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on prominent Italian figures. This the original set
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Enclosed are sixteen biographical reports of prominent Italians. This comprises the fifth set of biographical reports distributed by this office.

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

Name: COLESANTI, Mario

Country: Italy

Region: German-occupied Italy

Major positions: National Councillor (1943); Federal Secretary of Terni (1940); and of Rome (1943); Commissioner of Confederation of Industrialists in neo-Fascist Republic (1943)

Birth date and place: 2 January 1899, at Viterbo

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: No information

Education and work history:

Nothing known about his education.

Inspector of Soc. An. Ferrovia Elettrica Transatesina,
Bolzano (1934)

Inspector of Soc. An. Elettrica Locale dell'Alta Anaunia,
Trento (1934)

Political history:

Entered Fascist Party in 1920

Federal Secretary of Terni (1940)

Federal Secretary of Rome (1943)

National Councillor at the Chamber of Fasces and Corporations
(1943)

President of the National Dopolavoro, appointed May 1943

Appointed Commissioner of the Fascist Confederation of
Industrialists by the Minister of Corporative Economy on
October 5, 1943

Summary:

Colesanti is a Fascist Party career man who entered the ranks in 1920 and became a National Councillor of the Chamber of Fasces and Corporations. After the establishment of the Republican Fascist government in northern Italy he was appointed Commissioner of the Fascist Confederation of Industrialists. He has aligned himself with the neo-fascists.

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CODESANTI, Mario

Surrey, continued:

His two positions of Inspector in electrical railway concerns do not seem to have any relation to his other activities, and therefore may well have been Party "gifts."

Sources:

1. Biografia Finanziaria Italiana, 1933-34
2. Chi è, 1940
3. Rome Radio: October 5, 1943, in News Digest, no. 1258, October 7, 1943
4. FCC, Southern European Analysis, October 8, 1943, no. 3
5. Annuario Generale d'Italia, 1942-43
6. I Consiglieri Nazionali della Camera dei Fasci e delle Corporazioni, 1939
7. Rome Radio, 12 May 1943 (FCC Daily Report, 13 May 1943)

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

Name: GOBBI, Gerardo
Dector

Country: Italy

Region: Turin -- Via A. Peyron

Birth date and place: (about 1880)

Nationality, religion: Italian, Catholic

Family history: Married

Education and work history:

President and Administrator Delegate, "S. Venchi and C." Soc. An.
Italiana per la Fabbricazione dei Confetti, Cioccolato e
Prodotti Affini, Turin (1937) (Cap. 1936: L. 36,800,000)
Councillor, Istituto di San Paolo di Torino, Turin (1937)
Councillor, S.E.I.P.E.T. Società Telefonica Interregionale
Piemontese e Lombarda, Turin (1937)
Sindaco (Inspector), Soc. An. Cartiere Giacomo Rosso, Turin (1937)
Councillor (?) S.A.I.C.I.T. Immobili Civili Industriali Torino,
Turin (1934)
Former President of the Cinzano Company, Turin

Political history:

Former Finance Commissioner in the City Administration of Turin.
According to an interview source Dott. Gobbi is a "prominent and
esteemed citizen of Turin" and is respected in every stratum of
society, and has lived apart from politics, not sharing Fascist
views, although a member of the Party of necessity.

Summary:

Gobbi has been president of a fairly large candy manufacturing
firm in Turin. He has also held councillorships on several
firms, among which is STEFEL, the large Piedmontese telephone
company. From the information available, Gobbi does not appear
to have supported fascism, and one source says that he "has lived
apart from politics, not sharing Fascist views."

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Sources:

1. BR FU-2180.6 (Source rated: excellent memory, very good
reliability, judgment and objectivity); rec'd BR 1943

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Name: GOLLO, Lodovico

Country: Italy

Region: Milan, Lombardy

Major positions: Industrialist, holding high positions in various enterprises, see below

Birth date and place: No information

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: No information

Education and work history:

No information about his education.

His several connections with industrial organizations are as follows:

President of Società Nazionale Ferro Metalli Carboni, Bergamo (1937) (Cap. 1936: L. 15,000,000)

President of Soc. An. Trafileries e Corderie Italiane, Milan (1937) (Cap. 1936: L. 8,500,000)

Vice President and General Director of Soc. An. Acciaierie e Ferriere Lombarde Falck, Milan (1937) (Cap. L. 180,000,000)

Vice President of Soc. An. Franco Tosi, Milan (Cap. L. 39,000,000 in 1934)

Vice President of Soc. An. Cantieri Metallurgici Italiani (formerly Cantori), Castellammare di Stabia (Cap. 1934: L. 12,000,000)

Vice President of Soc. An. Adriatica Ferramenta e Metalli, L.A.F.E.M., Venice (Cap. 1934: L. 12,000,000)

Vice President of Soc. An. Carminati e Foselli, Milan (Cap. 1934: L. 8,000,000)

Vice President of Soc. An. F.E.R.V.E.T., Fabbricazione e Riparazione Varoni e Tramways, Bergamo (Cap. 1934: L. 5,000,000)

Vice President of Soc. An. Unione Siderurgica Italiana, Milan (Cap. 1934: L. 5,000,000)

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GOISIS, Lodovico

Education and work history, continued:

Councillor of Soc. An. Officine Moncenisio, Turin (Cap. 1934, L. 12,000,000)

Vice President of Soc. An. Officine Metallurgiche Bronzi, Milan (Cap. 1934: L. 5,000,000)

Councillor of Soc. An. Cantieri Navali Franco Tosi, Milan (Cap. 1934: L. 10,000,000)

Councillor of Soc. An. Acciaierie e Ferriere Nazionali, Genoa (Cap. 1934 - L. 5,000,000)

Councillor of Soc. An. Officine Arona Int. C. Della Carlina, Milan (Cap. 1934: L. 1,500,000)

Councillor, Soc. An. Consorzio siderurgico Italiano, Milan (Cap. 1934: L. 1,000,000)

According to an interview source, Lionor Goisis represented the Italian manufacturers in almost all iron and steel cartel agreements, along with Lionor Andrea Vincenzo Ardissone.

The Soc. An. Acciaierie e Ferriere Lombarde Falck, of which Goisis is Vice President, is the largest Italian plant manufacturing structural steel, according to the same source quoted above.

Political History:

No information

Summary:

Lodovico Goisis has held high positions in the iron and steel industry. He has been President of two moderately small firms, Vice President of the very large Lombarde Falck, which according to one interview source is the largest Italian plant manufacturing structural steel. He has also been Vice President and Councillor of a good many other companies closely related to the steel industry.

There is no information available on his political attitude.

Sources:

1. Pioggia Finanziaria, 1933-34
2. CFS no. R 2000/6, 27 October 1943
3. Notizie statistiche, 1937

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

Name: GORLA, Giuseppe
Engineer

Country: Italy

Region: Rome
Milan

Positions: National Councillor to the Chamber of Fasci and Corporations (1943); Councillor of Società Italiana Industria Gomma (1937); etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: 6 September 1895, at Vernate (Milan)

Nationality, religions: Italian

Family history: Unknown

Education and work history:

President of the Azienda Generale Italiana Petroli, succeeding
Giulio Giuseppe Cobolli, April 1943
Councillor, Società Italiana Industria Gomma, Milan (1937)
Councillor, Loc. dei Lavazzini Refriferanti e del Ghiaccio
Artificiale Condrand-Marrilli, Milan (1937)
Councillor, Loc. An. La Consorziata Ghiaccio, Milan (1934)
Councillor, Sezione autonoma per l'Esercizio del Credito
Alberghiero e Turistico (1940)

Political history:

Joined the Fascist Party in 1919.
National Councillor in the Chamber of Fasci and Corporations, as
representative of the F.N.F. in the Corporazione dell'Acqua, del
Gas e dell'Elettricità. (1943)
The Corriere della Sera of 11 February 1943 reported that Ing.
Gorla replaced Del Bufalo in this position.

Former Minister of Public Works, replaced by Zenone Benini,
according to the Baltimore Sun of 5 February 1943.

National Secretary of the Sindacato Nazionale Fascista Ingegneri,
(1940). Director of Ricerche di Ingegneria, which is edited
this syndicate. (1940) 79y

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CORLA, Giuseppe

Political history, continued:

Representative of this syndicate on the Consorzio Nazionale fra
-li Istituti Fascisti Autonomi per le Case Popolari (1940)

Councillor, representing the engineers, in the Corporazione delle
Professioni e delle Arti (1940)

Commissar on the Legislative Commission of the armed forces (1940).

Summary:

Giuseppe Corla was appointed the president of the Azienda
Generale Italiana Petroli in April 1943. This position placed
him at the head of the government-controlled petroleum
manufacturing industry in Italy. His other industrial positions
have been councillorships of relatively small firms.

Corla appears to have been privately a Fascist Party career man.
He joined the Party in 1919, and has held various Party positions
and in official in engineering syndicates and Fascist corporative
structure. He was Minister of Public Works; then in February 1943
was made a National Councillor in the Chamber of Fasci and
Corporations. He has clearly supported the Fascist Party and
government, and apparently owes his appointment as president of
AGIP more to his political connections than his technical experience.

Sources:

1. I Consiglieri Nazionali, 1939
2. Italia 1943, Vol. XLVIII
3. GM 1940
4. NS 1937
5. BF 1933-34
6. Corriere della Sera, 11 February 1943
7. AP Baltimore Sun, 5 February 1943
8. Rome Radio, FCC, 29 April 1943

Not in: Chi E' 1940

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Name: GRASSI, Paolo

Country: Italy

Region: Rome
Via G. Tuccimei, 1 (1940)

Major positions: Director General of the Treasury, Ministry of Finance (1943); Councillor of Soc. An. Nazionale Come (1937)

Birth date and place: No information

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: No information

Education and work history:

Director General of the Treasury, Ministry of Finance, Rome (1943)
Councillor, Soc. An. Nazionale Come, Turin (1937)

Councillor, Soc. An. Azienda Generale Italiana Petroli, Rome (1934)
Councillor, Banca Nazionale del Lavoro - Sezione Credito Ordinario, Rome (1934)

Councillor, Consorzio per Sovvenzioni su Valori Industriali, Rome (1940)

Councillor, Consorzio di Credito per le Opere Pubbliche, Rome (1940)
Councillor, Istituto per il Credito Navale, Rome (1940)

Councillor, Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale - Sezione Mobilitati, Rome (1934)

Dott. Grassi is listed as Councillor of this organization in 1937 and as Director in 1943.

Councillor, Banca Nazionale del Lavoro - Sezione Autonoma di Credito Fondiario, Rome (1934)

Dott. Grassi is listed in 1937 as Councillor of this bank and member of the Executive Committee, and also in 1940.

Councillor, Aosta Soc. An. Nazionale, Turin (1934)

Councillor, Fiume, Soc. An. di Assicurazioni e Riassicurazioni Fiume (1934)

Councillor, Soc. An. Cartiere Pietro Miliani, Rome (1934)

Councillor, Soc. An. le Assicurazioni d'Italia, Rome (1934)

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GRASSI, Paolo

Education and work history, continued:

Councillor, Praevidentia, Soc. An. di Assicurazioni, Rassicurazioni e Capitalizzazione, Rome (1934)
Councillor, Istituto Nazionale per l'Esportazione, Rome (1934)
Councillor, Istituto Mobiliare Italiano, Rome (1937)

Political history:

Director General of the Treasury, Ministry of Finance, Rome
Dott. Grassi is listed as such in 1934 as well as in 1943.

In 1940 he was a member of the Consiglio Superiore dei Lavori Pubblici in the Ministry of Public Works.
Dott. Grassi "is known for his intelligence and ability, especially in matters concerning Italian Treasury Department," according to an interview. The same source mentions Dott. Grassi's Fascist ties.

Summary:

Dr. Grassi was Director General of the Treasury in the Ministry of Finance from 1934 (or before) to 1943. His industrial positions have consisted of councillorships in a large number of firms, some of the most important of which are the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, Azienda Generale Petroli, Corne, INI, IMI. His positions have been for the most part in the field of credit and finance with some important exceptions.

His political positions have both been closely tied to his professional interests as a financier and business man. There is no evidence of his having held Fascist Party positions. One interview source, however, speaks of his "Fascist ties."

Sources:

1. Biografia Finanziaria Italiana, 1933-34
2. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
3. Italia 1943, Vol. XLVIII
4. FE no. R-5463, New York, 7 August 1943
5. Guida Ronchi, 1940

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Name: GRASSO, VittorioCountry: ItalyRegion: TurinMajor positions: President of the Banca A. Grasso & Fialio (1937);
Councillor, Soc. An. Montecatini (1941)Birth date and place: No informationNationality, religion: ItalianFamily history: No informationEducation and work history:

President, Banca A. Grasso & Fialio, Turin (1937) (Cap. 1936:
L. 5,000,000)
Vice President, Banca d'Italia, Rome (1934 - not in 1937)
(Cap. 1936: L. 300,000,000)
Councillor, Soc. An. Montecatini, Loc. Generale per l'Industria
Mineraria ed Agricola, Milan (1941) (Cap. 1937: L. 1,000,000,000)

Political history:

No information

Summary:

Grasso has held three posts of some importance in the Italian industrial world. He has been president of a fairly small bank in Turin, vice-president of the large Banca d'Italia, and a councillor of the Montecatini trust. There is no information available on his politics.

