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CONDITIONS IN TRIESTE
JUN., JULY 1946

For Command V.H.C. 5.
Date 11/12/55.

2. P. no enhancement from information:

Copy to Col. [unclear]
M. 67

6.7.46

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Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for ~~information~~
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 794.

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AC/11602/171/PS.

5 July 1946.

SUBJECT : Conditions in Trieste.
TO : Executive Commissioner,
(thru C.A. Section).

1. On 1st July I visited Venezia Giulia for the purpose of clearing up difficulties regarding the possible deferment of Public Safety Officers.

2. On arrival I found a General Strike in progress called by both the Yugo Slav and Italian factions.

The position in Trieste was very tense with local demonstrations frequently occurring and the resources of the Venezia Giulia Police Force stretched to breaking point.

3. As is well known, conditions, in Venezia Giulia, between the Italian and Yugo Slav elements, have been tense for a considerable time and they became acute on 30th June 1946 when Italian cyclists, taking part in an Annual Cycle Race assembled near Monfalcone.

4. Yugo Slav sympathisers rolled a barrel into the road knocking down one cyclist.

Several shots were fired from the surrounding countryside, speeding the cyclists on their way. Police returned the fire. No casualties to cyclists. One Venezia Giulia policeman wounded. On reaching Belluno further opposition was met with and the race was abandoned.

5. As a result of these incidents Italian crowds in Trieste demonstrated and damaged Yugo Slav buildings. Preventive action by Police stopped the situation getting completely out of hand.

6. In view of the extended hours of duty which police were performing, British and American Military Police and a detachment of Medium Regt (Br.) were sent as reinforcements to Civil Police.

7. The strike continued throughout Monday, 1st July and Tuesday, 2nd July but on Wednesday 3rd a few trams and buses were running. Shops were beginning to re-open and a few workmen went into work at the dockyards. 3639

8. During Wednesday the local strike committee were each informed that the strike was illegal and that should the strikers not return to work by Friday, 5th July 1946 the leaders would be liable to arrest.

9. The position then seemed that the majority of the people desired to return to work but were prevented by intimidation methods by the extremists on both sides.

10. During a conference with Col. Robertson and Lt. Col. Richardson on Wednesday afternoon the question of Police not being impartial was brought up.

Col. Robertson said the SCAO and he were concerned by reports that the Venezia Giulia Police were not showing complete impartiality but were favouring the Italians. He asked that the Allied Public Safety Officers continually impress the Venezia Giulia Police Force with the necessity to be strictly impartial at all times. Lt. Col. Richardson said that this was being done and generally he had found that the Force had acted fairly with both Yugo Slavs and Italians.

11. The nationalist feeling by both factions in Venezia Giulia is exceedingly strong and doubtless that feeling does exist to a certain extent in the Police Service which is composed of both Italians and Yugo Slavs.

Beyond all doubt the Force, in the short time it has been in existence has and does show remarkable progress in training and efficiency, but it is hopeless to expect to change the character of the men overnight from hotblooded Italians and Yugo Slavs into coldblooded Britons and Americans. Therefore in some isolated cases there may be partiality shown to one side or the other, but generally they are trying to do their job.

12. Whether the incident at Seraia in March last when a serious clash occurred between Yugo Slav elements and the Venezia Giulia Police in which firing broke out has had any effect upon the impartiality of the Force is not known, but I understand that five or six members of the Force are being tried in a Public Court in the near future for using unnecessary force at the incident i.e. firing on the crowd.

The situation at the time was ugly in the extreme and if the men now to be tried acted in good faith - although perhaps hasty - they and many of their comrades will and probably do feel that an injustice is being done, with the result that their present actions are influenced accordingly. However, such a trial does show that the Allied authorities are administering the area with complete fairness and this should have a good effect.

13. In conclusion it may fairly be said that the Force as a whole is acting justly and fairly and all the Allied Public Safety Officers, although overworked, are doing their utmost to steady this young Force through a very trying period.

14. Sitreps covering the period 27th June to 2nd July are attached for information and I have arranged for AC H., to be included in future in the distribution list.

