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MONTECATINI TERME (PISTOIA), PEOPLE'S COURT
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Date	Minutes Sheet No. 3.	Page
21 Nov.	CAS ⑥ 1. Reference your minute #15, please see pp. 3-3 M 2. Since the Peoples' Court has already been dissolved, no further action need be taken except to inform the Ministry of Interior thereof.	
21 Nov.	V.P. ⑦ Please with dissolution ⑧	
23 Nov.	L.G. Good. I had not realized our policy was as set out in para 2 of folio 3, but perhaps I am out of touch. ⑨	

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MINUTE SHEET No. 2.

DATE

7 Nov. 1944

Acting Director:

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1. Reference No. 1 ~~4~~ Minute No. 2--I saw BERRUTI, Chief of Cabinet, and CAMERA at the Ministry yesterday evening.

2. BERRUTI said the information received by the Ministry took the form of a report from GMR CC.RR. The information originated with the local CC.RR at Montecatini and had been sent up by them through their own usual channels.

3. He showed me the report. It is in substance the same as No. 1 on the file--except for the additional statement that the Prefect of Pistoia had been informed and he had immediately sent down "an appropriate official" or "an official of his own (*un funzionario proprio*)".

4. I asked if this meant that the Prefect had replaced the local authority at Montecatini by a Commissario Prefettizio. BERRUTI didn't know.

5. He did say, however, that they had received a second report on this subject from GMR CC.RR which he thought stated that the Prefect had dissolved the People's Court. He sent for this report but it could not be found for the moment.

6. BERRUTI reminded me that, as we had told the Ministry, Pistoia had been entirely without a provincial administration for two months before the arrival of the Prefect. (NOTE:--This is quite true--MR 5 Army so reported, and we used this argument with the Ministry as indicating the urgent need for a good Prefect.) BERRUTI thought that the absence of any central direction from the provincial **capital** sufficiently explained the local authorities' taking the initiative in an irregular way like this People's Court.

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C.A.S. 1. Please see minute No. 3.
2. Concern recommendation in letter.
Do you agree?

R.R. Temple, Opt
a/ Director L.J. S/C.

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To L.L. - Yes. With and against. V.P. Linch.
C.A.S. R.R. Temple as RRT

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MINUTE SHEET NO. 1

DATE

Nov. 4

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1. Please refer to p. 1A and trans-
lation p. 1.

2. This is the first notice we have
had about this matter. Delay in trans-
lation accounts for lapse of time. I
do not know what Gant's source of
this news.

3. In view of probable serious
consequences if there is further delay
I recommend:

- a. A signal go out immedi-
ately under V.P.'s signature to SC 10 STA
Army setting for report as to facts; and
if as represented in min of Gant's letter
that the Peoples Court be immediately
disbanded.
- b. Legal Sec be consulted directly
by you if desired.

Robert L. Humphreys
Asst. Director
Investigative Div.

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Local Gant S/C

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Raymond L. Sampson Capt
U.S. Marine Corps
Washington 25, D.C.

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Local Govt S/C

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1. The VP informs me that he was in Boston
on Tuesday when he had a long talk with the
P.C. who would certainly 'come down' but to his
attention a matter as serious as this had
there been any foundation for it.

2. Well yes, therefore, please find out from
the Min. of Justice the source of this report
and let me know.

3. Well you please use the Min. to
be certain in future of the accuracy of reports
to us. This report of course might have been
in haste measure.

4. We are making of the Min. please write (or
indicate) your own opinion to the Min. please follow
5. When you have spoken to the Min. please follow
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AD/3/6/1G

Tel: 478706

SUBJECT: People's Court at Montecatini Terme.

24 November 1944

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior.

Your Excellency:

1. I refer to your letter of 28 October 1944, File No. 10090/4713.
2. I have been informed by the Allied Military authorities that the People's Court was immediately dissolved by the AMG Provincial Public Safety Officer and the Sindaco was made to realize the limitations of his authority. The Sindaco has since been removed and replaced by a Commissario Prefettizio. No proceedings were commenced under the proclamations that had been posted by the Sindaco and the CLN.