Sources:

1. Notizie Sentinelle, 1937
2. Biografia Finanziaria Italiana, 1933-34
3. Preliminary Report on Montecatini, Italy, Economic Warfare Section, Dept. of Justice, Washington, 28 November 1943.
Information of 1941.

Not in: Chi E', 1940Who's who in Italian Banking, OEA, Washington, August 1943

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Name: GUAISTI, Alessandro
Doctor of law

Country: Italy

Region: Milan

Positions: Councillor of Società Anonima Aeroplani Caproni (1937)
etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: (about) 1900

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: Son of Dott. Amerigo Guasti, the first Notary of
Milan; brother-in-law of Ing. Gianni Caproni

Education and work history:

According to an interview source, Dott. Alessandro Guasti has
taken over entirely the important office of his father, who
is now an invalid.

Councillor, Soc. An. Aeroplani Caproni, Milan (1937)

(Cap. 1936: L. 10,000,000)

Councillor, Soc. An. Gasolina, Milan (1937) (Cap. 1936:
L. 4,000,000)

Councillor, Soc. An. Cantieri Aeronautici Bernardischi, Ponte
S. Pietro (Bergamo) (1937) (Cap. 1936: L. 3,000,000)

Councillor, Soc. An. Motori Marini G. Carraro, Milan (1934 -
not in 1937) (Cap. 1936: L. 800,000; in 1933, L. 1,500,000)

Political history:

According to an interview source, Dott. Guasti is a member of
the Fascist Party for opportunistic reasons rather than by
political conviction. This source adds that he attends
exclusively to his business and to his family, and is, as his
father, a hard-working and well-balanced man.

Summary:

Alessandro Guasti appears to be a business man of moderate
importance, with good professional and family connections.
His directorships in two aeroplane factories, one naval

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engineering company and a gasoline firm have placed him in a position to have a good deal of knowledge about these industries of key importance to the war in Italy. He seems to be primarily a professional man whose acceptance of Fascism was secondary to his career interests.

Sources:

1. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
2. Biografia Finanziaria, 1933-34
3. BR FU-2553. (excellent memory; good reliability, judgment and objectivity)

Not in: Ghi E', 1940

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

Name: MORSELLI, Giovanni
Cavalleria di Grand Croce

Country: Italy

Region: Milan

Major Positions: President of Soc. An. Carlo Erba, Milan; etc.
(see below)

Birth date and place: 7 March 1875 at Concordia sulla Secchia
(Modena)

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: Married, children

Education and work history:

Degree in Chemistry and Pharmacy

President and Councillor Delegate, Soc. An. Carlo Erba, Milan
(large pharmaceutical company, whose majority interests are
controlled by the "Fascist Duke" Giovanni Visconti di
Modrona). Dr. Negri acted with Morselli as Director General
of the company. (Cap. 1936: L. 50,000,000) Morselli was not
President in 1937.

President, Compagnia Italiana Liebig, Milan 1937. (1936 -
L. 10,000,000)

President and Councillor Delegate, Soc. An. Forze Idroelettriche
Alto Caffaro, Milan 1934 (1934: L. 10,000,000)

President, Soc. Italiana Industria Gomma e Hutchinson, Milan,
1934 (Cap. 1934: L. 10,500,000)

President and Councillor Delegate, Soc. An. Elettrica e
Elettrotecnica del Caffaro, Milan, 1934 (Cap. 1936: L. 24,500,000)

Councillor Banca d'Italia, Rome, 1934

Councillor, Consorzio per Sovvenzioni ai Valori Industriali
Rome, 1934

Councillor, Soc. An. Latine Eritree, Rome, 1934

Councillor, Soc. An. Azienda Elettrica Municipale di Milano, 1934

Owner of the Caffaro Company, which prepares chemical and
anti-cryptocomic products for agriculture, with offices in
Genoa and Milan, according to an interview informant.

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MORSELLI, Giovanni

Education and work history, continued:

According to the same source, Morselli is a multi-millionaire.

Political History:

Joined the Fascist Party in 1924.

- Deputy to Parliament, 25th Legislature (1924)
- National Councillor in Chamber of Fasces and Corporations, 30th Legislature (1935), as a Member of the Council of Chemical Corporations, representing the industrialists.

It is reported by an interview source that he was a devoted follower of Fascism; he contributed generously toward the financing of the movement, and forced the personnel of his company into the Party ranks, whether they were willing or not.

The same informant says that the staff of the Erba Company was thoroughly Fascist, with few exceptions, since those in control were strong Party supporters; he considers it likely that they are cooperating with the Nazis today.

Summary:

Morselli's latest industrial position is his presidency of the Soc. An. Carlo Erba, a large medical supply and pharmaceutical company. He has also held the presidencies of the chemical and hydro-electric power Ca'aro companies and a rubber and synthetic rubber firm. His councillorships have included a position on the large Banca d'Italia. Morselli can be classified as one of the important men in Italian industrial life.

Politically he has adhered to and actively supported Fascism both in the Party and in the government. An interview source confirms this information and reports that he financed the Fascist movement and ordered his personnel to join the Party ranks.

Sources:

1. Chi 3°, 1940
2. Biorragia Finanziaria Italiana, 1933-34
3. BR FU-2716 (Excellent memory; good reliability, judgment and objectivity)

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MORILLI, Giovanni :

Lourosa, continued:

4. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
5. I Consiglieri, 1939

Not in: Annuario Ord. e Ger. d'Italia, 1940

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Name: RANDACCIO, Dr. Carlo

Country: Italy

Residence: Bologna
Vi. Alessandrini 6 (1937)
Via Farini 14 (office)
Ravenna
Via Trieste 5 (factory)

Major positions: Director of Società Anonima Lavorazione Olii Industriali

Birth date and place: (about 1900)

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: Family of Sicilian origin; related to Major Randaccio, hero of the First World War and extolled by D'Annunzio; married.

Education and work history:

Degree in Chemistry.

Founder, co-owner and sole Director, Soc. An. Lavorazione Olii Industriali: the firm produces industrial and agricultural chemical products.

Dr. Randaccio is reported, by an interview source which supplies information concerning the firm, to have succeeded in obtaining illegally the secret formula for the making of tetra-ethyl or lead from the American Ethyl Gasoline Corporation. The Italian Government wanted to manufacture within the Kingdom high-octane gasoline, and it had to be imported. In 1935, Dr. Randaccio informed persons in the Ministry of Aeronautics that he could produce this product; the Ministry agreed to build a pilot plant near the Ravenna factory. Between 1935 and 1937, he produced on a limited scale, but met with difficulties. At the end of 1937, Dr. Randaccio tried to arrange a manufacturing agreement with the American group of the Ethyl Gasoline Company, but the Directors refused to consider any negotiation.

Dr. Randaccio affirmed, according to the same source, that it

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RANDACCIO, Dr. Carlo

Education and work history, continued:

was by his own studies alone that he had found a system for the manufacture of the gasoline and that it was substantially different from the method patented in America: substitution of ethylene-chloride for ethylene-bromide, thus lowering the cost of production (bromide is more difficult to obtain and costs about twelve times as much) and producing greater stability and conservability of the mixture (the bromide kind lasts only about one year, for it alters, producing an acid which affects the tetra-ethyl of lead mixed with it; whereas chloride of ethylene is the most stable hydrocarbonate chlorurate in existence) and eliminating the danger of corrosion of the sides of the motor (as the corrosion is due to the above-mentioned acid which forms when bromide is used).

In his firm, Dr. Randaccio was also engaged in the manufacture of a non-inflammable and non-explosive disinfectant for grain and cereals, to be substituted for the dangerous one of solfuro di carbonio.

Political history:

According to the interview source which supplies the above information, Dr. Randaccio is considered "an out and out Fascist, blindly servile to the regime, from which he tried to gain the greatest possible financial advantages."

Summary:

Dr. Randaccio is reported to be founder, co-owner and sole director of a firm producing industrial, agricultural and chemical products, Soc. An. Lavorazione Olii Industriali. He is said to have obtained illegally the secret formula for making tetra-ethyl of lead from the American Ethyl Gasoline Corporation and to have utilized it very effectively for the production of high-octane gasoline in Italy.

One source reports him to be a staunch Fascist who is "blindly servile to the regime, from which he tried to gain the greatest possible financial advantages."

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Sources:

1. BR FU-2716 (Excellent memory and good reliability, judgment and objectivity); report rec'd BR 1943
2. Elexco Cdn. Inc. - "Lavorazione Olii Industriali", 1937-38 (Bologna)

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Name: RATTI DI GALLIO, Franco
Conte, Engineer

Country: Italy

Region: Rome and Lombardy

Major positions: President of the Central Council of the
Governatorato of Vatican City (formerly; before 1943);
President of Società Italiana Riscaldamenti Anonima Milano
(1934); President of Banco Ambrosiano; etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: (about 1895)

Nationality, religion: Italian, Catholic

Family history: Only nephew of the late Pope Pius XI (son of his only
brother, the notary); married to the daughter of Senator Silvio
Crespi; children

Education and work history:

Degree in Industrial Engineering, Politecnico of Milan

Appointed by the Pope to the Presidency of the Central Council of
the Governatorato of Vatican City, according to a source of
moderate reliability who places this appointment at the
beginning of Count Ratti's career. It is also mentioned that
he was given other posts in connection with Vatican finances.

President of the Banco Ambrosiano, Lombardy (1937) (Cap. 1936:
L. 60,000,000)

Councillor, Stabilimenti di Dalmine, Milan and Dalmine (Bergamo)
(1937). According to a moderately reliable source, Count Ratti
was President and Director of this company earlier in his
career. (Cap. 1936: L. 60,000,000)

President, Soc. Italiana Riscaldamenti Anonima Milano, IRAM,
Milan (1934) (Cap. 1934: L. 1,000,000)

Sole Administrator, Soc. An. Nuova Immobiliare Milano, Milan
(1937) (Cap. 1936: L. 2,750,000)

Councillor, Soc. An. Officine Meccaniche Italiane, Reggio
Emilia (1934)

Councillor, Soc. An. Industria Bottoni & Inc. A. Galletto & C.,
Milan (1934)

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RATTI DI DESIO, Franco

Education and work history, continued:

Councillor, "Testi", Industrie Riunite Cementi, Satariali, Materiali da Costruzioni, Rome (1934)
 Councillor, "Ferrotale", Soc. Italiana per Materiali Siderurgici e Ferroviari, Rome (1934)
 Councillor, "Innevidentia", Soc. An. di Assicurazioni, Rassicurazioni e Capitalizzazioni, Rome (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. Siderurgica Commerciale, Rome (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. An. Ferro e Metalli, Palermo (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. An. Partecipazione Aziende Metallurgiche S.P.A.M., Milan (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. Impresa Sebina di Navigazione, Lovere (1934)
 Sindaco (Inspector), Soc. An. Idroelettrica del Barbellino, Milan (1934)
 Sindaco, Consorzio Italiano per il Commercio Estero C.I.C.E., Genoa (1934)

Political history:

According to an interview source, Count Ratti's attitude towards fascism paralleled that of Pope Pius XI. After the conclusion of the Lateran Treaty, he probably became a member of the Fascist Party, for business or diplomatic convenience rather than from conviction.

The same source characterizes Ratti as "a fine person", very able and very well-informed.

Summary:

Ratti di Desio has held positions of importance in Italian finance. His family connections have probably aided him in achieving his posts. He is the nephew of Pope Pius XI, and is married to the daughter of the wealthy Senator Silvio Crespi. He is reported to have held several posts connected with the Vatican finances, including appointment by Pius XI to the Presidency of the Central Council of the Governatorate of the Vatican City. In business, Ratti di Desio has held several important posts: the presidency of the Banco Ambrosiano; councillor of the big Dalmine works; sole administrator of a small hydro-electric company, and of a real estate company. He has also held a large number of councillorships in other companies.

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RATTI DI DESIO, Franco

Summary, continued:

An interview source reports that Ratti's political attitude parallels that of Pius XI, and that after the conclusion of the Lateran Treaty he probably became a member of the Fascist Party for diplomatic and business purposes rather than from conviction. The same source characterizes him as able and well-informed.

Sources:

1. BR 80-2314.9 (Source of excellent memory and very good judgment, objectivity and reliability): recd BR 1943
2. Biografia Finanziaria Italiana, 1933-34
3. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
4. Italia, 1943, Vol. ALVIII

Not in: Annuario Ord. e Ger. d'Italia, 1940

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

(128)

Name: ROCCA, Arrogino
Engineer

Country: Italy

Region: Genoa

Office: Via L. A. Maratori 7, Cornigliano
Milan

Home: Corso Venezia 46 (1940)

Major Positions: National Councillor to the Chamber of Fasci and Corporations (1940); Administrator Delegate of Società Anonima Ansaldo (1940); Director General of FINSIDER, etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: 25 May 1895, at Milan

Nationality and religion: Italian

Family history: Son of Giuseppe Rocca and Maria Gismondo

Education and work history:

Degree in Industrial and Electrotechnical Engineering

Int. Rocca began his career with the Stabilimenti di Dalmine, where he rose from apprentice to Administrator Delegate (Councillor, 1933-34)

His name became known through his technical discoveries and his Italian and foreign publications on problems regarding steel tubes and aqueducts.

