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POLITICAL ACTIVITIES
MAY 1945 - JUN. 1946

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CC.RR GENERAL COMMAND
Service and Situation Office

N.37/80 R.P.

9 June 1946

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety S/C
R O M E

SUBJECT : Genova - rejoicement for the republic

We are sending on cipy of a fonogram received
8/6/46 - 2140 hrs from the CC.RR Commander Internal Group
Genova:

"""" Organized at the town-hall and by the parties
concerned with the participation of civil and military
authorities along with a battalion formed with elements
of the armed forces, a manifestation of rejoicement was
being held, today at 5 p.m., for the favourable result of
the "referendum" to the republic.

The crowd composed of 100.000 people passed
through the ptincipal streets of Genoa and then gathered
in the square facing the monument of Mazzini where a
laurel wreath was deposited.

The Sindaco spoke to the crowd about the
significance of the ceremony.

No incidents occurred and the manifestation
ended at 1815 hrs.

THE GENERAL COMMANDER
S/ Brunetti

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 411/4 di prot. Roma, 11 3 giugno 1946
Risposta al Via. Roma. Allegati n. n.

OGGETTO: Palermo-Riverdini.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE RIVERDINI
SONDO COMMISSIONI PER IL P.S.

Il Comandante del Gruppo Interno Cir. 27. di Palermo, con fotografata in data 8 corrente comunica:

Nelle 15, 10, 7 corrente in Palermo radunavansi insorti, sotto guida di alcuni furti gruppi monarchici ed operativi. Cominciava ricevuta da Rea. Solomello MONTEU presentava materiale circa protesa irregolarità votazione referendum. Dimostranti formavano quindi cortei che ingrossavano lungo percorso fino costituire massa 2000 persone veniva ripetutamente affrontato ed disperso da forze pubbliche.

Successivamente costituivansi altri furti gruppi dimostranti in varie località città anche così dispersi forze pubbliche.

Verse ore 19 convenivano in piazza Castel Nuovo da diversi punti circa 4000 dimostranti che sciogliendosi acquie nuovo interloquio forze polizia mentre già tentavano iniziare comizio.

Prescelto come il percorso tra i via monti.

N. 411/4
Risposta al

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Roma, li

2 giugno 1946

Allegati n.

OGGETTO:

Palermo-Miccerchini.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE DELL'ARTE
SOTTO COMMISSIONE PER IL P.S.

Il Comandante del Gruppo Interno CO. N. 41 Palermo, con fotografame
in data 8 corrente comunicò
ore 19,30, 7 corrente in Palermo radunavansi innanzi sede Comis-
sione alleata forti gruppi monarchici et separatisti. Comissione
ricevuta da Ten. Colonnello MICERCHINI presentava memoriale circa preteso
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varie località città anche essi dispersi forza pubblica.-

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circa 4000 dimostranti che scioglievansi seguito nuovo intero-
ferve polizia mentre già tentavano iniziare comizio.-

Precedute fermo 11 persone tra i più escenti.-

Durante colluttazione con dimostranti commissario T. S. LA FALCA
viportava contusione guaribile 3 giorni.-

Ordine pubblico ristabilito ore 21.-

Personae eccitacione animi.-

IN COMANDO MICERCHINI

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CC.RR GENERAL COMMAND
Service and Situation Office

N.411/4 R.P.

9 June 1946

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety S/C
R O M E

SUBJECT : Disorders in Palermo.

The CC.RR Commander of the Internal Group of Palermo with fonogram dated 8/5/46 reports:

"" At 1530 hrs - 7/6/46 - in Palermo, large groups of monarchists and separatists assembled in front of the Allied Commission building asking to be received. A committee was received by Lt. Colonel MORTACU to whom was presented a statement dealing with irregularities during the ballot for the referendum.

The demonstrators then formed a procession which enlarged "en route" until it formed a mass of about 2000 people. The same mass was repeatedly faced and finally dispersed by the police.

From different parts of the city, they agreed to gather, 4000 in all, in P.zza Castel Nuovo at 7 p.m. Encountered again by the police the crowd was dissipated.

11 persons among the most untempered have been arrested. The P.S. Commissary La PAROLA was badly bruised and is now under medical treatment for 9 days.

The excitement is persisting.

THE GENERAL COMMANDER
S/ Brunetti

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali
UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 411/6 di prot. R.P.

