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GENERAL AZZI & NEW ORGANIZATION
MAY, JUN. 1945

Minute

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No. L.O. Section:-

Folios 1A and 2A for information: I am sure that the document I left with you this morning is tied in with this.

Chapman
S.A. D.D.

16 June 1948

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Ex. Commissioner (L. Col. Talbot)

He spoke. Minute 1 refers to attached Folio A

G. D. Benham for 26/1

16 June

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Note.

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Chief Commissioner.

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OF THE PREVIOUS CABLE

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Public Safety Sub-Commission

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NICHOLAS RIOMBINO,
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Asst. Adjutant.

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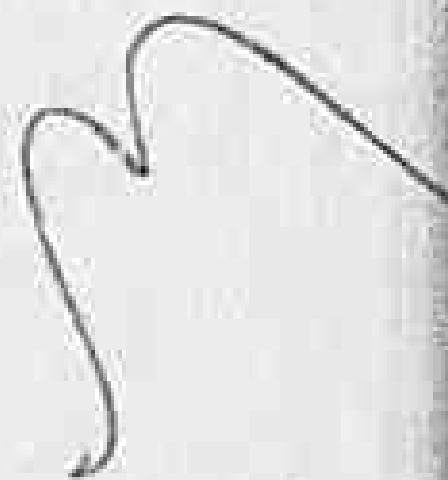
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COB.L.J.W.Chapman

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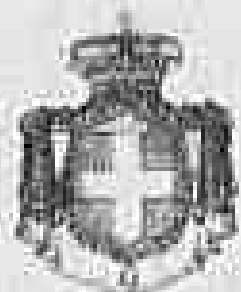
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S/C at 162200. Outgoing cable
9942 refers)

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The fiduciary of the Partisan section
at Ariccia (Rome) has reported in
confidence to the commander of the
Carabinieri station at that place that
orders have been received to hold
in readiness all the members of that
Partisan section to concentrate in
Rome in order to occupy, with
force, the various Ministries on
Monday, 18 June, should the present
government crisis not be resolved.
Rome, 15 June, 1945.



Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Divisione A.G.P. Sez. 2
Prot. N. 442/7473 Allegati

Roma 15 giugno 1945

MIN. COMMISSIONE
ARMATA

Sottocommissione per la
Pubblica Sicurezza

Proposta al f. del ROMA
Dir. Inc. N°

OGGETTO Attività Partigiani.

RISERVATA

Per opportuna notizia, si trasmette l'unito
appunto pervenuto a questo Ministero da fonte
fiduciaria attendibile.

PER MINISTRO

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A P P U N T O

Il fiduciario della sezione Partigiani di Ariocia (Roma) ha riferito in via confidenziale a quel comandante di stazione carabinieri di aver ricevuto ordine di tenersi pronto per concentrare a Roma tutti gli iscritti della propria sezione partigiani per occupare, con la forza, vari Ministeri qualora entro lunedì, 18 corrente, non sia stata risolta la crisi governativa in corso.

Roma, 15 giugno 1945

ARMED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON OFFICE
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General news Organisation

To : Director Public Safety, S.O. AC/HQ.
From : Lt. Col. R. T. Millhouse, L.O.
Subject : General AZZI.

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Rome, 11/6/45

I have to forward for your information the attached reports concerning the activities of the above named.

R. T. Millhouse
R. T. Millhouse, Lt. Col.
A.C. Public Safety, L.O.

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With reference to memo dated 19/3/45, the rumour according to which General Azzi, of the Action Party, has deep understanding with the Christian-left, and is largely followed by members of the Army to attempt a coup d'état and to reestablish a military dictatorship, seems to be true.-

a/m general is said to have meetings at Palazzo Giustiniani with other generals and local leftists.-

The planned coup d'état should take place as soon as Allied troops will be behind the Gothic line and consequently will have slackened their military control in the City.-

a/m insurrectionary movement is said to be backed even by Italian Divisions on Gothic line front, in whose ranks are many communists.-

20/3/1945.-

28/4/1945

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With reference to the attached ministerial letter and to the confidential report, results of confidential inquiries are herewith reported.-

Lectures on extremist propaganda are taking place every Saturday afternoon at 8.5 Via Giustiniani, seat of the "Unione Spartaco".-

The lectures are held by lecturers of the various extremist parties.-

General Azzi Arnaldo, former Army Corps Commander of the Italian Army, now dismissed, holds conferences on the military problem.-

The General, who has sympathized for the Action Party even writing articles on "Italia Libera" is said to have assumed a strictly republican attitude as he noticed that the action Party is bending towards the Govt's policy.- In republican circles it is rumored he is a member of that Party.-

As to the meetings on which the coup d'état is said to be planned, from confidential inquiries about those at "Unione Spartaco" nothing to confirm the rumors is appeared.-

