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CLAUDESTINE ORGANIZATIONS IN ROME AND PROVINCES.

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The new Party of the Left Christian Section, residing at Via A. De Pretis No. 66, ideal branch of the Communist Catholic Movement, which began during the clandestine period, is a Section of the Italian Communist Party. The national, provincial and section leaders are officials of the Communist Party, regularly salaried. For their special organization competency they were transferred from the Communist Catholic Movement to the Left Christian Party. The salaries are satisfactory. The officials get some prices for the organization work they do. Benefits of 500 and 1000 lire are given to those who come from other political parties and are in very bad conditions. The Press is also largely rewarded with the funds of the Communist Party's cash. Giulio SELLA, Tonino TATO, Antonio RIMOLDI, Gastone MARIANI, Paolo MORINI, Fedele D'AMICO, Franco RODANO, Mario OSSICINI and Cesare GRAMIGNANI have been and still are the leaders of the movement and of the S.C. Party. The program of the Communist Catholic Movement which has been explained by the numerous propagandists scattered throughout the province after 1/5/44, is entirely that of the P.C. Every meeting was always begun and finished with the Communist salute, playing or singing the "International" Song and saying "Evviva la Russia". During the public conferences, order was given to insist on the liberty of Religion and on the catholicism of the movement. With this program and on the black lines of these orders they were able to form Sections and Leagues, male and female, in all Liberated Italy. Through the M.C.C. the Communist Party was able to conquer remarkable masses of workmen and farmers who, having been influenced by the anti-bolshevik propaganda made by the Fascism and the Catholics, would have joined the Christian Democracy, if there was no M.C.C. Feature of the leaders of the M.C.C. is: the firm discipline, the scrupulous observation of orders and the security of the Communist victory (laws of the Communist Party) against the other parties when, at the right moment, the Chief (Ercoli) will give the order for the proper action to conquer the political power entirely. In every province, the man in charge of the M.C.C. and of the Left Christian Section, had order to be always at the disposal of one of the members of the Communist Federation who had instructions from the Central Section of Via De Pretis. During last July ERCOLI had decided to change the M.C.C. into "National Party of the Workmen". Instead of that, an order was given at once, at the end of August, that a Left Christian Section was to be formed and this section could be joined only by some of the Sections: "the ones that joined the M.C.C. spontaneously, led by members who were not sufficiently esteemed by the P.C.", while the old M.C.C. kept its own symbol (Red flag with sickle and hammer), its own stamps (Communist Catholic Movement with sickle and hammer in the middle), and its own badge (red with M.C.C. on it) and with its own political program, which is that of the P.C. The M.C.C. (and not the Communist Movement of Italy) is now actively working in Lazio Region and in the other liberated regions. An international meeting (Lazio-Umbria-Sabina) will be held very soon. They are also printing circulars. Arms, ammunitions and explosives (gathered in a very large quantity before and after the arrival of the Allies) are kept at the disposal of the Party (and not of the Allies). Amongst the tasks of the M.C.C. there is that of forming a local company or more companies of Guards (Red Guard), which at the right moment will take action and will become a resolute movement. Through the M.C.C. and through the frequent contacts which I had with the responsible leaders of the P.C., I learned that: besides the official organizations there are also clandestine organizations, and they are also in charge of recovering arms and ammunitions which are scattered in the country. In many communes the municipal power has been taken by the P.C. and this is due to the good work of the Party, which, after the liberation, gave order (and the P.C. orders are executed without discussing) to the members of all the communes to take the post of Political Secretary of the other five parties, including the

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Among the leaders of the P.C. there is a fascist style mentality, which the old members do not like, a dictatorial tendency absolutely exclusivist not only in the Federations and in the Sections but also in the other parties of C.L.M. The P.C. knows that the people have syntheses of desire and offensive actions, but - according to orders from the Central - "everything must be ready and done for keeping the whole power". Searchers and thefts are made in order to enrich the Sections' Cashes, lists are made of people who must be punished by the Communist Courts. In this they are taking after the Fascism without having anybody taking actions against them, because there is no authority in the province other than Communist. Besides the official visits of the Presidents of the provincial Committees to the Communes, other visits and meetings are made reservedly to the Communist office. The pass-word is "Manoeuvre" (to manoeuvre). In many towns, which the P.C. considers as its own property, similarly to the Fascism, they say: "who isn't with us is against us".

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and the doors of the Party have been opened to all the Fascists, squadristi and Sciarpe Littorio. Among the ~~xxxxxx~~ members I knew and had a very good clandestine activity there are the following in Rome: Cesare GRANDICELLI, belonging to the S.C., and receives orders directly from SCOCCHIMARCO (they live in the same building).

Tonino TATA, of the S.C. (Secretary's Office); Gaetano GALLO of the S.C. (ex-fascist) PIELLI Carlo, residing at Via dei Volici 39; TIGERNI Santo of the S.C., ex collaborator of Walter PERLE in the Fascist Sindacati; COGGI Filippo, shoemaker, COMANI Fausto of the S.C. In the Province there are: RIANO Romano; LAMARI Francesco, local secretary of the P.C. At Frosinone: Avv. Domenico RAZZI, local President of the ~~St.~~ C.L.N. (whom the Fascism has never molested); Ing. CARARI, president of the province.

VOLPE Ottavio ex-informator of the present Secretary General of the Republican Fascist Party, GIOIELLI Fabrizio; BRIGHENTI Giulio, who belonged to the Liberal Party and to the Socialist Party of Supino. The Sindaco CORNELLI, ex fascist, belonging to the Socialist party. CORNELLI Giuseppe, who depended on the local German Command, Secretary of the Juvenile Section of the Communist party; Luigi D'ALESSANDRIS, president of the League ~~for~~ the farmers (he was arrested during the clandestine period and made accusations against the local patriots). - Terracina: Carlo DE ANGELIS -

ex-collaborator of Avv. Bruno CASSINELLI, belonging to the Socialist party; ~~Pro. M. LA GOLA~~, who has been interpreter at the local German Command. - Priverno: Gino PANDOLFI (ex fascist, Commissario Prefettizio), belonging to the Socialist party; BIANCONI Biagio fu Paolo; CALDARAZZI Filippo; BARATTA Giovanni; CARPAGNA Guglielmo (who is very ill); CARPAGNA Ulderigo (recovered at the Clinic of the University of Rome); DI PIETRO Paolo (ex fascist); CRESCELMAI Augusto (ex fascist) SALATI Carmine (ex Fascist); SCIOCCO MAZZONI, local chief of Black Market, of the Socialist party. There is also in Rome a dangerous criminal: GREGORI Remo, guard at the BALLINETTI Firm at Via Tiburtina 356, collaborated together with his boss with the German organizations TOD.

In conclusion: the Party of the Left Christian Section and the Communist Catholic Movement develop activity against the Government and the interests of the ~~Nations~~ United Nations even if this cannot be known through the official publications. The two political movements are preparing the folks day after day, hour after hour in order to complete the clandestine action that the P.C. is making for the realization of their main purpose: the instauration of a government of workmen and farmers who have tendency to the U.R.S.S., in Italy. Further demonstrations of revolutionary actions against public order and discipline ~~cannot~~ not be stopped in Rome and province by other than the above mentioned people.

Further information will be given to you at once.

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Extract from file 645.08 - Security Summary n.10

Subversive movements. (v)

Further to previous notes in these reports indicating that the real policy of the PCI in Italy is to undermine and corrode from within, State institutions and organizations of all kinds with a view to an eventual seizure of power in the resulting confusion, the followings is of interest. During a recent conversation between an informant and two influential members of the PCI in Salerno Province about the recent incident caused by an attempt on the part of Pietro Amendola, the local Commissario for Epuration and PCI official, to intimidate a Sindaco accused of Anti-Communist leanings, the two PCI members actually stated that "The most important point for the communists is to carry out thoroughly the epuration because this is the best instrument for disorganizing the institutions of the State". They also added the Communist idea will use any means. The disorganization of the administration, the discontent of the people everything can be used to further the ends of our party. When asked why the Communists still retained members in the Government, the reply was our presence in the Government allows us to act with greater liberty and more effectively.

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EXTRACT FROM FILE LIBERATED ITALY N. 60

N. 3 - Communist Party - Spano's speech at the Viminale. 6 March.

Below are quoted notes from the speech delivered by Velio Spano from the balcony of the Viminale (Ministry of the Interior) at about 12:00 o'clock on 6 March. They were taken down at time by a reliable source who was within hearing distance of the speaker, and may be considered as accurate.

COMRADES: A commission has been formed which is composed of Comrade Modiano of the Socialist Party. During the evening and as soon as Bonomi can be found, this commission will convey to the President of the Council the indignation of the people at the vile assassination again committed, and will demand of the President of the Council, of the Minister of the Interior, and of the Government such measures as can effectively - (here the crowd interrupted the speaker). Comrades, be calm, be calm. You know that we have in this room a martyr of fascism. You cannot wish this martyr to be one of a continuing series. The series must come to an end - (once more the crowd interrupted, clamoring for the resignation of the Cabinet). The Commission which will go to Bonomi will say to him you must either immediately change the atmosphere which pervades the country or depart and leave your post to more energetic men. There is only one way to destroy the fascist and the monarchy, and that is to prove that the people are better than their rulers. (The crowd resumed the cry Resignation, resignation). We have waited twenty years, we can wait a few more days.

Velio Spano is a prominent member of the Communist party and is the editor-in-chief of its newspaper UNITA'. As the Communist Party is participating in the present Bonomi Government, it is surprising that Spano should have played such an active part in the demonstration against the Government by joining the manifestans in invading and overrunning the Ministry of the Interior where the Premier has his office, and by violently attacking the Government in his speech to the crowd.

The text of the speech as given above is of further interest in that it varies materially from that which appeared in UNITA' on the following day. The latter was considerably toned down, and eliminated Spano's reference to the vile assassination and to the martyr of fascism. The editorial which appeared in the same issue of the paper was not signed by Spano nor is it believed to have been written by him. It is not in his style, and according to some was probably written by Togliatti himself or by Reale.

It was very mild in tone compared to the violent accounts which appeared on the same day in the Socialist and Action Party press and which openly accused the armed forces of the government of having thrown grenades in front of the Quirinal. The Government's appeal for a greater sense of responsibility on the part of the press which was made in its communique of 7 March has been taken to apply particularly to these two parties.

Opinion in some usually well-informed quarters is to the effect

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that Spano's participation in the invasion of the Viminale and his violently anti-government address have been displeasing to Togliatti and to other Communist leaders who feel that the Communist editor's attack on the government places the Party in an awkward position, and will help create the impression among the people that the party is one of disorder and not, as Togliatti wishes it to appear for the moment, a party of order.

A good many people believe that the political advantage which the Communist party gained from the escape of Roatta may have been more than lost by the disorderly demonstration of 6 March.

INCIDENTI PROVOCATI DAI COMUNISTI A MANIFESTAZIONE DELLA
DEMOCRAZIA CRISTIANA

" Ci perviene soltanto adesso notizia che il 28 gennaio in SCANSANO, in occasione della visita di S.E. CINGOLANI, un gruppo di aderenti al Vs. Partito dette luogo ad una dimostrazione tendente a disturbare la manifestazione lanciando all'apparire dell'oratore grida di "morte al Papa" "abbasso Cristo" "rivoluzione" e cantando l'inno di "Bandiera rossa". - I disturbi continuarono durante il discorso, malgrado l'intervento del Sindaco, e alla fine culminarono in fischi. - Vi preghiamo di voler intervenire presso i Vs/ dirigenti locali, affinché gli iscritti al Vs/ Partito vengano richiamati al rispetto e alla tolleranza delle manifestazioni promosse dagli altri Partiti politici."

