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Excerpt from the newspaper "RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE " of 21 Aug. 1945

A UNITED PARTY IN TRIESTE BETWEEN ITALIAN AND SLAV COMMUNISTS.

Trieste, 21

At the first Congress of the communist party of the Venezia Giulia, the President of the Congress in his report stressed the necessity of effecting the merger of the Italian communist party with the Slav communist party of Venezia Giulia for the purpose of setting up a unified party which could be able to oppose those reactionary forces which "under the pretext of the Italianity of Trieste" are in the way of a "popular democracy" and of the "progressive institutions".

It has been decided at the Congress that the newspaper "Il Lavoro" so far the organ of the Italian communist party of Trieste should become the organ of the unified communist party of the Giulia province.

A translation of the following text:

PARTITO UNICO A TRIESTE FRA COMUNISTI ITALIANI E SLAVI.

Nel corso del primo congresso del partito comunista della Venezia Giulia, il presidente del congresso ha segnalato nella sua relazione la necessita' di fondere il partito comunista italiano con quello slavo della Venezia Giulia, al fine di costituire un partito unico atto a fronteggiare quelle forze reazionarie che "con il pretesto dell'italianita' di Trieste" sono di ostacolo alla "democrazia popolare" e alle "istituzioni progressiste".

Nel congresso e' stato deciso che il giornale IL LAVORO finora organo del partito comunista italiano di Trieste diventi organo del partito comunista unico della provincia Giulia

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APPENDIX "E"

BRANCHES
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
15 COUNCIL

130/AMU/75/13.

23 JUL 45.

SUBJECT : COMMISSION IN VENUE LA GRULLA AREA.

TO : Distribution below.

1. This Hq letter 130/AMU/49/6 dated 19 JUL 45, will be considered as cancelled and the following list, by Areas, of the Commission at present administered by this Hq, showing the Districts into which they have been divided, will be substituted.

GRULLA AREA.VENUE

VENUE
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1. This HQ letter 130/MG/LB/6 dated 19 Jul 45, will be considered as cancelled and the following List, by Area, of the Comandantes at present administered by this HQ, showing the Districts into which they have been divided, will be substituted.

ADMINISTRATIVE

GOVERNMENT AREA

ADMINISTRATIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE
YANCO (part).
BANGOR.
CARACAS.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (HQ).
RECONSTRUCTION (part).
YANCO (part).

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ADMINISTRATIVE (HQ).
RECONSTRUCTION (part).

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RECONSTRUCTION (part).

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ADMINISTRATIVE (HQ).
RECONSTRUCTION (part).

APPENDIX "A"

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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF COMMUNITIES.

COMMUNE	DISTRICT	AREA
BERGAMO	1 & 2	GORITIA
CAIALE D'ISTONTO	3	GORITIA
ALBERTO	1 & 2	GORITIA
CAPRIVA DE' COMENES	45	GORITIA
CASTEL EXTRA	4	GORITIA
COMENO	3 & part of 9	GORITIA
CONOMO NO	45	GORITIA
CONZALE	SEBANA	TRIESTE
DOBERDO	MONTALCONE	TRIESTE
DOLANO DEL COLLO	44	GORITIA
DOINO AUTISTIA	MONTALCONE	TRIESTE
DUTTOGLIANO	SEBANA	TRIESTE
PARMA D'ISTONTO	6	GORITIA
POGLIANO	MONTALCONE	TRIESTE
GORITIA NO	5	GORITIA
GRADO	GRADO	TRIESTE
GRADISCA D'ISTONTO	6	GORITIA
MARIANO DEL FRUITE	6	GORITIA
MANA	7 & part of 9	GORITIA
MONTUPINO	SEBANA	TRIESTE
MONTUPINO	7 & part of 9	GORITIA
OPPACCIANILLA	7 & part of 9	GORITIA
PIERIS	MONTALCONE	TRIESTE
PIERZO (part)	1	GORITIA
POLA	POLA	POLA
RANIANO	7 & part of 9	GORITIA
RIFUGERIO	8 & part of 9	GORITIA
ROMANO D'ISTONTO	6	GORITIA
ROSSI	MONTALCONE	TRIESTE
SAN DANIELE DEL GARDO	8 & part of 9	GORITIA
SAGRADO	6	GORITIA
SAN DOMENICO DELLA VALLE	MUGHA	TRIESTE
SALONA D'ISTONTO (part)	3 & 4	GORITIA
SAN MARTINO GINCA	1	GORITIA
SGONICO	SEBANA	TRIESTE
STARANEANO	MONTALCONE	TRIESTE
S. GIACOMO IN COLLE (part)	SEBANA	TRIESTE
S. PIER D'ISTONTO	MONTALCONE	TRIESTE
TAMERLA	8 & part of 9	GORITIA
TOLMIO (part)	2	GORITIA
TOMADIO	SEBANA	TRIESTE
TORNALCO	MONTALCONE	TRIESTE
TRIESTE	TRIESTE	TRIESTE

APPENDIX "A"

Report on local government organization of Trieste area, 26 July 1945.
Person interviewed:

