENDS 584
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STRIKE COMMITTEE IN TRIESTE REPLACED BY "ACTION COMMITTEE".

TEL STE MARCH 18 (Ldn).

THE STRIKE COMMITTEE, WHICH ORGANIZED THE RECENT GENERAL STRIKE IN TRIESTE, YESTERDAY RESIGNED TO BE REPLACED BY AN "ACTION COMMITTEE" OF THIRTEEN MEMBERS, MOSTLY LOCAL COMMUNIST LEADERS.

IN A MANIFESTO, PUBLISHED BY THE NEW ACTION COMMITTEE IN THE COMMUNIST TRIESTE PAPER "LAVORATORE" THIS AFTERNOON, THE COMMITTEE'S TASK IS "TO FIGHT REACTIONARY MANOEUVRES, WHICH MIGHT PROVOKE THE PEACEFUL POPULATION, AND WHICH MIGHT PREVENT FREE MANIFESTATION OF THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE". THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO TO LEAD THE LOCAL POPULATION "IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST REACTION, BOTH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL", AND TO PROMOTE AN EFFECTIVE ITALO-SLOVENE FRATERNIZATION .ENDS557

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FROM COCHIN AIS THENSEL . FOR GENERAL RELEASE.

EXPLOSION IN THENSEL COMMUNIST CLUB.

THENSEL MARCH 13 (UEN).

AN EXPLOSION, BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY LANDMINE DETONATOR, SHATTERED WINDOW PANE IN COMMUNIST PARTY'S CLUB IN A THENSEL SUBURB TODAY AT NOON.

THE EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE IN COURTYARD OUTSIDE THE HALL OF THE CULTURAL CLUB OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES AND NO OTHER DAMAGES, EXCEPT BROKEN WINDOW PANE IN THE HALL AND SURROUNDING HOUSES. THE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING.

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RECD W/T IN KIRKLAND 18/1045.

TELECOMMUNICATION LINES DISRUPTED IN VENEZUELA BY MASS STRIKING.

THENSEL MARCH 13 (UEN).

SOME SIX TONS OF COAL, WHEN BEING LAIN STOLEN FROM COMMUNICATION LINES IN ZONE "A" OF VENEZUELA. GUILLA DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS, THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS

OFFICER OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED HERE YONKIN.

THE CONTINUED SUBORANCE ALREADY CAUSED AN CESSATION OF TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS

WITH A NUMBER OF LOCATIONS IN ZONE "B" AND THE DISCONTINUATION OF TELEGRAPH

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WINDOW PLACES IN THE CENT AND SURROUNDING HOUSES. THE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING.

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REC'D W/1 LW KIRKLAND 18/1845.

TELECOMMUNICATION LINES DAMAGED IN VENEZUELA. CITED BY MASS STALLING.

URGENT MARCH 18 (AM).

SOME SIX TONS OF COPPER WIRE HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM COMMUNICATION LINES IN

ZONE "A" OF VENEZUELA. CITED DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS, THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS

OFFICER OF ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THIS TONIGHT.

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THE CONTINUED SABOTAGE. RELEADY CAUSED THE CESSATION OF TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS

WITH A NUMBER OF LOCALITIES IN ZONE "D" AND THE DISCONTINUATION OF TELEGRAPH

SERVICES BETWEEN TRESSE, URETE, CORAZZA, AND OTHER PLACES IN THE PROVINCE. ENDS556

REC'D W/1 LW KIRKLAND 18/1850

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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Ref. 307/PRB

18 March 1946

SUBJECT : Newspaper article - "Who is the corrupter?"
TO : Col. A.N. Hancock, C.I.O., Lombardia.

1. Reference is made to your D/O of 26 February to the Executive Commissioner concerning news reports about alleged manipulations of captured enemy material.

2. After careful consideration between Col. Campbell, director of the Captured Enemy Materials Branch, and myself, it has been decided to let sleeping dogs lie, especially since published retractions never seem to catch up with published errors.

3. Further, there has been so much misinformation clouding this subject that the Allied Commission would virtually have to indulge in a public and protracted debate to set the record straight in the newspaper, where on little voice of official fact tends to get lost in a babel of journalistic confusion and ex-grinding.

JPL
JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major, NMB,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

Info. copy to: Executive Commissioner
Col. Campbell
2d District

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FROM COUNIHAN AIS TRIESTE.

FOR GENERAL RELEASE.

GERMAN GENERAL HANDED OVER TO YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES. ~~////~~
TRIESTE MARCH 16 (UHN).

