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MOVIMENTO DEL CENTRO DEMOCRATICA

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1. It now appears that this movement is slowly acquiring support from the industrialists of the North, who seem likely to supply the finance General Bencivenga needs for his movement
2. According to one source Bencivenga has already received as a token of good faith and further support the sum of three million lire, which source says comes from the firms of COLOMBO in Milan, MAZZUCCHETTI of Castiglione Olona (Vareze) and CAPRONI. The latter is said to have supplied one million lire through a Colonel FIORINI, a relative of PERRONE, CAPRONI's private secretary.
3. Another source, who has been appointed treasurer of the Movement by Bencivenga, had in his possession recently two cheques each for half a million lire which he said represented funds for his Movement.
4. Funds for the Movement are being kept in the Agricultural Bank, but their existence is known to only four or five members.
5. The first source also reports that a representative of FIAT has asked for details of the Movement, indicating the the directors of FIAT would be prepared to subscribe if they consider it likely to be successful.
6. In addition to the help promised by the industrialists, interest in the Movement is being shown in other quarters. A representative of the Spanish Embassy in Rome has had contact with Colonel MUSCO, one of Bencivenga's intimate associates to enquire about it. The treasurer has been told by Bencivenga that he will shortly be contacted by a representative of a foreign power. Monsignor GIANNATTASIO Archbishop of St. John Lateran in Rome, attended a meeting with Bencivenga and two of his confidants, where he expressed sympathy for the Movement and criticised the Vatican's policy which he described as too conservative for present conditions
7. (a) Bencivenga has already taken steps to resuscitate the Movement of which he was the leader during the German occupation of Rome. This movement was known locally as the "CENTRO X".
(b) Bencivenga states that he needs this group as an information centre for his movement to watch the activities of the Communist Party, to endeavor to get some cohesion amongst the right wing parties, and to have close contact with the following right wing organisations which are said to possess some arms:-
(i) COMPAGNIE DEI CENTO GIUSTI. Cells have already been formed in Sicily and are in the process of formation in the centre and North of Italy
(ii) R.A.M. (RAGGRUPPAMENTI ANTI-TOTALITARI MONARCHICI) Armed cells in right wing parties and amongst autonomous fighting partisans. Their ~~group~~ is said to be financed by PIRELLI
(iii) ORGANIZZAZIONE NEO-FASCISTI Members of this group are described as being composed of former fascists into lectors who worked with Mussolini's regime, and who are now excluded from other political parties for their previous political convictions, but who want to fight against Communists by giving help to the two organisations mentioned above.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394
Regional Security Officer

11 December 1945

Ref. 8/1701

SUBJECT : Monarchist Movement

TO : G.S.I. N°2 District

1. The following information has been received from a well-placed source, Hon. PESTALOZZA, Head of the "Movimento dei Ceti Medi" for Northern Italy (the Movement headed in Rome by Gen. BENCIVENGA).
2. A so-called "Movimento di Azione Monarchica", of which the chief promoter is the well-known Prelate, Don VENCESLAO, whose mission in Northern Italy appears to be chiefly concerned with contacting various Allied Officials on behalf of the Gonzaga Institute, is being organized in and directed from the Gonzaga Institute itself.
3. Amongst other elements, who have come from Rome, is a certain Capt. RASTELLI (?).
4. The Movement has considerable funds and is concerned with Monarchist propaganda in the North, with similar objectives as those of the so-called "Conte di Cavour" Movement in the Turin area.
5. Source states that manifests bearing the Sabauda crest were posted on the walls of various buildings in Milano and, in particular, on some near the Central Railway Station, near the Institute itself.
6. Source concludes that on Friday last, 7 December 1945

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a meeting was held by the promoters of the movement at the Gonzaga Institute, Via Vitruvio N.41 Milano. No details are available.

7. Owing to the confidential nature of the above, it is requested that the source of information be not disclosed, if further action is anticipated.