INCIDENTS RAISED BY COMMUNISTS AT A DEMONSTRATION OF THE
 CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY

" We were just now informed that on January 28th, at SCANSANO, in the occasion of S.E. CINGOLANI's visit, a group of your Party's members organised a demonstration aiming to disturb the meeting; as soon as the speaker appeared they cried out "Death to the Pope" "Down with Christ" "Revolution" and sang "Red Flag". Troubles went on during the speech, notwithstanding the mayor's intervention, and they ended by hisses.- We beg you to intervene with your regional leaders, in order that your Party's members be called to respect and toleration as regards demonstrations promoted by other political Parties."

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EXTRACT FROM PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH, No. 57 (Page 3)

In a conversation given over Radio, Ruggiero Grieco, one of the most prominent leaders of the Communist Party in Italy, declared that the Communist Party was the most strenuous champion of democracy in Italy. He declared that not only did the Communists defend all the democratic achievements of the people, but they were also fighting for the conquest of further freedom for the people. He maintained further that all problems, even the smallest were discussed in the basic organizations of the party and that the opinion which ruled was that of the majority. The present Directorate of the Communist Party, he said, was the same as that which had directed in the last years of its clandestine fight. Togliatti he said had been Secretary-General of the Communist Party since the end of 1926 after the arrest of Gramsci. Scoccimarro, had been formerly a member of the Central Committee of the party before the Third Congress held in Lyons in 1926. After 16 years of imprisonment and confino he had returned to take over his post in the executive.

EXTRACT FROM FILE 636.3-41

C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS

i. Further to previous notes under this heading on preparations by the Communist party to exercise via partisans and eventually via the Italian Army a predominant influence over mass politics in Northern Italy, the following extract from part 6 of the account of the clandestine PCI conference in ROT is of interest. The passage is taken from L'UNITA of Thursday 1 Mar 45.

"The conference affirmed the necessity of spreading the whole organisation of armed masses so that they shall be ready to carry out their important task. A special point was made of the capital importance for the National revolution of the organisation of the SAP, their armament and training.

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The function of the partisans will not cease at the moment of liberation. Already the democratic government has decided that the partisans shall be enrolled in the new Italian Army. The conference therefore affirms that the partisan movement forms the base of the new Italian Army, the protector of the liberty and independence of the country.

When liberation takes place there will still have to be liquidated in Northern Italy the remaining focal points of fascist resistance and the gangsterism that will be organised against the new government. In this task of armed epuration and maintenance of order the partisan formation must necessarily be still employed."

The article continues in this vein at some length, pointing out that among the partisans of the North there are at least 15,000 PCI members and that this figure is really much below the actual total.

ii. A well informed contact points out that there is a strict parallel between the tactics of the Communists in France and those in Italy. Both are led by men who are qualified as "trusted agents of Moscow" i.e. TOGLIATTI and THOREZ and both are aiming at eventual domination of the political scene via partisan forces.

The recent announcement in the Italian press that in all probability a new Italian ambassador to France will be Giuseppe D'AGOSTA of the socialist party is seen as a further move to strengthen the bond between the two parallel movements in these two countries with a view to better concerted action when the time is ripe.

EXTRACT FROM FILE 636.3-40

C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENT

iii. By its reaction to the escape of Roatta, as revealed in the demonstration at the Colosseo and later at the Quirinale on 6 Mar 45, the Communist Party has again indicated the main direction of its policy, that is to create an atmosphere of excitement and tension in order to prepare the ground for an eventual seizure of power by violence when or even before the North is liberated. As a contact justly points out, the incidents at the Quirinale were just a further part of the recent attempts to excite the people. The SALVARELLA case, the attack on the offices of AVANTI by the Navy, are other outstanding recent occasions when the Leftist press has indulged in violent attacks against the Govt, all the more illogically as the Communists have their fair share of representatives in that Govt. Such tactics are very close to pure subversion. The population especially in Rome, has no natural revolutionary instincts but may become dangerous if exasperated by a studied campaign of this nature in the present circumstances.

It is noteworthy also that the members of the Comunisti Libertari of the Movimento Comunista, and other dissident and anarchical bodies were present at the meeting at the Colosseo. A contact who circulated in the crowd noted that considerable numbers were armed. SARDELLA of the Movimento Comunista not only spoke but was reported to be one of the foremost in inciting the people to go to the Quirinale after the meeting.

Extract from PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH Report
page 4-5

POLITICAL

COMMUNIST METHODS IN SALERNO

The Provincial Secretary of the Italian Communist Party in Salerno Doctor Pietro AMENDOLA, is at the same time the local Provincial Commissioner for Epuration.

At the time of the appointment, the Secretary of the Christian Democracy Party, Avvocato Carlo Petrone, strongly opposed the choice.

Avvocato Petrone is very intelligent and is gifted with a fighting spirit; for several years he was a political refugee in London, where he frequently broadcast during the war period.

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"The Provincial Delegate for the High Commissioner
for Epuration.

Salerno, January 16th, 1945.

"To Signor G. Communal Secretary of

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"Dear Sir:

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"May attention has been called to the fact that, for some time past, you have been showing signs of hostility towards my Party and towards the local "Camera del Lavoro" reaching points of actual persecution of my 'conrades' who are all sound, simple, laborious and quiet people.

"And as I find in the occurrences reported to me circumstances which, if their existence be proved would render you liable to the rigours of epuration, I warn you in the most desict. "Uomo avisato e' mezzo salvato" (when a man has been cautioned he has been partly saved).

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" It is now up to you to see that I shall not have to make another visit to X....., a visit which might prove very costly for you; the loss as a livelihood for you and your family".

(Pietro Amendola)

The above letter is eloquent evidence of the levity with which so delicate function as epuration is carried out by certain people. It is a subject of comment all over the town and Province.

In this connection, a circumstance has emerged which is

highly significant: the entire staff of the office of the Epuration Commissioner are Communists.

The blackmail tone of Amendola's letter is one which, in Fascist days, would have been adopted by a local "Federale", and confirms the widespread opinion that, although many things may have changed since these days, the Fascist mentality, is still frequently to be found, especially among the young men of Amendola's age.

Another Salerno newspaper, the "Vedetta Liberale", has a violent article against Amendola, and adds that a report is current that he has been replaced by Avvocato Luigi Buonacore, Liberal; Avvocato Michele Panelli, of the Democracy of Labour, and Professor Longe, Communist.

TRANSLATION

99 File 50/157

In the circles where are followed with attention the attitudes of the political parties, the manoeuvre of SGOCCIMARO as Minister of occupied territory, has been interpreted as an artful action so as to secure the control of the partisan forces. Such manoeuvre, in fact, reveals itself more clearly to day.

As the appointment of SGOCCIMARO has caused alarm amongst the non communists, it has been necessary to renounce to the first plan and surmount the obstacle with the constitution of a Commissariat which has to take care about the interests of the discharged soldiers; the combatants, and the partisans. A personality with indefinite political sentiments has been proposed for the post of a director, and on mentions the name of ON. CASPAROTTO. Up to here there is nothing wrong.

It seems that said commissariat will be divided in three autonomous sections (combatants, discharged soldiers, partisans), and that every section will have its director.

The scheme of the Ministry was ready and it was only necessary to have the relative decree, when a struggle took place among the members of the Cabinet because the appointment of the head of the partisans section unexpectedly turned out to be a very important thing. The communists were against the appointment of a person belonging to the army, and wanted somebody they trusted. We came therefore back to our first plan; give the control of the partisans to the Head of the Section, as it hasn't been possible to give it to the Minister for Occupied Italy. This last plan would have no reason to exist for the communists if they cannot control the partisans.

This commissariat is only a pretext, and it is proved by the fact that nobody worries about the persons who must be appointed to the other two sections (useless).

Another proof of the communist intentions is given by the intensification of the struggle in order to grant the monopoly of the partisans to the "National Association of the Italian Partisans" on the Campidoglio.

Said Association is chiefly composed of communists as their party ordered them to join it. Therefore, every provincial section of this association is a communist military section ready for every emergency.

This explains why, under the communist and socialist influence, the National Association uses every kind of pressure and propaganda in order to induce the partisans to join it. And even the Government, under Togliatti's pressure, incites the prefects and the local authorities to increase the activity and the popularity of the sections.

The National Association has been given the necessary means, while the other Association; which is not of a political character, didn't get anything, and is even very much obstructed. This last

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On the Newspaper "Unità" of the 6th of February it is said that the "Garibaldini" go back to the front, and that the second battalion of the partisans division Potenza enters in the new Italian Army in order to liberate their brothers of North Italy". The Unità mentions the Garibaldini, but doesn't say that these are communist forces that enter in the army in order to give it a communist soul. The fascists haven't acted differently, when they decided to make fascist propaganda in the army, they introduced their "Milizia" in it.

The above mentioned facts probably belong to an important revolutionary and strategical plan. The same thing can be said for the recall to military service; why recall so many people when there are no sufficient means for their equipment? Perhaps in order to have them under hand?

It is really strange that the socialists and the communists where the most enthusiastic about the recall to military service, and it is sufficient to have read their newspapers in order to realise it.

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In the Partisans field a dangerous disruption is in progress and the Government seems to be most incapable of taking any action to stop it.

It has been decided to appoint a Commissario, who should be in charge of organizing them into one association, of making proposals in order to prepare them to work, of coordinating and helping the various initiatives. But as there is always jealousy and antagonism among the parties which are represented in the same Government, instead of appointing as Commissario an ex-partisan, esteemed for his past and his even-minded ideas, not enslaved by the parties, they appointed Hon. GASPAROTTO, an old man without authority or energy, who is also the Minister of the Air Forces. These negative qualities are the reasons why they have preferred him as Commissario. And they made this appointment only because they wanted to satisfy some suspicious communists and socialists.

As it was necessary to have someone in charge of the direction of the Partisan service, while two other vice commissari had to be in charge of the dismissed soldiers section and of the combatants section, they preferred to appoint Avv. CHIRI, a Cristian Democratic. But being a member of the Cristian Democratic Party, the other parties, and especially the Communist Party, will naturally want to have their own representatives.

Therefore a different arrangement must be taken or at least have as many posts as there are members of the C.L.N.

SECRET

To: Major Harvey
Public Safety
HQ AC

276 TSS
Phone 478445
Ext 17

Ref: SEC/10

'D' Sec, ~~PWD~~ ROME13 Feb 45

Subject: Communist Activity re
Partisans

1. Att is a copy of a report on the
a/n from a well informed political
source.

2. For your information.

PENDING.

RRS
Capt.,
Int Corps.

Copies to AC of S, G-2
ISID

No 1 SCI Unit

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Book No, <i>4984</i>
File No <i>151</i>
Action

Translation

Negli ambienti dove si segue con attenzione l'atteggiamento dei partiti politici, la manovra di SOCCORRIMENTO a Ministro delle Terre Occupate è stata interpretata come una sile escogitazione per assicurarsi il controllo delle forze partigiane.

Tale manovra si precisa oggi, anzi si rivela, con maggiore chiarezza.

Avendo la nomina dello SOCCORRIMENTO gettato l'allarme fra le file non comuniste, si è dovuto rinunciare al primitivo progetto e si è cercato di girare l'ostacolo con la istituzione di un Commissariato, al quale (apparentemente) sarebbero state devolute tutte le iniziative riferentesi ai reduci, ai combattenti ed ai partigiani; alla direzione sarebbe preposta una personalità di tanta politica non ben definita - si parla dell'on. CASPAROVIC. E fin qui niente di male.

Ma il Commissariato si suddividerebbe in tre servizi autonomi (Combattenti, Reduci e Partigiani). Ogni servizio avrebbe un capo.

Il progetto ministeriale era bello e pronto e si attendeva il decreto quando nello stesso gabinetto si è determinata una lotta serrata perché la nomina del Capo del Servizio dei Partigiani ha assunto una importanza che gli ingegni non avrebbero supposto. I Comunisti si oppongono alla designazione di un militare ed intendono imporre una persona che riscuota la loro fiducia. Siamo dunque informati, con un ragiro nel progetto al primo controlloare i Partigiani col Capo del servizio non avendo potuto farlo col Ministro delle Terre Occupate. Questo, per i Comunisti, non dispendendo del controllo dei Partigiani non avrebbe avuto ragion d'essere.

