Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

ACC 10000/143/2513 140/LB BARGINI LUIGI

AUG. 1944 - MAR. 1945

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

<u>Chief Commissioner</u> (thro' Deputy Executive Commissioner)

(Reference PRB memo R37/PRB of 25th March)

<u>Subject: Luigi Barzini</u>

From such reports as I have seen it would appear that Barzini was a Fascist journalist of the worst sycophantic type. He wrote for instance a fulsome biography of Mussolini. His defence now is that he was accused of anti-Fascist sympathies in the pre-war period and that in order to retain his position he was obliged to give evidence of Fascist fervour. He appears to have gone so far as to have claimed that he did espionage work for the Italian Service Attachés in London and that in doing so he risked his life for Fascism.

I have asked the British Embassy to consult the appropriate authorities in London with the view of checking up on Barzini's story. As the case is such a doubtful one, I venture to suggest that a decision be held up until we receive concrete evidence either for or against Barzini.

Asst. Political Advisor(BR)

30.3.45

Copy to Public Relations Branch
Security Branch

File

3/3.
6309
146-Barzini

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH GSB/ob

537/PRB 25 March 1945

SUBJECT : Luigi Barzini

TO : Chief Commissioner (through Deputy Executive Commissioner)

1. Last August Luigi Barzini, Italian journalist, applied for a press card from the Allied Commission. It was refused on the basis of the attached security report 33/140.12.

2. Barzini is presently editor of IL GLOBO and owner of SI news agency.

3. Recently Avv. Armando Rossini, Chief of the Prime Minister's Press Bureau, asked that AFHQ accredit one representative from each of the three Italian news agencies as war correspondent. It appears likely this request will be granted.

4. SI agency has nominated Barzini as its war correspondent anticipating approval of above mentioned 3 by AFHQ.

5. Under present procedures AC must screen and recommend to AFHQ any Italian or neutral correspondent wishing war correspondent credentials.

6. On the basis of the attached security report I do not feel we should recommend Barzini to AFHQ. On the otherhand Barzini now occupies a prominent position in Italism journalism and could be helpful to the Allied cause.

7. Your comment or decision would be appreciated. I am sending copies to the political advisors and to the Security Branch for their comment and recommendations.

Security Division
26/3
Ref'd
Book No 6150
File No
Action
140/Barzini

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

Copy to :
Political Advisors
Security Branch

11

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

[illegible]

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

9

AHE/Im.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

Ref. : SD/140.12 10 November 1944

Subject : BARZINI, Luigi

To : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Security Division

1. With reference to the attached, at the request of Col. W.G. Chapman I submitted a second report on the above named, dated 12 th October 1944.

2. It will be seen in Major Fielden's memorandum that BARZINI has informed him that he was shown my report, classified as "SECRET" and as a result he submits the letter and enclosures dated 9 November 1944.

3. In view of the fact that the contents of reports submitted for the confidential information of this Headquarters, are disclosed to the individual concerned I respectfully suggest that no useful purpose will be served by further enquiries and subject to your instructions I do not propose to take any further action as security investigations cannot be carried on in this way.

4. Further I respectfully suggest that steps be taken to prevent leakages of this nature as no security officer can possibly work unless he has absolute confidence in the fact that the classification of the documents he submits are respected, especially by his superiors. It must be remembered that not only the officer making the report is betrayed but also the persons who have supplied such confidential information. May I further point out that in Italy, with conditions as they are today, such breaches of trust can have tragic results to a person who has been persuaded to trust an Allied officer.

AHEllis Capt.

8

A.H. ELLIS,
Captain,
Security Division.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

Ref. : SD/148.12 1[illegible] November 1944

Subject : B[illegible]ZINI, Luigi

To : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Security Division

1. With reference to the attached, at the request of Col. W.G. Chapman I submitted a second report on the above named, dated 12 th October 1944.

2. It will be seen in Major Fielden's memorandum that B[illegible]ZINI has informed him that he was shown my report, classified as "SECRET" and as a result he submits the letter and enclosures dated 5 November 1944.

3. In view of the fact that the contents of reports submitted for the confidential information of this Headquarters, are disclosed to the individual concerned I respectfully suggest that no useful purpose will be served by further enquiries and subject to your instructions I do not propose to take any further action as security investigations cannot be carried on in this way.