Administrator Delegate, Soc. An. Ansaldo, where he developed the reconstruction of the business.

Director General of FINSIDER (1939) (Cap. 1936: L. 150,000,000)

President, Soc. An. Partecipazione Aziende Metallurgiche, SPAN, Milan (1937) (Cap. 1936: L. 24,000,000)

President, Soc. An. Coltellerie Riunite di Caslino e Lariano, Milan (1934) Not on Board of the company in 1937. (Cap. 1936: L. 2,500,000)

President, Soc. Macchine Tessili, Milan (1934) (Cap. 1934: L. 750,000)

Vice President, Soc. An. "Mira Lanza" Fabbriche di Laponi e Candele, Mira (1934) Councillor in 1937. (Cap. 1936: L. 60,000,000)

Vice President, "Ozono" Soc. An. per la potabilizzazione delle

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Acque e per le Applicazioni dell'Ozono, Milan (1937)
 (Cap. 1936: L. 1,000,000)
 Councillor, Soc. An. "Testi" Industria Riunite Cementi,
 Interizi, Materiali da Costruzione, Rome (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. Tubi Centrifugati Italia, Rome (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. An. Saponerie Riunite, Genoa (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. An. Acquedotto di Chioccia, Milan (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. Italiana Telai Senza Rivetta, Milan (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. An. Pavimenti Vianini, Rome (1934)
 Sindaco (Inspector), Terni, Soc. per l'Industria e l'Elettricità,
 Rome (1934)
 Sindaco, Soc. An. Lombarda per Distribuzione di Energia
 Elettrica, Milan (1934)
 Sindaco, Unione Esercizi Elettrici, Milan (1934)
 Sindaco, Soc. An. Elettrica Alta Italia, Turin (1934)
 Sindaco, STIPEL, Società Telefonica Interregionale Piemonte se
 e Lombardia, Turin (1934)
 Sindaco, TIMO Soc. An. Telefoni Italia Media Orientale,
 Bologna (1934)
 Sindaco, "San Marco" Elettro Metallurgica Veneta, Venice (1934)
 Sindaco, ENAR Ente Italiano Audizioni Radiofoniche, Rome (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. Italiana Acciaierie Cornigliano, Genoa (1937)

Political History:

Joined the Fascist Party in 1923
 Fiduciary of the Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale,
 Rome, from 1935 - (1940)
 Exponent of the studies conducted for the Piano Autarchia della
 Siderurgia (Autarchical Project of the Iron Industry). He was
 entrusted with this work by FINESTRA.

National Councillor to the Chamber of Fasci and Corporations,
 30th Legislature, as a Member of the council of the iron and
 metal Corporation, representing the industrialists.

Summary:

Entering business with a degree in engineering, Rocca has
 become widely known through his technical discoveries and
 his publications on steel tubes and aqueducts. As Administrator
 Delegate of Ansaldo and as Director General of FINSIDER, he has
 held two very important positions in the steel industry. He has
 also held the presidencies and vice-presidencies of several

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other industries related to steel. His vice-presidency of the "Mira Lanza" company, a large soap and candle manufacturing firm, should be noted. He has held in addition, a number of councillorships and inspectorships in several very important firms -- Terni, STIPEL, FIAT, etc.

Rocca joined the Fascist Party as early as 1923, and has held government positions of trust, which were closely related to his business ties and technical knowledge. He conducted studies on the autarchy of the Iron Industry for FINISIL. Beginning in 1935, and still in 1940, he was a fiduciary of the government holding company, IRI; and he represented the iron and steel corporation in the Chamber of Fasces and Corporations. Although Rocca appears to be primarily a technical expert and able business man, he has actively cooperated with the Fascist government.

Sources:

1. Gli Sci. 1940
2. Biografia Finanziaria Italiana, 1933-34
3. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
4. I Consiglieri Nazionali, 1939

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

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Name: SCALINI, Enrico
Dottore 2, Senator

Country: Italy

Region: Milan
Via San Vittore 37 (1940)

Major positions: President of Società Anonima Tessiture Seriche
Bernasconi (1937), etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: 2 October 1857, at Donno (Como)

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: No information

Education and work history:

President, Soc. An. Tessiture Seriche Bernasconi, Cernobbio (Lake
Como) (1937)

President, Soc. An. "La Previdente-Vita", Compagnia Italiana di
Assicurazioni sulla Vita dell'Uomo, Milan (1937)

President, "La Previdente," Compagnia Italiana di Assicurazioni,
Milan (1937)

President, Soc. An. Grand Hotel Tremezzo, Sondrio (1937)

President, SATOV, Società Anonima Tranvie Orientali del Verbano,
Milan (1937)

President, Soc. An. Petroli d'Italia, Milan (1937)

President, Soc. An. Imprese Elettriche Piacentine, Milan (1934)

Vice President, "La Fondiaria," Soc. Finanziaria, Florence (1934)

President, Soc. An. Nastri e Treccie, Milan (1934 - not in 1937)

Councillor, Soc. An. Acciaierie e Ferrerie Lombarde Falck, Milan
(1937)

Political history:

Senator, 16 October 1913

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SCALINI, Enrico

Summary:

Senator Scalini, now 87 years old, has been in the past an important business man. His presidencies have touched the fields of fabric manufacturing, insurance, railroads, and petroleum. There is no evidence of his having been active in political life under Fascism. He was nominated as senator in 1913.

Sources:

1. Chi E', 1940
2. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
3. Biografia Finanziaria, 1933-34

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

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Name: SCHIASSI, Natale
Lawyer

Country: Italy

Regions: Naples (1940)
None (1939)

Major positions: Member of the Corporazione Abbigliamento, 1940
(clothing); Councillor of Italia, Società Anonima di Navigazione
(1937); National Councillor.

Birth date and place: 16 April 1892, at Naples

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: No information

Education and work history:

Degree in Jurisprudence
Councillor, Italia, Soc. An. di Navigazione, Genoa (1937)

Political history:

Member of the Fascist Party, 1921.

Former Federal Secretary of Naples.
Deputy to Parliament for the 29th Legislature (28 April 1934 -
31 December 1934)

National Councillor to the Chamber of Fasci and Corporations, 30th
Legislature (1935 - 22 November 1939); as an Inspector of the
P.N.F.; Secretary to the Presidency of the Chamber.
Member of the Corporazione Abbigliamento (1940)

Summary:

Schiassi has clearly been a Fascist Party career man. He entered
the Party in 1921 and served in various offices until he
achieved the rank of National Councillor.

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SCHIASI, Natale

Summary, continued:

He was professionally trained as a lawyer and held the position of Consigliere in the important shipping firm of Italia. There is no information to indicate that he has held other industrial positions.

Sources:

- 1. Chi S', 1940
- 2. I Consiglieri Nazionali, 1939
- 3. Notizie Statistiche, 1937

Not in: Biografia Finanziaria, 1933-34

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

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Name: SIROVICH, Ugo
Senator

Country: Italy

Residence: Rome
Via Sabino 11 (1940)

Major Positions: President of a Section of the Corte dei Conti (1943);
Cabinet Chief; etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: 18 September 1878, at Rome

Nationality, Religion: Italian

Family history: No information

Education and work history: No information

Political history:

Senator, 23 May 1939

President of a Section of the Corte dei Conti, Rome (1943)
Listed as Councillor of Corte dei Conti in 1934; Section Pres.
1940

Sindaco (Inspector), Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale,
Rome (1937)

Cabinet Chief of His Excellency the Minister, Ministry of Finance,
(1943)

Summary:

Senator Sirovich appears to have had legal training and has been president of a section of the Corte dei Conti in Rome. He has also been an inspector of the big government holding company and finance trust, the IRI.

Politically, Sirovich has aligned himself clearly with Fascism; he held the post of cabinet chief in the Ministry of Finance, and accepted Mussolini's nomination for a senatorship in 1939.

Sources:

1. Chi E', 1940
2. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
3. Italia 1943, Vol. XLVIII
4. Biografia Finanziaria Italiana, 1933-34

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

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Name: VALLAURI, Giancarlo
Engineer, Professor, Accademico d'Italia

Country: Italy

Region: Turin
Office: Corso M. d'Azeglio 42
Home: Corso G. Ferraris 105 (1940)

Major positions: President of ENAR, Ente Italiano Audizioni Radiofoniche (1940); Vice President of the Italian Academy (1929-1944); Professor of Turin University

Birth date and place: 19 October 1882, at Rome

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: Son of Giuseppe Vallauri and Maddalena Ronetti

Education and work history:

Degree in Engineering

Naval Officer, 1903

Assistant Professor, Padua University, 1908

Professor, Turin University (electrical engineering), 1926

- Professor, Royal Schools of Engineering, Naples and Pisa (formerly)
- Founder and Director of the Electrotechnical and Radiotelegraphic Institute of the Royal Marina, Leghorn (formerly)
- Constructor and Director of the transoceanic radio station of Coltano (formerly)
- President of the National Electrotechnical Institute, Turin (1940)

President of the Institute of Electrical Engineers (1940)

- President, ENAR, Ente Italiano Audizioni Radiofoniche, Turin and Rome (1940)

Prof. Vallauri's works on iron-magnetism and radiotelegraphy are included in Atti dell'Associazione Elettrotecnica Italiana, Accademie d'Italia, 18 March 1929

Vice President of the Academy, for the classes of science, 27 September 1929-1944

Publication: Giulio Marconi, Rome 1938

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VALLAURI, Giancarlo

Political History:

After the death of Gentile, Prof. Vallauri as Vice President of the Italian Academy published a message expressing the Academy's "regret" and stating that Academy members should remain at their posts in order to serve their country with all their strength, if necessary sacrificing their lives. (Mussolini regime)

Summary:

Vallauri was professionally trained as an engineer, and apparently gained his membership in the Italian Academy for his work in the field of electrical engineering. He occupied a post of importance and power in Italian economic and cultural life through his presidency of the EIAI, which was granted by the government exclusive broadcasting privileges in Italy under a 25-year concession granted in 1927. This corporation owned and operated all of the Italian broadcasting stations.

His position with EIAI necessitated his being a thorough Fascist. He had lent his support to the neo-fascist government by accepting the vice-presidency of the Italian Academy, and verbalized his support by his forceful pronouncement at the time of Giovanni Gentile's death.

Sources:

1. Chi E', 1940
2. Unknown Source, presumably 1940: R&A Italian Section, recd BR 30 June 1943
3. Osservatore Romano: Press Wireless, Bern 18 April 1944
4. Italian Propaganda Organizations, R&A No. 1251, OSE, 12 October 1943

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

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Name: VELANI, Luigi
Engineer, Senator

Country: Italy

Region: Rome

Home: Via Nomentana 133 (1940)

Office: Dir. Gen. Ferrovie dello Stato, Villa Patrizi,
Piazza della Croce Rossa

Major positions: Director General of the State Railroads
(1943 - retired March 1944); etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: 14 June 1877, at Florence

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: Unknown

Education and work history:

Degree in Engineering

Participated in World War I; decorated with the Croce di Guerra
Councillor ANIC, Azienda Nazionale Idrogenazione Combustibili,
Rome (1937)

According to an Italian Engineer who left Italy in 1939, Senator
Velani is a very good technician.

Political history:

Participated in the Fiume Episode, after World War I

Vice Director General of the Ferrovie dello Stato

Director General, Ferrovie dello Stato, 1931-1943. (Ministry of
Communications)

Senator, 12 October 1939

An ordinance issued by Calvi di Berrolo on 15 September 1943
appointed Sen. Velani Commissioner of the Ministry of
Communications.

The Agence Télégraphique Suisse reported 13 March 1944 that
Sen. Velani had been retired as General Director of the State
Railways, "for special reasons."

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VELANI, Luigi

Political History, continued:

According to the Italian engineer who left Italy in 1939, Sen. Velani is a "very fine person" and anti-Fascist at heart, who joined the Party because he had to.

According to another interview source, Velani was with the Railroad Administration before the advent of Fascism, and, due to his ability and cooperation with Fascism, was retained past the age limit.

President, Opera di Previdenza a Favore del Personale delle Ferrovie dello Stato (1940)

Summary:

Velani seems to be an able technician who has held his positions in the Ministry of Communications as Director General of the railroads largely through merit. He has been a member of the board of directors of the government petroleum trust.

Two independent interview sources agree that his allegiance to fascism has been more for purposes of continuing his career than because of active alliance to the Fascist movement. He has, however, held two posts which indicated that the fascists considered him a definite supporter - - temporary commissioner of communications under Calvi di Beroglio at the time of the German occupation of Rome in September of 1943, and the Mussolini nomination to senatorship in 1939.