Che il Commissariato costituisse un ragiro ad desumere anche dal fatto che per gli altri due posti, quello dei Combattenti e l'altro dei Reduci, (inutili), nessuno si preoccupa delle persone che sarebbero preposte a dirigerli.

Altra prova delle intenzioni dei Comunisti ci è fornita dalla intensificazione della lotta per accordare il monopolio dei Partigiani alla "Associazione Nazionale dei Partigiani d'Italia", che ha sede in Campidoglio.

Attraverso questa Associazione i comunisti partigiani, i quali per ordine tassativo del Partito al suo tutti iscritti, costituiscono le forze preponderanti; in conseguenza ogni sezione di questa, aperta nelle provincie, rappresenta una cellula militare comunista pronta ad ogni evenienza.

Ciò spiega perché l'Associazione Nazionale, sotto l'impulso dei Comunisti e dei Socialisti ricorre ad ogni genere di pressione e di propaganda per convogliare nelle sezioni le forze partigiane, e lo stesso governo, sotto la pressione di Togliatti, preme sui prefetti e sugli organi locali per rendere attive e per popolare le sezioni.

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Nel giornale "L'UNITA'" del 6 febbraio si annuncia con gran lusso che "i Gariboldini tornano al fronte, (che) il Secondo Boaglio della Divisione Partigiana Potente s'inquadrerà nel riscattuito Esercito Italiano per liberare i fratelli del NORO" si ha cura di parlare del Gariboldini, ma si tace assolutamente che si tratta di forze assolutamente comuniste, le quali entrano nel costituendo esercito per dargli un'anima comunista. I fascisti non hanno operato altrimenti: quando hanno voluto fascistizzare l'esercito vi hanno introdotto la loro milizia.

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Quanto si è detto sopra potrebbe rientrare in un grande piano strategico rivoluzionario, del quale farebbe anche parte la molto sorprendente misura del richiamo dell'e classi. Perché richiamare tanti uomini quando si manca dei mezzi per equipaggiarli militarmente?

Forse per averli sotto mano?

Approssimativa la constatazione che i maggiori promotori ed entusiasti del richiamo delle classi sono stati Comunisti e Socialisti, e basta avere letto i loro giornali per essersene reso conto.

SECRETTo: A.C. of S.G-2
RAAC276 PFS RAAC
Phone 478445 Ext 17
Ref: SMC/10/1
21 Feb 45No 1 SCI Unit
(attn Capt KMR)
ISLD (attn Major COLLINS)→ Major HARVEY, Public Safety, AS
D Sec, P.W.B., NONE
JICA/RAACSubject: Communist Activity re Partisans

1. Further to our SMC/9 of 12 Feb 45 (not to all addressees on that date) re the a/n, att is copy of subsequent information on the matter from the same source.
2. For your interest.

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Capt
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Nel campo dei Partigiani continua lo sbandamento pericoloso ed il Governo dimostra sempre più la sua incapacità di provvedere.

E' stata decisa la nomina di un Commissario al quale sarebbe stato devoluto l'incarico di organizzarli in una unica associazione, di fare delle proposte per intradurli al lavoro, di coordinare ed aiutare le varie iniziative. Ma sempre per la gelosia e l'antagonismo dei partiti che sono rappresentati nello stesso governo, invece di chiamare al posto di Commissario un expartigiano stimato per il suo passato e dalle idee equilibrate, non asservito settariamente ai partiti, per accontentare comunisti e socialisti, diffidenti, è stato prescelto l'ON. GASPAROTTO, un vecchio senza autorità e privo di energia, che per di più è Ministro dell'Aeronautica. Queste sue qualità negative sono le ragioni che lo hanno fatto preferire.

Siccome era necessario qualcuno che si sarebbe dovuto assumere la direzione del servizio dei Partigiani, mentre a due altri vice commissari sarebbe stato dato l'incarico di sopranziere a quello dei reduci ed all'altro dei combattenti, è stato preferito l'Avvocato CHIRI, democratico cristiano. Ma essendoci un democratico cristiano gli altri partiti, e specialmente i comunisti esigono che vi siano anche i loro rappresentanti. In modo che o si troverà un'altra formula paralizzante oppure saranno creati tanti posti quanti sono gli aderenti al C.I.N., ciò che equivarrebbe paralisi in un altro senso.

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

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REF : SD/151

27 February 1945

SUBJECT : Communist Activity

TO : Regional Commissioner Lazio-Umbria Region
(att. R.P.S.O.)

1. The attached copy of a letter received from Chief PBO, AMG 5th Army, is passed to you for your attention.
2. Should any further information be received you will be informed.

CS
JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

CHH/nb

Copy to : G-2 N.A.A.C.
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AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. Army

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20th February 1945.

203/16.

SUBJECT: Alleged Political Intrigue.

TO : Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission,
H.Q., Allied Commission.

Copy of attached S/1st Lt. Byr
Handed Capt Ellis 28/2

1. On 17th February, 1945, information was received at this office from an informant, who, for personal reasons, desires to remain anonymous, to the effect that the Communist Party in Rome were preparing a list of persons in Italy who were to be "liquidated" when the Allied Forces leave the country and the government is returned to the Italians.
2. He also alleged that Police Identity Cards, identical to those at present held by the Civil Police Agencies, had been printed and were ready for issue to Communists in Florence and possibly elsewhere. He states he has seen one of these cards.
3. Informant could give us no definite information as to persons or places as he himself is not a member of the Communist Party and relies on scraps of information picked up from time to time.
4. He does not wish his name divulged as he is in fear of future action against him by the party.
5. I am satisfied he has no "axe to grind" and does not desire payment for any information given. He will keep this office informed of any additional useful information which may come to his knowledge.
6. The information obtained so far with regard to the Police Identity Cards is too vague to justify any direct action at the moment. The Communists in Florence have not given trouble but the position is being watched and appropriate action will be taken should further information justify it.
7. Forwarded for information.

For the Commanding General:

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E. J. EIE,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief of Public Safety,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

LT. TENCH TO. MAX HARVEY
FOR INFORMATION

TRANSLATION

SECRET

A confidential and reliable source refers that the well known communist On. Grieco Ruggero, present High Commissioner "Aggiunto" for Epuration, is a very important member of the Ghepeu.

A communist who joined recently the christian communist movement, stated previously that that On. Griego emigrated to Russia about 20 years ago, he put himself at the service of the Ghepeu which presently gives 15.000 liras per month.

Therefore, he is not very well liked in the party, also because it is believed that while in Russia, in his quality of agent of the Ghepeu, he provoked the arrest of an italian communist (the sculptor Silva) and had him deported to Siberia.

It is reported that On. Grieco is against the Italian Police and epurates it rather harshly.

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SECRET

Da fonte confidenziale attendibilissima è stato riferito che risulta in modo sicuro che il noto comunista On.GRIECO Ruggero, attualmente Alto Commissario Aggiunto per l'Epurazione, è una "longa manus" della Ghepeu, della quale fa parte.

Già precedentemente, un fiduciario di antica fede comunista e di recente iscritto al movimento comunista cristiano, aveva riferito che l'On.Grieco fin da quando era emigrato in Russia, circa 20 anni addietro, si era messo al servizio della Ghepeu, dalla quale attualmente percepirebbe lire 15.000 al mese.

Egli pertanto non sarebbe molto ben visto in seno al partito, anche perchè si ritiene che, come agente della Ghepeu, fece arrestare in Russia un connazionale, pure comunista, (lo scultore Silva) facendolo deportare in Siberia.

Consta che l'On.Grieco è contrario alla Polizia italiana e che procede all'epurazione di essa con malanimo.

EXTRACT FROM ROUTINE REPORT - 5 Feb. to 11 Feb. 45

3. Subversive movements

i. The following is a resume of comments made by an observer on the situation developing at the new "Ministero della Terre Occupate" under Mauro SCOCIMARRO, the Communist Minister.

The appointment of SCOCIMARRO to this post is seen as a manoeuvre by the Communists to obtain firmer control over the partisan forces of Italy. This appointment however raised considerable alarm in non communist circles and in order to try to save appearances it was decided to institute under the Ministry a Commissariato, divided into three parts, one for each of the categories: Italian Army, ex Italian PW's, and Partisans. When however, it came to nominating the head of the partisan section the communists revealed their real intentions by opposing violently the appointment of an Army officer and insisting upon a civilian, who would of course be one of their men. The fact that no difficulties were made about the other two appointments is significant.

A further proof of communist intentions is the campaign they are quietly waging to suppress all the partisan organisations except the Government sponsored "Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia" in which the PCI has ordered all communist partisans to enrol. In this way it is probably hoped to form each provincial section of this Association into a Communist military cell. As has been previously pointed out in these reports, the Government is pressing Prefects and local authorities to do all in their power to establish sections of the Associazione Nazionale in their Provinces. This pressure is reported to be coming from TOGLIATTI, who would also like to force a fusion of all other partisan organisations with this official Association.

Source also comments on the announcement in "l'Unita" of 6 Feb that the "Potente" partisan division is being incorporated in the reconstructed Italian Army, pointing out that though Unita is careful to insist that these partisans are "Garibaldini" they are in effect communist forces which are being inserted in the Italian Army "The fascists did exactly the same" source continues, "when they wished to turn the Army fascist, they packed it with MVSN".

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29 Jan 1945

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SUBJECT: Political activities in 8 Army area.

TO : P.W.B.
CA Sec (Attn: Public Safety S/C)

(File with previous papers)

Attached extract from a letter received by the Chief of Staff from AME 8 Army is forwarded for your information and any action you consider necessary.

/JG.

TO	DATE
OL CHAPMAN	Jan 1/4
OL YOUNG	Jan 2/4
T. CO. VANCE	Jan 2/4
MR. LUCKMAN	Jan 2/4
MR. HICKSON	Jan 2/4
MR. HARBURY	Jan 2/4
MR. LANCE	Jan 2/4
CAPT. POWER	Jan 2/4
MR. HARTY	Jan 2/4

Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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Extract from letter dated 23 Jan 45 from
AMG Eighth Army.

Public Safety Branch is keeping a very close eye on the clandestine activities of the various organisations in the area, against whom action may have to be taken if they openly persist in their activities, which are causing appreciable unrest amongst the civilians - a situation which is not helped by the P.W.B. who put in their papers, articles describing the political freedom which is permitted, and conditions which exist, in back areas. These conditions are not unnaturally compared with the restrictions which have to be imposed here, and for which the average civilian cannot and does not recognise the need.

In Rimini where some of the political organisations were becoming extremely active contrary to our orders, a raid on the HQ of two of the more prominent organisations, the Communist and the Christian Democrat parties, was carried out by Public Safety. I have not yet received full detailed reports as the investigation is still proceeding, but it is quite obvious as a result, that an organised mail service is being carried on between the local organisation and the Branch Office in Rimini, and also between the Branch Office and H.Q. in Rome. Potentially, obviously this sort of thing is a great danger to security and a full report will be forwarded as soon as investigation has been completed.

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

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REF : SD/151/4598

1 February 1945

SUBJECT : Illegal transmission of mail
TO : R.P.S.O. Lazio Umbria Region.

1. The attached letter and enclosures received at this office is forwarded for your attention.

CEH/nb


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

C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS
FORLI' PROVINCE EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE
A.P.O. 394

27 January 1945

FILE : R/IX/FO/Ps/31
SUBJECT : Illegal transmission of mail
TO : P.P.S.O. - A.M.G. HQ. R O M E

1. A report on the above subject from CAPO Rimini (Forli') is forwarded herewith for compliance with requests therein.
2. Please submitted results of your enquires thru this Office.
3. It is suggested that the Civil Censorship Group, H.Q. AC be transmissions of mail into Army Area

E.L. CHANEY
MAJ.C.M.P.
P.P.S.O. FORLI' PROV.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EMILIA REGION

23rd. January, 1945

SUBJECT : Illegal Transmission of mail
in Eighth Army Area

TO : P.P.S.O., Rome, through P.P.S.O., Forli
(Copies to P.P.S.O., Emilia Region, and
S.C.A.P.O., (1) Eighth Army)

1. On the 10th. January 1945, I was present when the Hq., of the Communist Party at Corso Agosto No. 78, Rimini, was raided, as it was believed that it was a reception and distribution centre for mail, contrary to an Eighth Army Order posted in Rimini on the 16th. November 1944, prohibiting civilian mail in that Army Area.

