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TRANSFER OF COMMUNES, REGION II
FEB, MAR. 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
E.C. & E.C. SECTION
APO 394

29 March 1944

Ref/155/27/GA.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Communes.

TO : E.C. Region II.

1. I am detailed to inform you that the Chief Commissioner has decided not to intervene in the transfer of communes referred to in your letter No. A/30/12 of 24 February 1944, since this is a matter for the Italian Government to decide for themselves.

2. It has however been brought to the notice of the Minister of the Interior that this Uq. is not satisfied with the manner in which this decision of the Italian Government has been taken, without any prior consultation with the Allied Control Commission and a protest has been lodged with him.

ROBERT E. WISSE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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Col 7.3

Transfer of Comm. to Reg. II.

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Ref Capt Talbot's minute at 25.

I am inclined to agree with 2 (B). If this is so and if R.C.'s views have not been represented to S. Reale, I think some action on the lines of para 4 in 25 is necessary.

Would you like to discuss with Ex Comm?

El 26/3.

Discussed with Ex Comm:

to PA in VP meeting.

El 26/3.

PA.

No further action

MR 20/3

IV

At Col Sharp.

Ref Brig's minute above, 12 has still to be answered. What action has been taken?

MR 27/3

El 27/3.

Noted
JH

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Lt Col Shipp.

1. Pl. Sec 22 & 23.

2. This boils down to

(A) Lt Stansgate states to his view that
no action by HCC is possible vide
15 para 2.

(B) Lt Stansgate has NOT expressed R.C.
Rajni's point of view to the
Admiral's statement as he was instructed
to do vide ship attached to 17.

3. I'm sure 16 is right & we still want
to know what the "certain direct 858"
are.

4. Suggest that Admiral Sec. be informed
that no decision is to be taken on
this matter by Recte without reference
to the HCC.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

20 Mar 44

ACC/23/2/INT

SUBJECT : Transfer - Communes, Matera Province.

TO : Executive Commissioner, HQ ACC APO 394

1 Reference your 155/21/CA dated 17 Mar 44, attached is copy of report forwarded to Chief Commissioner this day.

22-23
A. H. Chipp
C. 10. 17 07.

Agreed in the above
in duty of.

STANISLATE,
VP ADM SEC.

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Acc/23/2/ENT.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

19 March 1944

SUBJECT: Boundaries of Potenza Province

TO : The Chief Commissioner

1. This matter was raised at the Vice-president's meeting on the 13th March.

2. The following are the facts:

23 February: A telegram was received by the Allied Control Commission from Potenza Province, protesting against the alteration of the boundaries. The protest was based on press reports.

23 February: Public meeting of protest at Potenza. Telegrams were sent to Reale, the Allied Control Commission, Marshal Badoglio, the Giunta, and the King.

23 February: Copy of said telegram referred to HQ, Region II for comments.

23 February: Telegram forwarded to Dr. Reale for comments.

29 February: Full report on the subject received from HQ, Region II. (This report had been dispatched by HQ, Region II on the 24th February, at which date he was fully apprised of the proposed changes.)

6 March: Report on the subject from the Director, Interior Sub-Commission.

7 March: Vice-president recommended no action.

7 March: Minister of Interior's reply to Director, Interior Sub-Commission, justifying his actions.

15 March: Interior Sub-Commission informed that the actual boundaries have not yet been settled, and no decree yet been issued.

15 March: The Director, Interior Sub-Commission informed HQ, Region II, that no decision has yet been made, and inquired what number of officers would be affected by the change of boundaries. There are, in fact, for each province, approximately 3 officers in the field from all the communes.

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3. It would appear;

- a. That RG. Region II had the earliest information of the proposed changes.
- b. That the effect on the interior economy of his region would be immaterial.
- c. That the issues between Matera and Potenza provinces are matters for the Italian Government.
- d. That if the Chief Commissioner considers the matter of sufficient importance, a draft letter for his signature should be prepared by the Interior Sub-Commission.

