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25 July 1945

The Carabinieri have arrested yesterday a group of persons who were trying to re-establish the Fascist Party. The Chief of the Secret Organisation is Lt. Col. LANARI Angelo, squadrista, Mercis su Roma and general of the Fascist Republican Army. After the arrival of the Allies he has founded a false band of partisans called "The Scarlet Pimpernel". The other Chief of the a/s organisation is a certain TUFARINI Luigi, squadrista, Mercis su Roma and Sciarpa Littorio, former collaborator of the Fascist newspaper "Il Lavoro Fascista". He has reorganized the Fascist Republican Party in Rome after the 8th of September 1943 and was appointed Fiduciario of the Fascist Group "Trionfale". In 1935 he was condemned by the Tribunal of Modena at two years of imprisonment for violent libidinousness and the 14th of February 1945 he was denounced for ill-treatments against his wife MOSSI Derna. Other 13 persons were arrested by the Carabinieri. (from "Risorgimento Liberale")

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At the end of a meeting held by the Communist Party at MERETO (VERANO) three communists were severely wounded by some Polish soldiers who are accustomed to perpetrate such overbearingness against the honest communist workers of the zone.

The "UNITA" asks the Allied Authorities to withdraw the Polish Troops from Italy to avoid further incidents.

(from "UNITA") 25 July 1945

Near PIZZO (Cernobbio - Lake of Como) the body of BIANCHI Michele, employee, has been found by the R.I.C. His daughter, BIANCHI Bianca, employee with the Auxiliary Police, was killed on the 4th July.

Near PADOVA (CA' ODDO - MONSIEGE) some unknown criminals, under false pretext to search the house, robbed more than a million from PAGGIOTTO Giuseppe.

Near RAVENNA (FRANGIPANE) some unknown criminals using a motor car of the police tried to carry off by force the former fascist TRAMONTI Arturo. As he refused to follow them he was severely wounded. The same criminals after they had carried off another two fascists PATTARELLI Giuseppe and CATTI-ORIOLI Augusto ran then to an unknown destination.

(from "IL MOMENTO") 25 July 45.

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Owing to the reappearance of the newspaper "LA STAMPA" serious incidents took place yesterday in Turin. A crowd of people have assaulted the building, burned the archives and severely damaged the typographic machines.

All the copies of the newspaper were burned.

The newspaper "LA STAMPA", the issue of which was obstructed by the Parties of the extreme left, receives authorization to be printed from the Allied Government.

(from "IL GIORNALE DEL MATTINO")

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18 July 1945

Yesterday morning near MARNI, the General Inspector for Food Supplies, COSTANTINI Nello, stopped a lorry loaded with wheat which had been subtracted from the barns. The Carabinieri called by COSTANTINI came to seize the wheat but the owner of the lorry hurled a bomb against them killing two men and wounding both COSTANTINI and the Carabinieri.

(from "IL MOMENTO")

It seems that the "dossier" of DONEGANI, the well known industrial of the North of Italy, has disappeared from the Questura of Milano.

(from "Unità")

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17 July 1945

Yesterday about five hundred women of the QUADRARO quarter, whose relatives were taken by the 17 March 1944; knowing that a German spy VESPASIANI Edoardo had come back from the North of Italy, went to his apartment, but not finding him tried to lynch his wife MARTINELLI Tosolina. The carabinieri, with great difficulty, rescued the woman.

(from "IL GIORNALE DEL MATTINO")

The prefect of MILANO (LOMBARDI) pointed out in a statement to the press that the very well known industrial DONEGANI Guido, who was arrested by his order at the end of April, was placed at liberty yesterday without his knowledge.

(from "IL TEMPO")

Two employees of the BANCA NAZIONALE del LAVORO were robbed yesterday at 2 p.m. near Piazza Augusto Imperatore by two young men who, under the menace of pistols, appropriated themselves of the sum of fifteen millions.