4. Further I respectfully suggest that steps be taken to prevent leakages of this nature as no security officer can possibly work unless he has absolute confidence in the fact that the classification of the documents he submits are respected, especially by his superiors. It must be remembered that not only the officer making the report is betrayed but also the persons who have supplied such confidential information. May I further point out that in Italy, with conditions as they are today, such breaches of trust can have tragic results to a person who has been persuaded to trust an Allied officer.

A.H. Ellis Capt. 8

A.H. ELLIS,
Captain,
Security Division.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

RE/lm.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

Ref. : SD/140.12 1[illegible] November 1944

Subject : BARBINI, Luigi

To : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Security Division

1. With reference to the attached, at the request of Col. W.GG Chapman I submitted a second report on the above named, dated 1[illegible]th October 1944.

2. It will be seen in Major Fielden's memorandum that BARBINI has informed him that he was shown my report, classified as "SECRET" and as a result he submits the letter and enclosures dated 9 November 1944.

3. In view of the fact that the contents of reports submitted for the confidential information of this Headquarters, are disclosed to the individual concerned I respectfully suggest that no useful purpose will be served by further enquiries and subject to your instructions I do not propose to take any further action as security investigations cannot be carried on in this way.

4. Further I respectfully suggest that steps be taken to prevent leakages of this nature as no security officer can possibly work unless he has absolute confidence in the fact that the classificationsof the documents he submits are respected, especially by his superiors. It must be remembered that not only the officer making the report is betrayed but also the persons who have supplied such confidential information. May I further point out that in Italy, with conditions as they are today, such breaches of trust can have tragic results to a person who has been persuaded to trust an Allied officer.

W Ellis Capt.
A.H ELLIS,
Captain,
Security Division.

7

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

Ref. : SD/144.12 1[illegible] November 1944

Subject : B[illegible]I, Luigi

To : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Security Division

1. With reference to the attached, at the request of Col. W.GG Chapman I submitted a second report on the above named, dated 1[illegible]th October 1944.

2. It will be seen in Major Fielden's memorandum that B[illegible]I has informed him that he was shown my report, classified as "[illegible]" and as a result he submits the letter and enclosures dated 9 November 1944.

3. In view of the fact that the contents of reports submitted for the confidential information of this Headquarters, are disclosed to the individual concerned I respectfully suggest that no useful purpose will be served by further enquiries and subject to your instructions I do not propose to take any further action as security investigations cannot be carried on in this way.

4. Further I respectfully suggest that steps be taken to prevent leakages of this nature as no security officer can possibly work unless he has absolute confidence in the fact that the classificationsof the documents he submits are respected, especially by his superiors. It must be remembered that not only the officer making the report is betrayed but also the persons who have supplied such confidential information. May I further point out that in Italy, with conditions as they are today, such breaches of trust can have tragic results to a person who has been persuaded to trust an Allied officer.

W.H. Ellis Capt.

[illegible],
Captain,
Security Division.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

7

1563

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

Rome, November 9, 1944.

After five months from the liberation of Rome, the Allied Commission has not granted me the recognition commonly extended to newspapermen. This lack of recognition is damaging to me both personally and professionally as it is equivalent to a charge of Fascism. My anti Fascist feelings have been notorious for years. I have been jailed and condemned to confine back in 1940. I have been expelled from the Party. I have not written for the newspapers since then. As the decision of the Allied Commission cannot of course be arbitrary, it must necessarily be based on the only document in my past life which may be interpreted as proving me a Fascist.

I was arrested April 25, 1940 (incidentally 11 days after my marriage) and locked in Regina Coeli with charges entailing the death penalty. I had given highly confidential information to my old colleague, Ian Munro, Press Attache to the British Embassy, now Chief Press Officer, PWB, Italy. The information had been intercepted. My lawyer, Annibale Angelucci, Piazza Cavour 25, Rome, in view of the gravity of the situation, advised me that the Italian law allowed me to put up any defence I thought useful, and told me to invent any plausable story that might help me. Contrarily to Anglo-Saxon law, a man arrested in Italy is expected to invent anything to save his life. A statement of his, made and signed in jail, containing whatever fabrication he is able to invent, is seldom taken seriously by the Italian justice.

As it seemed important that investigations of my case be prolonged, I then made a declaration stating that I was an ardent Fascist (without any facts to prove it) and that I had given military informations to the Italian Military Attaches in London at the time I was there (January-March 1940). The statement was absolutely untrue but if taken seriously would have prolonged investigations several weeks, the time necessary to question people who were out of the country.