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REF : SD/199

24 April 1945

SUBJECT : MRAAM

TO : G-2 (CI) AFHQ

1. The attached copy of a letter received from the RPSO, Toscana Region, is forwarded for your information.

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Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

FILE : R-VIII/PS/12.1

18 April 1945.

SUBJECT : Secret Organisation.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, A.C. - C.M.P.
(Att. of Security Branch)

1. The following information has been received from a reliable source and is forwarded for information.

" A secret association, has been formed among Officers of the Italian Army, Carabinieri and Navy called the M.R.A.A.M. (Movimento Resistenza, Antitotalitario, Anti-Marxista, Monarchico - Movement of Resistance against Marxism - pro Monarchy).

This Association has been formed with the object of forming in all Italy a 'secret army' to oppose the possibility of a coup-d'etat by the Extreme Left Parties and to support the Monarchy.

The organisation is proceeding on the lines of experience gained during the period of clandestine opposition to the Germans following the Armistice.

Adherents have to swear that they will only use violence and arms if violence is first used by the other side.

For the moment it is not possible to give further particulars of the organisation but it appears that the original organism were a group of Officers, of Fascist outlook, in the Italian War Department.

It is said that The Association is not gaining many adherents. "

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8 December 1944

SUBJECT : Subversive Movements

TO : Patriots Branch

Copy also sent to Political Section

1. The following extract taken from a periodical secret report is forwarded for your information.

Subversive Movements

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Attempts to counteract this tendency are being made by Doctor MORITZ of the Associazioni Partigiane d'Italia (a body distinct from the A/N Associazioni Nazionali). MORITZ sensibly points out that the real Partisans, i.e. men who have actually fought the Germans and the fascists clandestinely should be given some proper form of recognition and assistance, without distinction of political tendency, and that, if rightly handled, this vast body of men whose participation is the best proof of their sincere anti-fascism could be used as the best element of stability in resolving the present chaotic situation where an attempt is being made to restore Italy by parties which have little cooperative numerical backing and no real roots in the

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country.

Another reliable source reports that from a conversation with a partisan who recently arrived from Italy, he gathered that partisan elements in LOT have already set up the framework of a clandestine government which will be ready to operate when the territory is finally freed. This organization does not recognize the authority either of TOLINATI or MENVI. Its programme is republican with Marxist tendencies and it admits of no compromise, however slight, with the Monarchy. Moreover in view of the reports received in North Italy of the treatment given by the Allies to partisans in AOT (i.e. disarmament, a few words of thanks but little material assistance or moral support), this clandestine Northern organization is becoming more and more anti-Allied.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH
A.P.O. 394

Report # 410

March 8, 1944.

Subject : EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE
BARI CONGRESS.

The critical situation created between the political parties of the Left (part of Action, Socialist party and Communist party) and the Christian Democracy, in the occasion of the initiative taken by the three parties within the Federation of Labor, to interrupt work for ten minutes as a protest against Churchill's speech, has had repercussions in the relations among the parties belonging to the Board.

Particularly there is an outlined scission between the Christian Democracy and the Communist party, scission caused by the conduct of the first, tending to disapprove the political initiative taken by the three, but in substance it reflects the polemic activities now common in every locality between the clergy and the members of the Communist party. At the Sunday meeting of the Communist party, it has been formally proposed that the party should separate itself from the Liberation Committee, and concentrate all its efforts to constitute a block of the Left. Such argument is supported by Prof. Mancini, but is not approved by Dr. Reale, who thinks still useful the existence of the Committee. There is a reason to believe that in the week the Executive Board will express itself either for the union or for the separation.

March 5, 1944.

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SECURITY BRANCH
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Report# 399

March 6, 1944

Subject : ITALIAN PARTY OF DEMOCRATIC RECONSTRUCTION.

The official formation of a "Democratic Party of Reconstruction", or some similar denomination, is imminent.

It has been promoted by the Masonic Lodges of Campania, headed by Avv. Sollenne and Prof. Ingrosso, under the control of Hon. Dino Philipson.

This new Party will include the left-wing elements of the parties represented in the Committee of Liberation, and will have as its program the contents of the appeal published by the Masonry January 28, that is, the principle of the necessity of collaborating with the gov. of Badoglio, without getting involved in the institutional question.

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