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Letter n.09648 Gab A4B DATED 12 giugno 1946 from Questura of Rome.

To : S.E. Chief of Police
: S.E. the Prefect
: Lt.Col. Millhouse

As a reaction for the republican meeting of yesterday monarchist new-fascist groups last night spread the rumor and asked the citizens to gather today at 18,00 hrs. in Piazza del Popolo for a counter-demonstration. Monarchist leaders namely Avv. Basile of the Monarchist Union - Via dell'Umiltà, Avv. Celentani of the Italian Democratic Party on behalf also of Gen. Bencivenga, Avv. Mancuso of the Democratic Concentration representing Selvaggi, were interviewed by me and excluded and disclaimed any intention or order whatsoever for the meeting at Piazza del Popolo or anywhere else and promised to do their best to dissuade the crowd.

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Indeed at 17,00 hrs. numerous armed groups of leftist parties bearing intentions of extreme violence started flooding through Corso Umberto I°, Via Ripetta, Via del Babuino and side streets, on foot or by trucks and therefore I had a/m streets blocked to avoid the impending fight. Meantime two or three thousand persons had gathered at Piazza del Popolo while Police Forces tried by all means to push them back towards Piazzale Flaminio in order to keep them away from the armed groups withheld by the Police cordons at Corso Umberto, Via Ripetta e Via del Babuino.

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At Ponte Margherita incidents took place and two shots were fired by agents into the air to call in more police forces. No casualties.

In this moment agreements have been had with a representative of a leftist party to make the republican armed groups in Piazza del Popolo decamp since this is the only way to

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bring back the quiet.

At Piazza del Popolo Commissario Muoio was injured in the head with hard objects by monarchist demonstrators. He will recover in 10 days.

I myself was assaulted in my car at Via del Babuino by demonstrators of various colours, who threw at the car two objects which broke all the panes and hit me in my left eye.

My wound was stitched at S. Giacomo Hospital.

The action taken by the Questura was successful in avoiding that conflicting masses should get in contact with one another and engage a scuffle entailed by many casualties as was their plain intention in order to originate an irreparable situation.

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Only when I saw their steady resistance to any advice and softening action, I had to have them attacked and dispersed.

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CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND
Service and Situation Office

Rome, 12/6/46

Nr. 417/2 R.P.

To : ALLIED COMMISSION
P.S. Sub Commission

R O M E

SUBJECT : TARANTO. Disorders.

I beg to transcribe the following wire here received
on the 11th inst. from the Taranto CC.RR. Internal Coy :

" At Taranto, on the 11th inst. (at about 7 p.m.), a demonstra-
tion was made by a few hundred Republicans, with the intervention of
numerous Marines.

At the same time, a few hundred Royalists made another
procession with the intervention of numerous marines of the "S.Marce"
Battallien. The Public Force succeeded in avoiding that the two
processions came together, but later on various quarrels arose. In
fact, while the republican Procession, escorted by elements of the
Public Force, was going through Via Bernardi, it was faced by
Royalists, among whom various members of the "S.Marce" Btg. Numerous
automatic arms shots were discharged and two hand-grenades hurled.
40 casualties, among whom 5 Marines of the "S.Marce" and three Marines
of the Harbeur Police. A P.S. Official was heavily wounded. Other
incidents are liable to take place. We reserve further informations. "

The General Commander

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 417/2 di prot. R.P. Roma, li 12 giugno 1946.
 Risposta al n. del Allegato n.

OGGETTO: Taranto - Disordini.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
 Sottocommissione per la P.S.

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Trascrive il seguente fonogramma della Compagnia Interna Carabinieri di Taranto, giunto alle ore 23,35 dell'11 corrente:

«« Undici correnti in Taranto ore 19 circa tenutei manifestazione repubblicana con corteo intervento varie centinaia persone et numerosi marinai. Contemporaneamente formavasi altro corteo monarchico alcune centinaia persone fra cui vari marinai Battaglione S. Marco. Intervento forza pubblica evitava scontro due masse manifestanti. Successivamente verificavansi vari tafferugli. Mentre corteo repubblicano scortato forze pubbliche transitava via Berardi scontravasi con elementi monarchici tra cui vari marinai predetto Battaglione et variavano sparati numerosi colpi armi fuoco anche intenzionale et lanciate due bombe a mano. Complessivamente una quarantina di feriti di cui alcuni gravi e fra essi 3 marinai Battaglione S. Marco et 3 marinai polizia piazza. Ferito gravemente funzionario P.S. Prevedonsi altri incidenti et perturbamenti ordine pubblico. Riserva ulteriori notizie. »»

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IL COMANDANTE GENERALE
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14602/PS

1 May 1946.

SUBJECT : Disturbances in Rome:

TO : Executive Commissioner
thru Civil Affairs Section.

The following information has been received from the Italian Authorities regarding two incidents which occurred in Rome on 31 April 1946.

"At 22.55 hrs - five individuals - three of whom were masked, carrying pistols and hand-grenades, entered the Italian Radio Station of Monte Mario, immobilised and gagged the two employees Piccionetti Silvano and Angelozzi Luigi who were engaged in the transmission.

At 23.04 hrs the individuals, making use of a disc and amplifier which they had with them, transmitted a few bars of Giovinezza and a few phrases of Fascist propaganda.

The five individuals then left immediately, leaving behind all their material.

The transmission was only limited to the Rome area.

Soon after the employees informed the police which hastened to the spot. The small station of Monte Mario is usually guarded by the CC.RR. of Monte Mario and last night the service should have begun at 24.00 hrs, as since a few days the strength is in defect, thus the service had been limited to 24.00 hrs - 05.00 hrs.

During the night, at 01.07 hrs, the P.S. patrol of the Maglianapoli Commissariato, on duty along Via Nazionale, at the height of Piazza Esedra, noticed that three persons, in a red side car stopped in front of the Communist Hdqs, shortly afterwards the explosion of two hand-grenades was heard.

On running to the spot, the vehicle and persons had immediately gone.

On the pavement in front of the Communist Hdqs, the phrase 'Down with Stalin' was seen and further inscriptions written against Communism.

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From investigations made the responsible parties are Maresciallo Guadagnieri, Gold medal and mutilated, and two of his friends also mutilated, recovered in the S. Carlo hospital. This has been ascertained by Maresciallo Marini of the 1st Celere Div.

The arrest of Maresciallo Guadagnieri and his companions has been disposed.

It seems that the sirens which were heard at 24.00 were sounded near the railway station, apparently to celebrate the 1st May."

No actual information is available as to the identity of the persons concerned in the incident at the Radio Station, and therefore they are presumed to be Fascists. However the incidents may well have been organised by other parties for the purpose of creating an excuse to take drastic action now or on some future date.

It is not known at the moment to which party the persons suspected of being concerned in the incident at the Communist Hdqs belong.

Submitted for Information.

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E.J. BYE Colonel
Acting Director.

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