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RACI, APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICIALS, CENTRAL SEAT
NOV. 1944 - FEB. 1945

It is reported that Prince Filippo Caracciolo has been appointed Commissario Straordinario of RACI in place of Prof. Patrucco who is appointed Vice Commissioner.

Prince Caracciolo appointed Avv. Ricci as General Secretary in place of Avv. Cataldo who was acting as General Manager. Avv. Cataldo has now left the service of R.A.C.I.

This Headquarters was not consulted in connection with any of the above appointments which are said to have been made for purely political reasons.

Attached at 2A and 2B is a translation of a statement made by Avv. Cataldo who seems to have a vast knowledge of motor transport matters.

C.A.S. ^{Mr. Villa}
Economic Section (Mr. Villa)
Director Finance etc (C.S.O.).

So see, please.
John W. Thompson
Colonel.

18 December 1944.
Director, Public Safety, etc.

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Economic Section (Mr. Villa)
Director General etc (C.S.O.).

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18 December 1944.

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Arr. Antonio Cataldo

Mr. Larriva 23 - Tel.: 853046

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1. As the dependence of the Ministry of Transportation - Gen. Railway Hq. - are vacancies for for General Directors, one at I.N.T. (National Transport Institution) and another one at C.I.T. (Italian Touring Club).
2. Arr. Cataldo would appreciate, if the Allied Command would contact H.E. Cerabona - Minister of Transportation - notifying that the appointment of Arr. Cataldo to one of these vacancies would be greatly appreciated by the Allied Command.

Done

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REALE AUTOMOBILE CLUB D'ITALIA

avv. Antonio fataldo
(Via Savoia 23 - piano terreno a
destra - Telefono: 853046)

- 1- alle dipendenze del Ministero
dei Trasporti - Direzione Generale
delle Ferrovie dello Stato - sono
disponibili i posti di direttori gene-
rali dell'I.N.T. (Istituto Nazionale
Trasporti) oppure della C.I.T. (Compagnia
Italiana Turismo. 96X)
- 2- L'avv. fataldo sarebbe molto utile se
il comando Alleato svolgesse opera
presso S. S. Gerabona - Ministero
dei Trasporti - onde fargli presente
che l'assegnazione all'avv. fataldo di
una di queste due cariche sarebbe
molto gradita al comando Alleato.

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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

9 February, 1945.

AG/11403/4/PS

SUBJECT : Application for Employment.

TO : C-1 (Civil Staff).

1. Transmitted herewith is an application for employment submitted by Sig. Piero CATALDO who is the son of Avv. Antonio CATALDO.
2. Avv. CATALDO until recently was the General Manager of the Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.
3. Will you please inform Piero CATALDO of the result of his application in due course.

Wm. C. Ballance May

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 475300

9 February, 1945.

C/14403/H/PS

SUBJECT : Avv. Antonio CATALDO.

TO : H.E. The Minister of Communications.

Your Excellency,

Avv. Antonio CATALDO, late General Manager of the Reale Automobile Club d'Italia, has informed this Headquarters that you have under consideration an application submitted by him for an appointment to a position of trust in a transport or similar undertaking under the jurisdiction of your Ministry.

This Headquarters is pleased to assure your Excellency that during the period Avv. Cataldo acted as General Manager for R.A.C.I., he loyally cooperated with this Headquarters and performed his duties in a satisfactory manner.

Wm C. Ballance May

for
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.S.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Maj. Ballance

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Translation/ MBe/ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF ITALY

Dear Maj. BALLANCE,

My situation is still the same. I am still at home, waiting for the Minister of Transport (H.E. Cerabona) to appoint me director of the Int. or to any other important job in the transport line.

I permit myself to trouble you in order to ask your kindness to back the attached application of my son, who would like to be hired by the Allied Command for one of its auto-parks. My son is a very able and trustworthy man.

I thank you for what you will do and beg to accept my kindest regards.

