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MAR. - MAY 1946

TRANSLATION.

To Military Personnel of present Transition Army:-

ATTENTION ATTENTION !!!

Military of all Arms and Corps, the period through which we are passing may mean for you LIFE OR DEATH.

WHY?

Because the question is to preserve the present state of the Monarchical Army or to forge a Republican one:

(- You have known and experienced the monarchical one. The officers and NCOs who command you (we mean the officers and NCOs who on 8 Sept did not understand honour and dignity and who today return to their posts) to maintain and keep their privileges, their advantages, and in the posts which have been kept for them by your sacrifices to vex you and subject you to their capricious and egoistical will, masked under the pretext of a discipline as stupid as it is useless. They are drawing you into a civil and military conflict against your wish, as, against you wishes they desired the war which recently has torn and ruined our Italy.

It is up to you to escape their egoistical will by making them understand that their game and their false aims are now evident. A monarchical army means re-establishing in their egoistical privileges, useless and harmful to us and to the masses, a limited number of individuals at the head of which are precisely the officers.

(- The Republican one gives you freedom, life, honour, because enlistment would be voluntary and ^{not} forced, conscription.

The officers do not wish the republic because it would abolish right away the high sounding titles with which they like to adorn themselves and because it would put them in the position of being obliged to work really conscientiously in supporting and guiding that part of the people which Italy entrusts to them.

The officers have made what should have been for them a sacred mission, a chain which binds you and which has reduced you to slavery, to the extent of preventing you to think reasonably.

We exhort you after June 2nd 1946 (when the elections are over) to leave the barracks and return free to your homes! Your safety is already assured by the fact that you have not sworn allegiance to ANYBODY.

THINK AND DECIDE!

LONG LIVE THE REPUBLIC!

THE HOUR APPROACHES!

DOWN WITH THE MONARCHY!

VOTE FOR THE REPUBLIC!

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THIS FOLDER
CONTAINS PAPERS
FROM

CATALOGUE.

SUBJECT: Propaganda.

HQ 3 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 152965 Ext 107
G/31/3
19 May 46

HQ MMIA

Copies of the attached pamphlet have been widely distributed amongst the troops in the MILAN area during the last few days.

One of the Monarchist newspapers reprinted the pamphlet and added an appeal to the troops not to listen to propaganda of this nature.

MILAN
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22 MAY 1946
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1° MILITARI DELL'ATTUALE ESERCITO DI TRANSIZIONE

ATTENZIONE, ATTENZIONE!!!

Militari di tutte le Armi e Corpi,

il momento che stiamo attraversando può significare per voi

VITA O MORTE!

PERCHÉ?

Perché si tratta di conservare lo stato attuale dell'esercito monarchico o di forgiare quello Repubblicano:

(- quello monarchico è da voi conosciuto e provato. Gli ufficiali e sottufficiali che vi comandano (intendiamo gli ufficiali e sottufficiali che l'8 settembre non conobbero l'onore e la dignità e che ora ritornano fra i ranghi) per poter mantenere e conservare i loro privilegi, le loro comodità, e per poter, dai posti a loro conservati dai vostri sacrifici angariarvi e sottoporvi ai loro capricciosi voleri egoistici si mascherano sotto il pretesto di una stupida quanto inutile disciplina. Essi vi stanno trascinando in un conflitto civile e militare contro la vostra volontà, come contro la Vostra volontà hanno voluta la guerra che recentemente ha straziata e rovinata la nostra Italia.

A voi sta il sottrarvi ai loro voleri egoistici, nel far sentire che il loro gioco e le loro false mire sono ormai palesi. Un esercito monarchico significa riconfermare nei loro privilegi egoistici, inutili e dannosi a noi ed alla massa, ad un ristretto numero di individui a capo dei quali stanno precisamente gli ufficiali.

(- quella Repubblicana vi dà la libertà, la vita, l'onore perché l'arruolamento avverrebbe volontariamente e non per coscrizione obbligatoria.

Gli ufficiali non vogliono la Repubblica perché essa abolirebbe senz'altro i titoli altisonanti di cui amano fregiarsi e perché li metterebbe in condizioni di dover veramente lavorare con coscienza nel sorreggere e guidare quella parte di popolo che l'Italia affida a loro.

Gli ufficiali, di ciò che doveva essere per loro una missione, una sacra missione, ne hanno fatto invece una catena che vi avvince e che vi ha ridotti in schiavitù impedendovi persino di pensare sanamente.

Vi esortiamo, dopo il 2 giugno 1946 (ad elezioni politiche fatte) ad abbandonare le caserme ritornando liberi alle vostre case! La vostra incolumità è già salvaguardata dal fatto che non avete prestato giuramento di fedeltà a NESSUNO.

MEDITATE E DECIDETE! L'ORA È VICINA!

VIVA LA REPUBBLICA! - ABBASSO LA MONARCHIA!

VOTATE PER LA REPUBBLICA!

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

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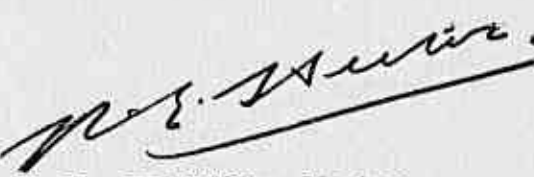
8 March 1946

Subject :- Separatist Propaganda.RECEIVED 13 MAR 1946
DATE 29/4To :- H.Q. M.M.I.A.
C.M.F. (for G.S.O. I.).

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Attached herewith is a copy translation of
a SEPARATIST propaganda sheet found at MISILMERI
(prov. PALERMO).

