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APO 394

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29 November 1945

AC/14133/PS

Subject: German Soldiers believed to be P.O.'s.

TO : Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.
HQ Allied Commission
AMG Lombardia Region
Milan

1. Reference your letter of 23 October 1945.
2. Original Correspondence returned with Indorsement and letter from MPOUSA dated 1 November 1945

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
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APO 344

14 December, 1944

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SUBJECT: Term

TO : HQ. Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Section

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The attached relates to your 14133/PS of 1 December.

See the original submission:

A. A. Bonham
Lt. Colonel
Executive Section

The attached relates to your 11/13/72 of 1 December.

For the Regional Commissioner:

P. H. Bonham
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Executive Director

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TO	
COL. CHAPMAN	<i>16/12</i>
COL. YOUNG	<i>16/12</i>
LT. COL. WILSON	
MAJ. WILSON	
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MAJ. BAUMANN	
CAPT. POWELL	
CHIEF	<i>16/12</i>

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

LAZIO UMBRIA REGION

AFO 394

Regional Security Officer

REF. S/1247

13 November 1944

SUBJECT : Report on Terni

TO : See distribution

1. In submitting attached report suggest you may care to forward it to Civil Affairs Section as per letter 14133/PS dated 1st December.
2. The police report referred to was submitted to this office by a Pubblica Sicurezza agent residing in Terni and consequently possibly either inspired or biased. This would appear to have been the case as will be seen from Lt. CAPRIO's personal investigations at Terni.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394
Regional Security Officer

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11 December 1944

REF. S/1242

SUBJECT : Report on TERNI

TO : Regional Security & Intelligence Officer
HQ. Umbria-Lazio Region
(Attention Maj. A.E. HEATH)

1. REASON.

I was sent to TERNI to ascertain the truth of a report that left wing groups were a disturbing element in the province. The report had been submitted to Maj. HEATH by a member of the Italian police.

2. SOURCES.

Because casual observation during a brief visit and desultory talks with civilians can be misleading and superficial, this observer preferred to rely upon the experience of Allied officials who had been working in Terni Province for months, the opinions of well placed Italians, and official reports.

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The following are the important figures in the province:-

a - Pasquale FILIPPONI, leader of the Communist Party. FILIPPONI had been a partisan leader. When the Allied troops entered TERNI they were told by some Italians that FILIPPONI had mistreated allied prisoners of war. He was put into a concentration camp pending investigation. The allegations were disproved. FILIPPONI returned to TERNI as leader of the local communists. Major FRICKER, Provincial Commissioner, described him as an honest man who co-operates with the Allies in a helpful manner.

b - Pietro LAUSI, another communist, is head of the Epurazione. LAUSI was described to me as a man who expressed antifascist feelings when it was dangerous to do so. Several persons said he and his family suffered at the hands of fascists as a result of his views. Major FRICKER added that this has not made LAUSI vindictive and he discharges his duties as head of the Epurazione Committee fairly well considering the obstacles.

e - Vinzenzo INCHES, also a communist, is a head of the Camera del Lavoro. The Allied officials are satisfied with his work and made a point of his co-operative spirit. It must be pointed out that TERNI city was once an industrial city. There is a large labor population now unemployed.

d - The prefect, GERLO, is non-political. Both Allies and Italians are satisfied with him.

e - The Questore, Alberto CELLUCCE, was described as an honest man, but not too strong.

f - The head of carabinieri, Major Enrico MARONE, is considered an honest man, but weak.

g - The Sindaco of Terni, Comnardo MORELLI is described as a man of good sense. He is fairly well liked by the people.

4. EPURATION.

A two man committee is functioning under the Italian decrees although the Government has failed to appoint the third member. Epuration in Terni Province is plagued by familiar problems. The Allies do not wish to disrupt completely the existing structure. The Italian right wingers want none of it and the left wingers want all of it. LAUSI is in the middle. In all parties the well informed seem to understand the problems and accept the situation. The uninformed and less educated as well as those who have ulterior motives are not satisfied.

5. SECURITY.

The allied officers are not troubled by the ^{new} existing situation. FSS Units are scattered about the Province which ~~is~~ ^{has} an important Army rail-head. There have been no sabotage or espionage cases throughout November. No one was interned. In the month there were four cases of armed violence which were attributed to political opponents by the victims. In two cases the victims were former directors of the large Terni electrical plants. The story is that three directors were given large sums by the town people with which to save the plants by bribing the Germans. The directors ran away with the money. Two directors who returned were beaten up by enraged

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Citizen morale is said to be fair in spite of shortage of food, clothing and shelter. The people are still apolitical. Within the city only three parties can boast an active membership: Communist: 5,000; Socialist 2,500 and Christian Democrats 1,500. Meetings are permitted and have been orderly.

6. FIRE ARMS.

About 10,000 permits to carry shot guns have been approved in the province. About 120 authorized guards at four factories in the province are permitted to carry pistols only while on duty and within the factory grounds.