(from "ITALIA NUOVA")

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ITALIAN PRESS

14 JULY 1945

A big organization which was issuing false partisan tickets and false traveling per its has been discovered by the Italian Police in Rome.

All these false permits issued by inconsistent military officers were paid about 150,000 Liras each.

Among the persons arrested are : DOMENICO Domenico, chief of a partisan group in Via Gregoriana, ANTONIO Antonio, former paratroop Sgt., PAOLO Paolo, false captain, BRUNO Bruno, singer of the Opera House and many other persons.

(from "RISORSEMENTO LIBERALE")

The Chief of the Partisan unit in Via Foraggi, BARBARO Barbaro, recently arrested by the Police of Rome was a fervent fascist. It is known that on the 28th. November 1944 he wrote a letter to the regional Fascist Group "COMITATO" of Rome, in which he requested to have as soon as possible his fascist card, because he did not wish to die without it.

(from "RISORSEMENTO LIBERALE")

A former Police Inspector, ANTONIO Antonio was arrested yesterday and accused of having collaborated with the German authorities after the 8th. September 45.

(from "IL GIORNALE DEL MATTINO")

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13 JULY 1945

The Bishop of Agrigento (Sicily) PERUZZO, while out walking with a priest, was seriously wounded by three rifle shots exploded against him by some unknown person.

The Bishop's condition is serious.

It seems that the crime was executed by a gang of criminals disguised as members of a political party.

(from "RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE") 12 July.

The prosecution against five Partisans of CRESCENZAGO (Province of Milano) charged with detainment of arms and ammunitions, has started in Milano. Owing to some incidents caused by the crowd, who broke through two heavy doors, American troops have garrisoned the Law Courts.

The prosecution has raised great interest as it is the first time that an Order issued by the Allies to render up all arms was disobeyed.

(from "IL TEMPO") 13 July.

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12 JULY 1945

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pf Security or Public Safety value. Report Nil.

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11 JULY 1945

The Commander of the group of Partisans, who were arrested two days ago by the Police of Rome, has also been arrested. His name is PICONCELLI.

BARELLA Gustavo, political Commissary of the Partisans has also been arrested.

It seems that these so-called partisans of Via dei Foragi have blackmailed many personalities amongst whom is the well known tenor GIGLI Beniamino.

(from "IL MOMENTO") 11 July.

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ITALIAN PRESS

(afternoon) 10 July 1945

The Allied Police have discovered one of the most dangerous gang of counterfeiters who have diffused in the North of Italy more than a milliard of false banknotes.

The false banknotes are Italian, American and English.

Two Italian investigators collaborated with the Allied Authorities. Many of the counterfeiters introduced themselves amongst the Partisans.

All the members of the gang will be judged by the Allied Tribunal.

(From "IL MOMENTO") 10 July.

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10 JULY 1945

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ITALIAN PRESS

14 / (afternoon) 9 July 1945

More than two thousand person assembled in Piazza del Colosseo to participate at the meeting of the Communist Italian Movement. Avv. COCCO Arrigo asks the government for more liberty for the Press to set free all the Partisans who were arrested during the German occupation, and to abolish the law on the police's confinement.

RIGHIERI Giovanni, of the FEDERAZIONE SACRIFICATI, asks for a more radical epuration, specially in the Police, Carabinieri and the Magistracy. The meeting closed at 11 a.m. without incidents. (from "TRIBUNA DEL LAVORO")

A meeting of the Party of the Sinistra Christiana took place at the Cinema "Giulio Cesare". MOTTA Mario, of the political secretary's office of the party said that a complete clarification on the political and ideological field was recently reached.

MORUZZI Paolo spoke about the function of the Christian workers at the present time and the necessity to reach a democracy of peace. (from "TRIBUNA DEL LAVORO")

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(afternoon) 9 July 1945

A group of fifteen partisans invaded Schio jail near Venice two nights ago, sorted out 73 political prisoners from among the inmates, shot 47 of them to death and wounded 26, it was reported here today in a dispatch to the Corriere d'Informazione of Milan.