Sources:

1. Chi E', 1940
2. Notizie Strettiche, 1937
3. Italia 1943, Vol. XLVIII
4. FCC, Stefani, 15 September 1943
5. ND no. 1397, 13 March 1944
6. Italian Engineer who left Italy 1939: OLS BR 10, 15 Oct 1943
7. BR 10-1234 (Excellent memory; good judgment, reliability and objectivity); red BR 1943
8. Annuario Ord. e Ger. d'Italia, 1940

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Name: SELLITTI, Guido
Dottore, Grand' Ufficiale

Country: ITALY

Region: Rome

Via degli Scipioni 153 (1940)

Ministry of Communications, Villa Patrizi (1943)

Position(s): Cabinet Chief in the Ministry of Communications
(1943); Sindaco (Auditor or Inspector) of Lloyd-
Triestino (1937); etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: No information

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: No information

Education and Work History:

Sindaco (Auditor or Inspector), Lloyd-Triestino, Soc. An.
di Navigazione Trieste (1937).

Political History:

Cabinet Chief and Inspector General in the Ministry of
Communications, 1939- (1943)
Chief of a Division in the Mercantile Marine (1940)

Summary:

Sellitti held two important government posts under the
fascist regime, that of cabinet chief in the Ministry
of Communications and Chief of a Division in the Mer-
cantile Marine. His position of inspector (sindaco)
in the Lloyd-Triestino firm placed him in a position
to know a good deal about that very important shipping
corporation. Although he held government offices under
fascism, there is no information of his having held
party positions as such.

Sources:

1. Chi E, 1940
2. Almanach de Gotha, 1943
3. Guida Monaci, 1940
4. Italia 1943, Vol. XIVIII
5. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
- Not in: Biog. Finanziaria, 1933-34

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

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Name: SOLARI, Emilio
Auxiliary Admiral of Fleet, Senator

Country: ITALY

Region: Turin - Via Diamonti 9
Rome - Via Settembrini 30 (1940)

Position(s): Representative of the Italian Government on
the Administrative Council of Italcable (1937)

Birth date and place: 3 April 1864, at Genoa

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: Son of Enrico Solari and Carolina Rossetti.

Education and Work History:

Teacher of Nautical Discipline, Naval Academy, 1893-99.
During the Libyan War, he commanded the "San Marco" and
occupied Lero and Derna.

Commander of the "Conte di Cavour" 1913-15 as Ammiraglio
Della Flotta Navale.

Commanded a Division of Battleships, May - September 1916.
Head of the Naval Academy, 1916.

High Naval Commander in Albania, 1917.

Commander in Chief of the Maritime Department of Taranto,
1917-18.

Commander in Chief of a Squadron of battleships, 1918-19.

Commander in Chief of the Squadron of Levante and High Com-
mander of Naval forces in Levante, 1919.

Commander in Chief of the permanent Squadron, 1920.

Commander in Chief of the Department of Spezia, 1920-21.

Secretary General of the Marine, 1921-22.

Commander in Chief of the Fleet, 1922-23.

Commander in Chief of the ground and sea forces in the occupa-
tion of Corfu, 1923.

President of the Committee of Admirals and of the High Council
of the Marine (formerly).

Inspector of the schools of the G.N.M. and President of the
High Council of Nautical Instruction, 1924-26.

Cavalier of the O.M.S. (Military Order of Savoy) and member
of the council of the O.M.S.

Decorated with the Maurizian Medal with 10 lustres, and with
the honorary medal for a long navigation.

Royal Commissioner for the port of Naples, 16 November 1936 - (1940).

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SOLARI, Emilio

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Political History:

Senator, 2 March 1929.

Representative of the Italian Government on the Administrative Council of Italcable, Compagnia Italiana dei Cavi Telegrafici Sottomarini, Rome (1937).

Summary:

Senator Solari has been a high ranking naval officer for many years and consistently served the pre-fascist government. Since the advent of Fascism, Solari has been Royal Commissar for the Port of Naples and representative of the Italian government of the Administrative Council of the large Italcable trust. He was made Senator upon Mussolini's nomination in 1929.

Solari is now 80 years old, and the greater part of his active service was in the pre-fascist era. Under fascism he continued his career as an admiral and held other posts of importance, which would have necessitated Fascist approval. However, he does not seem to have engaged in Party activities.

Sources:

1. Unit 2, 1940
2. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
3. Rivista Finanziaria, 1933-34

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

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Name: STRINGER, GIOVANNI

Country: ITALY

Region: Milan

Home: Bastioni Venezia 1 (1940)

Office: Piazza Cordusio, Direzione
Centrale Credito ItalianoMajor position(s): Administrator Delegate of Credito
Italiano (1940)

Birth date and place: 16 December 1893, at Rome.

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: Son of Bonaldeo Stringer, former Governor of
the Bank of Italy.

Education and work history:

Auxiliary Lieutenant in the Cavalry.

Administrator Delegate, Credito Italiano, Milan (1940)

In August 1943, Stringer is referred to as the Managing
Director of this bank. The same source mentions his
"high professional standing."

Political history:

Stringer is not considered a Fascist, by a source of unknown
reliability.

Summary:

Stringer comes from a distinguished banking family. Accord-
ing to one report his own position in the banking world as
Administrator Delegate of the Credito Italiano was merited
by his ability. He is reported also as not being a fascist,
but his appointment must have had at least acquiescence
from the Fascist party.

Sources:

1. Who's Who in Italian Banking, OEW BSD RD, August 1943
2. Chi E'?, 1940
3. Notizie Statistiche, 1937

Not in: Biol. Finanziaria, 1933-34

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Name: RESTELLI, Piero
dottere

Country: ITALY

Region: Milan, Banca Commerciale Italiana

Position: Administrator of the Banca Commerciale Italiana
(1940); President of the Societa Anonima Cotonificio
Gantoni (1937)

Birth date and place: No information

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: No information

Education and work history:

President, Soc. An. Cotonificio Gantoni, Milan (1937) (Cap. 1936;
L. 60,000,000)President, Soc. An. Reale Compagnia Italiana, Milan (1937)
(1936 Cap.; L. 25,000,000)Councillor, Soc. An. Idnificio e Cempificio Nazionale, Milan
(1937) (Cap. 1936; L. 85,000,000)Administrator (on the Administrative Council) Banca Commerciale
Italiana, Milan (1940) (Cap. 1936; L. 700,000,000)

Political History:

No information

Summary:

Restelli has held the presidency of an important cotton goods processing firm, and also the presidency of a large real estate financing company. He also has been an administrator of the Banca Commerciale Italiana and a member of the board of Directors of a hemp and rope producing firm. Although there is no specific information available on his political attitude, it is quite likely that his position with the Banca Commerciale required at least tacit approval from the party.

Sources:

1. Chi E, 1940
2. Biografia Finanziaria Italiana, 1933-34
3. Notizie Statiche, 1937

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

(118)

Name: ROCCA, Enrico
Ragioniere (Accountant)

Country: ITALY

Region: Milan and Rome

Position(s): Vice Director of the Stabilimenti di Dalmine

Birth date and place: No information

Nationality, Religion: Italian

Family history: No information

Education and Work History:

Vice Director, Stabilimenti di Dalmine, Milan and Dalmine
(Bergamo) (1937) (Cap. 1936: L. 60,000,000)

Councillor, Soc. Cementi Armati e Costruzioni Ing. Antonio
Garbelli, Rome (1937) (Cap. 1936: L. 3,000,000)

Political History:

No information.

Summary:

As Vice President of the large metallurgical firm, Dalmine, Rocca has held a position of importance in this industry. He has also been a member of the Board of Directors of a construction and cement company of some importance.

There is no information available on his political attitude or degree of technical competence.

Source: 1. Biografia Finanziaria Italiana, 1933-34
2. Notizie Statistiche, 1937

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

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Name: RIZZO, LUIGI
Conte, Ammiraglio di Divisione (Reserve)

Country: ITALY

Region: Fogli (Genoa) - Viale Umberto I

Major Position(s): President of "Eolia" Società di Navigazione, Messina (1937); President of Soc. An. Italiana Calate (Magazzini Esportazione-Imbarchi, Porto di Genova (1937); etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: 1887, at Milazzo (Messina)

Nationality, religion: Italian, Catholic

Family history: Married

Education and work history:

Graduated from the Maritime Institute of Messina - Maritime Captain.

Captain of a merchant ship.

Auxiliary Officer, 1914.

Officer in active service (for military excellence):

Capt. Rizzo participated in numerous actions in the Adriatic, particularly as Commander of a squadron of torpedo-boats. He sank the Austrian boats "Lien" (at Trieste in 1917) and "S. Stefano" (at Premuda in 1918). According to one source, Capt. Rizzo was also credited with the sinking of the "Viribus Unitis," the biggest Austrian warship (at Pola). He was decorated with four silver medals (Alto Adriatico, 1915 and 1917, Littorale Nord Adriatico, 1917, and Buccari, 1916) and with two gold medals for Military Valor, with the following statements:

1. For the great calm and professional ability and the admirable heroism demonstrated in the brilliant, courageous and efficacious operation guided by him of the attack on and destruction of an enemy vessel in the fortified bay of Trieste; 9-10 December (night), 1917.
2. Commanding a section of small torpedo-boats patrolling the waters of Dalmatia, he sighted a large enemy naval force, composed of two battleships and numerous destroyers, and, without hesitating and regardless of the great risk he immediately directed an attack formation. With incredible audacity and the highest military and naval skill, he

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crossed the very strong lines of escorts and shot two torpedoes against one of the enemy battleships, striking it repeatedly and sinking it. Freeing himself with great ability from the circle of destroyers which blocked his way on every side and answering the barrage of one of them with a depth bomb, he forced the pursuit to stop and heavily damaged the destroyer; Dalmatian Coast, night of 10 June 1918.

Capt. Rizzo is one of the only three who have two gold medals (Lt. Col. Galliano, who fell at Adna in 1896, and Gen. Maurizio Gonzaga are the other two; Antonio Locatelli is the only one with three gold medals).

Conte di Grado and Admiral of a Division in the Reserve. He asked for enrollment in the A.C. "without the incumbrance of ribbons and stripes."

President, "Eolia" Soc. di Navigazione, Messina (1937) (Cap. 1936: L. 2,300,000)

President, Soc. An. Navigazione Ligure Sicula, Genoa (1937) (Cap. 1936: L. 1,500,000)

President, Soc. An. Italiana Calate (Magazzini Esportazione - Imbarchi, Porto di Genova), Genoa (1937) Cap. 1936: L. -1,350,000)

President, Società di Assicurazioni già Mutua Marittima Nazionale, Genoa (1937) (Cap. 1936: L. 12,000,000)

Vice President, Soc. An. Di Sicurezza fra Armatori, Trieste (1937) (Cap. 1936: L. 12,000,000)

Councillor, FIMARE, Società Finanziaria Marittima, Rome (1937)

Councillor, Soc. An. Gas Industriali Compressi, Genoa (1937)

President, Soc. An. Navigazione Aerea, Genoa (1934) (1934, L. -12,000,000)

President, Soc. An. Esercizio Magazzini Molo Vecchio, Genoa - (1934) (Cap.: in 1934, L. 750,000)

President, Sindacato Obbligatorio Infortuni Gente di Mare Alto e Medio Tirreno (1934)

Councillor, Soc. An. "Italia," Flotte Rinnite Cosulich, Lloyd Sabauda e Navigazione Generale Italiana, Genoa (1934 - not in 1937)

Councillor, "Adria," Soc. An. di Navigazione Marittima, Piave (1934)

Councillor, S.I.S.A. Soc. Italiana Servizi Aerei, Trieste (1934)

Councillor, "L'Ancora," Soc. An. Assicurazioni e Riassicurazioni, Genoa (1934 - not in 1937)

Councillor, Sindacato Internazionale fra gli Armatori, Associazione di Mutua Assicurazione, Genoa (1934)

Rizzo is listed as Vice President of the Soc. An di Sicurezza fra Armatori in 1937.

Sindaco (Inspector), Soc. An. Imbarchi, Genoa (1937)

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Political history:

Member of the National Council of Corporations (1940)

Vice-President of the Council of the Corporation for Sea and Air, (1940)

According to an interview source, Rizzo is Director of the Calatinbar, the organization of harbor workers in Genoa. The source states further that Rizzo became the Director of this labor organization because the workers in Genoa were not pro-Fascist and that Rizzo was anti-Fascist to such a degree that he could not remain in the Navy.

According to the same source, Rizzo hates the Ciano family (that of the former Foreign Minister, now dead) and would be glad to help in overthrowing Fascism. The source describes him as intelligent and independent, but not cultured, and mentions that he would probably exert considerable influence on the members of his labor organization, although he cannot be called a political leader.

Summary:

Luigi Rizzo, was a distinguished naval commander during the last World War. His deeds were recognized by the awarding of two gold medals.

His industrial and business positions have been in many instances quite important and have touched several fields. He has been president of a number of shipping and marine insurance firms. Among his many other positions, he has been a Councillor of FINMAR, the large marine financing company.