2. Amongst the mail found on the premises were two letters, as follows:-

- a. A letter from the Partito Comunista Italiano, Via Nazionale No. 243, Rome, dated 23rd. December, 1944, addressed to Sezione D'Organizzazione del P.C.I., Forli, for the attention of Compagno Tabarri. (Copy letter attached).
- b. A letter from Partito Comunista Italiano, Via Nazionale No. 243, Rome, dated 23rd. December, 1944, addressed to Sezione D'Organizzazione del P.C.I., Forli. (Copy letter attached).

3. It will be seen from these letters that the Head Office of the Partito Comunista in Rome, and requesting him to make the journey as soon as possible. Both letters are signed "Silvati".

4. It is desired to know how Silvati caused the letters to be delivered in Rimini and by what route they came.

5. It will depend on the result of enquiries now being made whether or not legal proceedings will be taken against the carriers and senders of the mail.

S/ W.F. Collins, Major,
P.P.S.O., Rimini.

C O P Y

PARTITO COMUNISTA ITALIANO - DIREZIONE

Dr. n. SEZIONE DI ORGANIZZAZIONE DEL P.C. ITALIANO

Roma 23/12/1944
Via Nazionale 243

Compagno Tabarri,

La direzione del Partito Comunista Italiano, ha deciso di farti venire a Roma per lavorare nell'apparato centrale-----a Roma.

Sei pregato quindi di liberarti al piu' presto possibile delle funzioni di partito che occupi nella tua localita' e venire a Roma (per restarci definitivamente) ed occupare il nuovo posto di lavoro che la direzione del Partito ti ha designato. Siccome la cosa e' urgente, sei pregato di fare in modo di arrivare a Roma il piu' presto possibile. Il permesso di viaggio come i mezzi deve procurarteli l'organizzazione di partito. In caso di difficolta' per avere il permesso, puoi aggiustarti a mezzo delle varie organizzazioni provinciali. Di questa decisione della Direzione abbiamo pure avvisato il comitato Federale di Forli'.

Saluti

/SILVATI

Sezione organizzazione
Quedri

Firmato - Silvati.

C O P Y

PARTITO COMUNISTA ITALIANO - DIREZIONE

Pr. n. SEZIONE DI ORGANIZZAZIONE DEL P.C. ITALIANO

Roma 23 Dicembre 1944
Via Nazionale, 243

Cari Compagni,

I contatti fra la vostra federazione Provinciale e la Direzione del Partito sono stati riallacciati a mezzo del funzionario della Direzione comp. Marco, il quale ha già fatto visita alla vostra Federazione, ed a mezzo suo abbiamo ricevuto un vostro rapporto scritto. Pensiamo che sia necessario però stabilire anche dei contatti diretti fra voi e la Direzione, quindi quando le possibilità ve lo permettono e quando il vostro lavoro ve lo acconsente non mancate di fare anche qualcuno di voi visita a Roma. Un viaggio del segretario della Federazione a Roma, sarebbe molto utile per stabilire questi contatti.

La Direzione del Partito, tenendo conto della necessità di lavoro al centro, e quindi di accrescere l'operato centrale del partito per potere assolvere a tutti i suoi compiti verso le Federazioni, ha deciso di prendere dalla vostra federazione un compagno ed attirarlo al lavoro centrale di Roma. Data la particolarità del lavoro a cui vogliamo utilizzare questo compagno, abbiamo deciso di richiamare quindi a Roma il compagno TABARRI.

Vi preghiamo di fare in modo di liberare il compagno TABARRI dal suo lavoro attuale di partito, e mandarlo al più presto possibile a Roma a disposizione della Direzione del Partito. Siccome la cosa è urgente, speriamo che pochi giorni saranno sufficienti per la sua partenza.

Saluti

/ Silvati

Sezione Organizzazione 63

Quadri - Ft/ Silvati.

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PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

SD/157

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REF : SD/140DD

29 January 1945

SUBJECT : Lieut. Colonel (Reserve) SIMONI Arrigo
TO : G-2, RAAC.

1. I enclose for your information copies of two reports received referring to the above named.

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

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See report in above file (SD/140DD) re
Communist Military Movement.

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SECURITY DIVISION

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REF : SD/151

13 January 1945

SUBJECT : Transport of Propaganda to Pisa

TO : SCAG, AMG 5th Army

1. With reference to your letter 203/12 of 1st Oct. 44 regarding the above, information has now been obtained that a Fiat lorry licence No. 18960 ROMA, registered in the name of Margherita FEBINI is used to take Communist propaganda from Rome to Pisa. The vehicle is garaged near Via Archimede, Parioli, Rome.

2. A permit for this vehicle has been issued for the purpose of carrying charcoal from Piombino to Rome. At intervals it leaves Rome loaded with various literature and goes to Piombino. A circulation permit allowing the persons with the vehicle to travel is, according to my information, delivered to the AMG authorities at Piombino who then endorse the reverse side making it valid for Pisa, Leghorn and Florence.

3. On the return journey charcoal is loaded at Piombino and carried to Rome.

4. It is suggested that money is paid to an Italian, identity unknown, who facilitates the endorsement at Piombino.

5. The above is forwarded for your information and any action you deem advisable when this literature has been received into Army Area.

JWC

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

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Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission 60

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Copy to RPSO Toscana Region

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SECURITY DIVISION

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REF

: SD/151-22/443Y

26 January 1945

SUBJECT : Communism in Italian Air Force

TO : Air Force Sub Commission

1. With further reference to my letter reference as above, of 15 January 1945, and to your verbal request, enclosed are reports on Col. Baccari and Gen. Piacentini.

2. Enclosed is also a report on Lt. Col. CAPEZZONI, also requested by you.


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

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TRANSLATION

In the Air Force circle General Piacentini is considered an officer with very good professional qualities but without scruples, and capable of everything in order to reach his purpose.

He lacks the calmness and the good sense which are so necessary for those who reached a high rank, and must think only about the interests of the Branch and of the Country.

In order to explain his character it is necessary to look at his past.

Below are stated the inquiries to which he had to be submitted.

-about the registration of the officials in the formation period of the Branch (interrogate Gen. Notari).

-about the presents requested by some societies for the transport of aeroplanes to the Colonies. (interrogate Gen. Ajmone).

General Piacentini has never hidden his intention to make a career in any case. (Colonel Federici declared that when Piacentini was a Captain he confessed that his only wish was to make a career at whatever cost).

He cannot be considered morally sound.

Although he is married he is known to live with a girl with whom he had a son. His wife is in North Italy and has several times declared that Piacentini cannot have their marriage annulled because she knows too many things about him. Piacentini doesn't want a separation and tries to not to offend his wife's feelings too much. However, he often leaves her without the necessary means for her living.

In his quality of Minister and Head of the Staff, and under the pretext of education, he does his possible to send away the oldest Generals, and he is also known to be very indulgent towards the groups where discipline is not admitted anymore. All this shows his dictatorial tendencies which always induced him to forget the law in order to reach his purpose. Such a situation has created two different tendencies which are harming the unity of the Branch.

Besides, Piacentini tried also to use for political purposes the means he received for beneficence.

He was the first one to want a ^{luxurious} apartment for which a lot of money was given out.

It is necessary to find out the reason why Lieutenant SPCE went to Bari on a truck belonging to the R.A. and for Piacentini's private reasons.

TRANSLATION

Colonel R.A. BACCARI Spartaco.

Colonel BACCARI entered in the R.A. in 1923 coming from the Army with the rank of lieutenant. He frequented the superior course for the rank of Captain in 1925 in the "Cavour" barrack letting himself note for his intellectual and moral qualities. He was never a particularly good pilot perhaps because of his poor state of health. During the war 1940-1943 he served nearly all the time in the offices of the S.M. where he was very much esteemed for his competency. After the 8th of September 1943 he ran away and formed a group which he commanded personally running a great risk as the SS. were looking for him. He published a secret newspaper in which he encouraged the Air Force elements to fight against the Germans. Nobody discussed his anti-fascist merits when he was appointed member of the Epurating Commission. Some people said that though he is a very honest person and reached the rank of colonel, he ~~could~~ cannot certainly be considered a good soldier. He is accused of keeping rancour because he wasn't promoted general, however, it is reported that in several cases he proved to be objective especially in judging those who have once been against him.

Rome, 23rd January 1945

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TRANSLATION

Lieutenant Colonel A.A. r.n. CAPEZZONI Salvatore.

Since the beginning of his career he never showed to have a passion for the profession of pilot.

In 1941 he obtained to be attached to the Press Office of the Ministry where he did his best to quieten the fascist style in the writings which had to be published. However he couldn't do much in order not to reveal his anti-fascist feelings.

During his period of service in the Press office he has been able to study and to find out the sentiments and the mentality of the most important personalities working with the Air Force at that time.

In March 1943 the General Inspector of the OVRA informed the CC.RR. Command of the Ministry that Capezzoni was an english spy and a communist who accepted a confidential post in order to work undisturbed, and that his brother has been placed under process for communism and send away from the Country.

The CC.RR. Command, having found out that the accusations were made for some fascist reasons, answered that "the accusations could be considered unexistent". In this way Lt. Col. Capezzoni was able to escape the reprisals from the OVRA.

After the 8th of September he passed the German front line and reached Naples where he enrolled himself in the groups of volunteers organised by General PAVONE under the protection of Benedetto CROCE. As his enrollement prevent him from presenting himself immediatly to the Italian Air Force Authorities, the Ministry sent him a warning.

In the Air Force circle he is not very well liked because he is believed to be the inciter of the epuration going on at present.

He is an intelligent, cultivated and very moral person.

Although he is known to approve of the left movements, he doesn't belong to any political party.

Roma, 23rd January 1945

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PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

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REF : SD/151/4174

15 January 1945

SUBJECT : Communism in Italian Air Force

TO : Air Force S.C.

1. The following information regarding the spread of communism in the Italian Air Force is passed to you for your information.
2. It is alleged that organized communist sections, all dependent on one command are extending their influence throughout the Air Force.
3. The leader of the Movement is said to be Colonel Spartaco RACCARI, at present a member of the Epuration Committee.
4. It is also reported that the movement derives influence from the attitude of Gen. Piacentini, Minister for Air in the late BONCHI Cabinet, who is said to have given the movement considerable encouragement.
5. It is believed that members of the movement may have hidden a quantity of weapons in airfields near Rome in and Southern Italy.

[Signature]
JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

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FROM DE MICHELE GI LIO
PESCARA

see file 100 of 12 Dec 44
for covering letter.

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TO DOTT. TOGLIATTI

Segretario del PARTITO COMUNISTA
Via Nazionale
ROMA

Republican Fascists still in power in Italian Communist Party

"Companion, we feel it is our duty in the interest of the Party and of the area movement, to inform you on the following:

Although we realize the serious gaps existing in our lists, we feel that we can't fill them up with elements which have been to much compromised and without damage to the Party and its ever increasing penetration in the mass of our people. In the meantime we inform you on the following and we beg you to find out its sincerity with accurate investigations.