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Copy to: Executive Commissioner

The Lord STANBATE
Vice President
Administrative Section

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & E.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/155/21/CA

ET/mrd
17 March 1944

SUBJECT: Transfer of Communes from
Matera to Potenza

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. Reference your OAO-1/AS of 7 March,
a report is requested of the action you have
taken as a result of the Chief Commissioner's
directions on this matter.

[Signature]
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

[Signature]
BU. 4 days time
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w/17/3

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

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14 March 1944.

Ref/155/20/CA.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Communes from Matera to Potenza.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region II.

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1. Reference your A/3012 of 24 Feb 44.

2. This matter has not been settled yet but, for your information, the Vice President, Administrative Section, has been instructed by the Chief Commissioner to report on the matter and to take it up with the Italian Government.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: V.P. Admin. Section.

Forwarded for
your information.

B/4 n/3 ✓

by 3 day 5503
time 21

Exec. Com.

Your minute at foot of
19.

A reply must be sent to 12
and 18.

What action was to be taken?

CRB 12/3.

VP Admin is putting
up a report & taking
matter up with Italian
Govt. I am sorry I did
not make this plain. Will
you tell Reg II what is
being done? HS (24/3.

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bu one week

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Memorandum on the transfer of Communes from Matera to Potenza Province.

1. Regional Commissioner, Region II, on 21 Feb heard from the Bari Press of the transfer of four communes from Matera to Potenza.
2. On 24 Feb he wrote to H.Q. objecting strongly to the transfer and asking for the annulment of the decree. His objections can be summarized as follows:
 - (a) The population of the four Communes transferred is 15.2% of Matera Province.
 - (b) The area of the Communes transferred is 13.9% of Matera Province.
 - (c) The taxes paid by the Communes transferred is 17.4% of the taxes of Matera Province.
 - (d) Even with its original 32 Communes Matera Province could not balance its budget.
 - (e) There is a very strong political feeling in Matera against the transfer. The people claim that there is no economic or administrative justification for the transfer and express the view at a large meeting that the move is intended to improve the personal political influence of Signore Reale, a resident of Potenza. The R.C. agrees with this.
3. Lord Stanagate wrote on 7th March to H.Q. to say that since this is a matter for the Italians to decide, no action by A.G.C. is possible. He refers to "certain directives".
4. Region II forward the resolution of a political body in the main Commune affected, objecting strongly to the transfer and asking that the resolution be brought to Chief Commissioner's attention.
5. Question now. Should not the objections of the R.C. and by Matera Province be brought to the attention of Reale or better Badoglio?

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12.Mar.44.

Edith A. M.
E. Talbot,
Capt.

*I raised this at V.P.s meeting. C.E. gave direction
that action should be taken.*

AS 15/3

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2
155
89 MAR Recd
4 MAR 1944
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Ref: A/30/26

4 March 1944

SUBJECT: - Transfer of Communes from Matera to Potenza

TO : - Vice President R.C. & MG. Section A.C.C.
A.P.O. 394

Further to this HQ. letter N° A/30/12 dated 24-2-44, the
Matera Provincial Committee of National Liberation has asked that
the enclosed resolution from the main commune affected by the proposed
transfer may be forwarded to reach General Mason - MacFarlane.

For the R.C.

E.G. Fricker
E.G. Fricker, Major
Executive Officer
Region 2

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V-15-17
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The National Liberation Committee of the Commune of Tricarico

Having learned the news of the proposed separation of the Commune of Tricarico from the Province of Matera, transferring it to the Province of Potenza.

Considering that, with such provision, the District of Tricarico, which is now composed of four Communes, with a total population of 20.000 inhabitants, would be divided up and reduced to a single Commune of 8810 inhabitants.

Since, because of the present war situation and of possible future administrative and institutional organisations, the present is not the time to make sudden changes, the future repercussion of which cannot be foreseen, especially in regard to judicial, financial and school jurisdiction.

STATES;

to vote for the suspension of any provision referring to the said transfer.

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Tricarico Feb 29, 1944



Col Fuhrer.

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1. Please see 15
2. What are the "certain directions" referred to in 15?
3. I think that action by A.C.C. is not only ~~possible~~ possible but necessary, namely, to acquaint Reale of some of the R.C.'s objections. Surely the R.C.'s opinion that an amendment of the decree would result "in a distinct improvement in the political situation from the standpoint of ACC" is an opinion ~~that~~ which Reale should have his attention drawn to?