R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

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To See

Col Sandby

Col Albert

Major Deshayes

Hector

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Movement for the Sicilian Independence

Indipendent Youngsters

Whilst a bleeding tide floats on our holy Sicily, caused by some nefarious, unworthy sons, who prefer their egoistic interest to the interest of our ever-tortured people, and whilst troops and guns are sent to suffocate in the blood of our right ambitions, we, youngsters, workshops and dockyards workers, artisans and labourers, sulphur-miners and country-men, fisher-men and students, who, with all our passion, love this country blessed by God and cursed by men, we have not to bear, we cannot bear any more this unworthy outrage to our people.

IN THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY of our "Lega Giovanile" (Youngsters' League), we indipendentists reconfirm our sacred principles and unshaken faith in our liberty, for which we are also going to get ready to fight.- You TURRI (separatist University Professor, killed in action) who lead this glorious martyrs and heros' company, you ROSANO, GIUDICE and ILADI, and you not to be forgotten FERDINANDO GILBERTO rest in peace as your blood was not given in vain.

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And you ALDISIO, who are the most responsible person for our grieves, you will never have peace, as the deaths' shadows will pursue you, and you Maresciallo LEONE, specialist in torturing our young brothers who are in gaol, you will have to answer to God's justice.- Betrayers will pay.

ON OUR MARTYRS' BLOOD, ON THE PATIENCES OF OUR BROTHERS WHO ARE LANGUISHING IN THE GAOLS OF ALL SICILY, ON OUR HONEST FEELINGS WE SWEAR WE'LL SACRIFICE OUR EXISTENCE TO THE FIGHTING ALREADY STARTED AND WHICH WILL NOT CEASE WITH OUR DEATH BUT WILL BE CONTINUED WITH MORE STRENGTH BY OUR SONS AND BY OUR SONS' SONS.

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The blood of our martyrs and of those who will come, everlasting shame for all the Roman Youngsters, reconfirms to history and to the world the sacred right of the Sicilian people.

Long Live Independent Sicily.

Palermo, 26 February 1946.

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From: Air Forces Sub Commission, H.Q. Allied Commission.

To: Chief Intelligence Officer, A.H.Q. ITALY.

Date: 13th December 1945.

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Anti-Monarchist Front in the Italian Armed Forces.

Attached is a report received from Italian Air Force Intelligence sources concerning propaganda of the leftist parties within the Italian Armed Forces for your information.

a very patriotic effort

D.H.G. Smith

D.H.G. SMITH F/LT
Air Vice Marshal
Air Officer Commanding 616

This should be stamped out.

Copies to: S.C.I. (Major Smith).
G.2, M.M.I.A. ✓
S.S.O., Naval Sub Commission.

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6th December 1945.

Anti-Monarchist Front in the Armed Forces.

A small group of officers and N.C.O's of the R. Marina, Socialists, actionists, communists and republicans almost all of whom were in Rome and in contact with the parties of the left during the German occupation, founded during the last months of 1944 the Dissenting Clandestine Naval Centre whose programme can be summarised into the following points:

- substitution and removal of the Minister, Admiral De Courten;
- energetic epuration of the Navy with the removal of all Admirals and senior officers and junior officers who were considered hostile to the new democracy with leanings towards the left.
- republican statement from the Navy.

The centre was the originator and organiser of the clandestine paper "Buona Guardia" and also had other sheets printed by the maccchia which criticised the organisation of the Navy and its chiefs.

The centre sought the assistance of the Communist, Socialist, Republican and Action parties and of their press which it furnished with evidence for attacks on the Navy. It also supported General AZZI's movement which acted as a liaison section between the military organisations of the various parties of the left.

Because a certain number of members of the centre maintained that it should function independently of the various parties of the left and not submit to the discipline of any one of them, at the beginning of 1945 the Naval Anti Monarchist Front was founded on the advice of the representatives of the parties.

The F.A.M., independently of individual membership of the various parties was to gather together the Officers, N.C.O's and sailors with republican ideas who desired a rapid epuration and transformation of the Navy.

According to reliable sources the Naval F.A.M. includes about one hundred members of whom about thirty are officers.

The communist party decided to extend the Anti-Monarchist Front to the other armed forces and to constitute for this purpose an organ to include the three F.A.M.

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It appears that at a meeting in Rome towards the middle of November at which representatives of the Navy, Army and Air Force and members of the parties of the left were present (including SPANO and SALVATORELLI), foundations were laid for the constitution of the F.A.F.A. (Fronte Anti-Monarchico Forze Armate).

A few days later there was a reunion at Taranto in order to set up the local F.A.F.A.

The programme of the F.A.F.A. provides for each member of the Armed Forces to work for its own account on anti-monarchist propaganda and carry out conspiratorial activity designed to catch the maximum number of personnel and tending gradually to separate the mass of the military from the commands and direct them towards the new ideology of the left.

The exponents of the various Armed Forces are to be subordinate to the H.Q. Directorate of the F.A.F.A. which is composed of military representatives and representatives of the communists, socialists, republicans and actionists.

Finally it appears that after the constitution of the F.A.F.A. the Central Directorate of the Communist Party gave the Federation new instructions for the organisation of the O.M. (Organizzazioni militari periferiche).

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The Provincial Federation of Taranto received a letter in which it was arranged that immediately after the constitution of the F.A.F.A. almost all of the members of the party hitherto belonging to the O.M. were to be turned over to it thus limiting the latter organisation to a small number of very trustworthy persons who would carry out duties solely of an administrative, propaganda or intelligence nature.

The F.A.F.A. is to be composed of the mass of the members of the parties of the left in the Armed Forces, especially in view of the elections.

In the same letter there is a further suggestion that discontent among military personnel should be increased in such a way as to induce them to protest continually because an atmosphere of discontent and complaint is considered to be a fundamental basis for attracting an increasingly large number of military personnel to the party.

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