R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
AND FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

21 NOV 1944

16th November 1944.

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SUBJECT: Illegal Tribunal at Montecatini Terme.

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission - Local Government
Sub-Commission.

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1. Reference your AC/3/6/LG of 10 November, herewith file on the matter. It appears that with the appointment of a new Commissario prefettizio the situation in the commune has improved.

2. In addition it is pointed out that this is only one example of a state of affairs which develops (to a varying degree) in many communes and the incident is a typical result of the Allied policy of favouring (both before and after occupation) Left wing activity because of its military value against the Republican Fascists and the Nazis, combined with the general low morale of the CC.RR.

For the Commanding General:

E.B. Mayne
E.B. MAYNE.
Colonel, U.D.F..
Chief of Staff.
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

PROVINCE OF PISTOIA

Ref: PP/108/-

SUBJECT: Illegal Tribunale.

TO: HDQTRS. AMG, V Army. (Attention C.P.S.)

Date: 18 Nov. 44

1. Reference 203/1 dated 31 Oct. 1944.
2. I attach herewith copy of CC.RR. report on the subject as above.
3. Immediate action was taken by this Dept. to dissolve the Commission and the Sindaco of Montecatini Terme made to realise the limitations of his authority. This Sindaco had been far from satisfactory, and was under the thumb of the C.L.N. He has since been removed and replaced by a Commissario Prefettizio.
4. No proceedings were taken under the Proclamations. The aim of the Commission was basically good though the C.L.N. had too ~~it~~ liberally interpreted my own request for specific evidence and information.

For Provincial Commissioner.

R.A. Peretti
Capt.

R.A. PERETTI CAPT.

Provincial Public Safety Officer

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For Provincial Commissioner.

R.A. Perrett
Capt.

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Provincial Public Safety Officer

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RESERVED PERSONAL PROMEMORIA N.I .

SUBJECT: Particular situation in MONTECATINI TERME.

Signalling of the arbitrary initiative taken in accordance with local C.L.N. by the Sindaco of MONTECATINI TERME, ARRIGO SORINI.

The above-mentioned had posted, on the 26 of Sept. a notice with which he notified the Institution, by the C.L.N., of a Political Commission of Inquest, with residence in that city Via Garibaldi 5, and announcing in the near future the functioning of a Citizens Tribunal. to punish exemplarily:

- 1). The Fascists responsible for the ruin of the country, principals and acolytes.
- 2). The Collaborators of the Nazi-Fascists and Germans.
- 3). The profiteers and starvers of the population.

On the other hand the local C.L.N. issued, the 20th of Sept. a decree that has been posted at the Commune, relative to the Constitution of the above-mentioned Commission.

According to this decree, which is composed of 10 Art., the Commission of Inquest resolves to gather the elements of charge, to provide for the proceedings and to deliberate on the competence of the military and political crimes, committed from the 1st of January 1919, in connection with the Fascist Movement.

Such initiatives, due evidently to the deformation of the most elementary judicial conceptions, risen at the moment of the passage from Nazi-fascist regime to that of the Allied, and to an arbitrary interpretation given by the C.L.N. to the faculty conceded by the competent AMG organs to gather elements of guilt against Fascists responsible of political and military crimes, have stirred in the population of Montecatini a certain apprehension.

The writer has recalled the attention of the Prov. P.S. O. on the question and has referred to the Prefect, who has disposed for the sending of one of his officials on the place.