Please see 17 & 18

arrived since last my letter.

Edith

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

040.-1/RS.
22/7/45

SUBJECT : Transfer of Communes.

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner, HQ ACC APO 394.

1 In my judgement, this is a matter which concerns only the Italian Government. I have no doubt that all the criticisms of these actions are justified, but subject to certain directives we have been ordered to support them.

2 No action by ACC therefore seems possible.

7 Mar 44
Refer to Folios 1045-1046
Copies submitted see Case

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Stansgate

STANSGATE,
VP Adm Sec.

Copy to: Interior SC
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/155/14/CA

NEF/mrd
3 March 1944

SUBJECT: Transfer of Communes

TO : Administrative Section - For Interior Subcommittee

1. I am transmitting for your consideration and appropriate action a copy of report from the Regional Commissioner, Region II upon the reported action of the Italian Government in transferring certain Communes from the Province of Matera to that of Potenza.

2. This Section agrees that as a matter of policy it is unwise to stir up tension by taking action at this time in these local political differences.

By Command of Lieutenant General MASON MacFARLANE:

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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Dep. Rec. Com.

From:

There is no indication in these pp. as to whether the Govt. gave any reasons for the transfer of these inmates - I imagine not or they would have been dealt with in R.C.'s memo.

2. I most strongly agree with R.C.'s conclusions and suggest that to put a firm stop to such petty actions now may have a good effect in the future.
3. This incident may also have bearing on other matters now being considered re. Sigrae Reale?
4. Ask Interior Sub-Commission to take necessary steps to have the Prison amended?

TFB 2/9/72

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

REGION II

28 FEB 1944

A. C. C.

Ref. A / 30/12

24 Feb 44

Subj. Transfer of Communes from Matera to Potenza Province.

To: B.C. and M.G. Section, AGO HQ, Naples.
(Copy: Lt. Col. Spicer, Interior Sub-Commission, Salerno)

1. The following report is submitted upon the transfer of the communes of Genzano, Banzì, Palazzo S. Gervasio, and Tricarico from Matera to Potenza by Royal Decree, news of which was received in the Bari press on February 21st.

HISTORICAL

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2. In November the rumors spread through the province that a plan was under foot to transfer some communes to Potenza. This scheme was attributed to Signore Reale, a resident of Potenza, recently appointed Undersecretary of State for the Interior in the Badoglio Government. It was apparent that some politically minded persons were attempting to stir up sentiment for such a move.

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4. We are informed that Sig. Reale, in a letter addressed to a Sig. Raffaele Scalcione, guaranteed that the province of Matera would not be touched, and gave the latter permission to publish the contents. Despite these assurances, Sig. Reale has apparently induced the Badoglio Government to issue a decree transferring these four communes from Matera to Potenza.

CONSEQUENCES

5. The consequences of the announcement of this transfer are somewhat important from two aspects, fiscal and political. Data furnished by the Prefect of Matera at my request shows that the total population of Matera Province (one of the smallest, if not the smallest in Italy) was 166,776 in the census of 1936.

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The population of the four communes transferred was 25,566, or 15.2 per-cent of the total.

6 The area of these communes is 52,856 hectares, or 13.9 per-cent of the 379,345 hectares in the province.

7 The total of provincial taxes and supertaxes on land and buildings for the province for the year 1944 is £3,682,447. The part paid by the detached communes was £678,823, or 17.4 per-cent. It is thus clear that the transferred communes represent a better than average section of Matera Province. With the revenue from 32 communes, the province could not completely balance its budget. If, therefore, this severance of communes should be allowed to stand, the question would arise whether, since the provincial overhead could not be materially reduced, the province of Matera should be abolished entirely. It is openly alleged in Matera that this is the ultimate objective of Signore Reale.

8 If it should be decided to annex the remainder of Matera Province to some other province, there would be serious economic loss to those who have made investments in business and real property to accommodate the needs of a provincial capital, such as housing accommodations for provincial officials.

