

ACC

10000/143/119

10000/143/119

MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER
AUG., SEPT. 1943

AMGOT/1085/PS

18

RPS/014.1

AMGOT/1044/PS

RPS/014.1

MAINTENANCE
of
PUBLIC ORDER

MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER

SENTENCES BY ALLIED COURTS

MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER

SENTENCES BY ALLIED COURTS

10000 143

THIS FOLDER

CONTAINS PAPERS

FROM

AUG 43

TO

SEPT 43

CATALOGUE

1-3.	3 Sep 43:	From Civil Police.
4	1 Sep. 43.	From Cara. report.
5-7	4 Sep. 43	" " - Adj. Public Defense
8	8 Sep. 43	To. Comm. Pub. Safety Bagheria

REF : ANGOT/1085/PS.

ANGOT HQ., Sicily
Public Safety Division
Civil Police Section
Comando Legione CC. RR.

8, September, 1943.

TO : Commissioner of Public Safety.

With reference to your minute on 3.

I forward copies of two further reports received from the Carabinieri respecting disturbances at Bagheria.

The woman referred to appears to be well known to the Carabinieri, even in Palermo, for her loose morals.

R. Snook
RUSSELL A. SNOOK
Lt. Colonel
Public Safety Division
Supt. Civil Police.

ASB
RAS/ce.

*CPS.
as copy of the Carabinieri
report has gone to the
Prov. CSPO. I don't think
any further action is
called for RAS
10/9
agree Baller*

4181

PA

TERRITO L. LEGION OF CARABINIERI REALI PALERMO

INTERNAL GROUP OF PALERMO

N. 47/6

Palermo, on Sept. 4th, 1943

SUBJECT : PUBLIC ORDER IN BACHERIA

TO : Major Searle--Chief of Police in-----

PALERMO

TO : The Command of 6th Brigade CC.RR.-----

PALERMO

TO : The Command of the Legion CC.RR. of-----

PALERMO

=====

About 12 o'clock of the 30th of August 1943, a few women and boys were going by the town-hall of Bagheria where there was the English Civil Commissioner, Capt. Hare, manifesting their own sympathy for the Allied Forces.

Some woman cried "bread and macaroni". The assembly was dissolved by the Carabinieri who were present.

The demonstration of sympathy was repeated by a crowd of women that were standing in line to have their ration card controlled, when the English officer came out of the town-hall.

No importance was given to the episode because it was spontaneous and happened without any preparation.

The next day, 31st of August, about 10 o'clock, a more numerous crowd composed of women and boys went by the town-hall again where there was, in the absence of the English commissioner, only the Duchess of Salaparuta, working on the ordinary administration while the officer was absent.

The crowd which soon reached nearly 500 people began as before, with the demonstration of sympathy for the Allies, crying to-

=====

About 12 o'clock of the 30th of August 1943, a few women and boys were going by the town-hall of Bagheria where there was the English Civil Commissioner, Capt. Hare, manifesting their own sympathy for the Allied Forces.

Some woman cried "bread and maccaroni". The assembly was dissolved by the Carabinieri who were present.

The demonstration of sympathy was repeated by a crowd of women that were standing in line to have their ration card controlled, when the English officer came out of the town-hall.

No importance was given to the episode because it was spontaneous and happened without any preparation.

The next day, 31st of August, about 10 o'clock, a more numerous crowd composed of women and boys went by the town-hall again where there was, in the absence of the English commissioner, only the Duchess of Salaparuta, working on the ordinary administration while the officer was absent.

The crowd which soon reached nearly 500 people began as before, with the demonstration of sympathy for the Allies, crying together "hurrah" and "bread and maccaroni" "we want everything liberal" and when they found out that only the Duchess of Salaparuta was in the town-hall, the crowd started to turn hostile, requesting her removal from the town-hall and protesting against her.

The intervention of the Carabinieri and the American Police contained the demonstrators without using any force for their removal in the consideration that they all were women and the majority, boys.

Little after mid-day, the Duchess left the town-hall and so the demonstration finished.