General Azzi Arnaldo, son of Napoleone Viscardo and Peretti Ersilia, born at Corresella on 22/10/1885 is said to have his family at north.- He lives at n.12 Via Guattiere Castellino at his brother Enzo's, an employee to Italian Navy Ministry.-

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21/5/1945

From further investigations on General Azzi Arnaldo it has appeared that in Republican circles he is said to be a very active antimonarchic ring-leader and to unfold this propaganda even in War Ministry circles, especially among his friends high officers, but it has not been possible so far to ascertain whether his activity is in order to plan a coup d'état.-

He lives in poor economic conditions and to make both ends meet he carries on accountant's jobs for industrial firms.-

Among others, he works for a workshop at n.70 Via dei Volsci, owned by Lucchesi Galisto as well as for motor car Societies at the same address.-

Lucchesi appears to be of regular behaviour and has no derogatory records.-

During the shadowing-duty it has not been noticed whether he contacts Army officers.-

The following officers have been reported as having contacts with him :

- 1) Col. Tanferna Mario son of Gabriele and of Pelli Paolina
Born at La Spezia on 16/8/1898, living at N.15 Via Severano
- 2) General Gaeta Armando son of "Vincenzo and of Ribera
Anna, born at Castellammare di Stabia on 11/2/1879, living
at N.14 Via Sardegna-Rome, at the present time on pension
- 3) General Pescatore Ernesto Enrico Ciriaco son of Francesco
and of Rocchini Adele, born at Milan on 10/1/1891 on
pension since two years.
- 4) Cano Mario son of Francesco and of Murgia Lorenza, born

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at Cagliari on 16/7/1890, living at i . Piazza Melozzo da
Perli, a major of Italian Army on duty at War Ministry.

It was not possible however to establish the nature of a/m contacts.-

As to the rumour according to which Azzi might contemplate to organize an attempt to the King's and Lieutenant's life, that is excluded by extremist Parties especially not to create two heroes, which would be later taken advantage of by the enemies of the Republican Party.-

In the Party itself as well as among the members of the "Unione Spartaco", Azzi is considered as the fit element who could be used as the leader of a movement for the conquest of the powers by extremist parties with republican supremacy.-

21/5/1945

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At "Occupied Territories Ministry" enlistments are being carried on and only Communists are being enlisted.- The officers are pointed out by General Azzi for Volunteer Corps of Freedom, units on arms and patriots from the North.-

General Azzi is helped by Colonel Pescatore, who is charged of organizing this clandestine army in order to upset the constitutional order and by Col. Tanferna.-

Liaison to Scoccimarro is Lt.Col. Cane of General Staff.-

General Azzi endeavours to approach the officers he knows well as antifascist and antimonarchic elements.-

He is in contact with Scoccimarro, to whom he pointed out officers of republican faith, who were sent to the North along with patriots and "Volontari della Libertà".-

At high increasing of enlistments to Republican party has been remarked since General Azzi himself became a member of a/w party.- Even elements belonging to the Communist party became Republican members.-

About ten days ago from the Sole Celerario about 200 enlistment applications were received.-

The Communist Party lost a lot for Trieste's affair, several members left it to join the Communist and Republican Movement Party.-

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

27/5/1945

A new armed organization among leftist Parties.-

A new armed clandestine organization has been set up by leftist Parties, the so called dissidents.-

This new organization is at General Azzi's orders and Andreoni's of "Movimento Partigiano" n.3 Piazza Signanelli.-

The "Unione Spartaco" and action Party too have adhered.-

The aim of this organization is to have a remarkable number of armed partisans to upset eventually a Govt combination extremely rightist (Orlando - Bonomi - Miti).-General Azzi has conceived a plan for the encirclement of Rome, setting up block-squads so far as Orbetello.-

In these days arms are being collected and stored in secret premises.-

TRANSLATION MG

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR.
P.S. general Direction.

Rome 30th May 1945

n:41/02526

Subject : Gen. AZZI Arnaldo son of late Napoleone, preparation of appraising in order to institute a military dictatorship.

To : Allied Commission Public Safety s/c.

For information, it is transcribed the copy of letter dated 27 received by the Ministry of War:

"With reference to previous correspondence, and to the ministerial letter n:500/71555, dated 6 instant, it is communicated that from confidential report received, it appears that at the Ministry of occupied territories, are operating enlistments between communists and officers designed by Gen. Azzi.

Gen. Azzi has large influence also in the Army, and would carry out antimonarch propaganda in the Ministry of War, and in particular among the superior officers.

It has not been ascertained if this propaganda is made with the intention to prepare an uprising of State for the instauration of a new military dictatorship.