DECREE

- Art.1) A Political Commission of Inquest has been appointed, having jurisdiction in the Commune of Montecatini Terme, to gather and investigate elements concerned with crimes of political and military nature, committed from January 1st 1919, by persons belonging to Fascism and not Fascist in occasion of the Fascist movement.
- Art.2) The Commission is composed by a President, thirteen members and a Procurator from the C.L.N., and is assisted by two secretaries and an usher. The components are designed by representatives of the different political parties, members of the C.L.N.
- Art.3) The Commission, following accusation of the citizens or personal information, provides for the proceedings by direct acquisition of proof.
- Art.4) The Commission deliberates by majority.
- Art.5) The elements of accusation are presented by the Procurator of the C.L.N. to the President of the Commission, who, on proposal of the Procurator convokes the seating and establishes the developing of the proceedings.
- Art.6) After examining the proceedings and on relation of the Procurator, the Commission deliberates whether the acts should be forwarded to the proper Italian Authorities competent in this matter and territory, or be dismissed. In the first case, if the gathered proofs give the Commission assurance of the guiltiness of the accused of a crime punishable by the laws in force, of no Fascist tenor, which orders the obligatory issuing of a warrant arrest, as Art.253 of the Penal Code, or in case one supposes the accused a peril to public safety or that he could escape. The Commission can, only unanimously, ask the preventive arrest of the offender?
- Art.7) The Commission has the faculty to send to the single public administrations, at which dipendences where the offenders, copy of the acts of the proceedings measures, for the remotion from charges and employments, previous approval of the C.L.N.
- Art.8) The Commission is authorized to issue a process regulation which shall be presented to the approval of the C.L.N.
- Art.9) The action of the Commission will end with the passage of the political and administrative powers of this Commune to the Italian Government, except contrary disposition of the same.
- Art.10) By delegations of the near Committees, the Commission can extend its action to persons resident or living in the above-mentioned Communes. In which case the Committees will make one of their members, who will have a right to vote, attend the meeting.

CITIZENS!

Your legitimate aspirations of justice are by us completely understood and divided.

If the up to date situation and military exigencies of the moment have not permitted until today the beginning of our ^{action} ~~work~~ of justice, it does not mean that it will not take place. It will be in flexible and unre~~l~~enting.

AGAINST:

- 1). The Fascists reponsible for the ruin of the country, principals and acolytes.
- 2). The collaborators of the Nazi-Fascists and Germans.
- 3). Profiteers and starvers of the population.
- 4). The profiteers of the war situation which ~~have~~ are guilty of crimes.

Therefore, with Decree 18th of Sept. published with extract of the Albo Pretorio of this Commune, the local C.L.N. has instituted a Political Commission of Inquest, composed of members of all Parties and by Patriots.

Forx the porpuse of facilitating the realization of the justice desired by all, we invite the citizens to collaborate with the authorities, signaling all crimes ~~xx~~ known, with detailed charges to be sent to the residence of the Commission of Inquest Via Garibaldi 5.

These allegations will be of precious help for the actions of the Citizens Tribunal, which will very soon start to function.

CITIZENS!

For twentytwo years the so-called Fascist justice has struck above all the onest and the gentlemen: the citizens justice, inflexible and human, will strike the responsables.

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Its the duty of all to contribute to this healing action, with the conscience and with the ^{consciousness} ~~knowledge~~ of the moment. The denunciation of the traitors, Fascist criminals & non-fascist criminals, is not accusation: IT IS JUSTICE!

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Only with this condemn will it be possible to begin the reconstruction of the country, to which we all aim.

Sindaco di Montecatini
have not permitted until today the beginning of our work of justice, it does not mean that it will not take place. It will be in the future.

1. The persons responsible for the ruin of the country, principals and accomplices.
 2. The collaborators of the Nazi-Fascist and German.
 3. Traitors and slaves of the population.
 4. The profiteers of the war situation which were guilty of crimes.
- Therefore, with Decree 15th of Sept. published with extract of the laws of this Commune, the local A.S.M. has instituted a Political Commission of Inquiry, composed of members of all parties and by citizens.
- For the purpose of facilitating the publication of the justice waited by all, we invite the citizens to collaborate with the authorities, stating all crimes as known, with detailed charges to be sent to the residence of the Commission at Palazzo del Garibaldi 3.
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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

14th November 1944.