The Questore said Terni people have always been avid hunters and shot guns have always been numerous. Major FRICKER added that recently when flocks of pigeons came to the area the farmers shot them and brought them into the market.

There is no way of ascertaining the quantity of hidden arms.

Whether there is any political group collecting arms clandestinely is not known. The left wingers seem well behaved and there is no evidence to support the sometimes repeated rumors that fascist cells exist.

7. CONCLUSION.

It is my opinion that the police report was inspired and reflected the prejudices of the police agent.

Without doubt Terni Province is faced with important problems. Its factories are damaged, the workers are idle. The residential areas are heavily damaged. Food is scarce. The problems locally are economic rather than political. It is natural to suppose that once the population finds itself normally fed, clothed and housed politics may become a matter of concern to the Allies.

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POLITICAL SITUATION IN RNI

People are principally communist and socialist and their attitude is becoming dangerous.

Extremist elements installed themselves in the most important offices and created a difference of treatment between the members of the Communist and Socialist parties and the others.

The deputy of the High Commissioner for Epuration in the Terni Province is a member of the Communist Party, Sig. Pietro LAUSI. Epuration is conducted slowly and is based on personal criteria, without taking into consideration the merits of the single persons. LAUSI was a poor professional, a land surveyor, and was in continuous contrast with his colleagues, always arguing and bullying. The greatest part of the people in Terni and in the Province do not like him and it is reported that he does not behave honestly in his office.

The Prefetto and the Questore of Terni, though being two honest persons, did not take any energic action to face the situation. The parties, which claim themselves anti-fascist, have the same methods as the ancient regime.

All the Communists and the Socialist had the permission of carrying arms, while the same permission was refused to many persons who are absolutely fair and honest, though having belonged to the fascist party.

It appears that many Fascist, who were always very boisterous in Terni, have at present joined the Communist Party and are, therefore only, discriminated.

Also Security is not good in the Province. Several robberies have been carried out in sundry villages by armed individuals⁵²⁴³ with large means: this reveals that the Authorities cannot re-

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press, crim~~inally~~ nor face the power of the left wing parties.

It is therefore necessary to take the proper measures in order to reestablish a normal situation.

Rome, 27 November 1944.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: A78008

Ref: 1A133/PS

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SUBJECT: Police Reports.

TO: The Regional Commissioner,
Lazio Region.

1. Owing to the fact that this Headquarters is situated in Rome the Chief Commissioner finds that he frequently receives requests for information on incidents that occur in the city, and he has on occasion been asked to make decisions or give an opinion, by higher authority and Rome Area Command. The requests are usually made by outside interests such as the various Embassies and Missions attached to this Headquarters.
2. Quite properly most of these matters and reports thereon are dealt with by your Headquarters, which is directly responsible for AC administration in the city of Rome.
3. Some difficulty has, however, been found in giving information or making adequate replies to questions without an embarrassing delay. It is therefore considered that it would be desirable for your Public Safety Division, when making reports to you on such incidents as the recent riots in the Regina Coeli jail or on matters concerning security, to furnish a copy direct to the Public Safety Sub-Commission of this Headquarters. No action will be taken on these unless specifically requested by you. It is not intended that copies of every report submitted to you should be treated in this way, but only those which concern matters which are likely to arouse the interest of outside authorities or have international repercussions. The ordinary routine business of your Public Safety Division is, of course, reported to this Headquarters in the normal form of Monthly Reports and such other reports as may be required by the Public Safety Sub-Commission from time to time.
4. Will you please give instructions to carry out the procedure outlined in para 3 above.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

[Signature]
C.R. HUTTON, Brig. Gen.
VP CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref. 144133/102

29th November, 1944.

SUBJECT: Police Reports.

TO : The Regional Commissioner,
Lazio Region.

1. Owing to the fact that this Headquarters is situated in Rome the Chief Commissioner finds that he frequently receives requests for information on incidents that occur in the city, and he has on occasion been asked to make decisions or give an opinion, by higher authority and Rome Area Command. The requests are usually made by outside interests such as the various Embassies and Missions attached to this Headquarters.
2. Quite properly most of these matters and the reports thereon are dealt with by your Headquarters, which is directly responsible for A.C. administration in the city of Rome.
3. Some difficulty has, however, been found in giving information or making adequate replies to questions. It is therefore considered that it would be an advantage if when making reports on such incidents as the recent riots in the Regina Coeli area or on matters concerning security, your Public Safety Officer would furnish a copy direct to the Public Safety Sub-Commission of this Headquarters. It is not intended that copies of every report submitted to you should be treated in this way, but only those which concern matters which are likely to arouse the interest of outside authorities or have international repercussions. The ordinary routine business of your Public Safety Division is, of course, reported to this Headquarters in the normal form of Monthly Report.

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