PUBLIC ORDER IN BAGHERIA

CONTINUED-----PAGE 2

=====

There were no violent acts---only in the street nearby, in the office of the cattle census, five or six men removed some books.

In the same office was the municipal guard, D'Alessandro, who did not, or did not want to stop the action.

On this matter there is an investigation.

As a result of the investigations, they brought us to the identification, 13 demonstrators on which falls the responsibility of the happening, and we found the small boards where there was written: "Hurrah for the Americans, Hurrah" "bread and macaroni" "All liberal" "Sicily Liberated" "We Want Her Free". Those boards were placed on wooden staffs.

The services disposed for the public order and the manifestation that was exposed by the order of the English Civil Commissioner which announced the suspension of the subsidy for the poor people; and the proposal to begin the curfew starting from the hour 6 P.M., conjured up other manifestation.

It is excluded that in the happening there were subornatiors because the manifestation was only made by women.

The demonstrations are due to the expounding of the poorer class of Bagheria, that in the serious alimentary situation of the moment they have misunderstood that with the mode, they would succeed to increase the bread ration that they think is not sufficient and not always enough for all the population of Bagheria.

In fact, in normal periods, in Bagheria, they were baking 75 or 80 quintals of flour every day. That quantity was reduced to 35 or 75 quintals from the 1st of September were they augmented

As a result of the investigations, they brought us to the identification, 13 demonstrators on which falls the responsibility of the happening, and we found the small boards where there was written: "Hurrah for the Americans, Hurrah" "Bread and Macaroni" "All liberal" "Sicily Liberated" "We Want Her Free". Those boards were placed on wooden staffs.

The services disposed for the public order and the manifestation that was exposed by the order of the English Civil Commissioner which announced the suspension of the subsidy for the poor people; and the proposal to begin the curfew starting from the hour 6 P.M., conjured up other manifestation.

It is excluded that in the happening there were subornations because the manifestation was only made by women.

The demonstrations are due to the expounding of the poorer class of Bagheria, that in the serious alimentary situation of the moment they have misunderstood that with the mode, they would succeed to increase the bread ration that they think is not sufficient and not always enough for all the population of Bagheria.

In fact, in normal periods, in Bagheria, they were baking 75 or 80 quintals of flour every day. That quantity was reduced to 35 or 40 quintals, and only beginning from the 1st of September were they augmented to 50 or 55 quintales.

We did not have any distribution of other alimentary goods in these last days, except 550 quarts of olive oil proceeding from sequestration.

The 13 persons, who were arrested (12 women and one man) were judged by the Provost on the 2nd of the r. m. and except two of them that were sent to another meeting, were condemned to a fine that varied from £100 to £500.

The situation in Bagheria and the public order are perfectly normal neither they show other inconvenience nevertheless the population so much more of the low class than the higher class, manifested the vivid desire to see away from any local activity the Duchess of Salaparuta, this because the same Duchess does not enjoy any sympathy and is badly judged for her bad morality for her precedents well known even in Palermo, even for her excessively anti-Italian views, her incivility and often villainous and tyrannical conduct prepotent, normally used towards all those who see her for different matters.

The Duchess of Salaparuta since the arrival of the Allied Troops profitting by her original talk and the perfect knowledge of the English language, she had attached herself to the officers of the Allied Governments, who have exercised the functions of civil Commissioners in Bagheria, up to the point which renders herself arbitrator of any concession, application, or proposals relative to local affairs.

To the same Duchess it is charged also, and the people now are talking openly and insistently, that she has on different occasions when young girls have presented themselves to her for help told them to find the means for life by using their own physical resources.

This charge together with other unfair acts performed by her is the true reason of the bad feeling against the Duchess of Salaparuta. The manifestation had only one scope and that was to have the Duchess of Salaparuta keep away from any local activities and to obtain this result without making any bad act against the Allied Government, they used the

the vivid desire to see away from any local authority and is paruta, this because the same Duchess does not enjoy any sympathy and is badly judged for her bad morality for her precedents well known even in Palermo, even for her excessively anti-Italian views, her incivility and often villainous and tyrannical conduct prepotent, normally used towards all those who see her for different matters.