IT IS LEARNED FROM BRITISH MILITARY SOURCES HERE THAT
GENERAL ERWIN ROSENER WAS HANDED OVER TO YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES
THIS MORNING .GENERAL ROSENER , WHO UNDER THE GERMAN OCCUPATION
WAS THE HEAD OF THE GERMAN SS IN LJUBLJANA, WAS HELD IN CUSTODY
IN CONNECTION WITH WAR CRIMES . ENDS 524

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FOR GENERAL RELEASE

ALLIED COMMISSION CROSS MORGAN LINE .

TEMPORARY HQ AT PISINO .

TRIESTE MARCH 16 (UNN).

THE ALLIED BOUNDARY COMMISSION CROSSED THE MORGAN LINE YESTERDAY AND ESTABLISHED TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS IN THE BEFLAGGED TOWN OF PISINO , IN THE HEART OF THE ISTRIAN PENINSULAR. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WILL MAKE TRIPS TO SEVERAL PLACES IN ISTRIA FROM THEIR NEW CENTRE.

ON THE DEPARTURE HERE YESTERDAY THE MEMBERS WERE MET BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MILITARY AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES HEADED BY COLONEL VECO HOLJEVAC , CHIEF OF THE MILITARY COMMAND OF THE YUGOSLAV ARMY FOR ISTRIA AND RIJEKA (FIUME). A CROWD OF LOCAL PEOPLE CHEERED THE VISITORS ON CROSSING THE LINE .

IN PISINO THE COMMISSION WERE GREETED WITH FLOWERS AND CHEERS.

ALLIED COMMISSION IN ZONE "B".

THE ARRIVAL OF THE COMMISSION MEMBERS COINCIDES WITH ORGANIZED TOUR BY MORE THAN THIRTY (30) JOURNALISTS OF GREAT BRITAIN, USA , RUSSIA , FRANCE , YUGOSLAVIA , PALESTINE , AND OTHER COUNTRIES THROUGH ISTRIA . THE JOURNALISTS YESTERDAY VISITED AREZZIA AND WAR SCARRED FIUME . ENDS 511

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FROM COUMIHAB AIS TRIESTE.

FOR GENERAL RELEASE.

NO CLUE TO IDENTITY OF YUGOSLAV OFFICER'S/ ASSAILANT
TRIESTE MARCH 16 (UHN).

THE POLICE AUTHORITIES ARE STILL INVESTIGATING THE SHOOTING LAST
NIGHT, WHEN TWO UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS SHOT AT MAJOR STANE CUNDER OF THE
YUGOSLAV WAR BOOTY COMMISSION IN TRIESTE. SO FAR THE POLICE HAVE BEEN
UNABLE TO DISCOVER EITHER THE IDENTITY OF THE ASSAILANTS OR THEIR
MOTIVE.

THE SHOOTING TOOK PLACE IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE HOTEL
HOUSING THE AMERICAN AND FRENCH DELEGATES OF THE INTER ALLIED BOUNDARY
COMMISSION, WHICH IS AT PRESENT TOWNING THE YUGOSLAV OCCUPIED ZONE "B"
OF VENETIA GIULIA. MAJOR CUNDER, WHO WAS IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT TO TRIESTE
ITALIAN HOSPITAL, IS BEING TREATED WITH PENICILLIN, BUT HIS STATE
REMAINS CRITICAL.

MAJOR CUNDER'S NAME WAS MENTIONED BY THE TRIESTE COMMUNIST PAPER
"PRIMORSKI DNEVNIK" THREE WEEKS AGO IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPPING
FROM TRIESTE OF A SLOVENE EMIGRANT, DR. SMAJ. THE TRIESTE PAPER,
CHARGING THE ABDUCTED SLOVENE WITH BEING A WAR CRIMINAL, MENTIONED THAT
MAJOR CUNDER KNEW OF SMAJ'S SOJOURN IN TRIESTE. ENDS 527

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FROM COUNIHAN AIS TRIESTE.

FOR GENERAL RELEASE.

NORWAY CANCELS CONTRACT WITH TRIESTE SHIPYARDS " FOR SOCIAL AND
POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY".

TRIESTE MARCH 16 (UNN).

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TRIESTE SHIPYARDS ANNOUNCED THAT A CABLE HAS
RECEIVED FROM OSLO CANCELLING THE PRELIMINARY ORDER WITH THE
LOCAL SHIPYARDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 17,000 TON TRANSATLANTIC
LINER FOR THE ACCOUNT OF "NORSKE AMERIKALINJE".