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E. J. DYE, Colonel,
Acting Director.

FROM VENEZIA CITULLA POLICE FORCE 2.7.46
TO MAIL 13 COPIES POR G. OPS (Duty Officer)
SCAPO HQ AMG 13 Corps 19.00 HRS

1A
 EXEC. ADMIN. OFFICER HQ. VGPF (2 Copies-)
 DUTY OFFICER FILE

SITREP 24 HRS ENDING 1900 HRS 2nd.

TRIESTE ZONE

MUGGLIA (.) 21.30 HRS 1st HQ CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND CAMERA DEL LAVORO COMPLETELY BREACHED BY HOSTILE CROWD OF 2000 (.) CIVIL POLICE INTERVENED BUT COMPLETELY OUTNUMBERED/ SHOTS FIRED FROM CASA DEL POPOLO AGAINST POLICE BARRACKS (.) POLICE AGAIN INTERVENED BUT SERIOUSLY OUTNUMBERED AND CIVIL POLICEMAN DISARMED BY CIVILIANS AND SLIGHTLY INJURED (.) FIREARMS USED BY POLICE. NO CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. SITUATION CALM C1.12 HRS 2nd.(.)

0.730 HRS. COMMUNISTS PLACING STONES NEAR ENTRANCE SAN MARCO SHIPYARD CIVIL POLICE ALREADY SENT AND TO MACHINE SHOPS S. Andrea (.) ALSO TRAM DEPOT 3 TO TAKE ANTI STRIKE MEASURES (.)

0.900HRS SOME TRAMS APPAR (.) SOME CLERICAL STAFF AND WORKERS ENTER S. ANDREA WORKS WITHOUT INTERFERENCE NO WORKERS AT SAN MARCO.(.)

09.40 CIVIL AND MILITARY POLICE SENT TO FRUIT MARKETS WHICH CONTINUED TO FUNCTION (.) MILITARY POLICE PATROLLING SHOPPING CENTRES SHOPS OPENING (.)

10.45 REPORTS OF SHOOTING AGAINST VGP IN VIA NOLIMO AVENTO CONFIRMED 3 CIVIL CASUALTIES NO POLICE CASUALTIES (.)

10.55 INFORMATION RECEIVED BOATS FROM ZONE B ABOUT TO ARRIVE MUCCIA AREA PASSED TO MILITARY FOR ACTION (.)

12.50 CHIEF OF POLICE STATES CIVIL POLICE ON VP's TO BE RELIEVED MILITARY PERSONNEL (.)

16.30 HRS REPORTS THAT JUG SOLDIERS FIRED SHOTS AT CIVILIANS IN VICINITY OF EXCELSIOR HOTEL (.) CONTINUED BY US MILITARY POLICE WHO PRODUCED SPENT SHELL CASSES (.) 16.31 FUNERAL OF SHOOTING INCIDENT VICTIM GIORGUTTI (.) ABOUT TO MOVE OFF FROM CIVIL MORTUARY CROWD ABOUT 300 STRONG

1900 HRS CROWD NOW 5000 STRONG REACHED SAN GIACOMO - SPEECHES MADE AND APPARED TO BREAKING UP (.)

SITREP 24 HRS ENDING 1900 HRS 2nd.

MARSESE ZONE

MIGGIA (.) 21.30 HRS 1st HQ CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND CANERA DEL LAVORO COMPLETELY WRECKED BY HOSTILE CROWD OF 2000 (.) CIVIL POLICE INTERVENED BUT COMPLETELY OUTNUMBERED/ SHOTS FIRED FROM CASA DEL POPOLO AGAINST POLICE BARRACKS (.) POLICE AGAIN INTERVENED BUT SERIOUSLY OUTNUMBERED AND CIVIL POLICEMAN DISARMED BY CIVILIANS AND SLIGHTLY INJURED (.) FIREARMS USED BY POLICE. NO CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. SITUATION CALM 01.12 HRS 2nd. (.)