Lt. Col. Armstrong (B) Area Commissioner, Trieste

1. Lt. Col. Armstrong entered Trieste on 2 May 1945 when the place was in a turmoil. He was requested to leave then by General Freyberg, but re-entered on 12 June.
2. He found the Slovene CIL organization established in the former Prefettura. The regular prefettura staff had been thrown out. Lt. Col. Armstrong told this group that CIL was now in charge and that the group was to be purely advisory. He is presently making an inventory of the Prefettura and buildings. Apparently the former Italian officials are receiving pay, although not occupying office.
3. The Vice Prefect BALLOU Giovanni is acting as Prefect. There are no Italian officials in the Prefettura building now, but Lt. Col. Armstrong expects them to come in the end of the week.
4. The following provincial offices are functioning and thereby form the basis of a governmental organization:

Genio Civile
Medice Provinciale
Provveditorato agli Studi
Fiscali
Price Control Office

The Intendenza di Finanza, although not functioning, was in a position to start operations. At the present time, therefore, CIL is running the Prefettura with the assistance of the above-mentioned departments.

5. An any-type hierarchy of liberation committees is in operation in Venezia Giulia and is particularly strong in Trieste area. At the very top is the Regional Committee of Liberation.

(a) This Committee is 83% Slovene, 10% doubtful and 7% Italian opportunists.

(b) In the city of Trieste, there is another CIL Committee which made the city an autonomous one setting up a separate governmental organization. This Committee is overwhelmingly pro-Yugoslav. Communist predominance and there are some Italians on the Committee. The President is Slovene named FOGASI (this is the Italian of an original Slavic name). The Secretary is a Slovene Communist named STOKA. He had been ill-treated by the Nazis. These two are powerful figures in the area and are the source of much of the resistance that goes on. Lt. Col. Armstrong indicates that it is difficult to ascertain from the names of people whether they are Slovene or Italians, because under the Fascist Regime most names were Italianized.

(c) The next Committee in the hierarchy is the District Committee of Trieste. This Committee covers the rest of the province outside of the autonomous city of Trieste. Its members are mainly Slovene. Its President is 100% Slovene.

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4. The following provincial offices are functioning and thereby form the basis of a governmental organization:

Genio Civile
 Ufficio Provinciale
 Provveditorato agli studi
 Segretaria
 Price Control Office

The Intendenza di Pirana, although not functioning, was in a position to start operations. At the present time, therefore, ARM is running the Prefettura with the assistance of the above-mentioned departments.

5. An army-type hierarchy of Liberation Committees is in operation in Venezia Giulia and is particularly strong in Trieste area. At the very top is the Regional Committee of Liberation.

(a) This Committee is 99% Slovene, 10% doubtful and 1% Italian opportunists.

(b) In the city of Trieste, there is another GR Committee which made the city an autonomous one setting up a separate governmental organization. This Committee is overwhelmingly pro-Yugoslav. Communists predominates and there are some Italians on the Committee. The President is Slovene named FUGASI (this is the Italian of an original Slavio name). The Secretary is a Slovene Communist named STOKA. He had been ill-treated by the Fascists. These two are powerful figures in the area and are the source of much of the resistance that goes on. Lt. Col. Armstrong indicates that it is difficult to ascertain from the mass of people whether they are Slovenes or Italians, because under the Fascist regime most names were Italianized.

(c) The next Committee in the hierarchy is the District Committee of Trieste. This Committee covers the rest of the province outside of the autonomous city of Trieste. Its members are mainly Slovene. Its President is Lt. Col. Armstrong says that he has not seen this Committee but they do not seem to be as hostile as the City Committee.

(d) Then there are the Area Committees of Gorizia (covering 5 Communes); the Area Committee of Monfalcone (covering 9 Communes) and the Area Committee of Udine (covering 2 Communes).

(e) Finally, each Commune and Fraction have a separate Committee.

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6. This pyramid organization of Committees with control centering on the top has been the source of very much difficulty. Being ever-wideningly Slovene, these CEN committees have direct contact with Yugoslav officials on the other side of the Yugoslav line, and one sometimes hesitates to do anything without consulting the highest authority. These 30 sections were the Government when AM came into the picture. Lt. Col. Armstrong saw the representatives of the Commure, City, District and Area Committees and asked them to form a joint Committee representing all nationalities and interests. The City Committee opposed this, although the District did not.

7. There was an Italian CEN organization living underground during this period. Since September 1943, this Committee of Liberation has consisted of the following parties: Action, Christian-Democrat, Liberal-Democrat, Socialist. The Communist Party is not a member of the Committee. It is Lt. Col. Armstrong's opinion that the Slovenes wedded the Communists away from the Italian CEN. Before and after the liberation, the Italian CEN has negotiated with the Communists to get them into the fold. PULICENTI came up from Rome particularly for that purpose. So far all has been unsuccessful, chiefly because the leading Communists are Slovenes who are pro- Tito. There are many Communists who would like to join the Italian CEN but are afraid to do so. The Slovene Communist Party has things very much his way, and in fact while I was in Lt. Col. Armstrong's office an Italian informant came in to state that under STOKA's orders a strike and general demonstration celebrating the British Labor Party's victory was to be held the next day, Friday, and that there would be demonstrations in front of the jails in order to secure the release of Communist incarcerated therein. PULIC: In a matter of fact, the strike was called off at the last minute, but there were peaceful demonstrations held throughout the city. I saw from my automobile riding from Pola hundreds of people walking under Yugoslav, Communist, American and British banners. About 9 o'clock that night I went out with a fellow officer to one of the jails where a great crowd had gathered to protest the jailing of some prominent Communist. When we got there, however, the crowd had peaceably dispersed and there was no trouble.