ORIGINALLY THE NORWEGIAN COMPANY WAS READY TO PLACE THE ORDER WITH
TRIESTE, BUT THE RECENT "POLITICAL AND SOCIAL" DEVELOPMENTS HERE
CAUSED THE OSLO COMPANY TO CHANGE ITS DECISION. THE ABOVE ORDER
WAS EXPECTED TO KEEP THE SHIPYARDS BUSY FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS . ENDS 516

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FROM COUNTHAN AIS TRIESTE . FOR GENERAL RELEASE

COURT SEQUEL TO TRIESTE GENERAL STRIKE

TRIESTE MARCH 15 (UNN).

THE GENERAL STRIKE IN TRIESTE , WHICH AFTER THE SCHOOL SHOOTING INCIDENT WAS ORGANISED HERE BY THE COMMUNIST SPONSORED ORGANIZATION WITH THE SCOPE OF OBTAINING THE DISBANDMENT OF THE VENEZIA GIULIA CIVIL POLICE , WILL SHORTLY HAVE A COURT SEQUEL .

AS ALREADY ANNOUNCED, THE RESPONSIBLE EDITOR OF THE TRIESTE COMMUNIST PAPER "LAVORATORE", HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT PROCLAMATION NO. 4 , UNDER SUBSECTIONS DEALING WITH DISSEMINATION OF RUMOURS CALCULATED TO EXCITE AND ALARM THE POPULATION , AND WITH COMMITTING ACTS TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY OR TO THE SAFETY OR SECURITY OF THE ALLIED FORCES .

TODAYS "LAVORATORE" STATES THAT THE CHARGES ARE BASED ON ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN THE PAPER , DEALING WITH AN ALLEGED SHOOTING BY THE POLICE IN A SCHOOLROOM IN TRIESTE . SERVOLO'S SLOVENE ELEMENTARY , THIS ARTICLE WAS PUBLISHED A DAY BEFORE THE ACTUAL SHOOTING INCIDENT , AND THE ALLEGATIONS CONTRADICTED THEREIN IMMEDIATELY REFUTED BY THE AUTHORITIES

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THE CASE AGAINST THE EDITOR OF THE "LAVORATORE" WILL BE HEARD ON TUESDAY MARCH 19 BEFORE THE SUPERIOR ALLIED MILITARY TRIBUNAL OF TRIESTE . ENDS

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FROM COUNIHAN AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE STOP TRIESTE
SLOVENE SCHOOLS TO REOPEN STOP PARA TRIESTE MARCH 15 (UNN) ON THE
13 TH OF MARCH CMA THE SLOVENE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN TRIESTE CITY
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(THURSDAY) AND DECORATED WITH SIGNS AND SLOGANS OF A POLITICAL
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Re Case 27

FROM COUNIHAN AIS TRIESTE FOR GENERAL RELEASE. OFFICER OF YUGOSLAV WAR BOUNTY COMMISSION SHOT IN TRIESTE STREET. TRIESTE MARCH 15 (UNW). A YUGOSLAV OFFICER IS LYING SERIOUSLY INJURED IN A TRIESTE HOSPITAL FOLLOWING THE FIRING OF PISTOL SHOTS AT ABOUT 1930 HOURS THIS EVENING IN THE VIA SAN NICOLO HERE. HE IS MAJOR CUNDER, A MEMBER OF THE YUGOSLAV WAR BOUNTY COMMISSION WORKING IN VENEZIA GIULIA ZONE A. HE IS STATED TO BE SUFFERING FROM WOUNDS IN THE FACE AND THE STOMACH CAUSED BY THREE PISTOL BULLETS. PARA

FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING MAJOR CUNDER WAS TAKEN IMMEDIATELY BY ALLIED SOLDIERS AND MILITARY POLICE TO THE REGINA ELENA HOSPITAL. POLICE HAVE ~~STARTED~~ STARTED A FULL INVESTIGATION AND AT A LATE HOUR TONIGHT WERE STILL TAKING STATEMENTS FROM A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN IN THE VICINITY OF THE INCIDENT.

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Ref. : 9272/18/80

9 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Misleading statements in the Italian Press.

TO : Public Relations Branch

1. Attached are copies of articles published in "IL GLOBO" and "ITALIA NUOVA" dated 2 March 1946.

2. An official denial from the Allied Commission to the second paragraph of the article in "IL GLOBO" could be made. Neither the Director nor the Deputy Director of the Air Forces S/C of the Allied Commission were present at any phase of the negotiations between TWA and the Italian Government.

