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SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

~~SECURITY BR~~~~File 3990~~~~TOP SECRET~~~~701/20/GSI~~~~23 Jun 45~~SUBJECT:- Subversive ActivitiesDISTRIBUTION : See below.

1. Attached are copies of information passed to this office by Security Officer, HQ AMG VENEZIA Region, in which details are given of JUGOSLAV attempts at subversive propaganda and anti-Allied activities.
2. The informant is stated to be reliable. He was present at a recent gathering of a Slovene Mission as a Partisan.
3. Also attached, to GSI (b) Eighth Army only, is a copy of information from same source, giving various details of local interest only.
4. It is not known if any of the attached information has been previously distributed.

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16 Jun 45

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(b) - Quantity of Military transport, of Armoured vehicles, of Divisionary Artillery (type and calibre) of reserve ammunitions, light arms etc:

(c) - Movement of troops: where they are coming from and where they are going to:

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(f) - Condition of armour:

(g) - Number of factories in UDINE - TREVISO - VENICE - PADOVA: condition and maximum output of factories - names of proprietors and shareholders - financial possibilities - number of employees and workmen, actually, before the war and during the war.

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The FRIULI centres where Yugoslav agents principally operate are: S. DANIELE, SPILIMBERGO, LATISANO, CERVIGLIANO, TREVISO, CIVIDALE.

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

Ref : SD/165

To : R.P.S.O. XIII Corps A.M.C.

26 June 1945

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5. The purport of this report has already been given to R.C. Venezia and H.Q. No. 1 District.

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

REF : ED/165

6 March 1945

SUBJECT : YUGO-SLAV Activities in ITALY

TO : G-2 (CI) AFHQ

1. The attached report is forwarded for your information.

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Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
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TO : Director, Public Safety Sub Commission, Security Division.

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2. It appears that the YUGO-SLAV authorities carefully select suitable Italian refugees and soldiers with homes and families in the Istria Region of North Italy who wish to be repatriated from YUGO-SLAVIA. These Italians are firstly asked if they wish to return to Italy and naturally all eagerly accept. Within a short time they are transported to the Island of Lissa where they remain. When enquiring about their final passage home it is alleged they are then told they will only return to Italy if they agree to spread pro-YUGO-SLAV and anti-Italian propaganda. If such offered is refused then they are threatened that not only will they not get back to Italy but their families will be arrested and imprisoned when TITO's Forces arrive in the Trieste area. It is said that nearly all accept these conditions and are then embarked for South Italy.

3. It is reported that to avoid arousing too much Allied interest the names are changed from Italian to Yugo-Slav and in most cases the christian name of "GITO" is taken as a ready means of identification.

4. On arrival in Italy they soon commence their activities amongst members of the Italian army, especially those from the Trieste area. The main theme of this propaganda is that all the Trieste area will form part of the new Yugo-Slavia because it is the wish of STALIN and TITO, further if they will desert not only will they safeguard themselves and their families but will reach home much quicker than waiting for an Allied offensive. These Italians undertake to vote pro-Yugo Slav should a plebiscite be held in the future.

5. Deserters report to the 'M.O.V.I.' office at Piazza Quattro Palazzi, Naples, where they are provided with clothing etc. After a short period they are taken to Bari to await transport to Yugo-Slavia. It is reported that five or six deserters arrive each day. They leave Naples for Bari on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week, departing from the

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

Ref : SD/165/4737

7 February 1954

Subject : Yugo-Slav Activities in Italy.

To : C-2(CI) A.P.H.Q.

1. The following has been learned from a reliable source and is reported for information.

2. The Yugo-Slav authorities in Italy appear to be forming a clandestine anti-Italian movement in liberated Italy. The aim seems to be the annexation of Trieste, Pola, Fiume and the Istria regions.

3. Italians from the above districts, who are cut off from their homes, are promised that if they enrol in Tito's Army they receive good pay and will reach their homes and families much sooner than waiting for an advance from Italy.

4. Recruiting offices are situated as follows :-

- a) Yugo-Slav Consulate, Rome.
- b) Yugo-Slav Committee, V.S. Maria in Via, Rome.
- c) Partisan House, V. Garigliano 54, Rome.
- d) Headquarters of the Red Star, Via Podgero, Bari.
- e) Tito's Partisan Office, V. Giovannuzaro, 20, Taranto.
- f) King Peter's Partisans Office, Corso Umberto 119, Taranto.
- g) Tappa di Tito, Piazza Nicola Moro 6, Naples.
- h) Tappa di Re Pietro, V. Riviera Ghiosia 89, Naples.
- i) Other Offices at Ancona, Florence and Perugia.

5. The following are the principle agents :-

- a) Capt. PETRANI of Tito's Army (M.O.V.I.), an ex-deserter of the Italian Army who was convicted of theft in 1937.
- b) Lieut. KRAJEVICH, Naples.
- c) Capt. MARINOVICH, Naples.
- d) Lieut. Nicola NEDIC, Naples.
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- f) KOCENIC who does pro-propaganda work among the Italian Army.

6. On being enrolled and before embarking for Yugo-Slavia these men are taken to Yugo-Slav hospitals and rest camps, also in particular to the Yugo-Slav Sanatorium and Ospedale S. Ferdinando at Bari. The rest camps are believed to be situated at MONTEOLI, ALTAMURA, BETHLEHEM, NOLA, MONTECASSINO, GELA, TORRE TRESA, AVERSA.