203/7

SUBJECT: People's Court.

TO : P.C. Pistoia.

Attached is correspondence received from Local Government Sub-Commission. Will you please submit the necessary data for a reply to be made. It would be of interest if you included a brief report on the local CC.RR.

For the Commanding General:

D.R.B. Mynors

D.R.B. MYNORS,
Major, Scots Guards,
G-2 & 3.,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/3/6/LS

Tel: 4781 90

SUBJECT : People's Court at Montecatini Terme.

10th of November, 1944

TO : SCAC 5th Army.

1. Herewith copy in English and Italian of letter No. 10090/4713 dated 28th October 1944, Minister of Interior to this Sub-Commission.

2. An interview with officials of the Ministry on the matter has brought out the following additional information:

(a) The report reached the Ministry from the Carabinieri at Montecatini who sent up the report up through the usual channels of their organization to the Comando Generale CC.RR at Rome.

(b) The original report has been seen and is in substance the same as the Minister's letter - except that it states that the Montecatini CC.RR also reported the matter to the Prefect who sent down one of his officials. Who this official was, what his instructions were and what action he took do not appear.

(c) The Ministry stated they believed they had received a second report on the matter from the Comando Generale CC.RR which stated that the Prefect had dissolved this illegal court. They were not able to trace this report, however.

3. The Court is, of course, quite illegal and the whole proceeding a serious one. Will you please let me have a full report about it.

4. A copy of this letter and the Minister's are enclosed for transmission to the PC, Pistoia, should you desire to do so.

R. R. Temple

RAIF R. TEMPLE
Captain
Acting Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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Encls. as in (1) and (4) above.

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

CABINET OF THE MINISTER

File : 100090/17 13

28th October 1944

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

SUBJECT : Montecatini Terme (Pistoia) - Particular situation

For the information and for the eventual measures, of which we would appreciate to be informed of, we hereby notify that the Sindaco of Montecatini Terme (Pistoia) and its Committee of Liberation have notified the population that a People's Law-Court has been formed and that it will shortly begin to work to judge and punish exemplarily :

The fascist responsible for the ruin of the Country, principals and agents.

The collaborators of the nazi-fascists, of the germans :

The Profitterers and the starvers of the People.

Probably, these initiatives arise from a larger interpretation given by the National Committee of Liberation to the power granted to them by the AMG that is the power to gather the probatory charges against fascists responsible of political and military crimes.

To this purpose we point out that the population of Montecatini Terme fears reprisals on the People's Law Court's part who are giving themselves the competent authority of the Allied and Italian Authorities.

BY ORDER OF THE MINISTER
The Chief of Cabinet

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C O P YMINISTERO DELL'INTERNO

Gabinetto del Ministro

Prot.n. 100090/47 13

28 Ottobre 1944

ALL'ONOR. VOLE COMMISSIONE ALIATA
Sottocommissione Governo LocaleR O M A

OGGETTO : Montecatini Terme (Pistoia) - Situazione particolare

Per opportuna notizia e per gli eventuali provvedimenti di cui si gradira' avere notizia, si comunica che il Sindaco di Montecatini Terme (Pistoia) e quel Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale hanno notificato alla cittadinanza di avere proceduto alla costituzione di un Tribunale del Popolo che andra' prossimamente in funzione per giudicare e punire esemplarmente :

i fascisti responsabili della rovina della Patria, mandanti e mandatar

i collaboratori dei nazi-fascisti, dei tedeschi

i profittatori e gli affamatori del popolo

Verosimilmente tali iniziative deriverebbero da una piu' larga interpretazione data dal Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale alla facolta' concessagli organi dell'ANC di raccogliere elementi probatori a carico di fascisti responsabili di reati politici e militari.

E' da segnalare in proposito che la popolazione di Montecatini Terme teme rappresaglie da parte del Tribunale del Popolo che si attribuirebbe cosi' attribuzioni di competenza delle Autorita' Alleate ed Italiane.