The document was considered valueless by the Fascist Police. The officers mentioned were never questioned. I was condemned to five years confino and not sent to the Special Tribunal for reasons of secrecy.

The falsity of the my signed declaration can be rpoved by questioning:

Annibale Angelucci, lawyer, Piazza Cavour 25, Rome.

and the Italian Military Attaches in London in 1940:

Capitano di Vascello count Ferrante Capponi, now Liaison Officer with AFHQ, Caserta.

Colonnello Cesare Ruggeri Laderchi, now at the Stato Maggior Generale, Palazzo Baracchini, Via XX Settembre, Roma.

Colonnello Viani, POW, USA.

Inclosed are translations of letters sent me by Capponi and Ruggeri Laderchi.

6

1564

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

The originals of these letters are in my possession.

Letter I.

Rome, Nov. 8, 1944.

Dear Barzini,
Following our conversation I comfirm to you that I never had from you informations of a military character during my stay in London as Naval Attache in 1940. As far as I know, you gave no such information to the other Military Attaches as you had no other tasks than purely journalistic ones. I would be surprise to hear differently in view of your sentiments, several times expressed to me, in regard to the Regime and the situation. If necessary, very willingly I shall repeat the above facts to whomever it may concern.

Cordially yours,

Ferrante Capponi.

Letter II

Rome, Nov 8, 1944.

Dear Barzini,
I am ready to confirm that I have never, I say never, received from you information of a military character during my stay in London as Military Attache (1936-1940). Your mission was a purely journalistic one and between us we maintained relations of good acquaintanceship. Neither my military colleagues of the Embassy received from you military informations. On the other hand, your political stand, which was well known to me at the time, would have been in contrast with such an activity on your part.

Cordially yours,

Col. Cesare Ruggeri Laderchi,
Stato Maggior Generale.

JH/rb

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION
A.P.O. 394

(10)

Ref : SD/140.12

12 October 1944

Subject : BARZINI Luigi

To : Col. CHAPMAN, Director, Public Safety Sub Commission.

1. With reference to the above named, the information contained in the report to Public Relations Branch dated 23rd August 1944, is based on a signed statement made by BARZINI in Regina Coeli on 29th April 1940 and addressed to the Special Commission of Internment.

2. In the above statement the following points are of special notice:

(a) He requested that verification be obtained from Col. RUGGERI, Military Attache to the Italian Embassy in London, that he (BARZINI) gave information regarding military organisations at Aldershot especially concerning Divisions going overseas in early part of 1940.

(b) That Col. BIANI, Air Attache to London Embassy, be requested to verify that Subject gave information about the R.A.F. airfield at MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK, ENGLAND.

(c) That Commander CAPPONI, Naval Attache in London, be asked to verify that BARZINI had stated his intention of indeavouring to make a voyage on a British minesweeper with a view to obtaining the latest information on mine sweeping and detection.

4

(d) He asks how it can be viewed that a man who had risked being shot in England working for MUSSOLINI and Fascism could be accused of anti-Fascist activities.

(e) Denies ever holding meetings or making any speeches or remarks against Fascism.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

1566

Ref : SD/140.12 12 October 1944

Subject : BARZINI Luigi

To : Col. CHAPMAN, Director, Public Safety Sub Commission.

1. With reference to the above named, the information contained in the report to Public Relations Branch dated 23rd August 1944, is based on a signed statement made by BARZINI in Regina Coeli on 29th April 1940 and addressed to the Special Commission of Internment.

2. In the above statement the following points are of special notice:

(a) He requested that verification be obtained from Col. RUGGERI, Military Attache to the Italian Embassy in London, that he (BARZINI) gave information regarding military organisations at Aldershot especially concerning Divisions going overseas in early part of 1940.

(b) That Col. BIANI, Air Attache to London Embassy, be requested to verify that Subject gave information about the R.A.F. airfield at MILDENHALL , SUFFOLK, ENGLAND.

(c) That Commander CAPPONI, Naval Attache in London, be asked to verify that BARZINI had stated his intention of indeavouring to make a voyage on a British minesweeper with a view to obtaining the latest information on mine sweeping and detection.

4

(d) He asks how it can be viewed that a man who had risked being shot in England working for MUSSOLINI and Fascism could be accused of anti-Fascist activities.

(e) Denies ever holding meetings or making any speeches or remarks against Fascism.

