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MONTHLY REPORTS FROM DETACHMENTS, INTELLIGENCE
MAR. - JUN. 1946

From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
o/o Naples Liaison Group, APO.394.

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To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.

Date:- 3rd June, 1946.

Ref :- AFSC/N/ /INT.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR MAY 1946.

1. As in other parts of the country the R.A. in Naples have been very concerned about the election. All the officers and most of the men are almost fanatical in their enthusiasm for the Monarchy. It has also been observed that returning P.O.W's display positive Monarchist tendencies, and during a recent demonstration in Naples a number of them were given a great reception by the crowd. Each R.A. unit was manned for defence in the case of riots and all ranks were given extra duties over the period. Colonel Dentice remained on duty for the whole week. Newly arrived D.O.W's protested at not being given the opportunity to vote.

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COLONEL SALVATORE has been replaced by Gen. Ranieri CUPINI as Commander of the Royal Academy. Colonel Salvatore had put in some good work but he was known to be not firm enough with the cadets. In any case the establishment of the School provides for a General in charge, and General CUPINI, who recently arrived back from a D.O.W. Camp in Germany, apparently has an excellent record in the service.

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FROM :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Milan.

TO :- C.I.O.
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
H.Q. Allied Commission, Rome.

DATE :- 10th May 1946.

REF :- AFSC/M/4/INT.

MONTHLY REPORT- I.A.F. PERSONALITIES, RELATIONS WITH CIVIL
POPULATION ETC.

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D.H.G. SMITH S/LDR
Commanding
A.F.S.C. MILAN.

Sa. Riservato personale

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ALL'A.F.S.C. of. A.C.

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OGGETTO: Osservazioni e contatti tra l'Aeronautica e la popolazione civile.

In esito al foglio A.F.S.C./M/4/Iug dell'8/1/46 si comunica quanto segue:

- 1°) Nulla di notevole da segnalare circa i rapporti tra la popolazione civile e gli Enti ed il personale della R^a Aeronautica.
- 2°) Gli argomenti interessanti l'Aeronautica comparsi sui giornali cittadini sono già stati trasmessi con foglio a parte a codesta Sottocommissione.
- 3°) Le elezioni amministrative di Milano si sono svolte in perfetto ordine malgrado l'amministrazione comunale milanese ne abbia permesso lo svolgimento pur sapendo che moltissimi elettori non avrebbero potuto votare in quanto non compresi, per forza maggiore o ad arte dei partiti di sinistra, nelle liste elettorali del Comune (circa 200.000 persone non hanno ricevuto il certificato elettorale, e certamente non dei partiti di sinistra). Com'è noto la vittoria è arrisa al P.S.I.U.P. in parte attesa ed in parte provocata dal convincente discorso dell'Ambasciatore a Parigi Saragat il quale ha ben chiarito il concetto dell'indipendenza dal P.C.I. del P.S. stesso. Informazioni degne di nota hanno segnalato la convinzione da parte comunista di ottenere una vittoria decisiva a Milano ed al riguardo sembra che Mosca avesse autorizzato Giancarlo Pajetta a prelevare 85.000.000, da spendere in propaganda, dai fondi del P.C.I.
- 4°) Fatto notevole è stato la rivolta dei detenuti nelle Carceri di S. Vittore. In tale circostanza si è dimostrata la debolezza del Governo di Roma ed al riguardo, qualora, ciò interessasse codesta Sottocommissione, questo Nucleo è in grado di fornire una relazione a parte sui presupposti, le cause e gli obiettivi che si prefiggeva la sommossa.

ESTRANGIERO PILOTA CAPO NUCLEO
(Giancarlo Sandon)
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DAL GIORNALE "IL MATTINO D'ITALIA" IN DATA Maggio 1946

I marinai d'Italia sono stati traditi

Signor Direttore,

L'8 settembre 1943 la flotta italiana obbedì all'ordine del Capo dello Stato e del legittimo Governo d'Italia e andò a Malta. Nessuno si illuda di credere che tale gesto non sia costato ai marinai italiani in fierezza, orgoglio, prestigio, amor proprio. Tutto fu sacrificato all'obbedienza «suprema» della Patria ed accettammo di collaborare lealmente con gli alleati e con essi ci battemmo contro il tedesco invasore, dopo aver abbandonato le nostre basi, le nostre famiglie, i nostri averi, le nostre case, superando ogni sentimentalismo, sentimentalismo legittimo nei cuori di chi, per tre anni, si è duramente battuto contro la più formidabile flotta del mondo. Obbedimmo e continuammo la guerra a fianco degli enemies, in piena, leale, sincera collaborazione.