Of the 47 killed outright 13 were women. The wounded were taken to hospital where it was expected that several of them would succumb. (from "La Capitale")

More than forty so called partisans were arrested by the Police at their residence in Via del Fornari. These partisans were arrested a few days ago and ill-treated a fascist, SERAFINI Urbano, who killed himself trying to escape from the residence of the Partisans.

It seems that amongst these Partisans, the Police have found many criminals.

Many weapons and ammunitions were seized. (from "La Capitale")

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Report will be made in afternoon.

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ITALIAN PRESS

7 JULY 1945

SERAFINO Urbano four days ago was arrested by the Partisans who carried him into their residence in Via Foraggi n. 69. There he was repeatedly questioned and ill-treated. SERAFINI, was enclosed in a little cell on the third floor of the house. Yesterday, he succeeded in spreading the iron bars of his cell windows. He tried to jump on to the tree below his window but missed and fell cracking his skull. (from "IL TEMPO") 7th July.

It seems that the little town of RANDAZZO in Sicily has been occupied by groups of "separationists". These groups, very well armed, belong to the new Military Organisation (EVIS) founded by the Sicilian separationists. (from "IL TEMPO") 7 July.

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6 JULY 1945

More than 100,000 workers have gone on strike in Milan and Turin. Many processions of demonstrators have filed through the streets of Milan shouting "We are hungry". Many Allied armoured-cars have been located in Piazza del Duomo in Milan and many Allied troops are scouting the streets of the town.

The strikes in Lombardia and Piemonte have paralyzed all activities. In Piemonte only few Partisans have delivered their weapons: the majority have carried and hidden all their arms in some secret hiding-place in the Alps.
(from "IL MOMENTO") 6 July.

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9 / 5 JULY 1945

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8 / 4 JULY 1945

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Many unknown men, very well armed and masked penetrated by violence into the prison of FINAL-BORGO (Province of Savona), and carried out by force twelve political prisoners. There is no more news of the ravishers and the prisoners.

It is believed that the ravishers are some Fascists who had an interest in the liberation of their companions. (from "IL TEMPO") 4th July.

In LERICI, near LA SPEZIA, Mrs. MUZIO Angela and her daughter Caterina, who had fought in the clandestine front against the Germans and the Fascists, were killed in their house for reprisal by some unknown Fascists.
(from "IL MOMENTO") 4th July.

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3 July 1945

"Risorgimento Liberale" -

Riots of peasants broke out in Sicily in the Provinces of CALTANISSETTA and AGRIGENTO. The local Authorities have ordered the curfew from 10 o'clock p.m. till 5 a.m.

"Risorgimento Liberale" -

At INDONO (Province of Varese) two men (supposed to be former members of the Italian S.S.) entered the Villa of Dr. Giovan Battista BORGONOVO and carried away a small box containing jewels for a value of nine millions after they obliged Dr. BORGONOVO to follow them. The body of BORGONOVO was found near BULGONELLO di CADORAGO (Province of Como) with a revolver-shot in his head.

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6 / 2 JULY 1945

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General BENCIVENGA Roberto has founded a new Party which will unite all the parties between liberalism and communism.

His principal aim is to get the Christian Democratic Party and the Socialist Party to collaborate with him to establish, in this turbulent period, an element of equilibrium.

The new political movement, which at the present has not an official title, will have its own newspaper under the management of General BENCIVENGA himself.
(From A.N.S.A., National Agency for Associated Press - ROME)

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29 JUNE 1945

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ITALIAN PRESS

Last night the riots in Andria continued.
The rioters set fire to the Police Office, and
to many other Public offices.

More than a hundred persons invaded the
property of a certain PANTONE Pasquale, sacking
it and taking away all of the wheat.