(f) He points out that his political background as a journalist and student at Columbia University, New York, where he held many meetings which resulted in clashes with anti-Fascist American students shows that he was always a supporter of the Party.

(g) He states he was instructed by the "Corriere della Sera" to follow Mussolini in his "triumphal" travels and admits his ambition was to write articles with the Object "to paint the images of the man who changed the world's

SECRET

face and so gave to the people a new sens of living, the real man of our century ".

(h) In January 1940 he went to London as correspondent of " Corriere della Sera " and says he experienced many difficulties because of the anti-British articles which wrote as a good Fascist.

(i) He claims he published many articles in England and America extolling Fascism and the greatness of MUSSOLINI, he also wrote " Four Days ", published in London by Heinmann's . He says CIANO and ALFIERI collaborated, it was later translated into Italian.

(j) In 1938 he negotiated the publishing, in London of " My Autobiography" by Benito MUSSOLINI, adding his own preface and annotations, stressing the historical necessity of the Axis and the responsability of England in future wars.

(k) He gives the names of several prominent Fascists, including CIANO, PAVOLINI, (the present Secretary of the Republican Fascist Party) and BORELLI, who could give evidence of his devotion to MUSSOLINI and Fascism.

(l) The statement concludes with a declaration of hope that he will be permitted to continue serving MUSSOLINI and Fascism not only with his pen but if necessary with his life. It ends with " Viva il Duce " and signed "Barzini Luigi fu Luigi.

3. In another statement made by BARZINI on 28th April 1940 at the time of his interrogation at Regina Coeli he says he was inscribed in the P.N.F. at the Fascio of Milano in 1926, whereas on the Scheda Personale completed by him on 17.7.1944 he gives the date as 1934. He further claims he made speeches extolling the superior power of Germany and Italy and his faith in an Axis victory.

4. The whole of the above information is taken from statements made and signed by BARZINI when arrested in APRIL 1940. He was interned at Amalfi and apparently remained there until the arrival of the Allies.

A.H.Ellis Capt.
A.H.ELLIS
CAPTAIN.
SECURITY DIVISION

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

1568

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

CONFIDENTIAL

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

140R

(3)

Ref : SB/140.12 28 August 1944

Subject : BARZINI Luigi

To : Public Relations, HQ. A.C.C.

1. Reference request for screening to the above named, the following details are submitted for information.

2. BARZINI first joined P.N.F. in 1926, not in 1934 as stated on his Scheda Personale. He is a journalist of Fascist sentiments who wrote a great deal for Fascism until 1940 when he was accused of having spoken against the Fascist organisation and Italy at meetings attended by foreigners. He was expelled from Italy for five years. As a defence to these accusations BARZINI wrote a long article setting forth his activities as an ardent Fascist which included references to 1928, 1929 and 1930 when he was a university student in the U.S.A. There he alleged he made many speeches in English in support of Fascism. Later as a reporter of "Corriere della Sera" he often followed Mussolini in his travels and wrote a lot about him.

From January to April 1940 he was in London and reliable sources report that he often offered to give important information on military matters to Italian officers attached to the Italian Embassy in London.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

A.H. Ellis Capt.

A.H. ELLIS,
Captain,
Security Branch.

CONFIDENTIAL

DATA ______ PROVINCIA 943 SECURITY BRANCH ACC 157

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

N. B. - Penalità severissime, di prigione e di ammenda sono previste per chiunque facesse delle dichiarazioni false nella presente scheda.

SCHEDA PERSONALE

SI DEVE rispondere a ogni domanda secondo le indicazioni
Every Question Must be Answered

1. Cognome BARZINI Nome LUIGI di fu LUIGI
e fu MANTICA PESAVENTO
a) Luogo di nascita *Place of Birth* MILANO b) Data di nascita *Date of Birth* 21 DICEMBRE 1908
2. Indirizzo *Address* PARCO PEPOLI 11 c) Residenza permanente *Permanent Residence* ROMA
3. a) Professione *Profession* GIORNALISTA b) Posizione attuale *Present Position* "
c) Carica desiderata *Position Desired* "
4. Eravate iscritto al P. N. F.? *Were you a member of P. N. F.?* SÌ a) Da quando? *Since when?* DAL 1934. ESPULSO 1940
5. Appartenevate ad uno dei segenti gruppi (SI o NO): *Did you at any time belong to any of the following groups (Answer Yes or No).*
a) Sansepolcristi NO b) Squadristi NO c) M. V. S. N.? NO
d) Se eravate nella Milizia, in quale delle segenti unità avete prestato servizio? (Indicare con un SI od un NO l'unità e la data negli spazi rispettivi): *If you belonged to the Militia, in which of the following units did you serve? (Answer YES or NO opposite unit giving the date).*

