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COMPLAINT BY 656 PERSONS AGAINST THE MAYOR OF
CASTELLABATE
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request for facts such comments also may
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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Tel. : 478190

SUBJECT : Major of Castellabate

13 November 1944

TO : RC. Southern Region

1. Your R/2157 dated 9 November and enclosures have been received.
2. Thank you for the report and also for the return of our translation n.341.

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RALPH R. TEMPLE
Captain
Acting Director
Local Government S/C

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
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R/2157

9 November 1944

SUBJECT: Mayor of CASTELLABATE - Sig. MATARAZZO Giovanni

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Attention: Director, Local Government Sub-Commission)

Reference your ACC/1/3/2/LG dated 3 October 1944.

1. Attached, hereto, are two copies of reports prepared by FSS with the assistance of CC.RR.

2. Translation 341 is returned, herewith, as requested.

For the Regional Commissioner:



Guy I. Warren
GUY I. WARREN
Lt. Col. Sp. Res. AUS.
Executive Officer.

Incl.

Report - Conditions in the Commune of Castellabate
Translation No. 341

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

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ACC/1/3/2/LG.

3 October, 1944

SUBJECT : MAYOR OF CASTELLABATE.

TO : R. C. SOUTHERN REGION.

1. With reference to the attached copy of a complaint by the inhabitants of Castellabate against the local Mayor;
2. This Sub Commission would welcome a report on the facts, and also to have such comments as you may deem to make.
3. As the enclosure is the only English copy we have, perhaps you will kindly return it with your report.

R.G.B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Government Sub Com.

Encl. as at 1.

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TRANSLATION No. 341

TO: THE PREFECT OF THE PROVINCE OF SALERNO.
and for information

TO: THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR and the A.C.C.

Excellency,

We are a group of 656 persons who have undersigned the present, nearly all of us enrolled in the 6 authorized parties, wishing to call Your Excellency's attention to the following:

We know that the local Committee of the National Front of Liberation sent you three orders of the day dated 12/6, 16/7 and 10/9 the first of which was published in the Press, setting out the administrative situation of our Commune, which is really disastrous, and suggesting that you replace the present Mayor, unanimously considered unfit and too immoral for the office he holds.

At least three months have passed since the first order of the day, and we cannot understand why Your Excellency has not even wished to examine superficially which would suffice, the administrative situation of our Commune, which has become so precarious due to the present Mayor, Sig. Giovanni Matrazzo.

Is it because the employees of the Commune do not receive their wages because of lack of funds?

Is it because the Mayor appoints a Municipal Guard to provide pomp with his entry into the Town Hall, which is an extra debit to the town's budget?

Is it because he has not yet succeeded in forming a Communal Board?

Is it because during his brief period of administration he has created a debit of approximately 400,000 lire?

Is it because those who are not enrolled in his party must be ill-treated when they go to the Town Hall?

Is it because the Municipal office has been transferred to his house which is most annoying to the citizens who have to walk miles to come into town, only to hear from some lazy employees twiddling his thumbs for lack of work, that the Mayor receives in his house at S. Maria?

Is it because fish, a local production, costs 170 lire the Kg, as long as the Mayor gets his daily gift of 3 or 4 Kg and the fishermen enroll in his party?

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Is it because the whole town calls him Sir John "Chimney-sucker"
(Don Giovanni Focagna) for leaving his wife and living with a woman (by
whom he is alleged to have had a son) who has always been everybody's
woman?

Is it because when he has to sign a certificate he has to study
it for a week through his ignorance?

Is it because the discontent of the population has risen, owing
to the increased electric-light rates, which he did not trouble to look
into effectively for the Company is represented by his brother-in-law?

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Is it because he did not trouble to make enquiries on the distribution of rationed goods, especially seed potatoes, entrusted to the former Mayor Starace and on the person entrusted with withdrawing rationed foods from Salerno, Luisa Paolillo wife of Rosiello, whose house was requisitioned in December when large quantities of food were found missing and whom the Mayor persuaded to hand him over flour which he sold on the black-market through the woman living with him and through a servant nick-named "Persecella?"

Is it because the people are indignant at his threat to double the taxes for the next year in order to cover the debts which he needlessly created to benefit fascists and dishonest people?

Excellency,

we, enrolled in the authorized parties, constitute the body of anti-fascists of the Castellabate people. We demand, in accordance with the orders of the National Committee of Liberation and the ACC, to whom this appeal is addressed for their information, that our requests be granted for the good of our administration and so the public order of our town will not be disturbed.

The above-mentioned orders of the day fully describe the character of our present Mayor and we have done nothing but add a few more.

The people of Castellabate desire a new Mayor who can be trusted and who is capable of dealing with the situation; otherwise it may suddenly decide to overthrow the present Mayor and appoint another and form its own Municipal Board.

