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DEMONSTRATIONS  
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than V.P. C.A.S.

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1. A re-submitted for information with request to the two incidents between the C.C.R.R. and R.S. Agents. In the first case the C.C.R.R. men in plain clothes and, it is alleged, were assaulted by the Agents after they, the C.C.R.R. had discovered their identity. In the second incident the C.C.R.R. men in uniform on duty in the baggage train and it was only the quick intervention of Capt. Gensola, Officer Commanding C.C.R.R. which prevented an ugly clash between the two Police Forces. A further report will be submitted when full details are known.

25/5/46.

E. J. Dyk. Colonel.

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Chief Commissioner.

This report will interest you.

(1) 7 detective bailiffs & 3 Reserve bailiffs. (Reading & Picked)



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25/5/46.

E. J. Dyke, Colonel.

Chief Commissioner.

This report will interest you.

(1) I dislike sailors & the 3 Marks batt. leading a Political demonstration. On the 5th heard of a crowd marched up the Mall in London led by sailors & sailors & cheered the King & Queen. I should regard it as unusual!

(2) The clash between P.S. Agents (Min. of Interior's picked men) & the C.C.R.R. is a little amusing.

C.C. has seen. No action - 17/5/46 - 17/5/46

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CC. RR. GENERAL COMMAND

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4 November 46.

SUBJECT : Bari - Demonstration of recovered persons  
in the "Transit Camp n. 1".

TO : Public Safety S/G A. C.

In Bari, on the 26th October, about 700 persons recovered in the "Transit Camp n. 1" staged a demonstration against the British Major, commander of the camp, for not having received, in distribution, personal parcels sent by the International Red Cross Committee.

P.S. Agents intervened upon the request of the British commandant, and restored order.

The Commanding General  
/s/ Brunetti.

Translation cc/



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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri

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4 novembre 1946

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Risposta al

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Allegati n.

Bari - Dimostrazione di ricoverati nel "Transit Camp n.1".  
OGGETTO: sit Camp n.1".

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

- Sottocommissione per la Pubblica Sicurezza -

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In Bari, il 26 ottobre scorso, circa 700 ricoverati nel "Transit Camp n.1" inscenarono una dimostrazione ostile al maggiore britannico comandante del campo stesso per non aver ricevuto in distribuzione un pacco individuale inviato dal Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa.

Agenti di P.S. intervenuti, a richiesta del comandante britannico, ristabilirono l'ordine.

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE

- Brunetto Brunetti -

*Brunetti*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
A.P.O. 394  
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION  
SECURITY DIVISION

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REF.

25 May 1946

SUBJECT : Demonstration, ROME - 24 May 46.

TO : A/Director, Public Safety, Sub Commission.

1. On Friday, 24 May 1946, I attended the demonstration organised by Monarchist supporters in the Piazza del Popolo.

2. At about 1700 hours, the crowd, which I estimated at about 8,000 people, were addressed by Gen. BENCIVENGA. The crowd was quite orderly and the rain possibly prevented a larger crowd. A few of the demonstrators carried Italian flags bearing the insignia of the House of Savoy. Not more than ten placards bearing such inscriptions as "Long live the King", etc. were in evidence.

3. The Minister of the Interior had authorised this demonstration on condition that it was not political and that flags or placards were displayed.

4. The speech of Gen. BENCIVENGA was in commemoration of Italy's entry into World War I by her declaration of war on Austria on 24 May 1915.

5. During the meeting P.S. agents of the Political Office of the Questura arrested some 50 youths on grounds of being connected with neo-Fascist organisations.

6. At the end of his address Gen. BENCIVENGA announced he had given a promise to the Minister of the Interior that crowd would dissolve itself in the Piazza del Popolo. This was not well received by the crowd who signified their wish to demonstrate outside of the Quirinale.

7. By this time a group of demonstrators, led by some members of the Marine (Battn. S. Marco) carrying Italian flags formed up at the entrance to Corso Umberto.

8. A strong force of CC.RR. and P.S. Agents had been

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previously drawn up in this street to form a cordon and so prevent the passage of any organised mass. This cordon so far as I am aware held up the advance of this section.

9. In the meantime many more people who had not gone to Piazza del Popolo had congregated on the streets in the vicinity of the Quirinale.

10. Large forces of both CC.RR. and Agenti di P.S. were held at various strategic positions on all roads leading to the Quirinale. Small armoured vehicles were also placed around the area. I saw one such vehicle standing in the entrance the Head Offices of the Communist Party.

11. At about 1815 hours many people had gone along Via Quattro Fontane and Via XX Settembre to pass into Via Quirinale where they were met by P.S. Agents on foot and mounted CC.RR. Flags were waved in front of the horses which reared and the cordon was immediately broken, some 2 to 3,000 people passed through.

12. Reinforcements were sent to the cross roads at Via Quattro Fontane, Via XX Settembre, and all roads blocked to the public. Originally the 3 Reparto Celere were on duty at this point and the reinforcements consisted of P.S. Agents at present under training in Rome. This force in attempting to hold the crowd used their batons on the people. Certain members of the CC.RR. on duty in the vicinity and remonstrated because of the force used. This apparently led to a fracas between the two police bodies. The CC.RR. had declared their identity. A crowd of about 1,000 who had by this time reached Piazza Quirinale hearing of this incident returned along Via Quirinale with the object of assisting the crowd at the cross roads. This manoeuvre caused the P.S. Agents to scatter and leave the scene.

13. I am informed that 3 or 4 members of the CC.RR., on duty in uniform at the Piazza Quirinale were also attacked by P.S. Agent

14. Eventually all police cordons were broken and about 70 or 80,000 people gathered in an orderly manner in front of the Royal Palace. The King appeared at a balcony to acknowledge the cheers of the demonstrators.

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PERSONAL FILE

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