9 The political repercussions from the announcement of the Decree have been vigorous in Matera. With the permission of the Prefect, and the approval of the Regional Commissioner, a public meeting was held in Matera on February 23rd in the cinema theater. Approximately 700 people crowded the theater to capacity, and several more were unable to gain admission. The feeling was intense and the audience vocal but generally good-humored, and they did not become disorderly. At the end of the meeting, the people dispersed quietly.

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11 Repeated references to the Allied Military Government were warmly applauded. It was evident that the audience was very hopeful that the fair-mindedness of the AGC/ANG chiefs would lead them to annul the Decree.

12 In private conversation, responsible members of the community have expressed the view that there was no real economic or administrative justification for the transfer, but that its real motivation was an attempt to strengthen Signore Seale's personal political influence. The opinion is also expressed that the Badoglio Government is ill-advised, at a time when every energy should be concentrated on problems of major national importance, to waste any of its energy on petty political maneuvering, which can only result in alienating the people of one province without any compensating gain in another.

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CONCLUSION

4 As Regional Commissioner, I must state that I believe the transfer was actuated by personnel political motives on the part of Signore Reale, and that it was ill-advised to stir up the people of one province against the government for no good political, economic, or administrative reason. It is my recommendation that, if possible, the Decree should be annulled, or that necessary steps be taken to make it ineffective. I am confident that if it could be announced to the people of Matera that the proposed transfers had been abandoned, the people of Matera Province would be very well pleased; and that there would be little or no resentment in Potenza. The net result would be a distinct improvement in the political situation from the standpoint of A.C.C.

A copy of the resolutions adopted at the public meeting on February 23rd is attached for your information.

G. H. McCaffrey
G. H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.

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GWM/pjh

Addendum: Since the basic communication was signed, a copy of a statement from the Prefect of Matera to the President of the Council of Ministers was received at this Headquarters. A copy of this statement, with its attachments, is also included for your information.

G. H. McC.

IL POPOLO DI MATERA

Ritenuto in pubblico imponente Comizio;

Rilevato che la mutilazione di questa Provincia progettata dal Governo Badoglio, e più precisamente dal Ministro degli Interni costituisce una sopraffazione di pura marca fascista;

Che nessuna revisione delle circoscrizioni può essere compiuta altrimenti che mediante la libera espressione delle volontà delle popolazioni e nel quadro generale delle riforme istituzionali che, a guerra finita, dovranno essere elaborate dalla Assemblea Legislativa;

Che, mentre sul territorio nazionale infuria la guerra e la più completa disorganizzazione della vita civile regna nel paese, e semplicemente delittuose che il Governo si presti a basse manovre di campanilistica propaganda elettorale; di uno dei suoi componenti;

Ricordate che Matera ha l'orgoglio di avere, in un memorabile pomeriggio dello scorso settembre, impugnato le armi e cacciato, con sacrificio di sangue, l'invasore tedesco;

Considerato che il Ministro degli Interni non ha avuto ritegno di venir meno al categorico impegno personale, assunto in una lettera portata per suo desiderio a conoscenza di gran numero di cittadini, di non intaccare ed anzi di ampliare la circoscrizione della Provincia;

P R O T E S T A

con tutte le sue forze contro il provvedimento che vulnera i suoi vitali interessi e ne reclama l'immediata revoca;

S E G N A L A

alla Autorità Alleata il sopruso di cui è vittima;

S I R A C C O G L I E

interno al Comitato di Liberazione, dando a questo mandato di fare tutti i passi necessari per la tutela degli interessi cittadini.

Matera, 23 Febbraio 1944.



R. PREFETTURA DI MATERA

Div. Gab. Num. di prot. 1458

Risposta a nota

Alligati

Matera, 24 febbraio 1944

OGGETTO: Malcontento circa la riannessione di quattro Comuni di questa Provincia e quella di Potenza.

ALLA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

P.M. 151
AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO - GABINETTO

Infermasi che ieri sera, alle ore 17 si iniziò un comizio in questo Centro, promosso dal locale Comitato di Liberazione, per protestare contro il recente provvedimento del Consiglio dei Ministri, relativo alla riannessione dei Comuni di Rensi, Palazzo S. Gervasio, Genzano di Lucania e Tricarico alla Provincia di Potenza.