We trust you will examine the situation and see to replacing the Mayor as soon as possible, keeping in mind the orders of the day which the local Committee of Liberation sent you.

With due respects,

A group of 656 anti-fascists.

Castellabate 12 September 1944

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Intervista S/C

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Forse perché il sindaco ogni giorno nomina una Guardia Municipale, per quando egli si reca al municipio, arrivando così il bilancio della città in perdita?

Forse perché tutto il paese, produzione esclusivamente locale, lo si esige a lire 100, mentre gli altri tutti le mettono a 100 lire o quattrocento lire e i prodotti sono inerte? Il partito di cui fa parte? Forse perché tutto il paese lo chiama "non Giovanni", "Pocagna" perché diviso dalla moglie, convivente con una donna (con la quale si illude di aver avuto un figlio) quando deve firmare un certificato deve studiare per una settimana? Forse perché ha aumentato sempre più il malumore tra la popolazione?

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Localmente,

lento un gruppo di neofascisti, quasi tutti inglesi, e i sei partiti autorizzati che ci permettono di far presente all'U.S.

quanto espresso indicato

quanto a conoscenza che il locale comitato del fronte naz. di liberazione con tre ordini del giorno datati il 14/5, il 16/7, e il 19/8 u.s. vi prospettava le situazioni amministrative, veramente disastrose, del nostro comitato. Il 14/5 fu anche pubblicato sulla stampa e nello stesso tempo vi suggeriva di sostituire l'attuale sindaco, unanimemente indicato inatto e incaricato a ricoprire tale carica.

Dal 1° ordine del giorno son passati ben tre anni e non si spiega il perché il 1° "non ha voluto esaminare neanche superficialmente che già basterebbe, la situazione amministrativa del nostro comune, talmente poco precisa dell'attuale sindaco sig. Giovanni Patrasso.

Forse perché gli impiegati del comune non partecipano, per mancanza di fondi, lo stimolano?

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Forse perché nella sua casa si è trasferito l'ufficio municipale, facendo un grave disagio agli amministratori che si recano al municipio dopo

una lunga attesa? E tutti si sentono dire da qualcuno inspiegato che sta a fare tutto questo lavoro non ha lavoro che il sindaco riceva nella sua

a via di S.

Forse

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alla mattina conviveva con una donna (con la quale si illude di aver avuto un figlio) che è stata sempre la donna di tutti?

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Forse perché ha aumentato sempre più il malumore, tra la popolazione per l'aumento del canone dell'acqua elettrica senza alcuna giustificazione interessata?

Forse perché non si è curato di procedere ad una inchiesta sulla distri-

buzione dell'acqua potabile e specialmente delle patate da vendere a caro

prezzo? Il sindaco Storace e della "incriminata per il ritiro dei generi"

di Salerno. Il sindaco Storace, la cui casa fu perquisita nel dicembre

del 1930 perché si erano verificati forti aumenti di generi e con

la quale l'ammontare dei generi era aumentato facendo venire farina di contad-

ni dalla via conviveva e da un'altra sua del nome "Persepoli"

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120) Forse perché la popolazione è in crisi organica per la minaccia da parte sua dell'annullamento del 100/100 delle tasse per il prossimo anno per riacquisire le spese inutili da lui create per favorire fascisti e gente disonesti?

Accellenza,

noi inquadrati nei partiti autorizzati formiamo la concentrazione anti-fascista e siamo il popolo di Castellabate. Intendiamo, secondo le direttive del Comitato Nazionale del Fronte Naz. di Liberazione e della Commissione Alleata di Controllo per l'Italia, cui è diretta, per conoscenza, la nostra mozione, che il nostro desiderio venga immediatamente esaudito per il bene della nostra amministrazione e per far sì che l'ordine pubblico non venga turbato nel nostro paese.

Gli ordini del giorno su mansionati vi hanno, Accellenza, presentata la figura del nostro attuale Sindaco e noi non abbiamo che esultare qualche altra cosa di pura verità.

Il popolo di Castellabate, patriottico e laborioso, con le sue antiche tradizioni, vuole di urgenza un suo Sindaco che dia affidamento per rettitudine, onestà e soprattutto capacità, evitando così pubbliche manifestazioni da parte della popolazione, che un nome non vedendo esauditi i suoi legittimi desideri da parte delle autorità preposte, potrebbe nominare spontaneamente un nuovo Sindaco e una regolare Giunta Comunale.

Siamo sicuri che V.E. vorrà esaminare la situazione del nostro Comune e provvedere con tutta urgenza alla sostituzione del Sindaco Natarazzo, tenendo anche presente gli ordini del giorno inviati dal locale Comitato di Liberazione.

Con perfetta osservanza.

UN GRUPPO DI SINDACISTI DI CASTELLABATE

CASTELLABATE 12 SETTEMBRE 1944

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