Gen. Azzi works in collaboration with Gen. Pescatore, who would have the charge to organise the units, and with Major Cano, of the general staff, would maintain the connections with Minister Scoccimarro.

Other collaborator would be Colonel Tanferna.

The a/m Superior Officers in regard of whom unfavourable records do not appear in this file, are the following:

- 1°) Pescatore Alberto Enrico, son of late Francesco, and of late Bocchini Adele, born in Milano the 10-1-1891, General dismissed since two years.
- 2°) Cano Mario, son of late Francesco, and of Maria Lorenzo, born in Cagliari the 16-7-1890 here resident in Piazza Melozzo Da Forlì n:1, Major in service at the Ministry of War.
- 3°) Tanferna Mario son of late Gabriele, and of Pelli Paolina born in La Spezia the 16-8-1898, here resident in via Severano n:15.

Are also named the discharged General Gaeta Armando, son of late Vincenzo, and of late Maria Anna, born in Castellammare di Stabia the 11-2-1879, here resident in via Sardegna n:14, and of the General Mancinelli Giuseppe

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who is not signed in the registration office of the Ministry of War.

Both have not unfavourable precedents on this records.

By the Republican Party as well as by the Spartaco union, General Azzi is considered able to lead an armed movement for the conquest of the power by the extreme parties with republican inclination.

Since General Azzi is inscribed at the Republican party, there is a remarkable increase of elements.

Only from Genzano, have been received 200 applications for inscription.

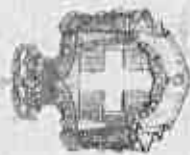
The Communist Party has lost prestige for the attitude shown in regard to the question of Trieste and of Venezia Giulia, and many elements left this party and inscribed themselves to the Republican party.

Serious vigilance measures are being taken in regard to General Azzi, and any information will be transmitted as soon as possible."

For the Minister

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Roma 30 Maggio 1945

All'Off. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

ROMA

Divisione A.G.R. P. I.
Prot. V. 441/02526 AllegatoRisposta al Foglio del
Dir. P. I.OGGETTO Gen. AZZI Arnolfo fu Napoleone- Preparazione di un colpo
di Stato per instaurare una dittatura militare.

Per opportuna conoscenza, si trascrive quanto riferisce la locale
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e si unisce copia di una segnalazione fiduciaria pervenuta al Ministero
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I predetti ufficiali superiori, a carico dei quali non si rilevano elementi sfavorevoli in questi atti, sono stati identificati come segue:

- 1°) - PESCATORE Alberto Enrico fu Francesco e fu Bocchini Adele, nato a Milano il 10.1.1891, Generale in congedo da circa due anni.
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30)-TANFERNI Mario fu Gabriele e di Pelli Paolina, nato a La Spezia il 16.8.1898, qui abitante in Via Severano n. 15.

Si fanno anche i nomi del generale in congedo Gaeta Armando fu Vincenzo e fu Ribera Anna, nato a Castellammare di Stabia l'11.2.1879, qui abitante in Via Sardegna n. 14, e del Generale Mancinelli Giuseppe, non meglio conosciuto, anche perchè non figura iscritto negli annuari del Ministero della Guerra, e non è registrato presso il locale ufficio anagrafico.

Entrambi non hanno precedenti sfavorevoli in questi atti.

In seno al Partito Repubblicano ed all'unione Spartaco il Generale Azzi è ritenuto elemento idoneo, al momento opportuno, a dirigere un movimento armato per la conquista del potere da parte dei partiti estremi a tendenza repubblicana. Da quando il Generale Azzi ha aderito al Partito Repubblicano, si nota un forte aumento d'iscrizioni, anche da parte di elementi che militano nel Partito Comunista.

Si segnala, in proposito, che solo da Genzano sarebbero pervenute giornalmente circa duecento domande d'iscrizione.

Il Partito Comunista ha perduto terreno per l'atteggiamento assunto in merito alla questione di Trieste e della Venezia Giulia, e molti elementi che se ne sono allontanati, sono passati ad ingrossare le fila del Movimento Comunista e del Partito Repubblicano.

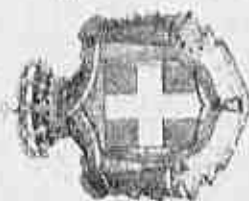
Si conferma che sul conto del Generale Azzi viene mantenuta riservata, attenta vigilanza, integrata anche da un cauto servizio di pedinamento, e che non si mancherà di segnalare tempestivamente qualunque notizia degna di rilievo.

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Ministero dell'Interno

27 maggio 1945.

UNA NUOVA ORGANIZZAZIONE ARMATA DEL PARTITO DI SINISTRA

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General Azzi has organized a "scheme of surrounding for Rome", with the institution of block squads which arrives until Orbetello. In this days arms are collecting, which are gathered in secret places.

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