		PERIODO DI SERVIZIO (Length of Service) (Specificare se servizio effettivo o nei quadri) *(Specify whether permanent or temporary Service)*
Milizia ordinaria? *Ordinary Militia?*	NO	
Milizia Ferroviaria? *Railroad Militia?*	NO	
Milizia Postale? *Postal Militia?*	NO	
Milizia Portuale? *Port Militia?*	NO	
Milizia Forestale? *Forest Militia?*	NO	
Milizia Stradale? *Road Militia?*	NO	
Milizia Confinaria? *Border Militia?*	NO	
Milizia Universitaria? *University Militia?*	NO	
Milizia Antiaerea? *Antiaircraft Militia?*	NO	
Milizia Artiglieria Marittima? *Naval Artillery Militia?*	NO	

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

Every Question Must be Answered

1. Cognome BARZINI Nome LUIGI di / fu LUIGI
e fu # MANTICA PESAVENTO

a) Luogo di nascita MILANO — *Place of Birth*
b) Data di nascita 21 DICEMBRE 1908 — *Date of Birth*

2. Indirizzo PARCO PEPOLI 11 — *Address*
a) Residenza permanente ROMA — *Permanent Residence*

3. a) Professione GIORNALISTA — *Profession*
b) Posizione attuale ,, — *Present Position*

c) Carica desiderata -/- — *Position Desired*

4. Eravate iscritto al P. N. F.? SI — *Were you a member of P. N. F.?*
a) Da quando? DAL 1934. ESPULSO 1940 — *Since when?*

5. Appartenevate ad uno dei seguenti gruppi (SI o NO): *Did you at any time belong to any of the following groups (Answer Yes or No).*

a) Sansepolcristi NO b) Squadristi NO c) M. V. S. N.? NO

d) Se eravate nella Milizia, in quale delle seguenti unità avete prestato servizio? (Indicare con un SI od un NO l'unità e la data negli spazi rispettivi): *If you belonged to the Milizia, in which of the following units did you serve? (Answer YES or NO opposite unit giving the date).*

	PERIODO DI SERVIZIO (Length of Service) (Specificare se servizio effettivo o nei quadri) (*Specify whether permanent or temporary Service*)
Milizia ordinaria? *Ordinary Militia?* NO	
Milizia Ferroviaria? *Railroad Militia?* NO	
Milizia Postale? *Postal Militia?* NO	
Milizia Portuale? *Port Militia?* NO	
Milizia Forestale? *Forest Militia?* NO	
Milizia Stradale? *Road Militia?* NO	
Milizia Confinaria? *Border Militia?* NO	!
Milizia Universitaria? *University Militia?* NO	
Milizia Antiaerea? *Antiaircraft Militia?* NO	
Milizia Artiglieria Marittima? *Naval Artillery Militia?* NO	
«Moschettieri del Duce»? *The Duce's Musketeers?* NO	
Battaglioni «M»? *«M» Battalions?* NO	

e) Se avete militato solo in tempo di guerra, siete entrato nella milizia da volontario o in seguito a regolare chiamata? NON MILITATO MAI IN TEMPO DI GUERRA
If you served during the war only, did volunteer or were you drafted?

6. Avete ricoperto una delle seguenti cariche nel Partito Fascista (rispondete SI o NO e indicate i periodi di servizio in ciascuna carica negli spazi rispondenti)?
Did you at any time hold any of the following positions in the Fascist Party? (Answer YES or NO giving the length of time of each).

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

	PERIODO DI SERVIZIO *LENGTH OF SERVICE*
a) Segretario nel P. N. F.? *Secretary of the P. N. F.?* No	
b) Membro del Direttorio Nazionale? *Member of the National Council?* No	
c) Segretario Federale? *Federal Secretary?* No	
d) Membro del Direttorio Federale? *Member of Federal Council?* No	
e) Ispettore del Partito? *Inspector of the Party?* No	
f) Ispettore Federale? *Federal Inspector?* No	
g) Segretario Politico di un Fascio? *Political Secretary of a Fascio?* No	
h) Fiduciario di un Gruppo Rionale? *Fiduciary of a Regional Group?* No	
i) Membro di un Gruppo Rionale? *Member of the Regional Group?* No	
j) Capo-settore? *Chief of a Sector?* No	
k) Capo-nucleo? *Chief of a Group?* No	
l) Una posizione autorevole nella G.I.L.? *An authoritative position in the G.I.L.?* No	
m) Una posizione autorevole nel G.U.F.? *An authoritative position in the G.U.F.?* No	
n) Una posizione autorevole nei Fasci Femminili? *An authoritative position in the women Fasci?* No	
o) Qualche altra carica nel Partito? *Some other position in the Party?* No	
Quale? *What?*	