TRISTE ZONE
0.730 HRS. COMMUNISTS PLACING STONES NEAR ENTRANCE SAN MARCO SHIPYARD CIVIL POLICE ALREADY SENT AND TO MACHINE SHOPS S. Andrea (.) ALSO TRAM DEPOT S TO TAKE ANTI STRIKE MEASURES (.)

6.30HRS SOME TRAMS ARRIVED (.) SOME ELECTRICAL STAFF AND WORKERS ENTER S. ANDREA WORKS WITHOUT INTERFERENCE NO WORKERS AT SAN MARCO. (.)

09.40 CIVIL AND MILITARY POLICE SENT TO FRUIT MARKETS WHICH CONTINUED TO FUNCTION (.) MILITARY POLICE PATROLLING SHOPPING CENTRES SHOPS OPENING (.)

10.45 REPORTS OF SHOOTING AGAINST VGP IN VIA VOLINO AVENTO CONFIRMED 3 CIVIL CASUALTIES NO POLICE CASUALTIES (.)
10.55 INFORMATION HIGHLYBOAT'S FROM ZONE 2 ABOUT TO ARRIVE MUSICA AREA PASSED TO MILITARY FOR ACTION (.)
12.50 CHIEF OF POLICE STATES CIVIL POLICE ON WP's TO BE RELIEVED MILITARY PERSONNEL (.)

15.30 HRS REPORTS THAT JUG SOLDIERS FIRED SHOTS AT CIVILIANS IN VICINITY OF EXCELSIOR HOTEL (.) CONFIRMED BY US MILITARY POLICE WHO PRODUCED SPENT SHELL CASES (.)
16.31 FUNERAL OF SHOOTING INCIDENT VICTIM GIOGLIUTTI (.) ABOUT TO MOVE OFF FROM CIVIL MORTUARY CROWD
ABOUT 300 STRONG 1900 HRS CROWD NOW 5000 STRONG REACHED SAN GIA COMO - SPEECHES MADE AND APPEARED TO BREAKING UP (.)

3. GORIZIA ZONE - NTL REPORT.

C. POLA ZONE. NTL REPORT.

0700 3.7.46 Phoned duty officer 13 Corps
Nothing further to report.

FROM

1.7.46

VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE

1900

TO

MATH 13 CORPS FOR G. OPS
SC.I.P.C. HQ AND 13 CORPS
EXEC. ADJ'TN OFFICER H.Q. VGP
DUTY OFFICER FILE

TRINITE ZONE

- (1) GENERAL STRIKE EFFECTIVE AS FROM 0600 HRS 1st. MINOR INCIDENTS REPORTED THROUGHOUT CITY CONSISTING OF CLASHES BETWEEN RIVAL FACTIONS WITH NOTED PREVALENCE OF ATTACKS ON PRO JUG BUILDINGS.
- 11.20- REPORTS OF ARMED SLAV TROOPS CIRCULATING THROUGH OUT CITY IN TRANSIENT.
- 11.23- SCALIA BRUNO SHOT OUTSIDE JUG WLR 3000 HQ SDU PREVIOUS STATED DIED OF INJURIES (•)
- 11.45- UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT PRO-SLAV IN CITY BEING ARMED OFFENSIVE TACTONS (•)
- 12.50- CAFE VENEZIA VIA XX SETTEMBRE CLOSED ON INSTIGATION CORPS COMMANDER PROPRIETOR ARRESTED (•)
- 14.00- ALL CIVIL POLICE ARMED ON AUTHORITY OF CORPS COMMANDER (•)
- 14.25- DISTRIBUTING OFFICE OF NEWSPAPER LAVORITORE THREATENED BY PRO ITALIAN CROWD AND APPROX 5000 CORTES DUEMED IN STREET (•) CROWD FIRE ON CIVIL POLICE WHO RETURNED ROUND WITHOUT CASUALTIES POLICE JEEP SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. SMALL ARMS FIRE.
- 16.30- 3 OFFICERS 87 ORS OF 2 MED REGT REPORTED AS CIVIL POLICE REINFORCEMENTS (•)
- 17.50- REPORTS OF FIRING AGAINST VGP AT PIAZZA GOLDONI UNCONFIRMED (•) EXPLOSION IN VIA CARDUCCI ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN THROWN BY JUG MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM PASSING VEHICLE. STREET ALSO REPORTED MONTAGONE