I nostri nobili sacrifici non furono da poco: la flotta italiana, gli equipaggi, gli ufficiali, in terra e in mare, di qua e di là delle linee, si sono prodigati per due anni, in silenzio, riscuotendo l'ammirazione degli alleati, lavorando, combattendo, morendo per la Patria!

Le nostre navi, superstiti di una flotta che non è stata, in guerra, seconda a nessun'altra, erano e sono per noi marinai, e forse non per noi soltanto, simbolo della Patria immortale, il vessillo della rinascita, della riscossa, della ricostruzione.

Ora gli Alleati, dimentichi di tutte le promesse, sordi a ogni ricordo di quanto l'Italia e la flotta italiana hanno fatto per la comune vittoria, intendono barattare le nostre navi, spartire, cinicamente, la flotta tra slavi e greci, francesi e russi, fra vincitori cioè ed ex-vinti, mercanteggiando fra loro le nostre unità.

Noi non vogliamo usare parole dure per questo «tradimento» che si vuol perpetrare al tavolo della cosiddetta pace ai danni di un'Italia democratica, ma stremata, libera, ma affamata e prostrata e umiliata. Non vi sono ragioni tecniche che possano giustificare la spartizione e la spoliazione della nostra flotta, tanto meno morali o politiche. Si vuole, attraverso la rapina delle nostre navi, umiliare ancora una volta questa disgraziata Italia...

Prendiamo sacro impegno e solenne promessa formaliamo di fronte al Paese, piuttosto che consegnare la flotta a francesi e russi, jugoslavi e greci e a chicchessia, noi affondiamo

le nostre navi! La flotta italiana sarà autoaffondata: lo giuriamo, sulla memoria dei Caduti, di tutti i Caduti della nostra guerra!

Roma, 29 aprile 1946

I MARINAI D'ITALIA

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From :- Air Forces Sub Commission,
o/o 6th Armoured Division, Postal Unit, C.M.F.

To :- Air Forces Sub Commission,
H.Q. Allied Commission, R O M E. (Attention S.I.O.)

Date :- 1st April 1946

Ref. :- AFSC/6/INT

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Intelligence - I.A.F. Personalities and Relations
with Civil Population.

Herewith reports just received on the following
personnel of the 2nd Z.A.T.

Capitano	MARTINUZZI
Sergente	SANTONI
1° Aviere	GASPERINI

2. Capitano Martinuzzi and Sergeant Santoni were arrested in Udine last December. The report regarding these was written by Maggiore Gobetti of the Ufficio di Disciplina 2nd Z.A.T. A more detailed investigation is now being carried out by Tenente Colonnello FACIUTO, an account of which will be forwarded when available.

3. The preliminary investigation report on GASPERINI is by the F.S.S., 6th Armoured Division. He is at present being held in prison in Padua.

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R.T. James F/O
F/Lt L.W.L. Underwood,
Air Forces Sub Commission,
Padua Detachment.

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From: Air Forces Sub Commission
Allied Commission, Naples

To : Air Forces Sub Commission
Allied Commission, Rome

Date: 2nd April, 1946

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT - MARCH 1946

1. Lt.Col. A.A.L. Dentici The R.A. in Naples area is controlled by Col. Dentici who is well suited for this post. He evidently has the well being of R.A. at heart and will go to great lengths to make his region efficient in the eyes of his superiors, often at the expense of those serving under him. His application of strict discipline among all ranks will give a good impression. He is very anti-Communist, pro-Royalist, and evidently feels very deeply the present position of Italy. He is a very useful man to the R.A. with a good operational record. Although he appears to like the company of Britishers and Americans, I have no doubt that he would not hesitate to 'put one over' on us should the necessity arise. In general Colonel Dentici is a good officer, and his relationship with the Sub Commission quite satisfactory. Gen. Aimone Cat has recently ordered the following to be written on Colonel Dentici's documents:

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FROM :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Milan.

TO :- C.I.O.,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
H.Q. Allied Commission, Rome.

DATE :- 4th April 1946.

REF :- AFSC/W/4/Int.

MONTHLY REPORT - I.A.F. PERSONALITIES, RELATIONS WITH

CIVIL POPULATION ETC.

In accordance with instructions contained in your letter of 3rd January 1946, ref AFSC/INT/15, the present report on the above subject is forwarded for your information.