Sincerely yours

Avv. Antonio Cataldo

Address: 21-23; Via Savoia - ROME

Phone No. 853046

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REALE AUTOMOBILE CLUB D'ITALIA

Roma, 20 gennaio 1965

Per l'onore Signor Maggiore Bellini,

~~La~~ la mia fortuna me e' sempre la stessa.
Sono fuori a casa, in attesa che, se
veruno dei Transporti (N.E. Emboss)
mi chiama per la carica di direttore
dell'Isip o per altra carica importante
nei trasporti.

mi premetto impertinente per
pregarla a rammentare di volere sapere
la contesto di appoggiare presto, e la mia
all'alto e' un'alta e' un'alta di cui
figlio per essere assunto dallo stesso
quando all'alto per uno dei 137 aut.

Permettiammo di farvi sapere che,
 la mia fortuna me e' sempre la stessa.
 Sono fuori a casa in attesa che se
 me' posto dei trasporti (P.E. Erabona)
 mi chiami per la carica di direttore
 dell'Enp o per altra carica importante
 nei trasporti.

mi permetto importunamente per
 pregarla vivamente di volere spedirmi
 la contesti di appoggiare presto il comando
 all'alto e' in attesa di un
 figlio per essere assunto dallo stesso
 quando atteso per uno dei 237 aut.
 generali gestiti direttamente. La
 e' un ottimo elemento nel quale
 puo' fare sicuro affidamento.

La br. ingrato di grande nome, pare a
 favore di un figlio e direttamente il valore
 devotissimo avv. Antonio Cataldo
 via Savona 21-23 - Roma Telefono: 853046

(Inter-Office)

21 Dec 44
(Date)

Fr.	To
Vice-President	
Mr. Antolini	
Col. Dersmore	
Col. Murphy	
Mr. Sullivan	
It. Atkins	
La. Col. Martino (Reg. Div)	
Mr. Bakken	
Mr. Cleveland	
Mr. Lehman	
Mr. Villa	
Sgt. Garavaglia	
Chief Clerk	
For	
Appropriate Action	
Circulate & Initial	
Remarks/Recommendation	
Information	
See Me	
Noting & Return	
Signature	
File	
Suspend to:	
Clerical Staff	

Remarks:

To - Public Safety Sub-Com

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A. L. Villa

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Mr. Villa

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Declaration of Avv. CATALDO

Following facts are showing that the appointment of Dott. Ricci has been determined by the desire from the Partito D'Azione to get some good employments, and without any sense of justice:

1. "I received the order from H.E. Fenoaltea (of the Partito D'Azione) and Subsecretary at the Presidency of Ministers' Council, in agreement with H.E. Carabona, Minister of the Communications, (Member of the Democratic Party of Labour) to appoint Dott. Ricci as General Secretary" the first words that Prince Caracciolo, New Commissioner, said at Avv. Cataldo.

2. "I have my feet and my hands tied" other words that Prince Caracciolo said but after he denied understanding their importance.

3. When Prof. Patruno was appointed as Commissioner he repeated several times to Avv. Cataldo that H.E. Fenoaltea gave as condition at his nomination, the appointment of Dott. Ricci as General Secretary but Prof. Patruno refused this compromise.

4. Evidently the Action Party after this, made a strong action for obtain the nomination of Dott. Ricci in substitution of Avv. Cataldo, proposing to Avv. Cataldo some sort of "independent situation at the RACI" but this proposal is against the dignity and the honor of Avv. Cataldo's reputation.

I SWEAR ON MY HONOR THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED FACTS CORRESPONDS AT THE TRUTH.

I suppose with these facts that Prof. Patruno accepted the inferior charge as Vice-Commissioner for carry out his politic activity with a motor vehicle stolen from the driving school of the RACI, and sacrificing Avv. Cataldo for a politic compromise.

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Particulars of the activity of Avv. CATALDO

Avv. Antonio Cataldo born in Genoa di Puglia on 4 September 1890.