POLA MIL
CORIZIA NIL

Injuries = Civ. = 15

Police 1 killed

1 seriously injured

3 slight

MAIN IS GROUP FOR G. ORS
SCAPO HQ AND 13 CORDS
ZTEC, ALMUN CAPT CDR H.Q., VGEPE
DUTY OFFICER FILE

MRIESTE ZONE

- (1) CENTRAL STRATE REPORTED AS FROM 0600 HRS 1st. MINOR INCIDENTS REPORTED THROUGHOUT CITY CONSISTING OF CLASHES BETWEEN RIVAL Factions WITH NOTED PREVALENCE OF ATTACKS ON PRO JUG BUILDINGS.
- 11.20- REPORTS OF ARMED SLV TROOPS CIRCULATING THROUGH OUT CITY IN TRANSPORT.
- 11.23- SCALA BRUNO SHOT OUTSIDE JUG WAR BOOTY HQ SEE PREVIOUS STRREP DIED OF INJURIES (.)
- 11.45- UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT PRO-SLAV IN CITY BEING ARMED OFFENSIVE WEAPONS (.)
- 12.56- CAFE VENEZIA VIA XX SETTEMBRE CLOSED ON INSTRUCTION CORPS COMMANDER DROSTRATOR ARRESTED (.)
- 14.00- ALL CIVIL POLICE ARMED ON AUTHORITY OF CORPS COMMANDER (.)
- 14.25- DISTRIBUTING OFFICE OF NEWSPAPER LAVORATORE THREATINED BY PRC ITALIAN CROWD AND APPROX 5000 COPIES BURNED IN STREET (.) CROWD FIRE OF CIVIL POLICE WHO RETURNED ROUND WITHOUT CASUALTIES POLICE JEEP SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. SMALL ARMS FIRE.
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- 17.50- REPORTS OF FIRING AGAINST VGP AT PIAZZA GOLDONI UNCONFIRMED (.) EXPLOSION IN VIA SARDUCCI ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN THROWN BY JUG MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM PASSING VEHICLE. STRREP ALSO REPORTED NONFALZONE

POLA NIL
GORZIA NIL

Injuries = Civ. = 16
Police 1 killed
1 seriously injured
3 slight

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VENETIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE

0910/2/7745

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MATT 13 CORPS FOR G.I. OPS.
SCAO HQ AND 13 CORPS
EXEC. ATTEN OFFICER H.Q. VGP
DUTY OFFICER FILE

Morning Telephone Message to GT Ops (Corps) Covering Period 1900 hrs 30 th to 0100 hrs, 1st July; Jug crowd reported to in last night SITREP was being held in place by British CID. At about 2100 CMP were reinforced by American Mil Police armed with VGP2 Truncheons. These forces pushed the Jug crowd up Via Molino e Vento and into the Side streets on the right. The crowd retreated easily at first, but later resistance stiffened. Tear gas was used by Police. In the Side streets, Jug crowd attacked with stones and two hand grenades. Casualties were inflicted on Allied Personnel. Situation at midnight. Crowd reduced to about 300, concentrated in Via Cedri (off Via Molino e Vento), being held there by British and American Mil Police, pending further instructions or developments.

Arrests during incidents in Trieste 30 th APPROX - 9 Following information of possible general strike. Arrangements made to Police train depots and shipyards 0700 three No Trams Running.

Casualties, Allied : CMP British 1 Officer slight,
1 OR serious - American 349 Infantry Rgt.: 2 Officers slight
1 EM serious; 1 EM slight. American CID: 1 Officer slight
VGP: 2 S. Inspectors: slight, 3 OR slight. Civilians:
1 dead, 1 serious, 20 slight.