3. Reference extract from "ITALIA NUOVA" dated 2nd March the mis-statement in the first paragraph should be corrected in that the alleged "English statement, according to which, on the basis of the Armistice terms "Italy is forbidden to have civil aviation" is inexact" - is, in fact correct, and in case there is any misunderstanding, Italy is forbidden Civil Aviation at this time.

C. R. BRAYBLEN

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

COPY TO: - Air Force S/C.

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APC/39/11/AIR of 5 Mar refers.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION. ✓
COPY: POLAD BRITISH.
COPY: POLAD AMERICAN.

DATE: 5TH MARCH, 1946.

REF: AFSC/39/1/AIR.

Following your minute to Public Relations Officer reference ISI/JG dated 1st March, two further extracts from Italian newspapers have come to my notice and they both contain inaccurate statements. I would appreciate it if action could be taken through P.R.O. to approach the Italian newspapers concerned with a request for corrections to the articles to be made.

2. Reference extract from "Il Globo" dated 2nd March (Attachment 1) the first paragraph is rather misleading in that the British representative in the Allied Commission was not officially notified of any agreement being drawn up between TWA and the Italian Air Ministry, but I do not think we need argue about this. However, an official denial from the Allied Commission to the second paragraph is requested, because the Director (British) and, for that matter, the Deputy Director (American) of the Air Forces Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission was not (R) not present at any phase of the negotiations between TWA and the Italian Government.

3. Reference extract from "Italia Nuova" dated 2nd March (Attachment 2), the mis-statement in the first paragraph should be corrected in that the alleged "English statement, according to which, on the basis of the Armistice terms "Italy is forbidden to have civil aviation" is incorrect" - is, in fact, correct, and in case there is any misunderstanding, Italy is forbidden Civil Aviation at this time.

4. For the information of the Polad British and Polad American the correspondence leading up to the Executive Commissioner's note ISI/JG of the 1st March to the Public Relations Officer is forwarded here as Attachment 3.

L. P. Brodie

L. E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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Attachment No. 1. 18

Extract from "Il Glob^o" dated 2nd March, 1946.

The Italian Civil Air Lines and the Allies.

"The United Press" learns that the Head of the Allied Commission in Italy, Admiral Stone, and the representatives in Italy of the American Air Company T.W.A. have denied that the agreement between the Italian Air Ministry and the American Company for the running of a few civil air lines in Italy was concluded without the knowledge of the British representative in the Allied Commission.

The Italian T.W.A. representative adds that the Head of the Air Forces Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission is actually a British official who was present at all phases of the negotiations between T.W.A. and the Italian Government.

The agreement provides for the creation of civil air lines between Rome and several Italian cities to be coordinated with the world service of T.W.A.

The agreement has naturally to be approved by the Allied authorities before being put into operation.

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Extract from "Italia ova" dated 2nd March 1946.

A statement concerning Italian Civil Aviation.

With regard to the agreement concluded between the Italian Air Minister and the American Air Company, T.W.A., for the running of civil air lines, it is observed in well-informed circles that the English statement, according to which, on the basis of the Armistice terms "Italy is forbidden to have civil aviation" is inexact.

On the Italian side it is said that air transports have been put temporarily at the disposition of the Allies.

As far as the above Italo-American agreement is concerned, it should be added that it is open to the participation of Great Britain.

Attachment No. 3.

Extract from "L'Italia Nuova" dated 1.3.46.

Armistice Clauses.

Italy is forbidden to have civil aviation.

Washington 28th.

(U.O) - An authoritative source informs us that Great Britain has asked the American representative with the Allied Commission in Italy for a suitable clarification of the agreement come to between the Air Minister and the American Air Company "Transport World Airways" for the running of civil air lines. This agreement - asserts the same source - was concluded without the British representative with the Allied Commission having been informed, and conflicts with a certain clause of the Armistice, according to which Italy is forbidden to have civil aviation.

Ex: Comm.

P.R.O. (Captain Ellison, Ext 591) has been approached by Daily Express correspondents, as regards the truth of the above article.

2. So far as the Air Forces Sub-Commission is concerned:

(i) the first sentence is incorrect in that the American side of our house has been asked nothing.

(ii) the second sentence is correct.

3. I do not propose to express any opinion to P.R.O. because I think the Chief Commissioner may himself like to deal with this enquiry.

(Sgd) Ian E. Brodie,
A.F.S.C.

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1st March, 1946.

Public Relations Officer.

1st March 1946.