8. With the exception of the Communists, there are no other parties except those who are part of the CEN as mentioned above. The Slovene Committee of Liberation say that they are the representatives of all parties, but this is denied by the Italian CEN. In any event, they are not the official representatives of the parties. There is no relation between the Slovene and Italian Committees of Liberation. Lt. Col. Armstrong says that there was contact between the Italian CEN of Trieste and the Central CEN of Italy.

9. In regard to the participation of the representatives of each party belonging to the CEN on the Consulta, Lt. Col. Armstrong thought that officially the representatives of Venezia Giulia should not be included, but they should be tolerated unofficially.

10. A plan of governmental organization has been submitted by the Italian CEN to Lt. Col. Armstrong after conferences with him. This plan takes cognizance of the distribution of nationalities in Trieste which is as follows: 35.3 Italian - 14.5 Slovene. The plan follows the Italian local government scheme. It provides for a President (Prefect) who will be Italian; 2 Vice Presidents (Vice Prefects) one of them to be a Slovene and the other an Italian; a CEN consisting of 12 Italians and 2 Slovenes. The 15 Italians would be on the basis

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9. In regard to the participation of the representatives of each party belonging to the CNI on the Committee, Lt. Col. Armstrong thought that officially the representatives of Venezia Giulia should not be included, but they should be tolerated unofficially.

10. A plan of governmental organization has been submitted by the Italian CNI to Lt. Col. Armstrong after conferences with him. This plan takes cognizance of the distribution of nationalities in Trieste which is as follows: 85.5 Italian - 14.5 Slovene. The plan follows the Italian local government system. It provides for a President (Prefect) who will be Italian; 2 Vice Presidents (Vice Prefects) one of them to be a Slovene and the other an Italian; a CNA consisting of 12 Italians and 2 Slovenes. The 15 Italians would be on the basis of 3 from each of the 5 Parties - Demochristian, Action, Liberal, Socialist and Communist.

11. As to the Communes, the plan provides for a Giunta Comunale who will elect a Sindaco with 40 approval. Both Sindaco and Giunta were to be based on the relative strength of the Slovene and Italian population. This plan, dated 25 July, has been submitted to the Slovene CNI (called the Slovene Liberation Front) and the local federation of the Italian Communist Party. Lt. Col. Armstrong thinks the plan sets a good basis for one which will finally work out, and it is certainly based upon a fair distribution of the ethnic groups.

12. The whole Triente area (called area instead of province) is divided into 5 Districts, consisting of 17 Communes and several fractions in all. The fractions are attached to them as Communes. There is a proposal to form a permanent District out of 3 Communes surrounding Sèvres. This area has 79,000 people who are overwhelmingly Slovaks. The plan suggests that there be a Sèvres mayor and that there be representation from each Commune or Council. This was in fact the Slovaks organization from September 1943, but in reality it was no government at all, because there was no taxation or any of the other revenue-raising attributes of Communist government. Lt. Col. Armstrong said that his OAO wants to preserve the District system in Sèvres if possible, and he will go along if he has the approval of Regional Hq.

13. With regard to the presence of fascists, Lt. Col. Armstrong said the leading fascists have been cleared out. The lesser ones will be operated under AMG Orders 7 and 8, which were being published that day.

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APPENDIX "B"

Report on organization of local government in the City of Trieste, 26 July 1945.
Person interviewed:

Lt. Col. Kuera (A) City Commissioner, Trieste

1. Lt. Col. Kuera found a Committee of 27 in charge of the government in the City of Trieste. This Committee said that there were 9 Slovenes and 20 Italians on the Committee. Lt. Col. Kuera says this is not true; that it is definitely pro-Fugoslav and dominated entirely by the Slovenes. The President and Secretary are Slovenes.
2. This Committee had been operating under the functional divisions of the city government, having 12 sections such as alimentation, health, welfare, etc. Lt. Col. Kuera stopped the operation of this Committee and at the present time a General Secretary of the City and AEG officers are running municipal affairs, with the assistance of the various city departments and the semi-autonomous public utilities companies and the semi-autonomous hospital commission. These departments, as well as the semi-autonomous bodies, report directly to AEG.
3. Lt. Col. Kuera said that he is exasperated beyond reason by the obstructionist tactics of the Committee of 27, who refuse to cooperate and, in fact, really sabotage any effort towards unity or cooperation. He said he should like to have an advisory City Committee of 11, consisting of 8 Italians and 3 Slovenes, with a separate Italian Sindaco. He would use this Committee as a sort of sounding board, without assigning any specific function to each of the members. It would be a general consulting board.

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