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(c) Subversive Movements or Political Organizations of Security Interest.

1. On 21 November 1944, a body of Yugoslavs consisting of one Lieutenant Guido BRANICA and six soldiers, all armed with various weapons, called upon the Consul of Yugoslavia, in Naples. His wife, alone with a servant, was frightened and would not open the door. Then when the leader of the group rapped on the door as if to force it, she fled by another exit to the apartment of the Brazilian Consul, in the same building.

At this point, the Yugoslav Consul, returning from a 4-day trip to Rome, arrived and found the armed men at different landings of the staircase. When the leader of the group demanded the archives of the Consulate, the Consul answered that as a matter of honor he would not relinquish the files at the point of a gun. The leader then explained that the armed men were his formal guard. The transfer of the archives took place.

Meanwhile, Headquarters, P.B.S., had been alerted and steps were immediately taken to (1) investigate the incident, (2) protect the life of the Consul and his wife, (3) arrest and disarm, if need be, the members of the armed party. The investigation disclosed that while he was in Rome, the Yugoslav Consul had received orders from a "Dr. SMODLAKAJ", the new Yugoslav Delegate in Italy, to turn over his Consular duties and office to Lieutenant Branica of Naples. When interrogated, the present Consul stated that Dr. Smodlakaj was a Foreign Affairs Representative of Marshal Tito and that the armed party was the Military Commission which the Communists had appointed to effect such transfers of office. He stated that this is the usual way for the Communists to act in such circumstances. He added that what had happened was strictly a political movement and that nothing could be accomplished by force at this time. He explained that he, himself, was of the Nationalist Party of Yugoslavia and a follower of King Peter. He had been a Consul for the past 20 years and had now been transferred to Rome to another Yugoslav Delegation in the Vatican Area. Realizing that steps were taken for his protection, the Consul indicated that he wanted no publicity or undue confusion to be created concerning the matter. The above was brought to the attention of competent headquarters and orders were given to withdraw the Military Police assigned to the task of protecting the Consul and his family and to take no further step for the time being.

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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.

2. Capt Rafter has some information on the same lines, I believe and this may be of use to him

J.C.
JOHN C. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.G.S.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

CEH/nb

TRANSLATIONLieutenant Colonel of the Reserve SIMEONI Arrigo.

He was recalled to military service during the present war and served in Albany until April 1941. After 3 months of convalescence leave he was transferred to the 3rd Air Squad in Rome, and released from military service in January 1942.

He was recalled again after the intervention of CIANO and appointed to the General Staff. On the 3rd of September 1942 he asked to be attached to the Federal Command of the G.I.L. in Terni.

He is a squadrista, a great fascist, and is reported to have been very friendly with Mussolini's son, with Tessari and with Castellani Gori.

After the 8th of September he joined the fascist republic, and during the nazi-fascist domination of Rome he has several times been seen in uniform in a car 1500 license B.A. furnished with a German permit.

During this period he went several times to North Italy in order to buy medicines which he sold to his chemistry in via del Tritone.

His wife offered 5000 ~~thousand~~ liras to the Republican Fascists, and his name was published on a Roman newspaper.

SIMEONI has many friendships in the Air Force circle especially because he used to supply the General Direction of the Services with petrol.

Rome, 23rd January 1945

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TRANSLATION

COMMUNIST MILITARY MOVEMENT - It is reported that among the military Air Force is forming itself a communist organisation divided in different sections depending from one Command. It has been found out that the Head of this organisation could be Colonel Spartaco Baccari, officer of the Air Force and member of the 1st Grade Epurating Commission. It is reported also that this organisation possesses a small quantity of arms which is however increasing, and that these arms are supposed to have been hidden by some elements of the Air Force in the aerodroms of Rome and of South Italy. It seems that the organisation is trying to obtain the collaboration of General Piacentini, Minister of the Air Force under the last Bonomi Cabinet, who seems to encourage the movement. If an investigation on said movement will be considered necessary, a high officer of the branch, presently on leave but who could be recalled, is a very reliable person for such a confidential work.

YUGOSLAVIAN MILITARY MOVEMENT - It is reported that the Yugoslavian Colonel Ciril Kotnik (via Salaria, 72) is organising a Yugoslavian military movement "for the Italian cause". The political tendency of this movement is not known as Kotnik, in his quality of diplomat, belongs to the monarchic movement. However, it is said that lately he expressed himself rather ambiguously on this subject. There are people who suspect Kotnik of working for Russia, and it is also ascertained that he has a large amount of money at his disposition. This movement doesn't seem to possess any arms for the moment. However it would be necessary to control the activity of Mirko Jankole (Via Gorizia, 7), a very active and crafted man very much trusted by Kotnik for his secret work. During the nazi-fascist domination the above named worked for the Allies remaining in friendly relations with the Germans who used to give him commercial and circulating permits.

FASCIST CLANDESTINE MOVEMENT - It is reported that in the chemistry administrated by the ex Lieut. Col. Arrigo Simeoni (Via Tritone-Piazza S. Claudio) take place pro-fascist meetings. Together with his wife Simeoni has always been a real fascist and has collaborated with the Germans receiving many favours from them. It is also said that Simeoni has lately mentioned an armed fascist movement which could act together with the communists. It seems, but it is not sure, that the nazi-fascists of North Italy send their secret messages to the above mentioned chemistry.

/S/ Giuseppe

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17 January 1945

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SUBJECT : Jugo-Slavian Activity

TO : G-2 (CI) AFHQ

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