Roma, li 9 giugno 1946

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Palermo - Disordini.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
-Sottocommissione di P.S.-

R O M A

Trascrivo il seguente fonogramma giunto alle
ore 23 dell'8 corrente dal Comandante la Legione
Carabinieri di Palermo:

""Ordine pubblico Palermo normale. Stasera pic-
coli gruppi monarchici hanno percorso vie princi-
pali città sciogliendosi senza incidenti"".-

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE
- Brunetto Brunetti -

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TRANSLATION T.B.

CG.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 9, June 1946

N. 411/6 R.P.

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety S/G

R O M E

SUBJECT : PALERMO - Disorders. -

I transcribe the following wire-communication here received at 11 p.m., on the 8th inst., from the CG.RR. Commander of the Palermo Legion :

"" At PALERMO the public order is again normal. To-night some groups of Royalists, who made a procession through the main streets, broke up without any incidents.

THE GENERAL COMMANDER
/s/ Brunette Brunetti

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 24/35 di prot. R.P. Roma, li 10 giugno 1946
 Risposta al del n. Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Foggia - Manifestazione monarchica.

ALLA COMMISSIONE MILITARE
 -Sottocommissione per la P.S.-

P. O. M. A.

Il pomeriggio del 9 corrente, in Foggia, elementi isolati tentarono di organizzare una dimostrazione monarchica.

Gli organi di polizia, subito intervenuti, si persero assai bramenti costituiti da numerose persone.

Furono fermati 43 individui e la dimostrazione non ebbe luogo.

Nessun incidente.

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE
 -Enrico Brunetti-

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TRANSLATION T.B.

CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 10 June 1946

N. 34/35 R.P.

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety S/C

R O M E

SUBJECT : FOGGIA - Demonstration in favour of the Monarchy.

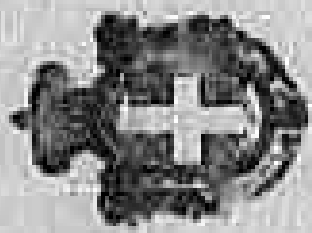
At Foggia, on 9th inst, single elements attempted to organize a demonstration in favour of the Monarchy.

The quick intervention of the P.S. Agents dispersed the crowd. 43 individuals were held up. This way the demonstration did not take place

THE GENERAL COMMANDER
/s/ Brunette Brunetti

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 11/316 di prot. M.P.

Roma, li 10 giugno 1946

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO:

Peri - Diffusione manifestini.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLIATA

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

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Il mattino del 9 corrente, in Peri fu diffuso un volantino, stampato alla macchina, ostile al Governo attuale ed esprimente il desiderio che il referendum venga sottoposto al controllo degli alleati e ripetuto dopo regolare compilazione delle liste elettorali e dopo la pubblicazione dei responsabili delle presunte irregolarità, verificazioni nel corso delle ultime elezioni.

Ordine pubblico normale.

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE

Brigata Armata

Allegati

20/6/46

TRANSLATION M.C.

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CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Service and Situation Office
No.II/316 R.P.

n Rome -10 June 1946

To: Allied Command
Public Safety S.O.
ROME

Subject: Bari -Leaflets.

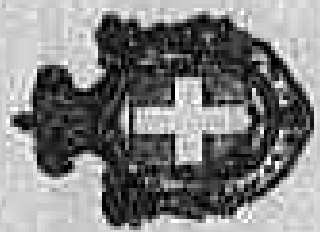
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On the morning of 9th inst., leaflets were distributed objecting to the present government and expressing the desire that the referendum is placed under the Allied control, and repeated after regular compilation of election lists, and punishment of presumed irregularities in the past elections.

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For the General Commander
Brunette Brunetti

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 411/10 di prof. Roma, li 10 giugno 1946

Risposta al del n. Allegato n.