Reference attached, reply should be made as follows:

"Allied Commission is an integrated organisation and there are no British or American Representatives as such. What American officers see, British officers see also.

P.T.O.....

Headquarters,
Lombardia Region Liaison Group,
Allied Commission,
C.M.A.

26 February 1946.

FEB 29 1946

My dear Maurice, 14/8/46

Your attention may have been drawn to the attached article by Donald Downs of the Overseas News Agency, Rome, the Italian text of which appeared in the newspaper "Milano Sera" on 22nd February 1946.

As the names of British officers are freely used in the article in a manner which tends to reflect on their activities you may wish to have the matter thoroughly investigated.

Yours ever,
Arthur.

Brig. M.S. LUM, CB, CBE, MC,
Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission.

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Brig. M.S. LUCH, CB, CBE, MC,
Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission.

C.E.M.

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WHO IS THE CORRUPTER?
THERE IS SOMETHING DIRTY / IT IS NECESSARY TO GET
TO THE BOTTOM

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Bolzano was in the famous last "German Fortress" where the Nazi intended to fight to the utmost, had General Wolf and Vietinhoff not surrendered. In the surrounding of Bolzano there is Castelbel-lo, where the Montecatini, the spoiled child of the Fascism had start-
ted the construction of a large hydrelectric plant.

After the landing of the Allies at Salerno in September 1943, "TODT" organisation requisitioned this place to transform it in a immense material depot. Large quantities of valuable equipments began to be stored at Castelbello.

Last May, the war being over, the MONTECATINI alleged that the "TODT" organisation owed them three million lire for the use of electric power and other expenses.

A private agreement was signed between the fascist MONTECATINI and the nazist TODT, according to which this debt would have been cut down to 220,000, lire (a microscopic amount in comparison with the many millions owned by the MONTECATINI). As a compensation, TODT left to the MONTECATINI equipments and raw materials for an amount of several million dollars; in other words, all the material accumulated in Castelbello depots. And this happened after Nazi's surren-
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This contract was by no way legal because all TODT properties belong-
ed by right to the Allied Armies as booty of war. Moreover this contract was to be considered illegal, as the Headquarters of the Caserta Allied Forces issued an order according to which no material - of any kind - captured to the German armies could be released to Italian firms as a compensation for damages caused by the German Government. C.E.M. Office (Captured Enemy Material) of the Allied Commission sent to Bolzano the American Lt. John S. Nardini with a view to make investigations. Lt. Nardini decided that the posses-
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Lt. Nardini wrote a letter of protest to the A.C. of Milan, and

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he was supported by a British Captain of the A.C. Milan, A.R. Davies, who wrote to him to take up again immediately the transfer of the material. However, before the letter could reach him, Capt. Davies telephoned to Nardini cancelling the contents of same. Evidently he had received orders from higher spheres.

It. Nardini, having decided to prevent the Allied material being looted by the MONTECATINI, wrote a letter again and this time to Maj. I.S. DREW, British Officer in charge of the CEM Office in Milan. No reply was received to this letter. About the middle of December, Maj. T.I. ROWORTH, British Officer and member of CEM Office of the Rome Allied Commission, arrived at Bolzano, to go further into the question. Investigation having been completed, he wrote to Maj. DREW to Milan, asking him to revise the orders according to which TODT material remained at disposition of the MONTECATINI.

In his letter he stated: "It seems there is something dirty in these negotiations".

At the end of December the German material at Castelbello was still in the hands of the MONTECATINI. From reliable source, it is also understood that part of this material is already being used by the MONTECATINI. The original order of the Allied Commission which released the material to the MONTECATINI is in the hands of the URMIT (Ufficio Ricupero Materiali Impianti Tedeschi). This Italian organisation was created to recover the Italian material taken away by the Germans, but not to buy up the German material as a compensation of unlawful debts made by the German Army or by its organisation TODT. It seems that this order issued by A.C. recommended the release of this material to the MONTECATINI.

It would be very interesting if the Italian Government and the Allied Government (not the Allied Commission) should make a serious investigation to get to the bottom of this dirty business. It would perhaps be possible not only to discover an important source of corruption, but also the responsible persons for the odd flight of the ex head of the MONTECATINI, the fervent fascist Senatore Guido Donegani, and in the course of this investigation could also be examined the several hundred cases containing the documents of the German industrial mission in Milan, still unused but which are in the hands of ~~10485~~ Nardini. These documents would also be useful to disclose who were effectively the industrialists and bankers who used one hand to collaborate with the Nazi-Fascist and the other to give a few thousand lire to C.I.F. to protect their precious future.