In the federation of Pescara, the companion Camarra does not receive the collaboration which the deserves, in fact some of his same collaborators of his are conspiring against him, amongst which are elements very seriously politically compromised and who are not liked by the people and the companions. In Citta' S. Angelo a chaotic situation exists which compromises everything which we might reap from a ground which is favourable to us. Besides the question of the Sindaco which must be resolved with tact there is all a political question which must be examined and settled as there has been an infiltration of Republican elements and no directives exist whilst instead we might have a political, cooperative and sindacal movement. A Communist Sindaco has passed to another party and the people are very nervous for the existence of a chaotic situation which works against it and which has a bad repercussion on our Party. Smeraldo PRESSUTTI has been readmitted in the Party for..... whilst his past is a dirty one under every moral and political aspect. He was the photographer of trust of the Fascist Mederation and of the Questura, he asked to become a member of Fascism and it appears he was also its confident which we can gather from the fact that he was its trustworthy photographer. After 1923, he always spoke of Fascism as of a Party which had taken a strong footing and in the same way he spoke of Germany. When some companion asked him to try and reconstruct the party, he replied that only mad people could speak in such a manner. He would never hear of the partito and for 18 years he went against it and criticizes any one who worked like any traitor of the proletarian cause would have done. He closed an eye at his wife's undertakings, while she was the lover of fascists and gentlemen and some say he lived on her shoulders, and with the money he got was able to send her to sci at Roccaraso and bought furs which in that period costed 300,000 lire. The Questura before becoming its trustworthy photographer made him catch his wife in a hotel with a gentleman but with money he was quitted down and took his wife home. His wife was most lavish with her money. Where did it come from? He knew

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be the other Parties who would have an arm in their hands to hit us with. It is necessary to have an inspector in the various areas, who by studying the atmosphere, and not taking into account friends and influential people will moralize the Party. There is everything to reconstruct here. I felt it was my duty to inform you, and I wish to advise you that, you companion and chief should abstain from sending letters to private people who afterwards speculate on them. Brotherly salutations.

Gioullo De Michele.

OPINION OF COMMUNISM

A Merchant expresses the opinion that Communist ideology is practically non-existent in southern Italy, where people have very little, if any, political preparation. The general public is merely inclined to adhere to any Party which promises more than the others. It is, however, considered that the Communists will come to power, if internal conditions, especially with regard to food, deteriorate still further. In northern Italy, where political ideologies exist and the people have a considerable political preparation the tendency is, perhaps, towards Communism.

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THE COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST RELATIONS.

In the editorial of the Neapolitan Demo-Christian organ "Il Domani d'Italia" of 18th December entitled "SPIL", Giuseppe Margotti discussed the divergent lines of policy taken by the socialists and Communists in the crisis. He begins by saying that it would not be good for the country to have two "mass" Parties in open conflict.

While Nenni, he continues, abstained from the Government because it derived authority from the Lieutenant of the Realm, Togliatti considered this a "negligible point a procedure". The "superficial split" between the two parties must, therefore, be accredited to Nenni in that he must have known that Togliatti had no objection to collaboration with the Monarchy. Margotti then remarks that the present position of the two Parties of the extreme Left cannot be absolutely definite because it is not yet certain that the socialist will be able to gain more by opposition than the Communists by collaboration. Margotti thinks the Communist policy is to collaborate with everybody in order to gain power.

Finally, Margotti criticised Togliatti's statement that the Communists were prepared to widen their "sphere of responsibility" in the following terms: "We Demo-Christians are absolutely sure that Togliatti would not hesitate to widen this "sphere of responsibility" so as to include the premiership."

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POLITICAL

COMMUNIST Activity - NAPLES

The proprietor of the "Filangieri" Cinema states that he has been approached by a Communist and has been warned that it will be to his advantage if, in future, he will not oppose the showing of Russian films in his cinema.

Almost all cinema proprietors have adhered to the wage increases asked by their personnel. In spite of this concession, they are continually being threatened with reprisals by the "Libera Associazione dei Lavoratori dello Spettacolo" at 6, via S. Giacomo. The representative of the Associazione is a certain Sarnelli who is manager of the Cinema "Esperia" at Fuorigrotta, and who, it is reported, in the past has incurred several fines for swindling the Treasury.

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Extract from file No. 46 n. 21

Extract from file No. 646 n. 21

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(b) Subversive Movements and Political Organisations of Security Interest

(i) According to a reliable No. 1 District source there are about three thousand members of the Communist Party active in AREZZO. They are split up in cells of twenty to thirty individuals and receive orders through their leaders from ROME and FLORENCE. The majority of the former Partisans have been absorbed into the party, bringing, it is said, "quantities" of arms with them. Recent activity appears to have been limited to propaganda but the ultimate aim of the branch was reputed to be the assumption, by force if necessary, of all the chief administrative posts when the control of the province passes from AMG to the Italian Government. The situation is being carefully watched by both FS and AMG.

Communism was further stated to be on the increase in the TERNI, MACERATA, FOLTERO and IESI area. In IESI meetings have been held without the approval of AMG who have requested FS to collect the names of the sponsors. It is anticipated that a few convictions will serve to bring these irresponsible elements into line with current regulations. There was no evidence of any anti-Allied trend in the Party's activities and there were indications that the Party was serving to restrain some of the more disgruntled Partisans from a more active expression of their desire for rapid change.

(ii) The fact that typewritten manifestoes containing ostensible Fascist Republican propaganda were distributed in PISTOIA on the night of 13th and 15th November 1944 did not necessarily imply a re-emergence of P.R.F. activity. On this occasion the CNL and the CC.RR were in agreement that the leaflets were bogus, having been distributed by extremist elements with the object of provoking a thorough purge of local Fascists. Previous indications would tend to confirm this conclusion.

(iii) Some difficulty was being experienced in dealing with Partisans once the areas concerned had been occupied. Their aggressive behaviour towards their fellow countrymen has in several cases rendered unnecessarily difficult the task of reorganisation and control and has offset much of their previous good work with forward troops. Cases occurred of women's "haircutting", unauthorised arrests and a certain amount of looting. In some areas also there was evidence of friction between Partisans and members of the CC.RR.

(iv) A former headquarters of the FALANGE Espanola Tradicionalista was discovered in the SAMBUCA PISTOIESE area (Prov. PISTOIA). Quantities of documents were removed and samples have already been forwarded to AFHQ. Investigations have so far failed to reveal any indication that this organisation is at all active in the AAI area.

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Extract from file 621.01 n. 5.

Subversive Movements and Political Organizations of Security Interest

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AMG are being kept informed, and developments are being closely watched.

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Meetings are reported to be taking place in the houses of these people, and it is proposed to introduce an FS informant into these gatherings.

Meanwhile definite facts are being extracted from the original sources of the information.

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Communism must be expected while hunger and lack of clothing and shelter remain the predominant problems here, but there are no indications whatsoever that it is intentionally anti-Allied. An it has at least served us well in absorbing disgruntled Partisans and providing a slightly less belligerent outlet for their undoubted zeal.

Indo file with
Communists

23/11/104 No. 28.

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With reference to the previous reports re the armed organizations of the P.C. the following information has been given:

The student Ennio STAFFA, residing at Via Como 35, who was the leader of the Partisans' Band San Lorenzo at Collalto Sabina, has been asked to inscribe all his band in the Communist Party, although they are not Communists, giving their arms to the Party. A reward of 30,000 lire would have been given to him. The request was made to him after the liberation of Rome and of Sabina. It has been made by a Chief of a Communist group, whom Staffa had known before and whom he met afterwards at San Silvestro in Rome. We couldn't ask the Chief's name because we didn't want to give suspects, (the party supervises now everything and everybody). We don't know whether it is recommendable to interrogate Staffa secretly, who did not accept the proposal and must be a good element; but he might have contact with the P.C. Eventually he must be treated with much kindness and attention, recalling him his past life of patriot. His conditions are pretty bad; he has a brother who is without a job.

PICONE Brocile (a person addicted to violence; ex-internee; he likes to be called called Avvocato (lawyer); he was sent South for a mission; among his collaborators are the well-known "Gobbo" from Gentocelle and Quarticciolo; he took part in the P.C. activity and belonged to the Legion led by Peppino Garibaldi). He still has activity in the clandestine field. Last July he purchased arms for the Party.

The comrade SICILIANI (very well educated; has direct contact with Togliatti and Scoccimondi); she is an informant of the Directorate; she is the wife of Dott. Siciliani, communist (he is ill and a little deaf); he is employed as librarian at the Ministry of Finance and at the same time he has some secret offices. He gives information and documents supplied by a Lieutenant of the CC.RR. He lives at Via dei Colli. We couldn't ask for information on his life for the same reason.

Picone and Siciliani have no connection with the Staffa matter.

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In riferimento alle presentazioni dell'organizzazione armata del p.c. si segnalano, per avere attenzione in verso agli organi stessi verso, le seguenti notizie:
allos studenti Drulis Staffa, del quale è noto il recapito di via Corso 35, che comando la banda partigiana San Lorenzo in Colalto Sabina, venne proposto di intervenire in persona alla non banda - che non è comunista - al partito comunista per tanto a quasi anche le armi. Si dice che anche potrà avere un compenso mensile di 30.000 (stendamente). La proposta gli fu rivolta dopo la liberazione di Roma e verso Sabina. Personalmente non partì da un funzionario e gruppo rimale comunista che lo Staffa aveva conosciuto in precedenza e nel quale si incontrò nei primi di San Silvestro a Roma. Non all'anno potuto chiedere il nome del funzionario per una delata sospetto (il partito controlla adesso tutto e tutti). Non sappiamo se suggerire d'interpellare o riservatamente lo Staffa che non accetta la proposta (il funzionario gli dice "però Conservare"), che dovrebbe essere un elemento dell'ordine una potrebbe anche avere rapporti riservati col p.c. Personalmente io = vuole essere trattato con ogni possibilità, facendo quello al suo parere di Partito. Si dice quindi: articolo. Ha un fratello disoccupato.

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mare avvocato; fu internato in unione nel unario male;
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e il suo nome è conservato del p.c.

colleto Sabina, venne proposto di inviare un uomo a un banco - che non è comunità - al partito comunista per farci a quel che le armi. Si dice che anche potrà avere un compenso superiore alle 30.000 (ventimila). Ha proposto per molto tempo la liberazione di Bonn e vederla. Personalmente non partì da un politico e gruppo normale comunista che lo staffa aveva conosciuto in precedenza e che quale si incontrò nei primi di Bonn subito a Bonn. Non abbiamo potuto chiedere il nome del fiduciario per un belare rispetto al partito controllato adesso tutto e tutto. Non sappiamo se suggerire d'intervento e riservatamente lo staffa che non accetta la proposta (il fiduciario gli dice "però conservabile"), che dovrebbe essere un elemento dell'ordine una potestà anche aver rapporti riservati col P.C. Prontamente lo vuole essere trattato con ogni privilegio, facendo quello al suo piano di Caduta. Sine condizioni: civile. Ha un fratello disoccupato.

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Come crede un facinoroso esaltato; ex internato; si fa chiavare arrestato; fu rinviato in missione nel meridionale; entra fra i suoi collaboratori il noto "giallo" di Centocelle e Quarticello; fu a suo tempo comandante del P.C. in seno alla legione di Toppino (antidolo) ha tuttora incarichi organizzativi nel campo clandestino - bello non lungo effetto acquisto di armi per conto del partito.

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 pure con un figlio (un altro 8. giugno, non più nato) occupato
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 e documenti come fornibile da un parente dei
 Canadian - abitati in via de' Colli. Anche nel mio
 caso e per lo stesso motivo non ci è stato e non
 ci è possibile rifare domande.

Il Giorno e la settimana non hanno rapporti con
 la pratica Staffa.

Notizie certe.

It is known that proceedings are made to incorporate in the military Communist organizations of the province of Littoria the ex-gang "COCCIO", which is formed of individuals from the socialist organizations, wearing black shirts. They are the same people who in 1925 spread all over the Agro Pontino committing every kind of thefts and robberies, and therefore were all convicted to many years imprisonment. The gang was at that time led by CILFI (ex-Royal guard), LATANZI Vincenzo, nicknamed "COCCIO" (Ciolfi's brother-in-law) and by CHIOGGIO; they are all from Priverno. At present LATANZI is carrying on dealings for the band. He is owner of real property and stated that he will work for the M.C.C. He has previously offered money to the M.C.C. of the Delegation of Ciociara and Fontina, if needed.