Arrest: Italiane: 3 Yugoslave: 6

3600

FROM

VENETIA GULIA POLICE FORCE

20/30/64

TO
MATT 13 CURES TOP G.I. CPS

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SCAC HQ AND 13 CURES
TTC, ADMIN OFFICER HQ, 737P.
DUTY OFFICER TILED

STREP FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 1900 HRS 30 JUNE

TRIESTE ZONE.

(1) AT APPROX 1230 HRS 30 JUNE ITALIAN CYCLISTS THOM UDINE
WERE ASSEMBLED AT PLAZA NEAR MONZAOCNE WITH CYCLISTS FROM
V.G. FOR AN AUTHORIZED RACE. POLICE WERE STANDING BY FOR
POSSIBLE DISORDERS AS RACE COMMENCED A BARREL WAS ROLLED
A CROSS ROAD KNOCKING DOWN AND HURTING ONE CYCLIST. RACE
CONTINUED BUT IMMEDIATELY SEVERAL SHOTS WERE FIRED FROM
COUNTRYSIDE AT CYCLISTS. NO CYCLIST BUT ONE V.G. SOLDIER
WAS WOUNDED. POLICE RETURNED FIRE AT BUSINES THREE CIVILIANS
WERE SEEN TO ESCAPE UNHURT AND IDENTIFIED ONE CARRYING
A RIFLE. CYCLISTS CONTINUED RACE BUT AT BELLAUDI
OPPOSITION WHICH CAUSED THEM TO ABANDON RACE. CYCLISTS FROLI
UDINE RETURNED TO UDINE. CYCLISTS FROM V.J. MOUNTED TRUCK
AND RETURNED DIRECTION TRIESTE. ONE PERSON OF CYCLISTS
ARRESTED FOR THROWING ROCKS AT CYCLISTS AND THROWING HATIS
IN ROAD.

(2) CYCLISTS RETURNING TO TRIESTE DISMOUNTED AT MIRAMARE AND
OCCUPIED RACE TO MONTEBILLO SUCCESSFULLY. HOWEVER LARGE
ITALIAN CROWD ATTING ROUTE BECAME DELIGENT ON HEARING
RUMORS OF SHOOTING IN MONZAOCNE AREA TURNED UP INTO SQUADS
AND COMMENDED TO DAMAGE JUG BUILDINGS IN TRIESTE INCLUDING
VIA CARDUCCI 6, WAR BOOTY COMMITTEE VIA VALDARDO ETC.
PREVENTIVE ACTION TAKEN BY V.G. POLICE ALREADY VERY ARMED
BUT DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF SCATTERED NATURE OF INCIDENTS
ATTEMPTS TO DISPERSE CROWDS BY LOUD SPEAKER ATTEMPTS
UNSUCCESSFUL.

(3) AT 1515 HOURS 30 JUNE POLICERS REPORTS OF SHOOTING IN
VIA NIZZA AND VIA VALDARDO US MIL POLICE VISITED HQ JUGOSLAV
WAR BOOTY COMMISSION VIA VALDARDO. FOUND BUILDING SURROUNDED
BY HOSTILE ITALIAN CROWD. ARRESTED ONE OFFICER AND TWO
SOLDIERS, JUGOSLAV, WHO WERE IN POSSESSION OF P-38 PISTOLS
AND ADMITTED FIRING AT CROWD ONE CIVILIAN SUFFERING SERIOUS
INJURY DETAINED CIVIL HOSPITAL.

(4) INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT PROLETARIO COMMUNISTS CONGREGATING

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL
SEC. ADMIN OFFICER HQ. VGP.
DUTY OFFICER TIME

STREP FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 1900 HRS 30 JUNE

TRIESTE ZONE:

(1) AT APPROX 1230 HRS 30 JUNE ITALIAN CYCLISTS FROM UDINE
WERE ASSAILED AT PIETRI'S NEAR MONTALCONE WITH CYCLISTS FROM
V.G. FOR AN AUTHORIZED RACE. POLICE WERE STANDING BY FOR
POSSIBLE DISORDERS AS RACE COMMENCED A BARREL WAS ROLLED
A CROSS ROAD KNOCKING DOWN AND WOUNDING ONE CYCLIST. RACE
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COUNTELMIDES AT CYCLISTS. NO CYCLIST BUT ONE V.G. POLICEMAN
WAS WOUNDED. POLICE RETURNED FIRE AT BOTH OF THESE THREE CIVILIANS
WERE SEEN TO ESCAPE UNINJURED AND UNIDENTIFIED ONE CARRYING TWO
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OPPOSITION WHICH CAUSED THEM TO ABANDON RACE. CYCLISTS FROM
UDINE RETURNED TO UDINE. CYCLISTS FROM V.G. MOUNTED TRUCK
AND RETURNED DIRECTION TRIESTE. ONE PERSON ON PIPIES
ARRESTED FOR THROWING ROCKS AT CYCLISTS AND THROWING NAILS
IN ROAD.

(2) CYCLISTS RETURNING TO TRIESTE MOUNTED AT MIRAMARE AND
COMPLETED RACE TO MONTEBELLO SUCCESSFULLY. HOWEVER LARGE
ITALIAN CROWD LYING ROUTE BECAME DELIGERENT OR HEARING
BUDGERS OF SHOOTING IN MONTALCONE AREA TORCHED UP INTO SQUADS
AND COMMENDED TO DAMAGE JUG BUILDINGS IN TRIESTE INCLUDING
VIA CARDUCCI 6, WAR SOCIETY COMMITTEE VIA VALDIDRIO.
PREVENTIVE ACTION TAKEN BY V.G. POLICE ALREADY VERY TIRED
BUT DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF SCATTERED NATURE OF INCIDENTS
ATTEMPTS TO DISPERSE CROWDS BY LOUD SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENTS
UNSUCCESSFUL.

(3) AT 1515 HOURS 30 JUNE POLICING REPORTS OF SHOOTING IN
VIA NIZZA AND VIA VALDIDRIO US MIL POLICE VISITED HQ YUGOSLAV
WAR SOCIETY COMMISSION VIA VALDIDRIO. FOUND BUILDING SURROUNDED
BY HOSTILE ITALIAN CROWD. ARRESTED ONE OFFICER AND TWO
SOLDIERS, YUGOSLAV, WHO WERE IN POSSESSION OF P-38 PISTOLS
AND ADMITTED FIRING AT CROWD ONE CIVILIAN SUFFERING SERIOUS
INJURY TREATMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL.

(4) INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT PRO-JUG COMMUNISTS CONGREGATING
IN AREA FAZELLA GARDINI AND ARMING WITH STONES V.G. POLICE
AND BRITISH GMP. SENT TO DEAL WITH SITUATION. SITUATION
CONTINUING.

GORTIZA ZONE AND POLA ZONE : NOTHING TO REPORT

FROM

VENEZIA MILITIA POLICE FORCE

TO

MATT 13 CORPS TOR G.I. CPS.
SCAC HQ AMG 13 COMIN
TIC. ALLIED OFFICER HQ. VGP.
DUTY OFFICER FILE

SINREP 24 HRS ENDING 1900 HRS 29th.

A. TRIESTE ZONE.

- 10.30 hrs. Authorised meeting Patriotic refugees, Super Cinema, Viale XX Settembre, Trieste. Approx 2000 attended. Groups of pro Slav-Communists attempted to cause disturbance at conclusion. VGP in attendance, 5 pro Slav arrests.
1800. Slight incident in Via Tomelli, Trieste, featuring about 100 Italian workers three of whom were arrested.
2. GORIZIA ZONE. Nil report.
3. POLA ZONE. Nil report.

ROUTINE TELEPHONE MESSAGE TO CCRPS AT 0700 HRS 30 JUNE 46

A band concert by Gruppo Esuli Istriani was authorised for 1900 hours 29 June. About 4,000 Italians present. Another unauthorised demonstration of pro-Slav Communists took place outside Case Portuaria. About 5,000 strong. Rival factions clashed. 14 arrests made. 7 persons injured and in hospital: 4 slightly injured ~~3~~ persons. 1 Allied Police Officer received stomach injury by kick from violent demonstrator.