2. PUBLIC DISORDERS. Public disorders of a minor nature have occurred during the month. On 1st March a mutiny of the prisoners in Bologna and Turin gaols was staged with the object of delaying the trial of Fascist criminals. On 16th March a similar revolt in Milan gaol resulted in two deaths. On 25th March occurred in Aosta, formented

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3. RELATIONS BETWEEN REGIA AERONAUTICA AND CIVIL POPULATION

Relationship between Regia Aeronautica and the civil population has been completely normal. There have been no incidents or demonstrations, and no unfavorable articles have appeared in the press.

4. RELATIONS BETWEEN REGIA AERONAUTICA AND A.F.S.C.

Relationship between I.A.F. personnel and A.F.S.C. have been entirely satisfactory. Inquiries were conducted into the adverse reports on Capt. Pilatone reported last month and a satisfactory explanation received. General DRAGO arrived at 1st Z.A.T. Headquarters, Milan on 4th April 1946 to take over the Command from General BIFTI. A formal luncheon, held in the 1st Z.A.T. Building to celebrate this occasion, was attended by all the officers of AFSC Milan.

The work of Captain Casale in the organisation of Gallarate Main Stores and in the salvaging of I.A.F. equipment was made the subject of a special letter of commendation.



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Intelligence Officer
A.F.S.C. MILAN.

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From:- Air Forces Sub Commission,
C/O 5th Armoured Division, Postal Unit.

To :- Air Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission. Rome.

Date:- 2nd March, 1946.

Ref :- AFSC/6/INT.

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INTELLIGENCE + I.A.F. PERSONALITIES AND
RELATIONS WITH CIVIL POPULATION

1. The relationship between the Aeronautica and the civil population still remains, as stated in our report for the month of January, entirely satisfactory. There has been no friction nor have there been incidents, which in any way might merit comment by this office.

2. All officers with whom this detachment comes into contact appear, at least on the surface, to be most helpful, and it is difficult to make any more concrete observation. One person who might warrant special mention is Captain Tessari, Adjutant 2nd ZAT, who liaises extremely well with this office, and does his best to help us in any way possible.



R. T. James F10
for F/Lt. L.M.L. Underwood,
Liaison Officer,
PADOVA DETACHMENT

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FROM :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Milan.

TO :- C.I.O., Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.

DATE :- 5th March 1946.

REF :- AFSC/M/4/INT.

MONTHLY REPORT - I.A.F. PERSONALITIES: RELATION WITH

CIVIL POPULATION

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Capt. PILATONE is understood to be at present in Rome, but arrangements have been made for an interview immediately upon his return to Milan next week to investigate the validity of the charges made against him.

4. Relationship between R.A. officers and the AFSC continues to be completely satisfactory. The Italian Liaison Office (Captain Colle) and the ZAT Commandant (Col. Girardo) in particular have shown themselves exceptionally helpful and cordial on all occasions.



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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Naples.

To : Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.

Date : 1st March, 1946.

Ref : AFSC/M/INT/15.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT - FEBRUARY, 1946

Relationship between the R.A. and civil population in this Area remains good, but owing to the uncertainty of the future there is some indifference shown. Civilians are more interested in strengthening the Police forces than worrying about the Air Force which does not directly affect them at this moment.

2. Lt. Colonnello Giuseppe GARGIULO - and I.A.F. Officer with an English wife and a step-son who is an R.A.F. Wing Commander. Until recently he was attached to the 205th Division (U.S. Army), but is now engaged on liaison duties with both R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F. He speaks English well, is efficient, and has political views which are beneficial for the relationship between the Italian forces and the Allies.

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3. The I.A.F. in this Area have a bad reputation with the Allies for consistent petty pilfering by their airmen. This has a very unfortunate effect on the Air Force as a whole, and two examples are quoted :-

The main buildings at Capodichino Airfield are not being used by the Allies, and we are trying to take them over for the R.A. to be used at first as billets for the airmen engaged on assembling P.38 aircraft, after which they may be used for an Area stores. An American colonel in charge of the Unit now occupying the Airport has, however, stated that although he is anxious to encourage the I.A.F. in every way

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possible, his recent experiences have shown proof that R.A. men already on the Airport are stealing large quantities of equipment thereby making it undesirable to allow any more Italians to be there. The matter is now under further consideration.

In response to our application for the use of Montecorvino for a proposed R.A. meteorological station, the Brigadier Commanding 557 B.O.D. has written to say that they are already having the utmost difficulty in maintaining security of the equipment stored in that Area.

4. P.O.W's being received at Nisida during the month show very marked monarchist sentiments, and their morale is good.

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