OGGETTO: Situazione politica della Sicilia.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALBERATA

-Sottocommissione per la P.S.-

L. O. N. A.

Trasmetto il seguente telegramma spedito l'8 corrente dal Comando del

in via Bragata 60, 51, 51 Palermo

con il risultato preferito favorevole repubblica da vivente impegnato
et addolorato maggioranza repubblicana nella specie quella Palermo et quella

Reale che hanno dato rispettivamente 80 et 71 per cento voti approvare

La era deliberevole caduta risentimento contro taluni partiti ministeriali (era
propaganda voci infamanti risultati vittoria Italia costituzionale)

et dire che avrebbe avuto successo et volontà popolare. Venute notizie

che l'assemblea delle autorità dichiarate favorevole monarchia, mentre che

perochi monarchia aderiscono L. 12. Nella speranza pervenire esplicita re-

gno Sicilia con l'abito nuovo et pacifico anche possibilità che elementi

repubblicani tentano repubblica repubblicana Sicilia indipendenza. Vi è chi par-

la parine di eventuale favorevole stato due Sicilie. Anzi scelti et altri

edono molto sensibile dopo sfortunato avvenimento ieri in Palermo. Provocano

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 411/19 di prot. R.D.

Roma, li 10 giugno 1946

Risposta al

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Allegato n.

OGGETTO: Situazione politica della Sicilia.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALBERGATA

-Sottocommissione per la I.S.-

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Trasmetto il seguente telegramma spedito l'8 corrente dal Comando della VI^a Brigata C.A., di Palermo.

Il risultato referendum favorevole repubblica ha vivamente impressionato et accelerato maggioranza palosiana locale specie quella Palermo et quella Messina che hanno dato rispettivamente 80 et 71 per cento voti monarchici.

Vi ora delineandosi enfatica risentimento contro velum partiti sinistra (con prevalenza voci rinfacciavano riamitati reattione Italia settentrionale) et cetera che avrebbe avuto sostanziale et volontà popolare.

Il giorno 10 aprile suddetti disbrigate favorevoli monarchia, sembra che parecchi monarchisti aderiscono A.I.P., nella speranza pervenire spazioso regione Sicilia con Roberto secondo et proficui anche possibilità che elementi separatisti tendono formazione repubblica Sicilia indipendentemente. Vi è una parte per una di eventuale formazione statale due Sicilie. Anzi esaltati et atteggiamento molto sensibile dopo manifestazioni avvenute ieri in Palermo. Vi vedono voci altre imponenti imminente dimissioni con tentativi atti violenza contro uffici pubblici et consumo. Arma Carabinieri di intesa autorità politica, militare et pubblica siccome protetti et protettori eventuali disordini.

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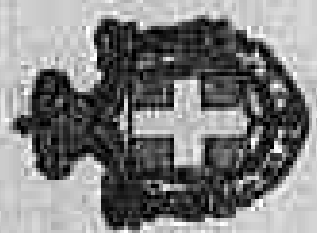
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UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N.37/80

di prot. R.F.

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n.

Roma, li 9 giugno 1946

OGGETTO:

Genova - Manifestazione di giubilo per l'esito del referendum favorevole alla repubblica.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALEMMA

SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

R U M A

Trascrivo il seguente fonogramma pervenuto l'8 corrente -ore 21.40- del Comandante del Gruppo Interno Carabinieri di Genova:

Organizzata dal Municipio et dai partiti con partecipazione autorità civili et militari nonchè battaglione formazione di tutte forze armate oggi ore 17 si é svolta manifestazione giubilo per esito referendum favorevole repubblica punto Corteo circa cento mila persone habet percorso vie centrali Genova ammassandosi davanti monumento Mazzini ove est stata deposta corona alloro punto Sindaco Genova habet parlato folla sul significato cerimonia punto Nessun incidente habet turbato manifestazione che habet avuto termine ora 18.15.

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N.37/80

di prot. R.P.

Roma, il 9 giugno 1946

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO:

Genova - Manifestazione di giubilo per l'esito del referendum favorevole alla repubblica.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLIATA

SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

R O M A

Trascrivo il seguente fonogramma pervenuto l'8 corrente -ore 21.40- del Comandante del Gruppo Interno Carabinieri di Genova:

««Organizzata dal Municipio et dai partiti con partecipazione autorità civili et militari nonché battaglione formazione di tutte forze armate oggi ore 17 si é svolta manifestazione giubilo per esite referendum favorevole repubblica punto Cortes circa cento mila persone habet percorso vie centrali Genova ammassandosi davanti monumento Mazzini ove est stata deposta corona all'ore punto Gimaseo Genova habet parlato folla sul significato cerimonia punto Nessun incidente habet turbato manifestazione che habet avuto termine ore 18.15»».

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IL COMANDANTE GENERALE

- Brunetto Brunetti -



ALLIED COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

21 MAY 45.

SUBJECT : Political Activity.
TO : Executive Commissioner.
(through Vice President, C.A.S.)

