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MAY - DAY DEMONSTRATION  
APR., MAY 1945

MINUTE NO. 1.

Demonstration  
MAY-DAY disturbances.

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It has been ascertained that there will be a demonstration in connection with the May-day anniversary in the Piazza del Popolo at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, 1st May, 1945.

This matter is being given the necessary attention by H.A.A.C.

*Walter Roberts*  
*Lt Col*  
for JOHN W. CHAPMAN,  
Colonel, J.A.A.C.,  
Director, Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

Executive Commission

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SOUTHERN ITALY.

Message from Major Richardson, Naples Commune. 16.40 hours.

Reports from Naples, Bari, Benevento, Salerno and Sicily indicate that the situation is quiet. Copious rain (a welcome Police ally on such occasions) is expected to moisten the ardour of any demonstrators who wish to prolong the festa.

P.S.  
1 April, 1945.

Lieut. Col.  
D.D.P.S.

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Message from R. Quastore, ROME.

1600 hours.

Situation quiet.

Lieut. Col.  
W.P.S.

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1 May, 1945.

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May Day Demonstration, 1945.

NAPLES. Large crowd assembled in Piazza Garibaldi.

Area Policed by Allied Military Police.

No untoward incident.

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ROME.

Message from Capt. Ellis, Sec. Div. 11.50 hours.

Meeting proceeding quietly. No incidents.

Mention made in speeches. "Partisans in the north should not be disarmed"

"Permission should be granted for travel to the north."

Message from Capt. Ellis, Sec. Div. 12.00 hours.

Meeting broken up peacefully and are processing back to their various assembly points. No disorder.

Message from Lt. Col. Millhouse, I.C. 12.00 hours.

Meeting terminated at 11.45 hours. No disorder.

Speeches of a very calm nature.

Crowd assessed at 70,000.

Organisers of demonstration expressed satisfaction for the satisfactory policing of the parade.

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Southern Italy.

Major Richardson, R.F.S.O. Naples Comune is in contact with Military Commander of No. 3 District for any information as to happenings in Southern Italy which will be communicated to this H.Q.

P.S.  
1. May, 1945.

Lieut. Col. 337  
D.D.P.

May Day Demonstration Rome, 1945.

Received by telephone from Questora, Rome 10.50 hours.

50,000 people assembled in the Piazza del Popolo.

Crowds being addressed by various speakers from platform.

Good order being maintained and no incidents have occurred.

People appear to be in a care free mood.

*W. J. ...*  
Lieut. Colonel.

P.O. 1. May, 1945.

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