Intervennero circa un migliaio di cittadini.

Parlò per prime l'Avvocato Milillo Vincenzo, quale Segretario del Comitato di Liberazione stesso, nonché quale rappresentante del Partito Socialista, il quale, divergendo su questioni politiche e di partito, finì con l'elevare energica protesta contro l'ingiuste provvedimento e contro il Ministero dell'Interno che ha proposte il provvedimento stesso.

Tale discorso, in parte, ed in seguito, è stato sfavorevolmente commentato dall'opinione pubblica appunto perchè il Milillo divulgò parole, inopportune, di politica ed allontanandosi dallo scopo per cui il comizio era stato indetto.

Successivamente prese la parola l'Avvocato Grandi Prospero, in qualità di libero cittadino, il quale, con fervido discorso, fece la storia della Provincia di Matera e protestò contro il provvedimento, che di fini inique, sia perchè queste Capoluogo, a differenza di tutti i Comuni della Lucania, si era distinte, a prezzo del sangue dei suoi cittadini, nelle cacciate dei tedeschi nel tardo pomeriggio del 21 settembre scorso e, sia perchè non era questo il momento opportuno per apportare modifiche alle circoscrizioni amministrative, ciò che sarebbe di competenza delle Assemblee legislative, dato che lo sforzo di tutti gli Italiani è teso nella liberazione del suolo della Patria dal ne-

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Il discorso venne molto applaudito.

Si susseguirono il Dr. Ventura Tommaso per la Democrazia Cristiana l'Avv. De Muggieri Niccolò, quale componente del Comitato di Liberazione, l'Avv. Bianco Michele per il partito Comunista, che ribadirono le proteste già fatte dai precedenti oratori e, per ultimo, il Sindaco di Matera, Avvocato Letronico Domenico, il quale dette lettura di cinque telegrammi inviati a S. Maestà il Re, a Sua Eccellenza Badoglio, al Ministro dell'Interno, alla Giunta Esecutiva del Comitato di Bari ed alla Commissione di Controllo Alleata a Napoli, di cui si alligano le

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R. PREFETTURA DI MATERA

Div. _____ Num. di prot. _____

Risposta a nota _____

Alligati _____

Matera. _____

OGGETTO: _____

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Assistette un Rappresentante della Commissione Alleata di controllo di Matera, all'indirizzo del quale gli intervenuti tributarono ovazioni di simpatia.

Tutti gli oratori, poi, fecero voti affinché a suo mezzo le Autorità Alleate intervenissero presso il governo italiano.

Alla fine venne votato un ordine del giorno, di cui si alliga anche copia.

Durante il comizio non ebbero a verificarsi fatti di notevole importanza, tranne qualche fischio, partito dall'uditorio, all'indirizzo del Rappresentante del Partito Comunista e del Ministro dell'Interno, proponente del suddetto schema di Decreto legge.

Alle ore 18 il comizio complessivamente ebbe termine.

L'opinione pubblica, in linea di massima, ha approvato quanto venne stabilito dal comizio.

MA/

IL PREFETTO
(G. Tamburro)

Da...

C O P I A

ECCELLENZA MINISTRO INTERNO

SALERNO

Recente schema decreto disagregatore Provincia Matera ha suscitato viva indignazione questa cittadinanza defraudata immeritate otto imposte che le danno profondamente interessi vitali nostra Provincia.

SINDACO

F/te Domenico Latronice

Per copia conforme
(Il Capo di Gabinetto)






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COMMISSIONE INTERALLIATA

SALERNO

Consiglio Ministri con recente decreto mutilava nostra provincia sottraendole quattro Comuni ed aggregandoli provincia di Potenza punto Ingiuste provvedimento che in insidia esistenza questa Provincia a nessun altre seconda per virtù patriottiche ha suscitato viva indignazione intera cittadinanza che leva alta sua protesta chiedendo interessamento. contesta on revole Commissione perchè decreto venga revocato.