7. Siete stato in qualche periodo membro dell' OVRA? *Were you at any time a member of the OVRA?* No Quando? *When?*

8. Avete fatto parte dell'ufficio politico dei CC. RR.? *Were you a member of the Political Office of the CC. RR.?* No Quando? *When?*

9. Avete fatto parte di un ufficio politico di P. S.? *Were you a member of the Political Office of the P. S.?* No Quando? *When?*

10. Siete stato in qualche periodo funzionario in una delle seguenti organizzazioni? *Were you at any time a functionary in any of the following organizations?*

	PERIODO DI SERVIZIO *LENGTH OF SERVICE*
a) in una Corporazione? *In a Corporation?* No	
Quale? *Which One?* No	
Denominazione della carica *Title of Position* No	
b) In una unione sindacale? *In a syndical Union?* No	
Quale? No	

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

Member of Federal Council?

e) Ispettore del Partito? NO
Inspector of the Party?

f) Ispettore Federale? NO
Federal Inspector?

g) Segretario Politico di un Fascio? NO
Political Secretary of a Fascio?

h) Fiduciario di un Gruppo Rionale? NO
Fiduciary of a Regional Group?

i) Membro di un Gruppo Rionale? NO
Member of the Regional Group?

j) Capo-settore? NO
Chief of a Sector?

k) Capo-nucleo? NO
Chief of a Group?

l) Una posizione autorevole nella G.I.L.? NO
An authoritative position in the G.I.L.?

m) Una posizione autorevole nel G.U.F.? NO
An authoritative position in the G.U.F.?

n) Una posizione autorevole nei Fasci Femminili?
An authoritative position in the womens Fasci?
NO

o) Qualche altra carica nel Partito? NO
Some other position in the Party?

Quale?
What?

7. Siete stato in qualche periodo membro dell'OVRA? NO Quando?
Were you at any time a member of the OVRA? When?

8. Avete fatto parte dell'ufficio politico dei CC. RR.? NO Quando?
Were you a member of the Political Office of the CC. RR.? When?

9. Avete fatto parte di un ufficio politico di P. S? NO Quando?
Were you a member of the Political Office of the P. S.? When?

10. Siete stato in qualche periodo funzionario in una delle seguenti organizzazioni?
Were you at any time a functionary in any of the following organizations?

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO
LENGTH OF SERVICE

a) in una Corporazione? NO
In a Corporation?

Quale? NO
Which One?

Denominazione della carica NO
Title of Position

b) In una unione sindacale? NO
In a syndical Union?

Quale? NO
Wich One?

Denominazione della carica NO
Title of Position

c) In un Consorzio Agrario? NO
In a « Consorzio Agrario »?

Quale? NO
Which One?

Denominazione della carica NO.
Title of Position

d) In qualche altra organizzazione corporativa o sindacale? NO
In some other Corporative or Syndical organization?

Quale? NO
Which One?

Denominazione della carica NO
Nature of Work Done

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO *LENGTH OF SERVICE*

11. Indicate le cariche nazionali, provinciali o comunali - governative o parastatali - occupate da voi dal 1921, come segue: NESSUNA
Give the National, Provincial or Communal, governmental or parastatal position held by you since 1921.

NOME DELL'ISTITUTO *Name of the Institute*	PERIODO DI SERVIZIO *Length of Service*	MODO DI ASSUNZIONE *How Acquired*

12. Indicate le principali fonti dei vostri introiti durante il regime Fascista:
Show the principal sources of income during the Fascist Regime:

FONTI *Source of Income*	MEDIA ANNUALE *Yearly Average*	INTROITO DEL 1942 *Income in 1942*
1931-1940 CORRISPONDENTE DEL "CORRIERE DELLA SERA"	36'000	NESSUNO DISSOCUPATO

13. Avete prestato servizio militare? SI a) In quale arma? BERSAGLIERE
Have you rendered military service? What branch?

b) Quando? 1930 c) Quale grado rivestivate ultimamente? NESSUNO RIFORMATO
When? Last rank?

d) Dove avete prestato servizio? MILANO DAL 1930 al 1931
Where did you serve?

e) Siete stato « volontario » nella guerra civile Spagnola? NO
Where you a « volunteer » in the Spanish civil war?

f) Siete stato « volontario » nella campagna dell'Africa Orientale? NO Del Nord Africa? NO
Were you a « volunteer » in the Ethiopian campaign? North African campaign?