According to an interview source Rizzo has taken a definite anti-fascist stand. As director of the organization of harbor workers in Genoa, he is reported to side with the workers in their "not pro-fascist" stand. The same source says that he is anti-fascist to such a degree that he could not remain as a regular admiral in the Navy, and would be glad to aid in the overthrow of Fascism. This source also feels that he would probably exert considerable influence over the workers, although he cannot be called a political leader.

Source(s):

1. Chi E, 1940
2. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
3. Biografia Finanziaria Italiana, 1933-34
4. BR PU-196 (Source of very good objectivity and judgment, good memory and unknown reliability); received BR 1041; dated 20 July 1943.

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Name: ROLANDI-RICCI, VITTORIO
Lawyer, Senator

Country: ITALY

Regions: Rome - Via Cornelio Celso 20
Viareggio (Lucca) - Castello al Secco (1940)

Major position(s): President of Istituto Italiano di
Credito Marittimo (1940); etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: 18 February 1860, at Albenga (Savona)

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: No information

Education and work history:

Degree in Jurisprudence.

President, Soc. An. Navigazione Generale Italiana, Genoa
(1940) (Cap. 1933: L. 61,589,005)

President, Istituto Italiano di Credito Marittimo, Rome
(1940) (Cap. 1934: L. 150,000,000)

Councillor, Soc. An. Generale Immobiliare di Lavori di
Utilita Pubblica e Agricola, Rome (1937) (Cap. 1936:
L. 72,800,000)

Councillor, PINIARE, Societa Finanziaria Marittima, Rome (1937)

Councillor, Soc. An. Lloyd Triestino, Trieste (1934 - not
in 1937)

Political history:

Senator, 17 March 1912

Minister of State and Honorary Ambassador.

Summary:

Senator Rolandi-Ricci has held the presidency of two highly important firms, the Soc. An. Navigazione Generale Italiana and the Istituto Italiano di Credito Marittimo. He has also held a position on the board of directors of PINIARE and Lloyd Triestino. He has, therefore, been among the top few industrialists connected with the shipping industry and its financing. He is now 84 years old, and his political offices date from pre-fascist days. There is no evidence, apart from his high positions in a key industry (which may have had tacit fascist approval) that he held fascist positions or in anyway supported the party or government.

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Rolandi-Ricci, Vittorio

Source(s):

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2. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
3. Biografia Finanziaria Italiana, 1933-34
4. Unknown source, presumably 1940: R&A Italian Sec.:
red BR 30 June 1943.

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(115)

Name: SANTORO, ERNESTO

Country: ITALY

Region: Rome

Office: Ministry of Corporations,

Via Vittorio Veneto

Home: Via Paolucci de Galboli 5.

Major Position(s): Director General of Ministry of Corporations
(1940) Councillor of Societa Anonima Nazionale Cogne
(1937).

Birth date and place: No Information.

Nationality, religion: Italian.

Family history: No information.

Education and work history: Doctor of Jurisprudence.

Author of numerous publications on the legislation
of mines.

Councillor, Soc. An. Nazionale Cogne, Turin (1937)-

Councillor, Soc. An. Azienda Generale Italiana Petroli,
A.G.I.P., Rome (1934)

Political history: Director General of Industry at the Ministry
of Corporations (1940)

Member of the Governmental Commission for the establish-
ment and development of industrial establishments. (1934)

On September 15, 1943, Dott. Santoro was appointed
Commissioner of the Ministry of Industry and
Commerce, by an ordinance issued by Galvi Di
Bergolo.

An announcement of the Italian Social Republic radio
in February 1944 stated that "Santoro" as Director
General of the "Ministry for Corporative Economy"
had been placed on the retired list effective 31
December 1943.

Summary:

Santoro trained professionally as a lawyer, became an
expert on legislation affecting mining. He published
a good many articles and books on the subject. He has
held positions as a member of the board of directors

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of two highly important Italian industries, the one in a firm which controlled a large part of Italian mining, the other on the government petroleum trust.

Under the Fascist regime, besides serving on the government commission for the development of industrial establishments, he held the post of Director General of Industry in the Ministry of Corporations. At the time of the German Siege of Rome, (15 September 1943), the Italian commandant appointed him a temporary Minister of Commerce. He has apparently not actively supported the neo-fascist regime, since he was placed on the "retired list" by the neo-fascists in December 1943.

Sources:

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2. Biografia Finanziaria Italiana, 1933-34
3. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
4. Stefani, 15 September 1943: FCC Daily Report, 15 September 1943.
5. Italian Social Republic, 6 February 1944: FCC Daily Report, 7 February 1944.

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Name: TAGLIACCOZZO, EGO
Doctor, Professor

Country: ITALY

Region: Milan

Major Position(s): Secretary of Societa Italiana Pirelli
(1937) etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: Unknown

Nationality, religion: Italian, Jewish

Family History: Unknown

Education and work history:

Secretary, Soc. Italiana Pirelli, Milan (1937)

Prof. Tagliacozzo is listed in 1934 as Central Director,
as well as Secretary of this company.

According to the report of an Italian chemist formerly
with the company, he was Director of the laboratories.

President, Soc. An. Lombardo Servizi Automobilistici, Milan
(1937) (Cap. 1,800,000 lire 1930)

President, Soc. An. Edili Mirabello, Milan, (1937) (Cap.
5,000,000 lire in 1935)

V. President, Soc. An. Generale Esercizi con Automobili,
Milan (1937) Cap. 2,307,500 lire)

Councillor, Soc. An. Fabbriche Riunite Industria Gomma, Turin
(1934)

Councillor, Soc. An. Gettonifici Riunite S.A.I., Milan (1934)

Councillor, Soc. An. Esercizi Automobili Venezia Giulia,
Trieste (1934)

Councillor, Soc. del Linoleum, Milan (1934)

Councillor, Fabbrica Italiana Conduttori Elettrici Ernesto
Gancellotti-Soc. An. F.I.C.E., Naples (1934)

Councillor, Soc. di Partecipazioni e Finanziamenti Industriali,
Milan, (1934)

Councillor, Soc. An. Prodotti Selva e Affini S.A.P.S.A.,
Milan (1934)

Councillor, Soc. An. Milnaro Mako, Milan (1934)

Councillor, Soc. Autoindustriale Friulana S.A.F., Udine (1934)

Councillor, Soc. An. Elettro-Conduttori ed Affini S.E.L.C.A.,
Milan (1934)

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Political History:

According to the report of the Italian chemist formerly with the Pirelli company, Prof. Tagliacozzo's attitude toward Fascism was only one "of formal endorsement."

The same source mentions that it was in Prof. Tagliacozzo's absence that a question asking applicants' religion was included in the 1936 or 1937 employment blank of the technical division (this question became mandatory in 1933 by government order).

Summary:

Tagliacozzo's most important position in Italian industrial life was very likely his position as Central Director of Pirelli and director of the laboratories of this company. He is probably a technical expert as well as a business administrator. It should be noted that he also held the offices of president of two smaller firms, one dealing with automobile servicing, the other with construction. His positions as a member of the board of directors of several companies, whose interests range over wide fields, indicate that he has been among the fairly prominent business men in Italy.

There is no evidence of his having taken any active interest in the Fascist party or the government. One source, who was formerly a chemist with Pirelli, reports that Tagliacozzo gave only formal endorsement to Fascism.

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Sources:

1. Biografia Finanziaria, 1933-34
2. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
3. SFE Report A-1253/2, New York, 5 May 1943

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Name: VANZETTI, GUIDO

Country: ITALY

Education: MILAN

Major occupational: Owner of Soc. An. Fonderia Milanese di Acciaio "Vanzetti"

Birth date and place: No information

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: The Vanzetti Family came originally from Padua and has been outstanding in the steel industry for many years; Guido Vanzetti is married to an American.

Education and work history: Owner; Administrator Delegate and Director General (1937) (Cap. 1937: L. 7,500,000)

Soc. An. Fonderia Milanese di Acciaio "Vanzetti", which an interview source advises, is the largest electric steel foundry in Europe.

The same source says that Vanzetti was the inventor of several electro-thermic processes in use all over the world. He has travelled to the United States and throughout Europe on technical missions and to address steel associations.

Political history: Interview sources state that Vanzetti is among the great Milanese industrialists who financed Fascism from its beginning, and is considered to have followed the Fascist trend completely.

Summary:

Vanzetti has apparently pioneered quite successfully in utilizing electricity in the manufacture of steel. The company of which he is the owner is reported to be the largest of its kind in Europe. His business interests are reported to have given him international connections of some importance in the steel industry.

The only information available at present on his political attitude comes from the interview sources, who agree that he has supported Fascism financially and adhered to it from the beginning.

- Sources: 1. Biografia Siniziativa Italiana, 1933-34
2. SR EU-2314.2) Sources rated as excellent in memory and as
3. SR EU-2120.33) to objectivity and reliability.
4. Source left Italy in 1940: PER Planning Staff (Milan).

5. Notizie Statistiche, 1937

Not in: Annuario G.C. e G.C. d'Italia

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Name: QUINTAVALLE, BRUNO ANTONIO
Conte

Country: Italy

Region: Milan - Rome: Corso Venezia 13
Sesto S. Giovanni - Office: Via Italia I (1940)Major Position(s): Councillor Delegate of Fabbrica Italiana
Magneti Marelli (1940); Sole Administrator of
Societa Anonima Quartieri Venezia, Milan (1940);
etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: 4 April 1891, at Sassari

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: Son of Ferruccio Quintavalle and Ida Frulli

Education and work history:

Administrator of Fabbrica Italiana Magneti Marelli, Milan
(1940) (Cap. 1936: L. 30,000,000)Administrator of Fabbrica Italiana Valvole Radio-elettriche,
Milan (1940)President, Societa Milan, Soc. An. Mabo, Milan (1940) (Cap.
1936: L. 4,800,000)

Councillor, Soc. An. Radio Marelli, Milan (1940)

President, Soc. An. Elettrovetto Nazionale, Milan (1940)
(Cap.: ?)

Manager, Industria Composizioni Stampate, Milan (1940)

The above comprise the concerns of the Gruppo Magneti
Marelli, which was promoted, organized and guided by
Conte Quintavalle. It employs 9,000 persons in 16
establishments.President of the industrial Gruppo manufacturing auto-avio-
moto-cycle parts. (1940)Vice President, Soc. An. Immobiliare Sabauda, Milan (1940)
(Cap. 1936: L. 1,000,000)

Sole Administrator, Soc. An. Quartieri Venezia, Milan (1940)

Director, Financial Holding Marelli, Montreal (1940)

Councillor, Soc. An. Ercole Marelli & Co., Milan, Paris
and Brussels (1940)Councillor, Soc. An. Laboratorio Elettrotecnico Ing. M. 36
Bergamo (1940)Councillor, Soc. An. per Industria Tessili Inverigo, S.T.C.I.,
Milan (1940)CONFIDENTIAL

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Political history:

Councillor, Federazione Nazionale Fascista Industria Metallurgica (1940)
 Member of the Council of the National Fascist Federation of Metallurgic Industrialists (1940)
 Councillor, Grandi Costruzioni Apparecchi Radio (1940)
 Councillor, Associazione fra le Società Italiane per Azioni, Rome (1940)
 Member of the Directorate-Delegation of the Assemblée Federazione Nazionale Sindacato Esportatori Industriali Varie, Milan (1940)
 Member of the Technical Committee of the Intercorporazione per la Radio (1940)
 Member of the council of the Federazione Nazionale Fascista Industrie Varie, Rome (1940)
 Member of the Directorate of the Syndicate of Esportatori Industriali di Degno, Como (1940)
 Member of the organizational committee of the Mostra Radio Esposizione Universale Roma (1940)
 Member of the committee of technical methods for the distribution of culture (1940)
 Member of the Istituto Nazionale per le relazioni Culturali con l'Estero, Rome (1940)
 Member of the Sub-Committee of the Central Technical Committee of Motorcycles (1940)
 Consultant (financial) for the Dopolavoro Forze Armate della Provincia (1940)
 Member of the Syndical Directorate and Delegation of the Assemblée Confederazione Fascista degli Industriali-Sindacati Meccanici, Milan (1940)

Summary:

Quintavalle has held important positions in the field of radio manufacturing. He has been connected with the large Marcelli interests manufacturers of radio equipment, as administrator, member of board of directors, and manager of various firms. He has, also held the presidency of the Soc. An. Mabo, a fairly large firm manufacturing electrical accessories and refrigerators. His offices in certain of the Marcelli companies with branches outside of Italy have probably given Quintavalle important international business contacts. As manager of the Industria Composizioni Stampate of Milan, he held a key office in the large system of industrial controls over which the Marcelli companies had jurisdiction. His political attitude and activities have been clearly in support of fascism. He

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has held a number of positions on the directive council of fascist cultural and technical societies, and had trusted positions in the fascist corporative structure.