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Detentore delle armi è localmente il BONI Giovanni, che è anche consegnatario di numerose bombe. Dal suo magazzino a piantereno (Via Ortelle), il DE ALESSANDRIS ha fornito recentemente armi alla Federazione Provinciale Comunista di Frosinone per l'in-

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teressamento dell'On. MARZI. In occasione del trasporto, a bordo dell'auto vi era una Eccellenza comunista della quale non ho potuto chiedere il nome.

Si tratta di armi avute a pagamento dai militari Marocchini di passaggio. Consta infine che agenti e funzionari del Securite Militaire Sureté Aux Armées, che ha uffici in Roma (Trionfale) "servono" il P.C.I. in azioni di acquisto di armi.

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There is in Rome some malcontent, especially in the popular quarters, against the Allies, to which people reproach they would not have kept their promises, made before the occupation of the town.

The Anglo-Americans are accused of every least fact, every least defectiveness.

From a very confidential source we know that some select and trustworthy elements of the Communist Party have the task of divulging, enlarging and increasing these reports in order to make the Anglo-Americans unpopular.

Every subject is good: the white bread is now black, the missed distribution of paste and sugar, the irregularity of electricity distribution, the bad working of very clever elements, who work among the people (it would be enough to listen to the conversations of the queues at the markets).

The most important subject of these days is about the Armistice. Why are the Armistices between Russia and Romania, and between Russia and Finland public, and, on the contrary, between Italy and Allies still unknown? And they are saying that Russia wishes to help Italians, on the contrary Anglo-Americans wish only to exploit them. But it is useful to the Americans the greatest part of the people wishes that the Allied administration last in Italy.

But such a propaganda is very dangerous and it becomes stronger from day to day, also because it is not contradicted by a newspaper propaganda, which would want to explain the reasons of these facts.

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On the newspaper "Tempo" the articles signed Filippo Giolli are written by Ugo D'Andrea, another fascist journalist(I present last copy of this newspaper where there is an article of this man, about the participation of Italy against Japan and the conditions which Allies want to give to Italy for its contribution).

At the "Tempo", the "Sesto Braccio" Association has been founded by Avv. Amedeo Angiolillo (brother of the Director) and others. The sums, which are collected, seem to go into their pockets, specially when they are paid by elements, who are fearing something and never could protest, because of their condition of great fascists, or squadristi.

It would be convenient to ask the list of the subscribers and so it will be possible to know the names of those who have been excluded.

The I.N.A. Society is another element of propaganda against Allies on the newspapers "Unità" and "Avanti". I have already reported that the I.N.A. members would have meet in order to examine the increase of wages of 70% and some elements had prepared manifestations and disorders. After my notice, your Office ordered a preventive service of Police, who succeeded to avoid every disorder. After this fact, the newspaper "Unità" wrote an article, where it deplores this fact (Unità, September 30 "Sindacati e Polizia")

I present the newspaper "Avanti" of October 1 where there is an article against the I.N.A. Society and the Commissary appointed by the Allies.

MEMORANDUM

6th October 1944

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The organization of the leftist parties distinctly has a military character.

The typically fascist "squadristi" revives again under a very violent form. As it has already been reported previously, especially the Italian Communist Party is developing and improving its many sections. Their activity is not compatible with the freedom of thought which is now given to every citizen. Their task consists in ascertaining the political position of every inhabitant put under the jurisdiction of their sections. Therefore it is believed, that in good time the Italian Communist Party will issue secret orders in order to make reprisals against the suspected persons and especially against those who have pro-monarchic sentiments.

Some newspaper have already mentioned the danger of the abuses caused by communist elements, especially in province where revolutionary guards often arrest even anti-fascists accusing them of hypothetical crimes (see the newspaper "Il Quotidiano" of the 13 September 1944 the article called "Signori la Legge").

While the other parties consider the political struggle as a civil struggle that must be fought with the freedom of the press, with the free voting, and excluding every form of violence, the marxists (Socialist and Communists) want to use violence ("Preventive Revolution") fearing that after the suffrages the Country will fall in the power of the anti-republican and anti-communist parties. (see in the newspaper "L'Opinione" of the 11 September 1944 the article called "Crisi Virtuale").

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An anti-fascist Government is incompatible with an armed "squadristi" which is ready to become violent.

While Italy is going through such a serious crisis, why isn't anything done in order to maintain harmony and peace between the Italians?

It is known that the Communists are amassing and hiding arms, many people ask themselves why the Authorities, who are supposed to protect the peaceful citizens, don't take this arms which will certainly cause innocent victims in the Italian cities. Are there not enough victims because of this terrible war which was not wanted by the Italian people?

Also another thing worries very much the population. In order to have the greatest number of adherents, the Communist Party distributes to its members a great quantity of rationed victuals. Therefore, a lot of victuals are taken away from the mass. Also in this case the authorities ought to take measures and to sequester the stored goods in order to prevent them from being carried away.

Before such a grave situation, and especially at the present time, the Government ought to take measures in order to guarantee to the citizens their freedom which is menaced by the same elements who vehemently protested against the Fascist Regime.

In general the people are very worried.

As in the present Government the chiefs of the leftist parties have a great importance, could it not be possible to do something in order to prevent the abuses committed by the members of the above mentioned Parties?

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Adorno del Dipartimento

PROMEMORIA

Lì 6 ottobre 1944

L'organizzazione dei partiti estremi va assumendo carattere spiccatamente militare.

Risorge lo squadristico con una forma violenta, tipicamente fascista di opposizione.

In special modo il partito comunista italiano, come già accennato in precedenza, va sviluppando e perfezionando le sue numerose sezioni, devolvendo a queste compiti non compatibili con la libertà di pensiero che, si ritiene, sia ora assicurata a ciascun cittadino. Tali compiti consistono nel fare accertare gli intendimenti e la posizione politica di ogni singolo abitante nella giurisdizione di ciascuna sezione.

Ciò evidentemente fa ritenere che, al momento opportuno, il partito comunista italiano emanerà segrete disposizioni dirette ad attuare rappresaglie verso quelle persone che risultassero non gradite, ed in special modo nei confronti dei monarchici.

Già qualche giornale ha denunciato il pericolo circa gli abusi perpetrati da elementi comunisti, specie ^{anche} in provincia: una guardia rivoluzionaria armata che arresta talvolta degli antifascisti e li trattiene nelle prigioni perchè colpevoli di ipotetici delitti (vedasi "Il Quotidiano" del 13 settembre u.s. "Signori la legge").

Mentre gli altri partiti concepiscono la lotta politica come lotta civile da combattersi con l'arma della libertà di stampa e della libera votazione, ~~la~~ esclusione di qualsiasi forma di violenza, per contro i marxisti delle due gradazioni (socialisti e comunisti) minacciano il ricorso alla violenza della piazza, la "Rivoluzione preventiva", per sventare il pericolo che il Paese, in libere elezioni, dia la maggioranza ai partiti borghesi e non repubblicani (vedasi "L'Opinione" dell'11/9/1944 "Crisi virtuale").

E' un allarme generale di cui ormai anche la stampa ne tratta diffusamente.

In un Governo "Antifascista" -ci si domanda- è incompatibile uno squadrismo armato disposto ad ogni forma di violenza.

In questo momento in cui l'Italia attraversa una grave crisi, perchè non si opera per la concordia e per l'unione degli italiani?

Se è notorio che specie il comunismo va ammassando armi nei suoi numerosi depositi clandestini, i più si domandano perchè l'autorità, costituita a difesa del libero e pacifico cittadino, non intervenga con energia per togliere quelle armi che un giorno faranno spargere sangue innocente per le piazze d'Italia.

Non basta forse - si chiedono i ben pensanti - il sangue che ha richiesto una guerra disgraziata non voluta dal popolo? non basta il sangue che la guerra esige ancora?

Ma un altro argomento desta la più viva apprensione fra la popolazione. Il comunismo, allo scopo di ottenere il maggior numero di iscritti; e per tenerli il più possibile avvinti con premi di ingaggio, va anche praticando su larga scala l'approvvigionamento, a favore degli stessi iscritti, di generi alimentari tesserati. Trattasi di enormi quantità di merci che vengono sottratti al fabbisogno generale.

Anche in questo campo l'azione delle autorità dovrebbe essere energica ed immediata, sia nel procedere al sequestro di merce giacente in depositi, sia per stroncare ogni possibilità di sottrazione.

Dinanzi ad una situazione tanto grave, specialmente nell'attuale momento, si rende necessaria l'azione di un governo che intervenga manu militari, per assicurare al cittadino quella libertà che è ora seriamente ostacolata da quegli stessi elementi che più veementemente si levarono contro la dittatura fascista.

Ma esiste un dubbio, una perplessità generale: in un governo, come quello in carica, comprendente cioè i capi dei partiti di sinistra, che imperano in ogni decisione, non potrebbe essere possibile un intervento

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POCHI GIORNI OR SONO VI ABBIAMO IMPARTI
TO DE ELIMINARE QUESTE DONNE SENZA
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SE SIETE FEDELI ALLA PATRIA,

ESEGUITE!

IL (P . G . A . P .)



P.G.A.P. (Partito Giovanile Azione Proletaria)

Juvenile Party of Proletarian Action.

This is a section of the Communist Party.



HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION
APO 394

SECRET

10th October, 1944

Ref: SD/151

Subject: Report of Communist Intentions.

To : Acting Chief Commissioner, (Through Vice President, Civil Affairs Section).

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4. The report to the CIC agent was probably caused through (a) the anticipation that the German resistance might collapse, (b) the fear of other parties gaining strength individually, (c) The declaration by the Six Parties composing the Government confirming the Alliance between them. (This has greatly annoyed the Left wing Communists).

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10230 *Togliatti Foreign* COMMUNIST PARTY

I) Communist and Socialist Parties are presently intimately bound. Although they refuse the activities of the Communist Movement, as Togliatti does officially, they make really a large use of the irreconcilable activity of this Association.

2) The Communist movement is composed with 4 or 5000 deceitful elements of the dissolved Red Army, directed by a delinquent, named Poca.

3) The Communist Party is not yet numerous, because it has been successful only among workmen; on the contrary peasants generally take part in the Democritical-Christian Party.

4) The Communists try now to increase their number among peasants, and therefore charm them by the portioning of the soil.

5) Since September, Togliatti is speaking in favour of the Revolution, which would happen as soon as Russia orders it.

6) Consequently propaganda becomes stronger, also because they fear that other Parties attain greater proficiency, after the Churchill's inclination towards a monarchical problem.

7) It is possible, therefore, that episodes of violence happen, but the Communists have not yet fixed the time of them.

8) The Communist Party is very armed with explosive arms of every kind, and also with armoured motor-cars. It receives much money from Russian origin.

9) It makes use also of the help of Berlinguer (Committee for Epuration) and of Scoccimarra (Committee for the punishment of Fascist crimes), in order to disorder all the National organizations; so that, in the nick of time, the disorganisation of the government elements will help the success of the designs of the Communist Party.

PARTITO COMUNISTA

1. Attualmente i partiti comunisti e socialista sono intimamente legati. Benché ripudino, come ufficialmente fa Togliatti, le attività del Movimento Comunista, in effetti essi si servono largamente della intransigente attività di detta associazione.
2. Il Movimento Comunista è composto di 4-5 mila subdoli elementi della discolta Armata Rossa, capeggiati da un delinquente a nome Poce.
3. Il partito comunista è ancora numericamente debole perché è riuscito a farsi strada solo tra gli operai, dato che di massa i contadini aderiscono al partito democratico-cristiano.
4. Attualmente i comunisti cercano ingrossare le loro file con i contadini, e perciò invogliano costoro con la distribuzione delle Terre.
5. Dai primi dello scorso settembre Togliatti sta predicando la rivoluzione che dovrebbe avere luogo non appena la Russia lo ordinerà.
6. Conseguentemente viene intensificata la propaganda, anche perché si nota il rafforzamento degli altri partiti e perché è nota la tendenza di Churchill per il problema monarchico.
7. Pertanto episodi di violenza non sono da escludersi, ma non sono state stabilite date al riguardo.
8. Il partito comunista è armatissimo con armi da esplosivo di tutti i generi, autobombe comprese. Dispone, inoltre, di denaro a non finire di provenienza russa.
9. Si serve inoltre dell'opera di Berlinguer (facente parte del Comitato di Epurazione) e di Scoccimarra (del Comitato Punzione delitti Fascisti) per scardinare tutte le organizzazioni nazionali, così che al momento propizio la disorganizzazione degli elementi governativi potrà favorire la riuscita dei piani che il partito comunista si propone.