The Duchess of Salaparuta since the arrival of the Allied Troops profitting by her original talk and the perfect knowledge of the English language, she had attached herself to the officers of the Allied Governments, who have exercised the functions of civil Commissioners in Bagheria, up to the point which renders herself arbitrator of any session, application, or proposals relative to local affairs.

To the same Duchess it is charged also, and the people now are talking openly and insistently, that she has on different occasions when young girls have presented themselves to her for help told them to find the means for life by using their own physical resources.

This charge together with other unfair acts performed by her is the true reason of the bad feeling against the Duchess of Salaparuta. The manifestation had only one scope and that was to have the Duchess of Salaparuta keep away from any local activities and to obtain this result without making any bad act against the Allied Government, they used this serious alimentary situation of asking for bread and salt around free of any ration.

I have given precise disposition to the Bagheria Council 4178 to hinder their the spiritual and economic situation of that people must be carefully fulfilled to the scope of forwarding any eventual participation that might arise although normally has entirely returned to the principle of authority, and cannot at present be foreseen.

4

Extract from Daily Report of Carabinieri dated 1, Sept. 43.

At about 8:00 o'clock on the 31 st, around 500 women and young men went before the town-hall of Bagheria, and declared a protest that there is a deficiency in the ration of bread- 150 gr.-- and of other kinds of primary necessities.

The riot also showed violent actions against Duchessa Salaparuta an American citizen, the officer in charge of the Civil Affairs in Bagheria for good works, and the administration of ordinary affairs, who was trying send them awy from the town-hall and tell them not to interfere with the affairs of Bagheria. There immediately came armed American soldiers scattering and dispersing the crowd at about 12,30 of the same day.

4177

The riot also showed violent actions against Duchessa Salaparuta an American citizen, the officer in charge of the Civil Affairs in Bagheria for good works, and the administration of ordinary affairs, who was trying send them away from the town-hall and tell them not to interfere with the affairs of Bagheria. There immediately came armed American soldiers scattering and dispersing the crowd at about 12,30 of the same day.

9 0 0 3
AMCOT HQ., Sicily
Public Safety Division
Civil Police Section
Comando Legione CC. RR.

3, September, 1943.

TO : Commissioner of Public Safety

The situation referred to in the attached report
may be of interest.

I am forwarding it in order that you may bring to
the attention of the proper authorities.

R. A. Snook

RUSSELL A. SNOOK
Lt. Colonel
Public Safety Division
Supt. Civil Police.

afel
RAS/ce.

Civil Police Section

4170

*Before taking this up with SEAD
Palermo I should like to know whether
there has been any repetition of the
demonstration*

Bluff 1/9

2
Palermo Aug 27, 1943

Subject- PUBLIC ORDER in RAGHERIA

At 10 A.M. on Aug 27 in Ragheria about 500 persons (between women and children) manifested protestations because of the deficient bread rationing (150 gm per person).

The crowd also requested the abolition of coupons for primary essentials- bread and pasta.

The mob, knowing in the municipal building there was only the Duchess SALAPARUTA- American citizen, employed by the Allied Govt of Ragheria by Capt. Hare and in charge of affairs during his absence- demonstrated violently with loud protests.

American personnel police intervened immediately and broke up the demonstration.

At 12:30 the crowd dispersed and the people returned to their homes.

// We presume that the same thing will be repeated tomorrow. To prevent eventual disorder we request adequate military personnel and means of communication with the Allied Military Command Seat.

IL MARESCIALLO MAGGIORE
A.P. Comandante della Sezione
F.to (Pasquale D'Adamo)

tr. by- P. Nardi

The crowd also requested the abolition of coupons for

primary essentials- bread and pasta.