Sources:

1. Chi E, 1940
2. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
3. Biografia Finanziaria, 1933-34

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Name: BENNI, Antonio Stefano

Country: Italy

Region: Milan

Home address: Via Conforto 52, Milan (1940)

Major positions: President of Soc. L. Marelli; President of Confederazione Generale Fascista degli Industriali; former Deputy; former Minister of Communications; etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: 18 April 1880, at Canzo

Nationality, religion: Italian, Catholic

Family history: Son of Stefano Benni and Nicolina Masoli; married to the daughter of Ireole Marelli. He has one married daughter.

Education and work history:

According to an interview source, at the age of fourteen Benni entered the Soc. L. Marelli Company in Milan, an electrical establishment, and distinguished himself at once, mainly because of his uncommon organizing ability and enterprising spirit. He is described as gifted with great intelligence and tenacious will. Within a few years he had become Managing Director of the Company. By his numerous travels abroad, Benni built outlets for Italian production in foreign countries by establishing branches of the Marelli Company.

His various financial positions and holdings have included the following:

President of the Bank of Rome 1928-1935 (Sep. 1934-36:
L. 200,000,000)

President and Director General of the Soc. An. Ireole
Marelli Co., Milan (1934) (Sep. 1936: L. 51,000,000)

President, Soc. Idroelettrica dell'Adige, Milan (1934)
(Sep. 1936: L. 150,000,000)

President, Soc. An. Trentin di Elettricità, Trento (1934)
(Sep. 1934: L. 50,000,000) (1936: L. 16,800,000)

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Education and work history, continued:

President, Soc. An. Fabbrica Italiana Magneti Merelli, Milan
(1934) (Cap. 1934: L. 12,000,000) (1936: L. 30,000,000)

President, Soc. An. Elettrica Italiana Italo-Albanese, Rome
(1934) (Cap. 1934: L. 10,000,000. 1936: L. 14,346,250)

President, Soc. An. Fabbrica Italiana Valvole Radioelettriche,
F.I.V.R.L., Milan (1934) (Cap. 1934: L. 3,000,000.
1936: L. 10,000,000)

President, Soc. An. Roma Finanziaria, Rome (1934)
(Cap. L. 3,000,000)

President, Soc. An. Venossi, Milan (1934) (Cap. 1936:
L. 1,750,000)

President, Soc. per la Sede delle Associazioni Industriali,
Milan (1937) (Cap. 1936: L. 1,226,000)

President, Soc. An. Immobiliare Sabauda, Milan (1934)
(Cap. 1936: L. 1,000,000)

President, Soc. An. Forze Idrauliche del Lago di Molveno,
Milan (1934) (Cap. 1936: L. 500,000)

President, Soc. Francaise des Machines Merelli, Paris (1934)
(Cap. frs. 2,830,000)

President, Soc. An. Motores Merelli, Buenos Aires (1934)
(Pesos papel 400,000)

President, Soc. An. Merelli & Co. London (1934) (1st 20,000)

President, Soc. An. Motores Merelli, Rio de Janeiro (1934)
(Cap.: 1000 contos de reis)

President, Soc. An. Motores Merelli, Montevideo (1934) (Pesos
oro, 100,000)

President, Soc. An. Constructions Electriques Merelli, Brussels
(1934) (Cap. frs. 800,000)

President, Soc. An. Machines Merelli, Geneva (1934)
(Fr. sv. 25,000)

President, Soc. Espanola Maquinaria Merelli, Madrid (1934)
(1st. 600,000)

President, Soc. An. Merelli Motoren A.G., Berlin (1934)
(Rmk. 50,000)

President of Banco Roma, Paris (1934) (frs. 15,000,000)

Vice President, Banco Italo Egiziano, Alexandria (1934)
(Cap. 1,000,000)

Vice President, Soc. An. Imprese Italiane all'Estero, Milan
(1934) (Cap. 1936: L. 25,000,000)

Vice President, Soc. An. Radio Merelli, Milan (1937) (Cap.
L. 1,000,000)

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Education and work history, continued:

Councillor, Celileo Società Anonyme Hellénique d'Electricité, Athens (1934)
 Councillor, Muttakit Elektrik, Unione di Elettricità, Istanbul (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. Italiana Edison di Elettricità, Milan (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. Meridionale di Elettricità, Naples (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. An. Montecatini, Milan (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. An. Romana di Elettricità, Rome (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. Italiana per le Strade Ferrate Meridionali, Florence (1934)
 Councillor, S.T.F.P.E.L., Soc. Telefonica Interregionale Piemontese e Lombarda, Turin (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. An. Riunione Adriatica di Sicurtà, Trieste (1934)
 Councillor, Aziende Colori Nazionali e Affini, S.C.N.I., Milan, (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. An. Agricola-Indo-Comale, C.A.I.C., Moggiaccio (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. An. Istrumenti di Misura, C.G.A., Milan (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. An. G. Verzocchi, Milan (1934)
 Councillor, Soc. An. Colvi, Pietro, Rome (1934)
 Councillor, Sindacato Italiano Lavori Internazionali, S.I.L.I., Rome (1934)
 Councillor, Associazione fra le Società Italiane per Azioni, Rome (1934)
 Councillor, Istituto Nazionale per l'Esportazione, Rome (1934)

According to an interview source, he has also had business connections with Senator Agnelli of FIAT and with the Westinghouse Electric Company of the United States, which apparently has a good deal of information on him.

Political History:

He joined the Fascist Party in 1921.
 He was elected deputy from Milan in 1921, and served for the 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th Legislatures (to 1935). In the 30th Legislature he was a National Councillor of the Chamber of Fasces and Corporations.
 1921-33 he was President of the Fascist Confederation of Industrialists and was also a member of the Fascist Grand Council.
 Minister of Communications, 1935-39.

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Political History, continued:

According to an interview source, together with the Borletti brothers and a group of other prominent Milanese industrialists, Benni was responsible to some extent for the financing and rise to power of Mussolini. He is unusual in that throughout the twenty-one years of Fascism he retained his power and prestige. As Minister of Communications, on the grounds that his many duties required his attention in Milan, he was given the special concession by Il Duce of being allowed to live in Milan, then go to Rome at his own discretion whenever he deemed it necessary to do so.

The same source says that he has reason to believe that Benni was a sincerely convinced Fascist from the beginning, and that, having once entered the Party, he was caught up by his own ambition for prestige and could not withdraw.

Summary:

Benni ranks beside Donegani and Volpi (see reports on these men) in importance in Italian industry. The very powerful Marcelli trust, of which he is president, controls large sections of the electrical and electrical goods industry and maintains large branches abroad; Benni himself is president of many of them.

His allegiance to Fascism dates from 1921 when he joined the Party. He was subsequently a fascist deputy, rose to the presidency of the Fascist Confederation of Industrialists, became a member of the Fascist Grand Council, and held the cabinet post of Minister of Communications 1935-39. He has clearly been an active supporter of Fascism from its earliest days.

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3. BR FU 1234.1 (Excellent memory; good reliability, objectivity and judgment); red BR 1943
4. BR FU 589 (Excellent judgment and reliability; very good memory and objectivity)
5. I Consiglieri Nazionali della Camera dei Fasci e delle Corporazioni, 1939
6. Manuale: Camera dei Deputati, 1924
7. Notizie statistiche, 1937

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Name: CARAZA D'ANDRIA, Ettore

Country: Italy

Region: Rome - Largo Elvezia, 5 (1940)

Major positions: Director General of Società Anonima Aziende
Generale Italiana Petroli (1940), etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: No information

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: Of the family of the Duke D'andria; brother
was in the United States and was of bad reputation, according
to an interview source.

Education and work history:

Director General, A.G.I.P., Soc. An. Aziende Generale
Italiana Petroli, Rome (1940)

According to an interview source, he is a political
appointee, "he good at all; no competence, no character."

Councillor, A.P.C.D., Soc. Italiana Asfalti, Bitumi,
Combustibili Liquidi e Serivite, Rome (1940)

Councillor, Soc. An. Raffineria di Olii Minerali, A.O.M.B.A.,
Piano, (1937)

Councillor, Soc. An. Petroliera Esercizio Serivite, Piana
(1937)

Councillor, Azienda Nazionale Idrogenazione Combustibili,
Rome (1937)

Political history:

Aggregate Councillor, representing the industrialists, in
the Commissione dei Combustibili Liquidi e Gas.

According to an interview source, Caraza D'andria's industry
is centered in a Government unit, which takes care of the
distribution of oil and gas in all Italy.

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CARAFA D'ANDRIA, Ettore

Summary:

Carafa D'Andria, as director general of the government-controlled AGIP (oil trust), has held a high post in the politically sponsored oil industry. He has also held the posts of director in the leading subsidiary companies of AGIP. His appointments are alleged to be purely political in nature, and not based upon technical qualifications or ability.

Sources:

1. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
2. Biografia Finanziaria, 1933-34
3. Guida Monaci, 1940
4. BN FU-723 (Excellent objectivity, very good memory, judgment and reliability), 26 August 1943

Act in Chi è, 1940

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Name: CANLETTI, Otorino

Country: Italy

Region: Rome - Via Bruxelles 75 (1940)

Major positions: Administrative Councillor of the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro (1940); General of an Army Corps; Senator; etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: 26 July 1875, at Cremona

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: Son of Luigi Carletti (a Garibaldino) and Giovanna Paloschi

Education and work history:

Entered military College of Milan at 12 years of age. Pursued all military studies at Turin, up to the Corso Superiore of Stato Maggiore (General Staff). During the Libyan War, he organized and directed the landings of Tripoli; fought at Duknes, Sidi Said, Zucchra, Tolmetta, Marsa Susa; Chief of Staff of the Governor of Tripolitania. During World War I, he was Chief of Staff of a Division, of an Army Corps, and of an Army. He was with Giardino in taking Gorizia and with Cavaglia at Vittorio Veneto; decorated with two silver medals and the Cross of a Cavalier of the Military Order of Savoy.

Administrative Councillor, Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, Rome. Gen. Carletti is listed on the Executive Committee of this Bank in 1937. He is also listed as in charge of the Sezione Credito Ordinario and the Sezione Autonoma di Credito Fondiario, in 1934.

Councillor, Soc. An. Italiana Ernesto Breda per Costruzioni Meccaniche, Milan (1934)

Councillor, Soc. An. Gestione Immobili, Rome (1934)

Councillor, Soc. An. Editoriale Cremona Nuova, Cremona (1937)

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CARLETTI, Ottorino

Political history:

After the Armistice, 1918, Gen. Carletti was sent as Chief of a political mission to Gen. Denikin (Cuban). Military expert at the Conference of Rapallo.

On the commission for boundaries and on the Italian Delegation for the Fiume question.

In regard to his work on the Fiume question, Mussolini praised his activities by referring to his "fruitful work of study and preparation for the conclusion of the agreements between the Royal Government and that of Yugoslavia."

Chief of the Divisional Staff of the Ministry of War, and then Cabinet Chief in 11 Ministries of War, including those of Diaz and of Mussolini.

State Councillor, 1923

Senator, 26 February 1929

Questore of the Senate (1940)

Summary:

Gen. Carletti was general of an army corps during the first World War, and later played the role of military expert and diplomat at the Conference of Rapallo and in the negotiations over the Fiume question. He has been cabinet chief in the Ministry of War under 11 different ministries.

His industrial connections have included the position of Administrative Councillor of the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, Councillorships in the large Breda works, the Gestione Immobili, and the publishing firm of Cremona Nuova. Except for his position with the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, his industrial offices do not appear to have been of primary importance.

Under Fascism he was made a State Councillor in the Ministry of War in 1923, and then nominated by Mussolini to the Senate in 1929, of which body he later became questore. Mussolini is reported to have praised him highly for his work in the Fiume negotiations. He has actively cooperated with Fascism by accepting the offices granted him, although they were outside the performance of his professional career.

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CARLETTI, Ottorino

Sources:

1. Chi è, 1940
2. Notizie statistiche, 1937
3. Biografia Finanziaria Italiana, 1933-34

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

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Name: CASTELLETTO, Comm. (Luigi)

Country: Italy

Region: Padua

Home address: Via S. Daniele

Major positions: President, Società Veneta di Macinazione,
Padua

Birth date and place: (about 1886), at Padua

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: Married; six children (Regioniere Giuseppe Castelletto is listed as Delegate Councillor of Soc. Veneta di Macinazione in 1934; and 1937: this may be a son); son of Antonio Castelletto, who established the concern with his brother, building a flour mill at Battaglia (Padua).

Education and work history: Luigi (?) Castelletto extended the business which he inherited and formed the Veneta di Macinazione Company, (cap. 10,000,000 lire, 1936) of which he became President with a large salary.

Political history: According to an interview source, Castelletto supported the Fascist Party morally and financially from its beginning. The same source characterized him as intelligent and energetic, but autocratic and not very popular in his native city.

Summary: Castelletto was president of a large grain grinding concern. As such he has held a fairly important position in the food supply industry. He is reported to have been a supporter of Fascism both in theory and practice, but there is no evidence of his having held party or government positions.