On 17th. September advice was received that the big (Communist) revolution was imminent and that it would start within the next 20 days. The population wanted the immediate extermination of all Fascists; wanted the Political prisoners now in jail to be brought quickly to justice.

Within a few days small demonstrations and riots would start, and the Communists would back the population against anyone who tried to stop them.

The Communists, especially the Kappa squads were well armed and would overthrow the present government, taking over all offices.

Heads of the Communist party were opposed to the revolution, but were over ridden.

Stated that the Communists wanted to wait until the Allies left Italy but the rise of the other political parties in Italy, the loss of control of the people of Italy by the Communists, the lack of justice in dealing with Fascists; and the failure of the Allies to provide food, shelter, electricity and security made them want it now.

It was stated that the Communists would suffer heavily at the hands of the Allies, but even if they lost 1000 or 2000 men they still had enough arms and men to attain final victory.

They don't want to have to fight the Allies, but they must back the people all the time, even if it is against the Allies.

COPY - Extracted from P.B.S. Monthly Security Report
of September 1944

c. In LEGHORN, the various Parties - the more important of which are represented in the "Committee of National Liberation", are cooperating fully with Allied Authorities. The "Liberal Communist Party" was recently formed from elements of the old "Anarchist Party".

The following instructions are said to have been brought to LEGHORN on 25 August by two representatives of the "Central Committee of the Communist Party" in Rome:

"In spite of the spirit of moderation in Molotov's speeches and in the speeches of the Italian Communist Leader, Palmiro TOGLIATTI, the instructions transmitted directly from the Russian Government and forwarded to the Communist Party in LEGHORN are very extreme".

"First of all, the Party is instructed to intensify its propaganda, and to see that its membership in increased quickly to several thousands."

"All proposals for taking the City by violence are still in effect, and in this regard the instructions recommend the infiltration of Communist in all branches of the Administration. These Communists, however, are to act in such a way as to give every impression of the most absolute spirit of moderation in order not to give rise to suspicions. The Communist Party will send a weekly courier to LEGHORN from Rome. It is also recommended that propaganda among the peasants be intensified, and that they try to make the presence of American Troops in Italy unpopular so that the people will want them to leave. Among the Allies show preference to the English, because it is believed that when the war is over England will not be as powerful as America."

It is noted that the instructions from Moscow leave no doubt about the intentions of the Kremlin regarding the complete dominance of Communism in Italy.

The Communist Party of LEGHORN is very active. There is also a Young Communist Party for carrying on propaganda among people by means of sport compositions, etc.

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6 Oct. 44

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*SD/151.*G S I (b)C3 District Security Intelligence Summary No9Period 1 Sep to 30 Sep. 44PART I

An extremist left wing branch of the Communist party calling itself PARTITO COMUNISTA D'ITALIA has been formed at SALERNO under the leadership of AVVOCATO CIRILLO IPPOLITO, a lawyer who had been expelled from the Communist party for shady dealings. The membership of the new party is said to be increasing considerably since it was joined by BORDIGA AMADEO, a good organiser and a revolutionary of some experience. The Communist party of SALERNO under the leadership of PIETRO AMENDOLA is liquidating undesirables and extremists in conformity with its avowed policy of moderation. The outcasts are finding a ready welcome with the Partito Comunista d'Italia, and the Communists proper are viewing with some alarm the progress made by the rival party.

TOP SECRET

SCL/406/73

19th September, 1944.

To: Lt. Col. Gibson,
G.S.I(b), H.Q., A.A.I.
Lt. Col. Young,
G-2 Section, R.A.A.C.
✓ Major Harvey,
Security Branch, A.G.C.

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Subject: Subversive Political Activities

SCL/406/73 of 9th Sept., 1944 refers.

1. Two further reports are attached.

2. Although enquiries instigated as a result of the first information from VAVANTI have been till in their early stages, the following broad conclusions may be drawn.

- (a) Information so far received does not justify the assumption that the Communist and Socialist parties intend any spectacular action in the immediate future.
- (b) In the existing political confusion a number of intriguing groups calling themselves parties are using the cover of "Communists", "Socialists", "Proletarians", etc.
- (c) The quantity of arms available to various political groups, either in large arms or in individual holdings, must be accepted as considerable.
- (d) Though the present somewhat sensational reports may, as expected, be found to be largely exaggerated, it must be expected that alarmist reports will become more frequent and widespread as the military situation develops.
- (e) The present unemployment of large numbers of civilians and ex-officers and men of the Italian armed forces has resulted in many of these elements allowing themselves to be drawn into the orbit of political parties, which are in a position to promise an immediate improvement of their material situation. It is to be expected, therefore, that extremist left-wing parties with powerful financial backing will therefore find an increasing number of ready supporters.
- (f) Parties claiming left-wing tendencies are the best form of cover for ex-Fascists and unfortunates of all sorts who are anxious to make a break with the past, and at the same time be in a position to exploit the future.
- (g) The approach of Russian armies to the Adriatic Coast will be an added incentive to calumnies to give voice to their grievances and attempt to spread disorder.

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3. It is not the function of this Unit to conduct extensive political enquiries, which in any case can only be of relatively short time value.

4. It is furthermore considered undesirable that SMI should be associated with enquiries involving penetration ^{and espionage} of political parties. It is known that influential political circles are already hostile to an organization which has shown consistent loyalty to the Allies, and it would be unwise to offer any grounds for such accusations.

5. It is considered that the problem is primarily one of military security, resulting from the large quantities of arms available to the civilian population. Energetic action to ensure the return of arms by sections of the population is regarded as the obvious and most satisfactory solution.

6. All details relative to enquiries in progress are being turned over by this Unit to G.C. 276 F.S. Section. S.I.M. C.S. will meanwhile be encouraged to provide reliable sources of information and to pass these to G.C. 276 F.S.S. to exploit, rather than develop them on their own initiative.

C.F. Polk CAPTAIN

For Major No. 1 S.G.I. Unit

Subject: SUBVERSIVE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Source: Same as report under reference.
(Note: Source has supplied a list of men working for him. The names will be recorded by SUI and SIA, CI and will be supplied for record to A.A.I.)

SUI/403/70 of 5th Sept. 1944 refuted.

1. Source claims that the first act of sabotage occurred in Via Padina, corner of Via dell'Orto, Rome, on 5th Sept. A bomb was thrown at an Allied vehicle. Of the two men responsible, one is ROBERTO GUSMANO, V. Michele di Lido, Rome, head of an action group (see para. 3 report under reference).
2. STRADA (see para. 3 report under reference) states arms are being landed near CIVITAVECCHIA from sailing and other small craft and hidden near the beach. Arms are also being landed at PORTICI near NAPLES.
3. There is a big secret arms dump in the quartiere ZINGHINO, Rome.
4. The NEWSPAPER published clandestinely by the subversive movement has changed its name from "IL FASCISTA" to "IL NOVO" (= Red Manifest).
5. STRADA will have the opportunity of meeting BOTTAI shortly.
6. Source insists on the presence in Rome of the German S.S. Colonel (para. 15 our report under reference). One of his men, FORNARO, Viale delle Provincie 37, co-ordinator H.C. 2., may be able to engineer a meeting with him.
7. Source states 12 members of 10th Flottiglia MAS may have entered RME in the last few days.

COMMENT

8. The situation is confused, but it seems likely that the fire behind the strike is fed by Nationalists and Fascist extremists (both Fascists of a short time back) more than by the legitimate left-wing parties.
9. C.G. 276 P.S. Section reports that his source (para. 15 above, report under reference) discounts widespread activity or influence of BARBERIS or MINISTRO, the latter described as a man of minor importance.
10. It is not considered that the running of arms to CIVITAVECCHIA and PORTICI would be necessary in view of the large numbers already available in the country.
11. It is suggested that C-3 Section, R.A.A.G. are in the best position to check up the veracity of the incident mentioned in para. 1.

Subject: REPERATIVE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Source: SIM, C.S. Diplomatic Contact

REF/405/70 of 9th Sept., 1944. refers.

2. Elements of dissident left-wing parties and national ist Republican groups are aiming at the establishment of a "Communist Social Republic".
3. Many of the recruits are ex-criminals, ex-fascists under suspicion for crime, out-of-service and unemployed ex-soldiers.
5. The Comando Repubblicano Partigiano, V. Sirtina 40, is aiming and organizing groups and is probably affiliated to the same movement.
4. DOTTI Giuseppe and FERRAZZI Luigi are in Rome, but their sympathies are believed to be Monarchist more than left-wing.
5. As the Allies are believed to have come to an agreement whereby the Russian East-European sphere of influence stops at the RUBE, the movement is to bear the stamp of a spontaneous Italian manifestation. Nevertheless the following Russians are in secret contact with it: -

Captain Alex VASSILIEFF
Journalist ALEXANDR VIG
White Russian Communist Party GUESSAJA

PROMEMORIA

Roma, 11 13 settembre 1944

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Da fonte bene informata si è potuto conoscere che il Partito Comunista Italiano sta lavorando con alacrità e tenacia intorno alla sua organizzazione politica e militare scegliendo per quest'ultima, fra gli aderenti, elementi scelti e di sicura fede.

Si parla di quadri, di ruolini, di istruzioni riservate e ciò come logica conseguenza a quanto sembra sia stato fatto già in altre zone d'Italia.

La città di Roma e provincia sarebbero state ~~già~~ interamente suddivise in sezioni ed ora si lavorerebbe intorno alla assempnazione di tutta una scala di gerarchie.

L'organizzazione disporrebbe di mezzi finanziari notevoli nonché di un abbondante armamento raccolto e custodito in depositi clandestini.

Come premessa del programma ogni singola Sezione, attraverso scaltri ed avveduti elementi, avrebbe il compito, frattanto, di stabilire, attraverso scrupolosi accertamenti da praticarsi presso tutti gli stabili compresi nella zona di competenza, l'idea politica di ogni singolo inquilino.

Si presenterebbero sotto il falso pretesto di ricercare fascisti ancora in libertà ed invece lo scopo non mira che ad individuare tutti coloro che non sono portati verso l'ideologia social-comunista.

Un particolare lavoro al riguardo viene riservato verso quelli che conservano idee monarchiche e ciò evidentemente per poterli ~~poi~~ controllare al momento opportuno.

Queste linee di condotta vengono seguite, per quanto possibile, segretamente e sotto la diretta responsabilità degli agenti interessati. =

Memorandum

Rome 13, September 1944

From a reliable source we send for your information that the Italian Communist Party works tenaciously for its politic and military organisation, choosing as members trusted elements

The matter is the list and the reserved instructions, and seems that this is been done in other parts of Italy.

Rome and its district are been yet subdivided in different sections, and at present the association works for the assignation of all the ranks of hierarchies.

The organisation has some money and an ingent equipment assembled and hidden into clandestine deposits.

The program of every section would be that with some wary and cunning elements and through scrupulous ascertainments in every houses can know the political sentiments of every tenants.

They would present them selves under pretext of seek fascistmen yet free but on the contrary only to individualize all they who are not social communists.

A particular activity is reserved for these persons who are yet monarchists, to control them at the right moment.

These orders are followed as far as possible, secretly and under the direct responsibility of the concerned informers.

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SCI/005/70

9th September, 1944.

To: Lt. Col. Gibson,
G.S.I(b), H.Q., A.A.I.
Lt. Col. Young,
G-2 Sec. R.A.A.G.

Major Harvey,
Security Branch, Allied Control Commission.