Sindaco D. Senice Latronico

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COPIA

UFFICIO REGIONALE DEL GLI

REGIONE

Recente schema decreto che annullerebbe nostra Provincia ha prof. adde-
mente indignato intera cittadinanza che non senza eleva alta protesta
per inaspettata ingiustificata progetto che ingenerosamente ripaga corru-
gione nostra autonomia del 21 settembre 1943 contro i tedeschi punto invec-
ce pertanto intervento Vostra eccellenza perché non sia dato corso deple-
rate progetto.

SINDACO

P/te Massimo Latronice

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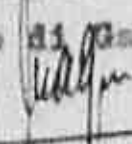
GIUNTA ESECUTIVA CONGRESSO ANTIFASCISTA

NAPOLI

Consiglio ministri con recente decreto mutilava nostra Provincia sottraendole quattro Comuni aggregandoli provincia di Potenza punto; Ingiusto atto imperiale che ha indignato intera cittadinanza getta seme discordia agitazione animi uniti conseguimento nostra liberazione patria dal nemico et restaurazione libertà giustizia. Punto Fregosi ostende Connessione svolgare opera affinché provvedimento non abbia attuazione.

SINDACO Demanico Latronico

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D E C L A S S I F I C A T O

SUA MAESTÀ RE D'ITALIA

SALERNO

Consiglio Ministri ultima seduta approvata schema decreto mutila-
zione provincia Matera punto Cittadinanza indignata ingiuste meritate
provvedimento chiede intervenire Vostra Maestà per scongiurare situa-
zione fatale atto d'iniquità che sarebbe sicura causa gravi discordie ed
agitazioni.

SINDACO

F/te Domenico Latronico

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IL POPOLO DI MATERA

Riunite in imponente pubblico comizio;

Rilevate che la mutilazione di questa Provincia progettata dal Governo Badoglio e più precisamente dal Ministro dell'Interno costituisce una sopercchia di pura marca fascista;

Che nessuna revisione delle circoscrizioni può essere computa altrimenti: che mediante la libera espressione della volontà delle popolazioni e nel quadro generale delle riforme istituzionali che, a guerra finita, dovranno essere elaborate dalle Assemblies Legislative;

che, mentre sul territorio nazionale infuria la guerra e la più completa disorganizzazione regna nella vita civile del paese, è semplicemente incredibile che il Governo si presti a basse manovre di campanilistica propaganda elettorale di uno dei suoi componenti;

Ricordate che Matera ha l'orgoglio di avere, in un memorabile pomeriggio dello scorso settembre, impugnato le armi e cacciate, con sacrificio di sangue, l'invasore tedesco;

Constatate che il Ministro dell'Interno non ha avuto ritegne di venir meno al categorico impegno personale, assunto in una lettera portata per suo desiderio e conoscenza di gran numero di cittadini, di non intaccare ed anzi di ampliare le circoscrizioni della Provincia;

PROTESTA

con tutte le sue forze contro il provvedimento che vulnera i suoi vitali interessi, e ne reclama l'immediata revoca;

SEGNATA

alle Autorità Alleate il sopruso di cui è vittima;

SI RACCOMANDA

intorno al Comitato di Liberazione, dando mandato a questo di fare tutti i passi necessari per la tutela degli interessi cittadini.

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Che nessuna revisione delle circoscrizioni può essere compiuta altrimenti: che mediante la libera espressione della volontà delle popolazioni e nel quadro generale delle riforme istituzionali che, a guerra finita, dovranno essere elaborate dalle assemblee legislative;

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Constatate che il Ministro dell'Interno non ha avuto ritengo di venire al categorico impegno personale, assunto in una lettera portata per suo desiderio e conoscenza di gran numero di cittadini, di non intaccare ed anzi di ampliare le circoscrizioni della Provincia;

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con tutte le sue forze contro il provvedimento che vulnera i suoi vitali interessi, e ne reclama l'immediata revoca;

SEGNA

alle Autorità Alleate il sopruso di cui è vittima;

SI RACCOGLIE

intorno al Comitato di Liberazione, dando mandato a quanto si fare tutti i passi necessari per la tutela degli interessi cittadini.

Matera 23 Febbraio 1944.