D'ORDINE DEL MINISTRO
Il Capo di Gabinetto

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. Army

31st October 1944.

SUBJECT: Illegal Tribunale.

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TO : P.C., Pistoia Province.

Please report on the attached information by Col. Quercia,
CC.RR.

It is desired the enclosed be returned with your report.

For the Commanding General:

Walter Doherty

W. DOHERTY,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief of Public Safety,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

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SUBJECT: Constitution of Illegal tribunal in Montecatini Terme.

Following my letter dated 1 of October I communicate what has later been referred to me by the Commander of CC.RR. Group of Pistoia regarding the political situation in Montecatini Terme:

The Political Commission of Inquest instituted in Montecatini by that Committee of Liberation and the Tribunale del Popolo, preannounced with proclamations by the Sindaco, have been suppressed by the Prefect, who in perfect accordance with the Allied Provincial Commissioner, has opportunely intervened to break at its birth the illegal activities referred in the above-mentioned pro-memoria.

The public having known of the measures taken have in general commented favourably. On the other hand a current of opinion very important in the place is asking why the Authorities are tardying so much to begin epuration and to adopt the fiscal measures regards to the properties and persons notoriously compromised by fascism.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI FIRENZE
-UFFICIO SERVIZIO-

OGGETTO:-Costituzione di un tribunale illegale in Montecatini Terme.=

AL SIG. BRIGADIERE GENERALE Edgard Erskine HUME

-Ufficio Affari Civili della V^a Armata-

FIRENZE

A seguito della mia lettera in data 1° corrente mese Le comunico quanto mi ha successivamente riferito il comandante del Gruppo CC.RR. di Pistoia in merito alla situazione politica di Montecatini Terme:

"La commissione d'inchiesta politica che era stata istituita in Montecatini Terme da quel Comitato di Liberazione ed il Tribunale del popolo, preannunciato con pubblico manifesto di quel Sindaco, sono stati soppressi dal Prefetto di Pistoia il quale, in perfetta comunanza di vedute con il Commissario Provinciale Alleato, è temporaneamente intervenuto per stroncare sul nascere la illegale attività riferita col suaccennato promemoria.-

Il pubblico, venuto a conoscenza del provvedimento, lo ha, in genere, favorevolmente commentato. Peraltro una corrente d'opinione essi imponente in luogo si domanda impazientemente perché le Autorità tardano tanto a promuovere l'epurazione e ad adottare le misure fiscali già decretate nei riguardi dei beni delle persone notoriamente compromesse col fascismo".=

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IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
-Mario Quercia-

Quercia

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/3/6/LG

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: People's Court at Montecatini Terme.

10 November 1944

TO : SCAG 5 Army.

1. Herewith copy in English and Italian of letter No. 10090/47 13 dated 28 October 1944, Minister of Interior to this Sub Commission.

2. An interview with officials of the Ministry on the matter has brought out the following additional information:

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RRT

RALPH R. TEMPLE
Captain
Acting Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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Encls. as in (1) and (4) above.

Reminder sent 18/11. H.W.

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
CABINET OF THE MINISTER

FILE : 100090/47 13

28th of October, 1944

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

SUBJECT : Montecatini Terme (Pistoia) - Particular situation . -

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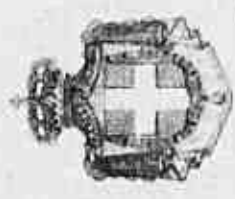
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To this purpose we point out that the population of Montecatini Terme fears reprisals on the People's Law Court's part who are giving through the competent authority of the Allied and Italian Authorities.

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BY ORDER OF THE MINISTER
THE CHIEF OF CABINET

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Mod. 506/44

Roma, 28 ottobre 1944

Ministro dell'Interno

GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

All'On. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione Governo Locale

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11 NOV 1944

Prot. N.° 10090/4713 Allegato

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