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SINDACO OF MONGIUFFI MELIA
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The Ministry of Interior
The, Cabinet

File n.: 30903/10442

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Rome the 25th August
To the
Hon. Allied Commission
Local Government S/C

Reply to letter *P2*
AC.15/7/LG of the 2nd July 1945

Subject : Mongiuffi Melia - Sindaco.

The replacement of the ex-Sindaco of Mongiuffi Melia sig Solimbeni Rosario, had become necessary because of his unpopularity and of the continuous complaints against him addressed to the Prefecture and to this Ministry.

On the other hand inquiries made about the political and moral past of the present Sindaco showed no reason for his replacement.

According to what the Prefect says, sig. Cuzari is very popular and is an efficient official.

For the Minister
Spataro

Translated the 29th August

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Mongiuffi Melia is in Province of ~~MESSINA~~
MESSINA Sicily

We have no further interest *[Signature]*

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Ministero dell'Interno
GABINETTO

Med 38
Roma 25 Agosto 1945

29 AUG 1945

ALL'ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione Governo
Locale ROMA

Divisione *Leg.*
Prot. 130903/10442 *Allegati*

Risposta al f. del 2/7/u.s.
Dir. *Leg.* NAC.15/7/LG

OGGETTO: MONGIUFFI MELIA - Sindaco -

La sostituzione dell'ex sindaco di Mongiuffi Melia, sig. Solimbeni Rosario, si è resa necessaria in quanto il predetto era inviso alla popolazione e dava luogo a continui esposti a suo carico, diretti alla Prefettura ed a questo Ministero.

Per contro, assunte informazioni sui precedenti morali e politici dell'attuale sindaco, sig. Cuzari Leonardo, non si sono riscontrati motivi di incompatibilità che possano suggerire la opportunità di una sua sostituzione in tale carica.

Il Cuzari, secondo quanto riferisce il Prefetto di Messina, gode la simpatia dei concittadini ed assolve con capacità il suo compito.

PEL MINISTRO

Scatena

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/15/7/10

Tel : 478190

SUBJECT : Sindaco of Mongiuffi Melia

2 July 1945

TO : The Minister of Interior

1. The attached complaint from the former Sindaco of Mongiuffi Melia Province of Messina is forwarded for information and any action the Ministry considers necessary.

FOR THE DIRECTOR :

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RALPH. R. TEMPLE
Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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Statement of Salimbene Leonardo

Messina 1

Born and living in Montegrotto Melia

In October 1943 he was appointed Mayor of Montegrotto Melia by Allied Command of Liberation Forces, as he had the best moral and administrative qualifications.

He has administered his town diligently through great difficulty, ~~the population~~ and without raising ^{any} objection.

With ~~some~~ a provision of the Prefect n. 3979 of 1st June 1945 he has been replaced, ^{apparently} without any reason, by the super-fervent of the place certain Gugari Leonardo.

This Gugari Leonardo had already been Mayor twice and now he is concealing his personality under the qualification of demo-cristiano.

He had already tried to avoid the appointment of the new Mayor by forwarding a statement of which he attaches a copy, to the Prefect and to the C. L. N. but he was no success. He was replaced and the old Podestà Fasista is now the mayor of the town with great astonishment of the population.

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Resume of the statement to the Prefect, to the
President of the CLN and to the
President of the P.D.C.

MESSINA

The statement was written when he heard the
first rumors ~~of~~ about his replacement.

The object is that he wants to ~~not~~ denounce
a dangerous and ambiguous situation.

He never was a fascist and never belonged to the
party or had its "tenere". He was also condemned to
"ammunizione" (sort of permanent control).

The man who is now mayor of the place is
a 100% fascist and so is his family. When this person
was Podesta he ruled the place together with a powerful
gang scaring the people. Many reports against this Podesta
could be found in the registry of the Prefecture and of
the Questura of Messina.

Now this "ex fascist" and his family together
with another large number of 100% fascists (indicated
in the statement) are again ruling the town pretending

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to be authentic demo-christian - In fact the
Segroue Demo-christian is actually governed by these
people and none of the good citizens of the place
including the Parson accepted to join the segroue owing
to the presence of the road gang.

~~The~~ Lig. Salimbene is now asking for justice
and want this gang to be separated in the interest
of the nation and of the town.