The mob, knowing in the municipal building there was only the Duchess SALAPARUTA- American citizen, employed by the Allied Govt of Ragheria by Capt. Ware and in charge of affairs during his absence- demonstrated violently with loud protests. American personnel police intervened immediately and broke up the demonstration.

At 12:30 the crowd dispersed and the people returned to their homes.

// We presume that the same thing will be repeated tomorrow. To prevent eventual disorder we request adequate military personnel and means of communication with the Allied Military Command Seat.

IL MARSIGLIALLO MAGGIORE
A.P. Comandante della Sezione
F.to (Pasquale D'Adamo)

tr. by- B. Nardi

4175

LEGIONE TERZA DI CARABINIERI DI PALERMO

Sezione Bagheria

N. 22/5 di prot. Div. 3° Palermo, 11 31 agosto 1943.
OGGETTO: Ordine pubblico in Bagheria. S e g n a l a z i o n e.

CARABINIERI VI° BRIGATA PALERMO
CARABINIERI LEGIONE PALERMO
CARABINIERI GRUPPO INTERNO PALERMO
CARABINIERI COMPAGNIA SUBURBANA PALERMO

Oramai stamane 31 agosto 1943, improvvisamente, portavano davanti municipio Bagheria circa 500 persone fra donne e ragazzi inscenando manifestazione protesta per deficiente razione pane che da più giorni viene distribuita in luogo (circa 150 grammi a testa).

Folla richiedeva anche abolizione tassativamente generi prima necessità et in ispecie pane e pasta.

Folla stessa, saputo che nel palazzo municipale trovavasi soltanto duchessa Salaparuta, cittadina americana, incaricata dal governo civile di Bagheria capitano inglese Hare servizio beneficenza et obbligo alcuni affari ordinaria amministrazione durante di lui assenza, inscenavano violenta manifestazione protesta contro duchessa stessa et chiedendo al Gra voce suo allontanamento sede municipale et sua non ingerenza affari popolazione Bagheria.

Immediato intervento Arma et militari americani scongiuravano atti violenza et contenevano manifestazione che limitavasi ad esclamare soltanto grida protesta.

Ora 12,30 folla rientrava rispettive abitazioni.

Presumesi che anche comari manifestazione stessa sarà ripotuta.

At impedire eventuali disordini è stato provveduto et richiedere adeguato rinforzo militari arma et prendere contatto con comando militare alleato in sede.

CARABINIERI VI^a BRIGATA
CARABINIERI 1^a LEGIONE
CARABINIERI GRUPPO INTERNO
CARABINIERI COMPAGNIA SUBURBANA

PALERMO
PALERMO
PALERMO
PALERMO

Orsì il 31 agosto 1943, improvvisamente, portavano davanti mo-
nicipio Bagheria circa 500 prona fra donne e ragazzi inscenando manifesta-
zione protesta per deficiente razione pane che da più giorni viene distri-
buita in luogo (circa 150 grammi a testa).

Folla richiedeva anche abolizione tesseraimento giorni prima necessità
et in specie pane e pasta.

Folla stessa, saputo che nel palazzo municipale trovavasi soltanto du-
chessa Salaparuta, cittadina americana, incaricata dal governo civile di
Bagheria capitano inglese Mare servizio beneficenza et di brigo alcuni
affari ordinaria amministrazione durante di lui assenza, inscenavano vio-
lenta manifestazione protesta contro duchessa stessa et chiedendo et gra-
vosa suo allontanamento sede municipale et sua non inferenza affari popo-
larione Bagheria.

Immediato intervento Arma et militari americani scongiuravano atti vio-
lenza e contenevano manifestazione che limitavasi ad urlare soltanto
grida protesta.

Orsì 12,30 folla rientrava rispettive abitazioni.

Presumesi che anche domani manifestazione stessa sarà ripetuta.

At impedire eventuali disordini è stato provveduto at richiedere ade-
guato rinforzo militari arma et prendere contatto con comando militare
alleato in sede.

IL MARSIGLIALLO MAGGIOR. A. P. COMANDANTE DELLA SEZIONE
F/to Pasquale D'Adamo

4174