Since 1911 until 1919 he has been always in military service first for the Turkish and Italian war and then in the last war 1914-1918 as Captain for Automotistic Service.

In October 1919 he has been Attorney of the General Automotistic Italian Agency in Milan.

In October 1921 until 1923 he was Chief of the Propaganda and Printing Office of the International Fair of Milan and Secretary of the organisation of the International Automobil Saloon.

On September 1923 until May 1925 he established in Puglia and Basilicata many bus-lines for passengers and goods, work shops for repairing and driving schools.

Since June 1925 is a member of R.A.C.I. until May 1927 he has been Secretary of the RACI of Milan. In June 1927 until 1935 the General Manager of the Genoa Seat. During years 1932-1935 he was the General Secretary of the Committee for some branch of Tourism and Propaganda for Genoa Province. During 1927-1935 he has been Counsellor of the Provincial Council of Corporation of Genoa (Commercial Branch) and Representative of Provincial Tourism.

On 5 December 1935 until 1939 he was appointed General Manager of Rome Seat, on request of Ministry of Price Italian he was transferred in A.O.I. as Director of C.I.T.A.O. (Italian Company of Transports A.O.). When he finished his mission he returned at the Central Seat of the RACI as Chief of Service.

On 1940 he made the Road Code for A.O.I.

He was for 5 years in Genoa Member of the Commission for disciplining of road Traffic and Member of the Commission for Bus and Tramways Lines.

He was also Member of the Commissions for the Road Traffic in Rome and Milan. He was the General Secretary of the National Association of Automobilists on leave (A.N.A.C.)

He is married with three sons, one is a Captain residing A.S.I. married with a son.

He was a Relator at every International Meeting for Motor Transports concerning the Tourism and the Road Traffic.

He is Counsellor of the Provincial Committee for Tourism in Rome.

He re-organised and managed the school of the RACI in Milan, and also established the school of RACI in Genoa (The best in Italy recompensed with Gold Medal) at Rome and in many other localities.

For 15 years he was Delegate at the examinations for the driving permit in Milan, Genoa and Rome. He composed the treatise "The Motor Vehicle- Fundamental Regulations" and "Motor Vehicle and Motor Cycle". He was the Director of the *Magazines* regarding motor vehicles and Tourism.

He is Bachelor in Law, Lawyer and Legal Attorney.

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Avv. Antonio CATALDO = Employee at the RACI since June 1925. 2A

His political situation :

1. Member of the Fascist Party since the 31st of July 1933 after that the Commissioner of the RACI obliged all the employees to be members of the Fascist Party.
2. In the year 1937 he had to be inscribed at the Milizia with the rank of Major the same he had in the Army. It results that what decided Avv. Cataldo to be a member of the Milizia are the following reasons :

- a) The imposition made to him by the Chief of the Fascist Group which he belonged to, and the dispositions issued in 1937 that all members of the Fascist Party, especially those that were senior Officers in the Army to be member of the Milizia, he could not refuse that , because he already had had a reproach for refusing to be the lawyer of the Fascist Group, and he was considered as one that did not have enough Fascist faith.
- b) he found himself in a particular situation in the RACI for the continuous persecutions by Ing. Ivo Magnani, General Manager, who was Commander of the Squadre di Azione, Sciarpa Littorio, wounded for the Fascist cause, Antemarcia and Marcia su Roma, Central Inspector of the Fascist Party, and that wanted Avv. Cataldo's place as General Manager, and he continue his persecution just because he was more technical and for the renewed confidence that the employees had shown to him, at any rate , Avv. Cataldo gave his services at the Milizia.