1. Recently information has been received from reliable sources regarding the activities of Italian Political Bodies.

It will be appreciated that the sources of the information cannot be disclosed, and the information as shown below has not, and in many cases cannot be verified at the present time, but there is good reason to believe that the main substance is true.

2. During the evening of 9th. May, 1946, the day on which King Victor Emmanuel's abdication was announced, a meeting was held at the Ministry of Interior which lasted until midnight.

All the Chief Officers of Police at the Ministry and the Questura in Rome were present, including Doctor FERRARI, Director General of P.S., but excluding the Carabinieri.

The meeting was apparently convened to decide upon the action to be taken at a Monarchist demonstration which was being held the following day (Friday, 10th.).

It is alleged that Di Cesare (Deputy to Dr. Ferrari) monopolised the conversation, Ferrari rarely speaking. De Cesare is reported to have said "You must order your men to fire, whatever the uniform the others are wearing. Can you answer for your men". VERDIANI, the Questore of Rome replied "Yes". De Cesare then said that the Partisans at the Police Schools should be armed and that although he believed the Allied Authorities had placed a veto on additional Partisans being drafted into Rome for training, they the Police Authorities, would find a way to evade the veto.

3. Verdiani later saw the officers of the Questura and told them his orders to use firearms must be obeyed irrespective of who formed the opposition, whether the uniform was Blue, Field Green or Khaki.

4. On the 10th. May, 1946, a Monarchist Demonstration was held outside the Quirinale and later moved to the Viminale (Ministry of Interior building) where a request

request was made for the Royal Flag to be hoisted over the building. The request was refused and later the crowd dispersed without any incident.

4. The same evening the Questore issued an order (copy attached Ia) in which he deplored the lack of initiative on the part of the police in failing to break up the demonstration, and ordering them to take firmer action in future using all means according to law.

The order as it stands cannot be criticised, but it is alleged that the original draft called upon the police to open fire on the crowds, but on the advice of other senior officers the order was amended.

5. On the morning of the 11th. a large counter-demonstration organised by the Anti-Monarchists, was held at the Piazza del Popolo. All firms were circularised by the Federation of Labour calling upon them to release their employees to enable them to attend the demonstration. Government vehicles were used to convey demonstrators to and from the meeting. Later the crowd marched to the Viminale, carrying slogans and shouting "Death to the King". No action was taken by the police to disperse the procession or to prevent it taking place.

It is significant that the procession was preceded and followed by detachments of the Police Flying Squads.

6. Armoured Cars.

At the present time it is alleged that the Questura in Rome has 40 armoured cars, and further that 270 new armoured vehicles are on order from the "Ansaldo" factory in Genoa. Another reports puts the number as 240. A third report says 230 from the Breda factories. A British Armoured car is in the garage of the Ministry of Interior, Via Tomasso Campanello, Rome, and is being converted to give it the appearance of an Italian type vehicle.

During the recent demonstrations Armoured Cars were located as follows:-

- 4 at Ministry of Interior, Pragna Viminale.
- 3 " Questura, Via San Vitale.
- 4 " P.S. Barracks, Via Pietro de Cortona.
- 4 " Ministry of Interior garage, Via Tomasso Campanello.
- 2 " P.S. Barracks, Via Ruffini.
- 2 " P.S. Barracks, Via Caltagirone.
- 2 " P.S. Barracks, Via S. Eusebio.

- 2 at Quirinale Square, Palogno Respighion'.
- 2 " Old Questura Building, Via S.Stefano del Cacco.

It is believed that 15 others were at the Ministry of Interior Garage.

7. Police Schools.

The Ministry of Interior has applied to the Ministry of Transport for 40 trucks to transport the Partisan Cadets in the Police School at Nettuno to Rome.

8. Petrol.

There is a serious shortage of petrol especially for the armoured cars.

It is alleged that the Ministry of Interior has applied to the Army for 60,000 litres.

Marzano, the Chief of the Ministry of Interior garage, has been instructed to purchase as much petrol as possible on the Black Market. A large amount was brought to the River Police Station on the Isola Tiberina on 16th. May.

9. Arms.

It is alleged that the Ministry of Interior has, during the last few days, acquired 1800 (Beretta small type) Tommy Guns and has issued 800 of these to the Questura in Rome, the remainder being stored in the police school at Via Guido Reni.