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27/23.30

MC
ITALY 13 CORPS TCG G.I. OPS
SOAC HQ AND 13 CORPS
ETC. ADMIRAL OFFICER HQ. VGP
DUTY OFFICER FILE

SITREP 24 HRS ENDING 1900 HRS 27th

A (.) OPTIMA (.) 9,15 HRS 27. CIVIL POLICE FIRED ON WHISTLE
TRIESTE SEARCHING FOR STOLEN UNKRA PROPERTY VICINITY OF RLY STATION
POLICE RETAINED FIRE AND ARRESTED PRO-SLAV MALE FOUND IN
VICINITY FROM WHICH SHOTS WERE FIRED (.) A SEARCH OF HIS ADDRESS
DISCLOSED POSSESSION OF PERTAINING (.) FURTHER SEARCH IN VICINITY
DISCLOSED FURTHER TREASURE ACQUISITION (.) TOTAL ARRESTS :- 3
1 WOMEN ALL PRO-SLAV (.) SITUATION CALM (.)
B (.) GORIZIA (.) SITREP 24 hrs. ENDING 1900 27th NOTHING TO REPORT (.)
C (.) POLA (.) TEAR GAS USED SECOND TIME 21.30 hrs LARGE PRO ITALIAN
PROCESSION (3000) TEAR GAS CLEARED CROWD IN 2 MINUTES, NO
CASUALTIES, NO ARRESTS. TOTAL ARREST FOR DAY 10 (7 Pro JUGS 3 PRO
ITAL. ALL QUITE 21.40 hr. (.) 0100 HOUR 26 JUNE POLA 3 MEN ARRESTED
ONE TRUCK 3 TON STEYR SEIZED ON ROUTE TO ZONE B CONTAINED ARMS
PEAKED CONDITION. HEAVY MACHINE GUNS BREDA MARE 9 WITH LIGHT SPARE
BARRELS, 22 BREDA MACHINE GUNS WITH 5 SPARE BARRELS, 11 AUTOMATIC
RIFLES BERETTA. 90 ITALIAN MAKE RIFLES. NUMEROUS MAGAZINES FOR
MACHINE GUNS. APPROX 20,000 ROUNDS AMMUNITION. 5 BREDA VERY LIGHT
PISTOLS. 200 RED AND GREEN VERY LIGHT PILOTS. TRUCK OWNED BY DE
PAGLI ROMANO PROPERTY LICENSED. ARRESTED 3 NEW RESIDENTS EX-PARTISAN
NUMBERS ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY. ATTEMPT TO TRANSFORM CORPOE,
CIGARETTES TO ZONE B. POSSIBILITY OF OTHER ARMS. INVESTIGATION BY
SUPT VGP. POLA BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER TSS POLA NOW ON
INQUIRY (.) ITALIAN POLA POPULATION DEMOLISHED STREET 26 JUN 1936
DAYS. OBJECT PROTEST AGAINST JUGOSLAVA. ORDER MENTIONED (.) 200
ITALIAN PARTISANS FORCED PROCESSION, MARCHED TOWARDS PORT AT 11.30
HRS 27 JUNE FOR PURPOSE OF PREVENTING UNLOADING GOODS FROM STEAMSHIP
POLA. ONE TEAR GAS BOMB USED WITH EXCELLENT DUE. PROCESSION
DISPERSED. NO ARRESTS OR CASUALTIES.