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FROM "MILANO-SERA", 22 February 1946

15/11

Ref: 9272/12/23

13 January 1946

SUBJECT: Soviet Press Allegations against the
Allied Commission

TO : Asst. Polad (B)

1. Reference your 266/45 of 21 December 1945.
2. Attached please find (a) copy of letter 3/75/CA of 9 January 1946 from Civil Affairs Section referring to the Allied Commission's alleged policy of neutrality in Italian domestic affairs, (b) copy of letter AC/5615/IND of 9 January from the Economic Section referring to the release of warehouses and factories.

F. H. McCLEARY

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref. AC/5615/END

9 January 1946

SUBJECT : Soviet Press Allegations against the
Allied Commission.

JAN 17 1946

TO : Executive Commissioner.

FROM : Chief, Industry Department.

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1. Reference is made to letter from Office of POLAD (Br),
subject as above, dated 21 December 1945.

2. The Allied Commission does not have control of
industrial premises, such as factories and warehouses. Ultimate
control rests with A.F.H.Q. However, the Industry Department, A.C.,
has for the past year been acting as an intermediary between the
Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce and military organiza-
tions occupying requisitioned industrial premises in the matter of
correspondence concerning derequisitioning. The procedure has
been for individual firms to present requests for derequisitioning
to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. The latter forwards these
requests, with comments, to this office, which, in turn, contacts
the military organization concerned and makes appropriate
recommendations. This office has received during the past year, 324
requests of which 117 have been acted upon favourably, following
our recommendations to the military authorities concerned.

3. As far as making available the necessary supplies is
concerned, the Italian Government is well aware of the continuous
efforts made by Allied Commission and in particular Economic Section
to obtain increasing quantities of raw materials etc. for Italian
industry from abroad. Allied Commission exercises no control over
"locally available" materials and leaves, under their supervision,
the distribution of all materials etc., whether imported or "local"
to the Italian authorities.

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Charles Swings
CHARLES SWINGS
Major, RAF
Chief,
Industry Department.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

3/4/46

9 Jan 46

TO: Executive Commissioner.

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- 1 With reference to your 9272/EC of 2 Jan 46, I have the following comments:
- 2 It is considered that the Allied Commission has adhered strictly to the policy of ensuring that the Italian administration and legislation was purged of Fascism and that Fascist ideology and teaching was suppressed, in support of the Allied pledge to the Italian people that they may determine their own free and democratic form of Government.

One of the many tasks of the Allied Military Government was to find competent officials free from the taint of fascism so as to reconstitute a satisfactory Civil Service.

There has always been, especially more recently, a tendency, should the Allied Commission or Allied Military Government or, indeed, Ministries of the Italian Government itself, have by action or inaction hampered in accordance with accepted policy or procedure the activities of Leftist elements, for such elements to raise the cry that a reactionary trend or movement is being supported. Instances referred to are such as restrictions as to political activity or the holding of public meetings in Allied Military Government territory or when enquiries or precautions have been ordered in view of possible disorders in which Leftist influence is suspected.

No instances can be thought of in respect of which it might be argued that the Allied Commission has, by a policy of neutrality in Italian domestic affairs, encouraged reactionary elements in endeavours to gain control of the Government.

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VP Civil Affairs Section.See 12

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 9272/03

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December 1945

SUBJECT: Soviet press allegations against
the Allied Commission.

TO : OA Section
Economic Section.

1. Attached please find copy of letter 266/45 of 21 December 1945 from Asst. Polad (B) on the above subject.
2. Your comments on the relevant sentences would be appreciated.

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Polad (B)
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Office of British
Political Adviser

Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

21st December 1945

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Subject: Soviet press allegations
against the Allied Commission.

The Soviet press of November 29th printed a thirty-nine line New York/Tass message reporting statements alleged to have been made by the Rome Correspondent of the "Chicago Sun". This statement criticised the United States and British Embassies and the Allied Commission for their policy of neutrality in Italian domestic affairs which was encouraging reactionary elements in their endeavours to gain control of the Government. The Allied Commission was also criticised for hampering the Italian Government's efforts towards reconstruction by failing to release warehouses and factories and to make available the necessary supplies.

The Foreign Office would like to be able to refute these statements, particularly that about the release of warehouses and factories. The British Ambassador would accordingly be grateful if you could let him have material for a reply.