It is further alleged that the whole of these Tommy Guns were obtained from the Beretta Factory at Gardone near Brescia, under the subterfuge of 'repaired weapons'. Actually they are nearly all new 1942 models.

In connection with this matter:- On 13th. May, 1946, in consequence of an application by the Ministry of Interior for permission to supply more than 6,000 automatic carbines to the Questura, I asked Doctor Ferrari for a return of the numbers of automatic arms at present in possession of the force and on the 19th. he replied giving the figures as:-

Heavy Machine Guns	507
Light " "	32
Mitre	4448

It is obvious that these figures are not inclusive for the whole of Italy, as it is fairly certain that the numbers held by the Questura in the North (many of whose personnel are ex-partisans) are not known to the authorities in Rome.

It was significant that on 17th. May, when at the invitation of Dr. Ferrari, I visited the Police School at

at the Ferdinando Savoia Barracks, a section of the Police Flying Squad was drawn up for inspection. I noticed that each man was armed with a Tommy Gun, the majority of which were obviously new. When I commented on the fact that the men appeared to be well armed, Dr. Ferrari volunteered the information that every man in the Reparte Celere (Flying Squad) which consists of 4 companies of 320 each company, was now armed with a Tommy Gun, making a total of 1280. In addition each company had 5 heavy machine guns and a military truck mounting 2 light machine guns.

This was the first intimation this Sub-Commission had, that the Public Safety Agents were so armed, and there is little doubt that the information was volunteered by Dr. Ferrari as he realised some of the facts must be disclosed in his report mentioned above.

It is alleged that at the present time in Rome, the Questura are armed with a total of 2,205 automatic arms, apart from heavy machine guns.

10. Meetings.

It has been alleged that during the afternoon of 16th. May, a meeting was held at Via Condotti No.61, Rome, occupied by a Signor Foschini Torquato. There were present:-

Signor SARAGAT, Socialist. Ex Ambassador to France.
 " COMANDINI, Action Party.
 " MINUTOLO, " "

and 2 members of the Communist Party (names unknown).

At the meeting plans were discussed for the seizure of the Queen and Crown Prince. The reasons for such contemplated action are not known.

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II. Arrests.

Arrests in Rome during the week ending 19/5/46 were 468. This number is in excess of the previous weeks total by 140, although reported crimes had decreased.

This bears out to a certain extent, reports (unconfirmed) of extensive arrests of monarchist supporters during the past week.

12. With regard to the reported arrests, Dr. Ferrari informed me that he had definite information that the Monarchists were plotting to seize power. He said that high ranking ex-officers of the Carabinieri and officers of the fighting services were involved. He did not mention that any arrests had been made but said that the tension between the parties was growing hourly.

So far as he was concerned he felt that whichever party succeeded, he Ferrari, would be removed as each party thought he favoured the side of the other.

As regards the Left Party, he said the authorities were well aware that they were well armed, organised, and ready to take instant counter action.

I3. On 24th. May, large demonstrations are expected to take place in Rome in commemoration of Italy's entry into the war.

It is thought that clashes may occur between rival political factions and in consequence police reinforcements are being brought into Rome as a precautionary measure. These include the Cadets from the Police School at Nettuno. (Copy of Questura Order attached 2a).

I4. The serious view taken by the Government of possible serious disturbances may be judged by a plan for the defence of the Palazzo Viminale and prepared by the Questore of Rome. Elaborate precautions are being taken which may or may not be necessary. Tanks and machine guns will be used if the situation requires.

It is evident the authorities are fully prepared for force to be used by one or all of the opposing political parties.

I5. Changes in Senior Police positions are being made and it is believed others are contemplated. Generally it seems that the officers earmarked for removal are those with suspected Rightist tendencies. They are being replaced by men reputed to belong to the Left. They are chosen by the Minister ROMITA.

I6. It will be appreciated that the foregoing is information which may well be coloured. It is very evident that each side suspects the other of intending to effect a Coup d'Etat which results in a crop of rumours.

All the references to Police in this report refer to the Agents of Public Safety and not to Carabinieri.

I7. The contents of this report have been obtained from various confidential sources and is submitted with a view to acquainting you of the information gained by this Sub-Commission. It is again stressed that the above points cannot be verified, but the sources have been found generally reliable in the past. The situation will be closely watched and reports submitted from time to time.

E.J.BYE, Colonel.
Acting Director.

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