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COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES IN SANTA MARIA, C. V.
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From: No.13 H.A. W/T Station, Royal Air Force, C.A.F.

To: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, Public Safety
Sub Commission, APC 394.

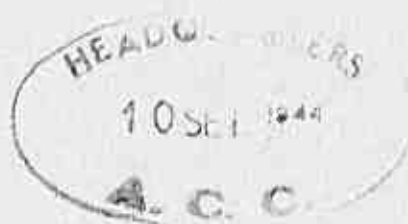
Date: 5th September 1944.

Ref: 13HCU/180/11.

Incident at Santa Maria C.V.

Acknowledgement is made of your AGC/14105/PS dated 29.8.44.

2. The Officer Commanding No.13 H.A. W/T Station, R.A.F.
wishes to express his appreciation of the action taken.



Leadb G. Skinner F/O
Officer Commanding,
No.13 H.A. W/T Station,
Royal Air Force.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

File 3A
Tel : 478705

29 August, 1944.

ACC/14105/PS

SUBJECT : Incident at Santa Maria C.V.

TO : No.13 H.A. #/T Station Royal Air Force
C.M.F.

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With reference to your letter 13 HMU/180/P1, dated 7 August 1944, I have to inform you that the local A.C.C. Officer has demanded a full report from the Sindaco as to the disposal of the potatoes and for a refund of the 300 lire.

The Officer has also issued instructions with a view to preventing any such incidents in the future.

The people concerned were working under the cloak of the "Vigilance Squad".

PAUL C. XIRK
Colonel Inf.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
PROVINCE OF NAPLES
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PREFETTURA, NAPLES

File NP / 25.

24 August, 1944.

Subject: Communist Party Activities in Santa Maria C. V.

To: Lt. Col. Francis, Region 3 Public Safety Officer.

1. Returned herewith file sent us under date 16 of August, 1944, requesting investigation and report on within subject matter.
2. It is found that these people have been working under the cloak of the "Vigilance Squad".
3. As their action in this particular case appeared to be entirely illegal, our Capt. Whyte has demanded a full report from the Sindaco as to the disposal of the potatoes and a demand has also been made for a refund of the 300 Lire.
4. Capt. Whyte issued further instructions with a view of preventing recurrence of any such incidents in the future.

For the Provincial Commissioner.

Jesse E. Cantor
JESSE E. CANTOR
Maj. Sp. Res.
Deputy Provincial Commissioner.

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1st Incl
To H.G., A.C.C., Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Forward please.

Encl.

25th Aug. 1944.

R.P.S.C. Region 3.
Lt Col.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel. 478708

12 August, 1944

SUBJECT : Complaint of Illegal Action
by Communist Party.

TO : R.P.S.O. Region III ✓

1. Attached is a copy of a letter dated 7th
August 1944 from the Officer Commanding No. 13 H.A.
W/T Station, RAF.

2. May the complaint please be investigated
and a report submitted.

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PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel. Inf.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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From: No. 15 H.A. W/T Station, Royal Air Force C.M.F.
 To: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, C.M.F.
 Date: 7th August 1944.
 Ref: 13HNU/130/11.

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The following incident which occurred in Santa Maria, C.V. is reported for your information.

2. A Scotswoman, wife of an Italian Citizen and resident at a small village in the Casino area for the past 20 years appealed to the Commanding Officer of this Unit on the afternoon of the 5th August 1944 for assistance and advice. She had come to Santa Maria, C.V. from her own village, where food is apparently extremely scarce, to purchase potatoes for her own and her family's consumption. In Santa Maria, C.V. she purchased potatoes for the value of 500 Lira. When about to return to her home she stated they were wearing no uniform or badge of authority but who potatoes stating that it was not permitted to buy potatoes for removal to another town. They stated that they had authority to do this, but no such written authority was shown to the woman. The money she had expended was not refunded.
3. The woman appealed to this Unit, as fellow countrymen, for assistance. When officers of this Unit returned to the scene of the incident, the men had guns, and though considerable effort was made to do so, their whereabouts could not be discovered. The matter was reported to the local authority to justify the imposing of the potatoes - these civil police readily admitted they were unable to take any action against this Communist Party, and not satisfaction was obtained from them.
4. The incident was then reported to the Military Police Depot, who considered that the Communist Party had no right to impose in this manner. A visit was then paid to the Communist Party Office which was locked up at the time. No further time could be afforded by the officers of this Unit who privately re-bursed the woman.
5. It is understood that this woman, in addition to goods by the Communist Party, without monetary compensation to the legitimate purchasers is a common occurrence in this neighbourhood, (another Italian citizen had the same experience the same afternoon), and it is suggested that an investigation be made into the actions of these people.

was not refunded.
 3. The woman appeared to this Unit, as fellow countrymen, for assistance. When officers of this Unit returned to the scene of the incident, the man had gone, and a great considerable effort was made to do so, their whereabouts could not be discovered. The matter was reported to the local police who refused to take any action - in spite of admitting they could show no authority to justify the impounding of the potatoes - these same police finally admitted they were unable to take any action against this Communist Party, and no satisfaction was obtained from them.

4. The incident was then reported to the Military Police Depot, who considered that the Communist Party had no right to impound in this manner. A visit was then paid to the Communist Party Office which was located in at the time. No further time could be afforded by the officers of this Unit who privately re-insured the woman.

5. It is understood that this woman is buying of goods by the Communist Party, without monetary compensation to the legitimate purchasers is a common occurrence in this neighbourhood, (another Italian citizen had the same experience his wife afterwards), and it is suggested that an investigation be made into the actions of these people.

6. This Unit would be interested to have a report of any action taken by you in the matter.

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Lieut G. Skinner F/o

Sub-Officer Overmanning,
 No. 17 H.L. W/estation,
 Royal Air Force.



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