Polad
Asst. Polad (BR)

Copy to U.S. Polad
British Embassy

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Italy's Need for Peace

The breakdown of the Conference of Foreign Ministers, which had the task of preparing a peace treaty with Italy, had strong repercussions in that country. The summons of a delegation to London had led to a hope that Italy would soon learn the territorial price she would have to pay for Fascist misdeeds, and to the crucial difficulty of her eastern frontier her Government offered a solution—the partition of Istria—roughly identical with that unwisely rejected when it was advanced by President Wilson twenty-five years ago. All that has now been decided is that Italy shall in future rely on the United Nations Organization for her defence. The country is also depressed by the failure to advance towards the recovery of her international status. Outside encouragement seems essential to Italian self-respect at home, and the unexpectedly long extension of the present state of suspense, which leaves Italy in a state of not yet at peace, has heightened the dependency with which her people look forward to the winter.

The failure to make progress with the peace treaty has also clouded the prospect in Italy's domestic politics. No thorough-going plans of reconstruction can be drawn up, much less carried out, until the election of the Constituent Assembly enables major political and economic decisions to be taken. The main task of the present Government is to organize both local and national elections, and the announcement of their date would put a term to many present uncertainties. An essential preliminary, however, is a modification of the armistice terms still nominally in full force. They have never been published in their entirety. It is known, however, that the terms of surrender which gave the allies full control of the country's activities are scarcely compatible with the freedom of action which a Constituent Assembly must enjoy. This was the consideration which underlay Senator Gaspari's recent suggestion of a provi-

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not yet at peace, has heightened the dependency with which her people look forward to the winter.

The failure to make progress with the peace treaty has also clouded the prospect in Italy's domestic politics. No thorough-going plans of reconstruction can be drawn up, much less carried out, until the election of the Constituent Assembly enables major political and economic decisions to be taken. The main task of the present Government is to organize both local and national elections, and the announcement of their date would put a term to many present uncertainties. An essential preliminary, however, is a modification of the armistice terms still nominally in full force. They have never been published in their entirety. It is known, however, that the terms of surrender which gave the allies full control of the country's activities are scarcely compatible with the freedom of action which a Constituent Assembly must enjoy. This was the consideration which underlay Sessio Gaspari's recent suggestion of a provisional peace which would give his Government full authority in the territory actually under its jurisdiction. There is a danger that the allies, preoccupied with the adjustment of more acute differences than are likely to arise over Italy's internal affairs, may give this proposal less attention than it deserves. Some change in the present arrangement, including the abandonment of the secrecy which still surrounds it, is necessary if plans for Italian elections are to go forward.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner.

With respect to the attached article which appeared in the STARS AND STRIPES of today, I should be grateful if the charges as to the conditions of the camps can be reported on by Colonel Findlay, including the question of responsibility; i.e., whether UNRRA, the Italian Government, or the Armies.

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Following is text of Drew Pearson article of January 4th.

Secret talks have been taking place for past two weeks between State Department and British Cabinet Minister Richard Law on problem of feeding Italy. Very little has leaked out of backstage sessions but it can be revealed that President Roosevelt has given definite instructions that Italian people must get more food and be encouraged to take greater part in war. He believes well fed people do not become communistic people.

2. The British however have opposed anything more than subsistence feeding. Actually the debate over this has subsided secretly back and forth over period of many weeks and probably gets to root of the basic difference between British and American policy in Mediterranean. At one point during the argument Lord Halifax handed State Department a confidential aide memoire considered by diplomats something of scorching and warning of a grave danger of divergence which would have far reaching consequences for the whole settlement of Europe. This aide memoire is interpreted by many diplomats to set the stage for future British policy in Mediterranean. Hitherto unpublished it states if the United States Government were to indicate its intention of expanding sole under which Italy can receive supplies there would be grave danger of divergence of policy between United States Government on the one hand and His Majesty's Government and our Allies on other hand. Such divergence would be bound in the view of His Majesty's Government to have far reaching consequences for whole settlement of Europe. Furthermore British public opinion would not at present time permit of His Majesty's Government associating themselves in rehabilitation of Italy except to limited degree necessary for actual war effort. Should United States Government decide to take an independent course public pressure would almost certainly force His Majesty's Government to make their own position clear and divergence in policy which His Majesty's Government foresees would immediately become open and obvious. His Majesty's Government therefore greatly hopes that United States Government will be prepared to give consideration to the views expressed above and will not take any unilateral action from which British public might compel them to dissociate themselves. Roosevelt opposes British. This note was delivered just before Roosevelt conferred with Churchill at Quebec last September and despite this blunt memo the President went counter to British wishes by ordering assistant secretary of State Acheson to press for 50 million UNRRA grant for relief to Italy by sending Ambassador Myron Taylor to Vatican to get Church assistance in distributing food supplies and finally by sending personal letter to Secretary of War Stimson October 31st, assuming personal responsibility for increasing the Italian ration. He also authorized General William Dwyer, former Brooklyn prosecutor, to keep working on eight point program for rehabilitation of Italy. Insiders say that Roosevelt's determination to give Italy more inspiration for co-operating in war was one of background reasons why Prime Minister Churchill got sore at Count Sforza also why E.D.R. in turn authorized Stettinius to issue his cryptic statement opposing British interference on Sforza. A showdown and possible solution of entire allied controversy over