Della campagna in Russia? NO
Russian campaign?

g) Avete goduto di qualche esonero dal servizio militare? NO
Were you deferred from Military Service?

Per qual motivo? NO
Why?

14. Avete fatto parte dal 1922 in poi di qualche organizzazione politica diversa dal Partito Fascista?
Have you belonged to any political party other than the Fascist Party since 1922?

Nome dell'organizzazione: CONFINATO POLITICO 1940 CONDANNA 5 ANNI
Name of the Party or Organization?

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

11. Indicate le cariche nazionali, provinciali o comunali - governative o parastatali - occupate da voi dal 1921, come segue: NESSUNA
Give the National, Provincial or Communal, governmental or parastatal position held by you since 1921.

NOME DELL'ISTITUTO *Name of the Institute*	PERIODO DI SERVIZIO *Length of Service*	MODO DI ASSUNZIONE *How Acquired*

12. Indicate le principali fonti dei vostri introiti durante il regime Fascista:
Show the principal sources of income during the Fascist Regime:

FONTI *Source of Income*	MEDIA ANNUALE *Yearly Average*	INTROITO DEL 1942 *Income in 1942*
1931-1940	36'000	NESSUNO
CORRISPONDENTE		DISSOCUPATO
DEL		
"CORRIERE DELLA SERA"		

13. Avete prestato servizio militare? SI a) In quale arma? BERSAGLIERE
Have you rendered military service? What branch?

b) Quando? 1930 c) Quale grado rivestivate ultimamente? NESSUNO RIFORMATO
When? Last rank?

d) Dove avete prestato servizio? MILANO DAL 1930 al 1931
Where did you serve?

e) Siete stato « volontario » nella guerra civile Spagnola? NO
Where you a « volunteer » in the Spanish civil war?

f) Siete stato « volontario » nella campagna dell'Africa Orientale? NO Del Nord Africa? NO
Were you a « volunteer » in the Ethiopian campaign? North African campaign?

Della campagna in Russia? NO
Russian campaign?

g) Avete goduto di qualche esonero dal servizio militare? NO
Were you deferred from Military Service?

Per qual motivo? NO
Why?

14. Avete fatto parte dal 1922 in poi di qualche organizzazione politica diversa dal Partito Fascista?
Have you belonged to any political party other than the Fascist Party since 1922?

Nome dell'organizzazione: CONFINATO POLITICO 1940 CONDANNA 5 ANNI
Name of the Party or Organization?

Periodo di appartenenza? 25 APRILE 1940
How long were you a member?

IO Dichiaro sinceramente e solennemente che tutto quanto ho affermato è vero.
I solemnly swear that all I have said is true.

Firma *Signed* Luigi Barzini Jr

Testimone *Witness* [illegible]

Data *Date* 17 LUGLIO 1944

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

Pagina riservata alle annotazioni dell' Ufficiale competente Alleato

This page reserved for notations by an authorized Allied Officer

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

Ref. FSS/C 161.

5/41 7354

VETTING REPORT

BARZINI Luigi di Luigi, Parco Pepoli 11.

He joined the P.N.F. not in 1934 but in 1926. He is a journalist of Fascist sentiments who wrote a great deal for Fascism but in 1940 was accused of having spoken against the Fascist organization and Italy in foreigners' meetings and so he was expelled from the country for 5 years. To defend himself from the accusations, Barzini wrote a long article in which he listed all his activities as an ardent Fascist, declaring - among other things - that in 1928,'29,'30 when he was an universitary student in U.S. he made many speeches in English in support of Fascism and then being the reporter of the "Corriere della Sera" he often followed the Duce in his travels and wrote very much about him.
Further, being in London from January to April 1940 he often offered to give important informations of military matters to the Italian officers attached to the Italian Embassy in London.

1

SEE ALSO REPORT FSS/OR/157.

11577