Sources:

1. BR FU-2716.9 (Source of excellent memory and good judgment, objectivity and reliability); received BR 1943
2. Biogr. di Finanziaria Italiana, 1933-34
3. Notizie Statistiche, 1937

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

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Name: CHIAVOLINI, Alessandro

Country: Italy

Region: Zania, Tripolitania -
Azienda Agricola di Marsa Dila (1940)

Major positions: Councillor of Società Manifatture Cotoniere
Meridionali (1944)

Birth date and place: 29 July 1889, at Milan

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: Son of Cesare Chiavolini and Teresa Botteri

Education and work history:

Degree in Jurisprudence

Interventionist; veteran of World War I

Reporter on the Lombardia (formerly), Popolo d'Italia,
1914-34, and contributor to literary reviews.

Councillor, Tirrenia, Soc. An. di Navigazione, Naples (1937)

Councillor, Soc. Manifatture Cotoniere Meridionali (1944)

Political history:

Sansepolcrista (23 March 1919 - Piazza San Lepolero, Milan -
forming of the first Fascio)

Participated in the March on Rome.

Particular Secretary of Mussolini, until 1934.

Lieutenant General, MVSN (Fascist Militia)

Former member of the Fascist Grand Council.

Engaged in work of improvement and cultivation in Libya, 1934-
(1940).

Summary:

Chiavolini has been primarily a Fascist Party career man. He joined as a Sansepolcrista in 1919 and rose in Party positions until he became a member of the Fascist Grand Council. He has clearly been a very staunch supporter of the Party and held positions of the highest responsibility.

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CHIRVOLTINI, Alessandro

Summary, continued:

His activities have also included a certain amount of journalistic work, and he has held two councillorships on the board of directors of the Neapolitan firms of Tirrenia and Cotoniere. There is no evidence that his general qualifications fitted him for business positions, and they might therefore have been a type of party award.

Sources:

1. Chi è, 1940
2. Notizie Statiche, 1937
3. Battaglie Lindicelli, 20 February 1944

Not in: Biografie Finanziarie, 1933-34

6 June 1944

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

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Name: CIANETTI, Alberto

Country: Italy

Region: No information

Major positions: A director of Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale (1943)

Birth date and place: No information

Family history: No information

Nationality, religion: Italian

Education and work history:

Councillor, Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale (1943)

Political history:

Leader, Italian Fascist Labor Organization, according to an interview source.

Cianetti is considered by the same source to be an ambitious politician, although the same source mentions his favorable attitude toward the workers which gave him the reputation of being a dissident Fascist.

Summary:

Cianetti could not have been appointed as a Councillor of the IRI, the large government company, without having had Fascist approval. He has apparently had a career of some importance as the leader of a Fascist Labor organization.

Sources:

1. BR-39, FE no. R 2000, New York, 7 August 1943
Not in: Chi è, 1940
Annuario Ord. e Ger., 1940
Guida Consci, 1940
Agenda Annuario, PNF, 1942

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

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Name: CIANO, Alessandro
Ammiraglio di Squadra (Reserve),
Senator

Country: Italy

Region: Rome - Via Paisiello 40 (1940)

Position(s): Chairman of the Commission for Public
Works and Communications (1943); President
of Societa Anonima Sylos e Magazzini Generali
di Civitavecchia (1937); etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: 18 July 1871, at Leghorn

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family History: No information

Education and Work History:

President, Soc. An. Sylos e Magazzini Generali di
Civitavecchia, Rome (1937) (Cap.: in 1936, L.
6,300,000)

Councillor Delegate, Soc. An. Agenzie Florio, Rome
(1937). He was President of this company in
1934. (Cap.: in 1936, L. 2,500,000)

Vice President, Soc. An. Sylos di Genova, Genoa
(1937) (Cap.: 1936, L. 36,000,000)

Councillor, FIMARE, Societa Finanziaria Marittima,
Rome (1937)

Councillor, Tirrenia, Soc. An. di Navigazione, Naples
(1937)

Councillor, Societa di Assicurazioni gia Mutua
Marittima Nazionale, Genoa (1937)

Councillor Delegate, Soc. An. Tirrenia "Flotte
Riunite Florio Citra," Rome (1934)

Councillor Delegate, Soc. An. Sarda di Navigazione,
Rome (1934)

Councillor, Soc. An. Silarificio Whitehead di Fiume,
Fiume (1934 - not in 1937)

Councillor, Unione Italiana di Sicurtà Marittima,
Genoa (1934 - not in 1937)

Councillor, Sindacato Internazionale fra gli Armatori,
Associazione di Mutua Assicurazione, Genoa (1934)

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CIANO, Alessandro
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Political History:

Chairman of the Commission for Public Works and Communi-
cations (1943)

Senator, 26 March 1939

Summary:

Admiral Ciano (reserve admiral) has held positions on the board of directors of a number of firms connected with the shipping industry. He was merchandising company of moderate size.

In 1939 he accepted the Fascist nomination to senatorship and in 1943 he held a fascist political appointment as Chairman of the Commission for Public Works and Communi-
cations.

Sources:

1. Chi E, 1940
2. Biografia Finanziaria Italiana, 1933-34
3. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
4. Rome Radio, 11 June 1943; FCC Daily Report, 12 June 1943

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

(104)

Name: CLAVENZANI, Ugo
Ragioniere (Accountant)

Country: Italy

Region: Rome - Via Tolmino 13 (1940)

Position(s): National Councillor to the Chamber of Fasci and Corporations (1943); Sindaco (Inspector or Auditor) of Cantieri Riuniti dell' Adriatico (1937); etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: 5 July 1894, at Gorgonzola (Milan)

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: No information

Education and Work History:

Accountant and syndical organizer.

Sindaco (Inspector or Auditor), Cantieri Riuniti dell' Adriatico, Trieste (1937) (Cap. 100,000,000 Lire 1936).

Political History:

Joined the Fascist Party, 1923.

President of the National Confederation of Fascist Syndicates of Italian Industry, 1 August 1932 - 30 December 1933.

Deputy to Parliament for the 28th and 29th Legislatures (20 April 1929 - 31 December 1934)

Councillor, Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale, Rome (1934 - not in 1937)

Councillor, Istituto Nazionale Fascista della Previdenza Sociale, Rome (1934)

Councillor, Editrice Il Lavoro Fascista, Rome (1934)

President of the Istituto Naz. Fascista di Addestramento e Perfezionamento Lavoratori Industria, Rome (1940)

National Councillor to the Chamber of Fasci and Corporations, 30th Legislature, as a member of the Corporazione Meccanica, representing the workers (1943).

Summary:

Clavenzani has clearly been a party career man. He joined the Fascist party in 1923 and rose finally to the position of National Councillor in the Chamber of Fasci and Corporations. His positions as councillor in the IRI and Ist.

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Nazionale Fascista della Previdenza Sociale, although political appointments, indicate a utilization of his professional training in accountancy. His position as inspector of the large shipbuilding firm Cantieri Riuniti dell' Adriatico could also be explained both by his technical training and his political affiliations.

Sources:

1. Chi E, 1940
2. I Consigliere Nazionali, 1939
3. Italia 1943, Vol. XLVIII
4. Guida Monaci, 1940
5. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
6. Biog. Finanziaria, 1933-34

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

(103)

Name: COLETTI, Carlo
Cavaliere, Barone

Country: Italy

Region: Milan

Position(s): Personnel Director, Pirelli Company, Milan

Birth date and place: (about 1890)

Race, nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: Aristocratic Venetian family; married

Education and work history:

Personnel Director, Pirelli Company, Milan

Characterized, by an interview source, as without distinction in intelligence or education, but of perseverance and rectitude. A good employee who simply carried out orders received from above.

Political History:

The same source says that he was a member of the Fascist party, never active in politics.

Summary:

Colletti, as personnel director of the Pirelli Co., has been in a position to know a good deal about the quality and number of persons connected with the Italian rubber industry. From the limited evidence available, he does not appear to be an outstanding personality in Italian industry. His ties with Fascism are reported to be slight.

Sources:

1. BR FN-2120.11 (Source rated as excellent in memory, and as good in judgment, objectivity, and reliability).

Not in: Chi E, 1940

Notizie Statistiche, 1937

Biografia Finanziaria, 1933-34

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

(102)

Name: CONPARINI, Salvatore

Country: Italy

Region: Rome - Via A. Bersolini 1 (1940)

Major positions: Minister of State (1940); Councillor of the Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni (1940); etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: 6 August 1867, at Palermo

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: No information

Education and work history:

Councillor, Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni, Rome (1940)

Councillor, Soc. An. Navigazione Generale Italiana, Genoa (1937)

Councillor, Istituto Romano di Beni Stabili, Rome (1937)

Councillor, Società Mineraria e Metallurgica di Pertusola, Genoa (1937)

Councillor, Fiume, Soc. An. di Assicurazioni e Riassicurazioni, Fiume (1937)

Councillor, Soc. An. Le Assicurazioni d'Italia, Rome (1937)

Councillor, Paricster, Soc. An. Paricelli per Lavori all'Estero, Milan (1937)

Councillor, Vaselli, An. Servizi e Lavori Pubblici, Rome (1937)

Councillor, Istituto Nazionale Immobiliare, Rome (1934)

Councillor, Soc. An. Miniere di Gennepari & Ingurtoau, Genoa (1934)

Councillor, Soc. An. Benzina Italiana, Rome (1934)

Councillor, Soc. An. Ferrovie Danubio Sava-Adriatico, Vienna (1934)

Councillor, Soc. An. Supertessile, Rome (1934 - not in 1937)

Councillor, Soc. Impianti Provviste Olii Minerali, Rome (1934 - not in 1937)

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CONTARINI, Salvatore

Political History:

Honorary President of a Section of the Council of State (1940)
Senator, 8 June 1921

Summary:

Senator Contarini has held positions on the board of directors of various companies ranging in interests over the fields of finance and credit, navigation and shipping, insurance, public works, chemicals, artificial fibers, and mineral oils.

His political life dates from pre-fascist days (he is now 74). He was made a senator in 1921. Under fascism he was granted the recognition of being honorary president of a Section of the Council of State. To the extent of accepting this honorary appointment he has implicated himself in Fascism.

Source:

1. Chi è, 1940
2. Notizie statistiche, 1937
3. Biografia Finanziaria, 1933-34
4. Annuario Ori. e Ger. d'Italia, 1940

Not in: Annuario Generale, 1942-43
Italia, 1943

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Name: CONTI-ROSSINI, Carlo

Country: Italy

Region: Rome - Via di Villa Albani 5

Major positions: State Councillor (1940); Vice President of the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro (1937); Professor of Abyssinian studies and languages (1940)

Birth date and place: 25 April 1872, at Salerno

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: Son of Guadenzio Conti-Rossini and Vittoria Vendegnotti

Education and work history:

Degree in Jurisprudence.

Student of the languages and literature of East Africa and Middle Arabia.

Professor of studies and languages of Abyssinia, University of Rome (1940)

Formerly National Associate (Socio Nazionale) of the Royal Academy of Lincei; now Correspondent Associate (Socio Corrispondente) of the Istituto Veneto, Institut de France, Gotte Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, etc.

Has translated into Italian, Latin or French numerous Ethiopian texts, among which is the Historie Regia Lersa Dengel, Paris, 1907

Publications:

Note per la Storia Letteraria Abissinia, Rome 1900

Liber Akoume, Paris 1910

Le Langue des Akoume en Abissinie, Vienna 1912

Notice sur les Manuscrits Ethiopiens de la Collection d'Abbadie, Paris 1914 (Bordin Prize of the Academy of Inscriptions)

Principi di Diritto Consuetudinario dell'Eritrea, Rome 1916

Storia d'Etiopia, Rome-Milan 1928

Chrestomathia Arabica Meridionalis Epigraphica, Rome 1931

Italia ed Etiopia dal Trattato di Uccialli alla Battaglia di Adua, Rome 1935

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CONTI-ROSSINI, Carlo

Education and work history, continued:

President, Banca delle Marche e degli Abruzzi, Ancona (1937)
(cap. 1936: 20,000,000 lire)
Vice President, Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, Rome (1937)
(cap. 160,000,000 lire in 1936)
Dott. Conti-Rossini is listed as in the Sezione Credito
Ordinario and Sezione Autonoma di Credito Fondiario, in 1934
of Banca Nazionale.
Councillor, Istituto di Credito per le Imprese di Pubblica
Utilità, Rome (1937)
Councillor, Soc. An. Cartiere Pietro Miliani, Rome (1934)
President, Soc. An. Gestione Immobili, Rome (1934 - not in 1937)

He is termed "an expert in colonial affairs."

Political history:

Formerly Royal Commissioner of Cheren and Director of Civil
Affairs of Eritrea, 1899-1903
Delegate of the Treasury to Paris, 1907-10
Secretary General of Political Affairs of Tripolitania, 1914-15
Director General of the Treasury, 1917-25
Councillor of State in the Ministry of Finance (1940)
Member of the Royal Academy of Italy (1943)
A source of unknown reliability refers to him as "close to
Mussolini."