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Following approved on United Press ticker this afternoon by way of Pearson's additional comments.

Begins: Pearson in a statement replying to Stettinius said the Secretary of State's partial disclosure ignored two facts, one is that on October 31st, two months after the Halifax note which I quoted, the British had not even then agreed to increase feeding for Italy and on that date President Roosevelt sent a letter to Secretary of War Stimson going over the Head of the British and ordering broad rationing of 300 grams despite his order five months later on January 4th that bread ration has not yet been issued. This should be explained. My column supported specifically the position of President Roosevelt, Myron Taylor and His Holiness (Pope Pius XII). I am glad if what I published helped bring an agreement on this vital question. Secondly Lord Halifax had Secretary Stettinius appear to question my right to obtain and comment upon public documents affecting the lives of millions. However, they fail to explain how the British Ambassador happened to have copies of my column two days in advance of publication. Pearson said he believed that the fate of millions depends on Woodrow Wilson's enunciated principle of open covenants openly arrived at. We lost the peace after the last war by deserting that principle, Pearson said, we cannot lose another peace. On what Secretary Stettinius and Lord Halifax discuss in secret depends the lives of millions. These piecemeal revelations wrong from the State Department by the American Press, Pearson said, do not begin to tell the whole story of what is going on behind the scenes (Ends)

State Department subsequently issued the following.

Begins: The British and American Government have been in agreement for some time on the question of bread rationing for Italy of 300 grams per person daily. Putting it into effect will be dependent upon obtaining the necessary shipping. (Ends).

Following in text of statement issued 5th January by
State Department.

Secretary of State Stettinius declared today that United States and Great Britain were in basis agreement on policy of aiding Italy to rebuild its economic life and make maximum contribution to war effort. Series of discussions, he added, have taken place on methods of putting this policy into effect. There have been no major differences between Anglo-American powers on this subject, he said. The Secretary's comment was occasioned by quotation in Drew Pearson's Washington column of excerpts from Memorandum of British Ambassador to State Department last August 22nd, indicating divergence of viewpoint between Washington and London part of confidential records. The documents is part of the confidential records of the department. Mr. Stettinius said the unauthorised publication of any part of it is in highest degree regrettable and the matter is being pursued. The Secretary said the memorandum was part of series of confidential documents and conversations which led up to joint statement of September 26th by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill on subject of Italy. It cannot fairly be appraised out of the context of those documents and conversations. Mr. Stettinius said he quoted the British as saying the question of an expansion of the scope of Italian supply programme is already under consideration by an interdepartmental committee in London. His Majesty's Government would not therefore wish to prejudice the work of this committee by agreeing in advance what the conclusions of its study should be so soon as the recommendations of committee have been made. His Majesty's Government would wish to discuss the matter further with United States Government agreed on expanded programme. In reply State Department said it believed it was probable that discussions referred to would result in an agreement between Washington and London as to the scope of Italian relief programme. Subsequently Mr. Stettinius said British agreed to an expanded supply programme for Italy and on September 26th President and Mr. Churchill issued statement which said in part first and immediate consideration Italy are the relief of hunger and sickness and fear. To this end we instructed our representatives at United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Conference to declare for sending of medical aid and other essential supplies to Italy. At its meeting in Montreal the UNRRA Board approved an allocation of Dollars 50,000,000 for Italy but specified that money should be spent entirely on food for children, expectant and nursing mothers and for medical assistance to districts which were suffering from epidemics. In basic agreement since the exchange of views last summer, Mr. Stettinius said there have been further discussions between American and British Governments on Italian relief policy. It is perfectly clear he said that United States and United Kingdom Government are in basic agreement in desire to provide assistance to enable Italians to start rebuilding their economic life and furnish maximum contribution to war effort. It is especially regrettable that as generally happens when excerpts from documents or one of series of documents are published without authorisation, and erroneous and unjustifiable impression has been created. (Ends).

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