Subject: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

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SCI/495/70

9th September, 1944

Subject: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIESSource: Ing. VAVALLI Mario, V. Giulio Cesare 11 (Tel. 562965).

Note: Source claims to be anti-Fascist liberal of long-standing, who has suffered banishment and physical maltreatment under Fascism. He claims to be anti-communist and pro-monarchist. He states he was a member of the Patriot bands "STRAPPO" and "NERI", from the ranks of which he has drawn the men now being used to penetrate communist organisation. He appears sincere, if somewhat naive.

1. Source states that in July representatives of several parties started a movement to establish a "Repubblica Sociale Sovietica" (Social Soviet Republic) by force of arms as soon as Russian forces reached the Adriatic.
2. Parties implicated in the movement are stated to be Communists, Socialists, Republicans and Republican Fascists.
3. At a meeting on 24th August, in a villa near ROME, BOTTAI (former Fascist and Republican Fascist Minister) and FEDERZONI (dissident Fascist Minister) were present.
4. Source insists that the official Communist and Socialist parties are also implicated, though their leaders have maintained a careful "cover" over their activities.
5. Ing. PALMIDORO, described as leader of an extremist wing of the Communist Party, is mentioned as playing an important part in the movement.
6. Arms are being issued to various groups, which in ROME consist of 6 men; each group having a "cover-group" of some 40 men to act as a "screen" for any eventual operation.
7. Source claims that he has two men who have penetrated such groups, and that they have already been issued with arms (hand-grenades and small arms).
8. Arms are said to be coming by road from CIVITAVECCHIA, and Lt. STRAPPO (O.C. "STRAPPO" band) is trying to penetrate activities there with a view to locating the main ROME dump.
9. "Inspectors" have been despatched to the provinces to supervise organisation and arming of action groups.
10. Source states that MUSKINO, described as a Communist trained in Russia and a friend of TOULIACCI, has visited SICILY, where plans are well advanced, GALABRIA, where the organisation is on a lesser scale, and NAPLES, which is also thought to be well-organised.

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11. MINGRINO is due to arrive back in ROME shortly.

12. Source states that sabotage of Allied equipment is included in future operational plans and mentioned petrol depots in PORTONACCIO-VERANO locality as a target.

13. He heard that on 19th August, a Professor (name unknown) and a German S.S. Colonel were parachuted near ROME. (Source is however uncertain of the reliability of this report and the exact connection between this incident and the organisation.)

Comment

14. Source has been told that S.I.M. C.S. has no interest in political parties but is concerned with security of Allied Armies.

15. He has been authorised to continue penetration with backing of C.S. funds.

16. Source has at his disposal two Italian army officers who are known to MINGRINO's brother (see para. 10). He hopes to get one of them enrolled in MINGRINO's "large bodyguard".

17. It is not yet possible to assess the value of source's information, which is probably tinged with characteristic Latin exaggeration. There may, however, be a basis of truth to his statements.

18. 276 F.S. Section has been asked to check through his source (a certain SOFIA-MONETTI, one of the 4 members of the directing committee of the dissident Communist party and also a leading member of "Associazione Partigiani Italiani") on the activities of PAMIDORO (see para. 6) and MINGRINO.

19. Meanwhile S.I.M. C.S. are checking up on his contacts.

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SCI/495/65(a)

3rd September, 1944.

To: Lt. Col. Gibson,
G.S.I(b), H.Q., A.A.I.
Lt. Col. Young,
G.S.O(1), G-2 Sec., R.A.A.C.
Major Harvey,
Security Branch, Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Communist Activities in the Italian Army

The source of the attached report is a senior officer formerly of the Italian General Staff, whose reliability cannot as yet be assessed.

C. F. Noly Captain

For Major No. 1 S.C.I. Unit

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File No. 151-26005
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TRANSLATIONMEMORANDUM

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I learn from a reliable source that after the Allies' arrival an appreciable number of officers, among whom were many of senior rank, have joined the Communist movement towards which they were drawn during the fight against the Fascists.

It is certain that the "Brigate Rosse" (Red Brigades) which has recently been disbanded officially but not in actual fact, has enlarged its personnel by enrolling these officers, thus creating an organization worthy of consideration in view of its spirit and its potentialities.

The reports concerning the pay of officers, N.C.O.'s and men are most varied:

Officers of senior rank are said to receive from 5000 lire every ten days to three or four thousand lire per month.

Those of junior rank and N.C.O.'s with families, from 3000 lire every ten days to 3000 lire per month.

Other ranks, from 1000 lire every ten days to 2000 lire per month.

In any case it would appear that all matters are dealt with by this movement in a very thorough manner. This is in complete contrast with the methods adopted up to now by the Italian High Command and its representative on the General Staff in recognizing the work done by Italian officers and providing them with assistance.

It is a fact that the sound majority of Army officers have no confidence in the officers who came up from the South (to Rome) with the Germano Supreme and who are today holding down big jobs in the War Ministry.

The Communist leanings of a number of officers are attributable to the fact that no definite provision has been made for them and to the realization that it is precisely the men most responsible for the shameful surrender of Rome (to the Germans) on September 8th, 1943, who are now still in office enjoying the military ranks and power which they held at that time.

The officers have no longer any faith in the Italian General Staff because they realize perfectly that if only the General Staff had remained at their posts and presented a united and efficient front, all would have fought the Germans and the Fascists.

Among the officers who have turned Communist, there are some splendid leaders who were obliged to hand over or dishonour their units on the explicit orders of the representative of the General Staff. Their state of mind is such as to make it impossible even to reform the Italian Army on a completely solid basis.

Undoubtedly these officers will continue to receive material assistance (from the Communists) through secret channels.

HEADQUARTERS
A. IED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH

Ref: SB/260.05

21st August 1944

Subject: Communist Party - Italian Officers.

To : Acting Chief Commissioner.

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1. Further to my report under even number dated 6 August, 1944.
2. So far, PRO have been unable to contact Mr. Tucker who may now have gone to France.
3. The enquiry has continued and the following paragraphs sum up the situation.
4. It is true that a group of regular officers, whose number is growing, have made it very clear to the Ministry of War that unless the Ministry pays them promptly for the period from September 1943 to June, 1944 during which time they were in hiding or fighting with the partisans, they would go to the Communist Party here in Rome to be inscribed in a body and to ask financial help.
5. This threat was not carried out but there is a danger that it might be unless the Ministry of War makes urgent provision for these officers.
6. It is true however, that many non-commissioned officers have been inscribed in the party and have been given some small financial aid.
7. The seat of the trouble seems to be in the War Ministry itself and I append a report received from a reliable source which indicates that a little house-cleaning would be beneficial.
8. I submit this report in duplicate in order that, should you agree, the matter can now be referred, with your comments to the Army Sub-Commission for further action.

FOR THE DIRECTOR

[Signature]
JOHN A. MURRAY.
MAJOR.
SECURITY BRANCH

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECURITY BRANCH

SECRET

6 AUGUST 44

REF: SB/260.05

Subject: Communist Party - Italian Officers

To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. Reference attached copy of extract from Tucker (AF) in P.R.C., Trend of Copy issued 29 JUL 44.
2. Enquiry has been made into the allegations but, as Tucker has gone to Florence it has not been possible to question him as to his sources of information.
3. Independent enquiry shows that the true state of affairs seems to be that before the Allies liberated Rome, many Italian officers asked to be inscribed into the Communist party. Their applications are still in the course of consideration as some enquiry has to be made into their political past. It may be that Tucker was writing of these applicants for membership.
4. The Communist Party of Italy, during the period of German occupation, did subsidise soldiers and disbanded officers who needed help to continue their clandestine resistance. Help was given only to those inscribed in the Party, whose needs were desperate. It is suggested that this is the reason that Tucker stated financial help was given. We have, so far, been unable to trace any evidence of the automatic grant of specific sums to officers simply upon joining.
5. Certain lines of enquiry, including the questioning of Mr. Tucker have to be pursued before a final answer can be given.
6. I submit this temporary report at this stage for your information and will submit a further and more detailed report in the course of the next few days.

FOR THE DIRECTOR

JOHN A. MCKAY.
MAJOR.
SECURITY BRANCH.

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CROSS REFERENCE

SUBJECT: POLITICAL SITUATION
in SICILY

SOURCE:

Prof CANZIANI
Socialist Leader

Found in File 150

Tip.M.Greco

Palermo, Spirito Santo 4

(2)

CITIZENS OF PALERMO !

The hour of tremendous revenge is already on its way. Men of the people, sons of poverty and labor, are at work in order that there may be reestablished at the earliest possible moment equitable class justice. We see, and all of you see, ~~that~~ as we do, that the situation is now unbearable. Every day, in ever increasing measure, hundreds and hundreds of men, women, and children are suffering veritable hunger, nourishing themselves with a few locust beans. - How long shall we behold this infamy? - Answer: ~~So~~ long as there remain in office those poisonous pseudo ex-Fascist officials !

This canaille, not satisfied with all their misdeeds perpetrated on the population, wish to condemn us to starvation through the black market; they growl and show their teeth as they gnaw the already lacerated flesh of ~~the~~ our people. And why do they gnaw? Because, according to these rascals, after 22 years of suppression, suffering, the island, and the galleys, we ought to have impeded the irresistible and liberating march of the most powerful army in the world: the glorious Anglo-American army.

They are using as shields our infants, our women, our old people, - to defend whom? The clique in power, composed entirely of thieves and assassins in black shirts ! According to these men, we should all get ourselves massacred in order that these ruffians can still remain in the place of ~~power~~ command and be able to continue undisturbed, robbing us and holding us in slavery.

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The Allied Government has brought us and will continue to bring us bread and liberty.

American grain is arriving: but the illicit traffic still continues because the Fascist clique which is still ensconced in the various public offices is muddying the waters and is trying in this cowardly fashion to foment hate against the Allied Government.

Down with them ! Out with all the Fascists !

Long live America ! - Long live England !

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The Sicilian Communist Group...

PALEMITANI!

L'ora della tremenda vendetta è già in cammino. Uomini del popolo, figli della povertà e del lavoro, sono all'opera affinché al più presto si ristabilisca un'equa giustizia di classe. Noi vediamo, e con noi tutti voi vedete, che la situazione è ormai insostenibile. Ogni giorno, e con ritmo crescente, centinaia e centinaia di donne, uomini e bimbi soffrono una vera fame poiché si cibano di qualche carrubba. — Sino a quando assisteremo a questa infamia? — Risposta: Sino a quando saranno tenuti negli uffici tutti quei velenosi pseudo ex gerarchi fascisti!

Queste canaglie, non paghe di tutti i misfatti perpetrati contro il popolo, vorrebbero condannarci alla fame mediante il mercato nero, e ringhiano ancora, mordono la già lacerata carne del nostro popolo. E sapete perché mordo? perché secondo questi scellerati, dopo 22 anni di soprusi, di sofferenze, di isole e di galere avremmo dovuto frenare l'impetuosa marcia liberatrice del più potente esercito del mondo: il glorioso esercito Anglo - Americano.

Fare scudo coi nostri bambini, con le nostre donne, coi nostri vecchi per difendere chi? La cricca al potere tutta composta di ladri e di assassini in camicia nera! Bisognava, secondo questi, farci massacrare tutti affinché tali manigoldi se ne stessero ancora ai posti di comando e potere continuare tranquillamente a rubare e a tenerci schiavi.

PALEMITANI!

Il Governo Alleato ci ha portato e ci porta ancora pane e libertà. La farina americana arriva; il contrabbando però va ancora avanti perché tutta la cricca fascista che si annida ancora nei vari uffici cittadini imbroglia le carte e tenta vigliaccamente di fomentare odio contro il Governo Alleato.

Abbasso! fuori tutti i fascisti!

**VIVA L'AMERICA! — VIVA L'INGHILTERRA!
VIVA STALIN! — VIVA LA DEMOCRAZIA UNIVERSALE!**

Il Gruppo Comunista - Siciliano.

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Tip.M.Greco

- Palermo, Spirito Santo 41.

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