Summary:

Conti-Rossini has been one of the leading fascist experts on
Ethiopia. He has published a good many works on that country,
and has taught courses in Ethiopian affairs and languages in
the University of Rome. He acted in an official capacity in
pre-fascist days for the Italian government in Eritrea and
Tripolitania.

His connections with Italian industry are primarily in the
field of banking and finance. His vice-presidency of the
Banca Nazionale del Lavoro placed him in a high position in
Italian financial life.

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CONTI-ROSLINI, Carlo

Summary: continued:

When the Fascist government came to power he retained his post as Director General of the treasury until 1925. In 1940 he held a councillorship in the Ministry of Finance, and in 1943 was still listed as a member of the Italian Royal Academy. One source reports him as having been "close to Mussolini."

Sources:

1. CHI 27, 1940
2. Notizie Statistiche, 1937
3. Biografia Finanziaria Italiana, 1933-34
4. Annuario Ord. e Ger. d'Italia, 1940
5. Who's Who in Italian Banking, OEW, August 1943

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

(100)

Name: COSULICH, Antonio Nicolo
Country: Italy
Region: Trieste Piazza Unita (1940)
Major Position(s): President of Soc. An. Finanziaria
Cosulich, Trieste; Chairman of Assicurazioni
Generale, Venezia (November 1943); etc. (see below)
Birth date and place: No information
Nationality, religion: Italian
Family history: No information
Education and Work History:

Antonio Cosulich is the most prominent ship-owner of Italy, having established the Cosulich lines of Trieste, which later merged with Lloyd-Triestino under the Direction of Captain Guido Cosulich.

In 1934 he is listed as holding the following appointments:
President of the Soc. An. Finanziaria Cosulich, Trieste,
1934 (L. 20,000,000)
President of "Portorose", Soc. per l'Impianto e l'Esercizio
di Alberghi Stabilimenti di Cura e Bagni, Trieste, 1934
(Cap.: L. 6,000,000)
Councillor, Soc. An. Italiana Florre Riunite Cosulich,
Lloyd Sarmando e Navigazione Generale Italiana, Genoa,
1934 (Cap.: L. 720,000,000)
Vice President, "Adria", Soc. An. di Navigazione Marittime,
Fiume, 1934 (Cap. L. 15,000,000)
Delegate Councillor, "Cosulich", Soc. Triestina di Navi-
gazione, Trieste, 1934
Councillor, Soc. An. Assicurazione Generali, Trieste, 1934
(Cap. L. 60,000,000)
Councillor, Soc. An. di Sicurezza fra Armatori, Trieste,
1934 (Cap.: L. 15,000,000)
Councillor, An. di Navigazione, Marco V. Mantinovich,
Lussinpiccolo, 1934
Councillor, Banca Triestina, Trieste, 1934 (Cap.: L. 7,000,
000,000)
Councillor, "Riviera Triestina", Soc. An. in Trieste,
1934 (Cap.: L. 1,000,000)

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Education and Work History: (continued)

Vice President, Assicurazioni Generali, Trieste, 1943
President (replacing Volpi), Assicurazioni Generali, Trieste,
November 1943
Director General, "Sava", Allgemeine Vers. (Insurance Com-
pany), Zagreb, 1943.

Political History:

According to an Italian business man, Cosulich travelled
to Japan, 1937; also a member of the special commission
to Japan in 1937 of representative Italian industries to
discuss the possibility of a trade agreement, had business
relations with the Japanese N.K.V. Lines.

President, Sindaco Interprovinciale Nasc. Armatori Adriatico
Orientale, 1940

Member of the Supreme Council of Maritime Merchants, 1940
President of the Maritime Section of Provincial Council
of Economic Corporations, 1940

President of the Chamber of Egyptian Commerce for Italy,
1940

President of the Ente Provinciale Turismo, 1940

In 1940 he was a member of the National Council of Corpora-
tions. Popolo d'Alessandria reported in February 1944,
however, that Cosulich had been accused by the Special
Court of the Republican Fascist State.

Summary:

Cosulich's primary importance lies in his presidency of
the Cosulich Lines, which later merged with the Lloyd-
Triestino. His other important offices in business ex-
tend to maritime financing, general insurance and banking,
and the important Italian tourist trade. In November
1943 he was appointed head of the largest Italian insurance
company, replacing Volpi, by the Republican fascist
government.

Politically he has adhered to and been active in both the
old fascist government and the neo-fascist regime. As a
representative of the old Mussolini government he went on
a special mission to Japan to negotiate trade agreements.
His appointments as President of the Ente Provinciale
Turismo and President of the Sindaco Interprovinciale
Fascista Armatori Adriatico Orientale were both political
in nature. Despite his appointment by the neo-fascists,
mentioned above, he now seems to be under criticism by
that regime.

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Sources:

1. Chi E, 1940
2. Biografia Finanziaria Italiana, 1933-34
3. Italian now interned in U.S. who had business dealings with Japan: SFE No.4645 (Hadas) N.Y., 7 October 1943
4. OSS, New York, red BR 1943
5. DAB (for Europe), 17 November 1943: News Digest No. 1295, 19 November 1943, p. 44
6. Popolo d'Alessandria, 1 February 1944: News Digest No. 1361, 4 February 1944.

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BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT

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Name: CHIRONESI, Francesco
Ragioniere (Accountant)

Country: Italy

Region: Rome - Piazza Verbano (September 1943)

Major position(s): Commissioner of the Ministry
of Foreign Currency and Exchange (September 1943);
Sindaco (Auditor) of the Istituto
Nazionale delle Assicurazioni (1937); etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: Unknown

Nationality, religion: Italian

Education and work history:

Councillor, Istituto Nazionale di Credito Edilizio, Rome;
as delegate of the Inspectorate for the defense of savings
and exercise of credit; (1937)
Sindaco (Auditor or Inspector), Istituto Nazionale delle
Assicurazioni, Rome (1937)
Sindaco, Soc. An. Unione Italiana di Riassicurazione, Rome
(1937)
Sindaco, "Fiume," Soc. An. di Assicurazioni e Riassicurazioni,
Fiume (1937)
Sindaco, Soc. An. Le Assicurazioni d'Italia, Rome (1937)
Sindaco, "Praevidentia," Soc. An. di Assicurazioni, Riassicura-
zioni e Capitalizzazioni, Rome (1937)
Sindaco, Consorzio Nazionale per il Credito Agrario di
Miglioramento, Rome (1934)
Sindaco, "Aosta," Soc. An. Nazionale, Turin (1934)
Sindaco, Istituto Nazionale Immobiliare, Rome (1934)
Sindaco, Soc. An. Nazionale Cogne, Turin (1934 - not in
1937)

Political history:

High Inspector of the Treasury, Ministry of Finance (1934)
Inspector General, Ministry of Finance, and Chief under
Dr. Giovanni Acanfora, Minister for Foreign Currency
and Exchange, August, 1943.
Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Currency and Exchange:
appointed by Galvi di Bergolo 15 September 1943.

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Summary:

Cremonese was professionally trained as an accountant, and has held the position of inspector or auditor in a number of credit and insurance firms. He held responsible offices in the Ministry of Finance under the old Mussolini regime, and in August 1943 was appointed Inspector General of the Ministry of Finance. When the Italian Armistice was declared in September of 1943 and Rome was seized by the Germans, Cremonese was appointed a temporary minister of Finance by the Commandant of the City of Rome. There is no report of his having held office under the neo-fascist government.

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Name: CREMONESI, Filippo
Senator, Minister of State, Cavaliere di Gran Croce

Country: Italy

Region: Rome
Home: Corso Vittorio Emanuele 323
Office: Via Toscana 12 (1940)

Major positions: President, Federazione Nazionale Fascista degli Industriali Magnai, Pastoi, Risieri e Trebbiatori (1940);
President, Soc. di Mutuo Soccorso fra i Dipendenti e gli ex-dipendenti della Soc. Trasporti Automobilistici (1940);
Governor of Rome, 1926; etc. (see below)

Birth date and place: 22 August 1872, at Rome

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family history: Son of Giovanni Cremonesi and Maddalena Foglietti

Education and work history:

Former Councillor of various institutions of credit and finance.

President, Soc. Molini e Pastificio Pontanella, Rome (1940)
(Cap. 1936: L. 15,000,000)

Councillor, Banco di Roma, Rome (1940) (Cap. 1936: L. 200,000,000)

Councillor, Soc. An. Meridionale Industrie Tessili, Rome (1940)

Vice President, Soc. An. Generale Immobiliare di Lavori di
Utilità Pubbliche ed Agricole, Rome (1940) (Cap. 1936:
L. 72,000,000)

Councillor, Istituto Italiano di Credito Fondiario, Rome (1940)

Councillor, L'Anonima Infortuni, Milan (1937)

Councillor, Soc. Romana per la Fabbricazione dello Zucchero,
Rome (1937)

Councillor, Soc. An. Cortiere Pietro Milioni, Rome (1957)

Councillor, Soc. An. Assicurazioni Generali, Trieste (1934 -
not in 1937)

Administrator, Società Romana per la Fabbricazione dello
Zucchero (1940)

Councillor, Scuola Preparatorio per Agenti Ferrovieri, Rome (1940)

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Political history:

Former Councillor of the Chamber of Commerce of Rome.
 Councillor of the commune of Rome, 1914
 Former Councillor of the Associazione per l'Annona, Taxes,
 Patrimonial Goods, Urban Police, Finance - Rome.
 Chief of the majority in the Communal Council during the
 Valla Administration.
 Mayor of Rome, June 1922-March 1923
 Royal Commissioner, March 1923 - December 1925
 Governor of Rome, 1 January - 12 December, 1926
 President of the Istituto Nazionale LUCE, until August 1928
 President of the Italian Red Cross, 1 October 1928 - April 1940
 Member of the Academy of San Luca and of the Virtuosi al
 Pantheon
 Honorary Corporal of the M.V.S.N. (Fascist militia) and the
 Sciappa Littorio
 Decorated with Gold Medal of Merit of the F.I. and that of
 Public Health
 Minister of State, April 1933
 Senator, 19 April 1923
 Cavaliere of the civil order of Savoy and councillor of the
 same order
 Councillor, Opera Nazionale di Assistenza all'Italia Redenta,
 Rome (1940)

Councillor, Istituto Nazionale Fascista delle Provvidenze
 Sociale (1940)
 President, Federazione Nazionale Fascista degli Industriali
 Mugnai, Pestai, Risieri e Trebbiatori (1940)
 President, Opera Pia Sanatorio Antonio e Carlo Sartoni (1940)
 President, Servizi e Lavori Pubblici (1940)
 As Senator, he is on the Finance Commission of the Senate (1940)
 Councillor, High Council of Public Health, Institute of Public
 Health, Ministry of the Interior (1940)
 President, Società di Mutuo Soccorso fra i Dipendenti e gli
 ex-dipendenti della Soc. Trasporti Automobilistici (1940)

Summary:

Senator Cremonesi has held several important high-industrial
 positions. Of particular significance are his vice-presidency
 of the Loc. An. Generale Immobiliare di Lavori di Utilità Pubblica

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CREMONESI, Filippo

Summary, continued:

ed Agricola, his Councillorship of the Banco di Roma, and his presidency and membership on the board of directors of various food producing companies. His industrial interests have covered a wide range of businesses; in addition to those mentioned above are other important insurance and credit concerns.

His active political life dates from pre-fascist days and has continued throughout the Fascist regime. He was made a senator by Mussolini's nomination in 1923, was governor of Rome in 1926, president of the government controlled motion picture trust in 1928, and finally minister of State in 1933. As of 1940 he held high positions in several Fascist benefit organizations. He has been an outstanding supporter of and participant in the Fascist government.

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Name: CUCCHINI, Alfredo

Country: Italy

Region: Milan

Major Position(s): General Manager
of Rhodaceta (Montecatini)

Birth date and place: Unknown (about 1895)

Nationality, religion: Italian

Family History: Married

Education and work history:

Co-Central Director, Montecatini, Milan

Director General, Montecatini Branch of Plastic, Artificial
Silk and Electro-Chemical products.

General Manager, Societa Rhodaceta Italiana, Milan

Cucchini assisted Donegani in representing the company
in the international agreement concerning market control
of artificial textiles. He was later replaced in his
position by Galletti.Characterized as an untiring worker, successful and respected.
Consigliere, "Calcioeconomico", Consorzio per la Vendita
in Italia, Milan (1934)Consigliere, Soc. An. Caruro di Calcio e Ferroleghe, Rome
(1934)

Political History:

According to an interview source, Cucchini is a man of demo-
cratic principles, who joined the Fascist party reluctantly
for the sake of his business and position.

Summary:

Cucchini, as co-director of Montecatini, and director
general of the Montecatini Branch of Plastics and Artifi-
cial silk, has occupied positions of importance in that
large Italian chemical trust. His position as General
manager of Rhodaceta indicates that he probably has high
qualifications both technically and in business management.His role in assisting his superior, Donegani, in interna-
tional agreements concerning market control of artificial
textiles has very likely led him into important inter-
national connections.

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Summary (continued)

There is no evidence of his having participated actively in the Fascist party or government. The report of his having had "democratic principles" should be confirmed from other sources.

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