RECK

27.6.46

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TO SCARCO HQ VGP

SITUATION REPORT POLA 7011 TWENTY EIGHTH JUNE STOP
ALL STREET AT 1800 HOURS STOP TWO HUNDRED PRO ITALIAN
PARTICANS FORMED PROCESSION 21.30 HOURS TWENTY SEVEN PREVIOUS
PREVENTING UNICIDING FOODS STRAIGHT POLA STOP WHILE T
PROCESSION DISPERSED IMMEDIATELY STOP OTHER RESTORED NO
ARRESTS STOP TEAR GAS USED POLA 1900 HOURS TWENTY EIGHT JUNE
STOP IMPROVISED STOP UNRULY CROWD DISPERSED STOP TEAR GAS
AGAIN USED 2130 HOURS TWENTY EIGHT JUNE AT POLA STOP LARGE
PRO ITALIAN PROCESSION THREE THOUSAND STRONG ATTENDED TO
MARCH THROUGH TOWN STOP TEAR GAS BOMB DROPPED BY JET
TIME BY TWENTY YARDS FAVOURABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS STOP
ASSULT IMMINENT STOP STREET CLARED IN TWO MINUTES STOP
NO CASUALTIES STOP TOTAL ARRESTS TWENTY SIX TEN STOP SEVEN
PRO VINCENZO AND THREE PRO ITALIAN STOP SITUATION CAN BE
EFFECTIVELY HANDLED BY V3PT POLA STOP ANTICIPATE DISORDER
THIS EVENING STOP SAME TREATMENT WILL BE GIVEN STOP NO
POLICE CASUALTIES STOP REPORT OF ALL OCCURRENCES IN BETTER
WORK FORWARDED STOP MONTHLY REPORT BEING TYPED WILL BE SENT
SATURDAY TWENTY EIGHT JUNE STOP MESSAGE ENDS

FROM SUTT 7527 POLA

27/0900

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To SCAPC HQ VGPB TRTESTE

PRIORITY STOP 0100 HOURS 25 JUNE POLA THREE NEW AND ACED
23 ARRESTED ONE TRUCK THREE TON CAPACITY STEVE NAME SPIZED IN
VICINITY OF ELECTRIC LIGHT POWER STATION POLA BY ROUTE FOR ZONE
B STOP TRUCK CONTAINED FOLLOWING WEAPONS ALL PERIODIC RETRIAT PERFECT
CONDITION STOP HEAVY MACHINE GUNS BRENDA NAME NAME WITH NAME
LIGHT STATE BARRELS STOP BRENDA MACHINE GUNS 22 WITH SIX SPARE
BARRELS STOP AUTOMATIC RIFLES BERRETTA ELEVEN STOP RIFLES MATE
THIRTY ONE ITALIAN PISTOL STOP NUMEROUS MAGAZINES FOR MACHINE
GUNS STOP APPROX 20,000 ROUNDS AMMUNITION STOP FIVE BRENDA
PISTOLS VERY LIGHT STOP APPROX 20,000 ROUNDS AMMUNITION PCR
RIFLES AND MACHINE GUNS STOP APPROX TWO HUNDRED RED AND GREEN
VERY LIGHT FLARES STOP TRUCK OWNED BY DE PAOLI ROMANO OF POLA
USED NORMALLY HAULAGE ROAD MATERIALS PROPERTY LICENSED STOP
ARRESTED NEW DRIVER LAURIO ANTONIO STUDENT BULL GRECHICO
PLUMBER BUSSETTO SANTO LABOURER ALL PERIODIC RESIDENTS OF POLA
ALL EX PARTISANS ALL MEMBERS OF ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY STOP
RECEIVED INSTRUCTION COMMUNIST PARTY TRADER NAME KNOWN TO SUPT
POLICE POLA TO BRING TRUCK TO STOCIA POLA AT MIDNIGHT 25/26 JUNE
FOR PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTING COPIES AND CIGARETTES INTO ZONE B
STOP INSTRUCTED TO TAKE LOAD FROM STOCIA AND MEET AGENT AT
ELECTRIC POWER STATION STOP LOAD COVERED WITH GRASS AND PACKING
CASE STOP EACH MAN TO RECEIVE 20,000 LIRE UPON DELIVERY STOP
TRUCK BORROWED FROM OWNER ON PRETENCE MOVING PLATEAU STOP
POSSIBILITY OF OTHER ARMS IN VICINITY POLA STOCIA STOP
INTERROGATION PRETMILITARY BY SUPP POLA STOP BDE UTILLICED
OFFICER TSS POLA NOW ON ENROUTE STOP ANY FURTHER INFORMATION
WILL BE SIGNALED STOP REPEATED 169 TIP BDE TSS AHS AND AREA
COM-AHS POLA STOP MESSAGE ENDS.

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