3. On September 1943, the new Commissioner of the RACI Dott. Milone (late Naples's 'Federale') invited Avv. Cataldo to go "North" for the reconstruction of the new Central Seat of the RACI. Avv. Cataldo refused definitively. The punishment for his refusal was that he was put in awaiting position, without any payment, for one year from the 1st of October 1943. This situation was changed on the 1st of February 1944, into a regular dismissal because after a new definite refusal to go North he was invited to join the 'Intendenza' of the Ministry of the Interior, his technical acknowledge decided the chief of the Intendenza to give to him this order. Due to this order he was obliged to decide himself to join the Ministry of the Interior, at the condition that he would not have to swear for the Republican Government and not to be obliged to be a member of the new Fascist Party and not to follow the Ministry "North." The hostile manners with which he was treated, caused by his slowness in carrying out his duties it is clearly demonstrated that he had been assigned to the an inferior rank. During his activity at the Intendenza he stole a large number of trucks and motor vehicles, that had to reach Northern Italy. After the 4th of June 1944, he presented to Dott. Malfatti, Chief of Cabinet of the Ministry of Interior, and to General Manager

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of the Motor Pool of the P.S. Dott. Marzano a list of motor vehicles , contributing with this in the recovering of all vehicles and spare parts.

With the precedent facts it results clearly that :

- a) Avv. Cataldo was inscribed at the Fascist Party on 1933 not for personal convenciment or for economics advantages, but only because hie was obliged as other employees of RACI.
- b) He received the imposition to be a member of the Milizia but he never wanted to give any services at that institution.
- c) He was obliged to get a post at the Intendenza after the dismissal from RACI to evite to go with obligatory service under Germans.
- d) He had any advantage as member of the Fascist Party, in effect his payment was lowest after his inscription, that before as General Manager of Genoa Seat.

In the RACI he was highly esteemed, in effect after the liberation of Rome the representatives of the employees invited him at the Central Seat and applauded him as future General Manager. In the secret voting, waiting the appointment of the Commissioner , Avv. Ctaldo had a plebiscitary vote. As soon as Prof. Patruno was nominated Commissioner, he appointed Avv. Cataldo Regent General Manager, waiting a decree for a definitive nomination. The con fiance that all employees has in avv. Cataldo is rpouved by the manifestation of esteem and desire of collaboration with him.

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REALE AUTOMOBILE CLUB D'ITALIA

16 November, 1944,

I have the pleasure to inform you that in accordance with the Loughotenentia Decree 6 November, 1944, I have been appointed as Extraordinary Commissioner Of R.A.C.I., and with the same decree Prof. Patruno is nominated Vice Commissioner.

With my deliberation I appointed Dott. Ricci as General Secretary.

At the beginning of my duties I am glad to greet the Allied Commission and particularly the Public Safety Sub Commission with which we are in continuous contact.

I will be very glad to give all my collaboration at the Allied Authorities and I beg to receive the sense of my high consideration.

THE COMMISSIONER
Filippo Caracciolo

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REALE AUTOMOBILE CLUB D'ITALIA

IL COMMISSARIO STRAORDINARIO

n. 627 Gab.

Roma 16 novembre 1944

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission

R O M A

Ho il pregio di comunicare che, in base a Decreto Luogotenenziale in data 6 novembre 1944, ho assunto la carica di Commissario Straordinario del R.A.C.I. Con lo stesso decreto il Prof. Giuseppe Patruno è nominato Commissario Aggiunto del R.A.C.I.

Con mia delibera del 12 corrente ho nominato il Dr. Giovanni Ricci Segretario Generale dell'Ente.

Nell'iniziare le mie opere, sono lieto di rivolgere il mio saluto alla Commissione Alleata e in modo particolare alla "Public Safety Sub Commission", con la quale il R.A.C.I. è in continuo contatto per la ripresa delle sue attività.

Da parte mia vi assicuro che farò del mio meglio per sviluppare sempre più la collaborazione fra le Autorità Alleate ed il R.A.C.I. e, nella fiducia che tale fine possa essere conseguito nel migliore dei modi, vi prego di accogliere i sensi della mia

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IL COMMISSARIO STRAORDINARIO
(Filippo Caracciolo)

Filippo Caracciolo

Copia : Finance Sub Commission

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