(from "Il Momento" 29th June)

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28 June 1945

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The situation in Antria and Minervino Murge is growing more serious. The Italian Authorities are unable to control the zone.

The real rulers of the situation are the rioters who are controlling the roads to Andria.

The rioters are very well armed and organized.

On the proceedings of the riot it is known that the Carabinieri who were on the traces of a band of criminals who were infesting all the zone of Minervino Murge and Andria.

Twenty days ago they plundered a train. The carabinieri began to arrest some of the more suspected, about fifteen criminals, among whom were some deserters. A demonstration was held in the village against the Carabinieri. One man was killed and another wounded, a Carabinieri was also wounded.

Reinforcements were called from Bari, Foggia and Andria, but the rioters (armed also with a small gun) repelled the assault of the Police.

The "Italia Nuova" is pointing out that NENNI is solidly with these criminals and publishes part of a telegram sent by the Socialist Party at BARI to NENNI. (From "il Momento" 26th June)

In Spezia the Chemist Beretta was killed in his house by some persons calling themselves partisans.

The boxer GRISONI, former member of the Fascist Republican Militia, was killed near his house by other so called partisans.

The body of a young man, a former member of the Republican Navy has been found near the village of REBOCCO. ("Italia Nuova")

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27 June 1945

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In Savona a bomb was hurled from a balcony into the court of the jail. The explosion caused the death of two Fascists and the wounding of 17 others, all prisoners. (from "Il Momento" 27th June).

Some carabinieri who were coming back from Minervino Murge fell in an ambush near Andria, two of them were wounded. Another carabiniere, always in Andria, was killed by an explosion of a bomb hurled at him by an unknown person. (from "Il Momento" 27th June)

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26 June 1945

ITALIAN PRESS

VERY SERIOUS DISTURBANCES IN PUGLIA REGION

(From "Il Momento" of the 26 June 45)

Thirteen persons who were arrested for blackmarket were liberated by a big crowd who attacked the barracks of Carabinieri in Minervino Murge.

Reinforcements of Carabinieri were sent from Andria but encountered resistance and suffered some losses.

Other Carabinieri, sent from Foggia and Bari, and Allied Armoured cars have surrounded the village of Minervino Murge.

60,000 workers are on strike in Trieste owing to a mysterious telephone-call. Among the strikers are the unloaders, the tramway-men and all the other workers of the city.

It is said that this strike was organized by the Communists as reprisal for the act done yesterday by AMG to pay off the local police. It is believed that the strike will last only 24 hours. ("Il Momento")

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23 June 1945

a. The Sindaco of Vittuone, near Milan was taken from his house at 2100 hrs. on 18th. by 4 persons claiming to be members of the Pubblica Sicurezza. He was transported in a motor car with a Genova plate and later his body was found near Baggio about 50 kilm from Vettuone. Three partisans have been arrested.

b. The Special Tribunal in Milan for dealing with political prisoners in the North has resigned because of the public demonstrations made against their findings in the trial of two youths charged with collaborating with the Germans. The Public Prosecutor was unable to offer any evidence to substantiate the charges and the prisoners were discharged.

c. Other demonstrations took place in Northern Italian towns on 21st. demanding increased food rations, higher wages and work for the unemployed.

A large Anti-Allied demonstration took place outside AMG, HQ. in Milan.

d. From Milan it is reported that 18,000 bank employees in that city and district have locked themselves in the banks, thus suspending business, as a means of supporting their demands for higher salaries.

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"Il Popolo" of Milan writes they are afraid "revolution will come" as a result of present day conditions, the state of public order is not secure, it is only maintained by Allied troops and CC.RR. if the former leave then there will be no public safety.

Comment is again made on the case of BASILE, late Federal Secretary of Genova, who was recently sentenced to 20 years by the Tribunal in Milan. Demonstrations have taken place against this sentence. It is reported that a new trial will take place in Genova with a view to satisfying the public demand for the death sentence (A quest idea of justice eh?)

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