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SUBJECT : Unione Spartaco

TO : G-2 (CI) AFHQ

1. Reference has repeatedly been made in Security Reports to the Unione Spartaco, an extremist movement of violent tendencies.

2. The attached "declaration of programme" has been obtained and is forwarded for your information.

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Director Public Safety,
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 Extract from Routine Report 22 Jan. 45 to 28 Jan. 45.

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At the 9th assembly of the Unione Spartaco on 16 Jan at Via Giustiniani 5, were present representative of the directing committee of the Partito Rivoluzionario Progressista, of the Movimento Partigiano, of the Movimento Antifascista Intransigente, of the Movimento Anarchico and of a new body called Movimento Nazionale di Difesa Economica Proletaria. (See below para ii) According to a reliable source, this meeting was notable for bringing out the internationalist and anti-British tendencies of all these "Movements". The principal accusation against Britain is that in all occupied or "liberated" countries she is supporting the conservative elements with a view to protecting British Imperialism and Capitalism.

A new body, the Movimento di Difesa Economica Proletaria, is at present in Via Michelangelo Poggioli 1, has recently been formed. As indicated above in para i., this movement is also affiliated to the Movimento Partigiano and the Unione Spartaco. Little is known about the actual programme or leaders beyond the fact that one of the latter a certain G. RIGNINI is described by source as a revolutionary firebrand engaged on very active propaganda among the "Movements" of the extreme left, inciting them to popular violence. He is reported to have expressed the view that some form of revolutionary action is now necessary even if at this particular moment wider revolutionary action has little chance of success owing to the presence of the Allies. Further information is being sought about this person.

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(X1) In the issues of "il Partigiano" for 11 and 18 Dec have appeared manifestos by the Unione "SPARTACO". This is apparently another of the extremist anarchical groups and takes its name from SPARTACUS, who is considered the symbol of revolt against oppression. Although this body has apparently been existence for some time, its membership is stated to be small since quality rather than quantity is aimed at. The spokesman of the group is Roberto SECONDARI who, like the leaders of other similar group is a member of the Movimento Partigiano. The two manifestos referred to contain passages which are anti-Allied, and one of them can be construed as a direct incitement to disobey the present Italian Government (issue of 18 Dec 44, in which one of the aims of the Unione SPARTACO is stated to be "to refuse obedience to every act or order of the Government of the Lieutenant General which constitutes usurpation or negation of civil liberties.... and to exercise in fact these liberties with an absolute disregard to the tyrannical measures which may try to impede their use.").

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ii. In two recent numbers of IL PARTIGIANO, 11 Dec. 44 and 18 Dec. 44, have appeared manifestos by the UNIONE SPARTACO. This body is apparently another of the extremist anarchical groups and takes its name from SPARTACUS, the Thracian gladiator who in 70 B.C. headed the slaves' revolt in GALABRIA and who is considered a symbol of the oppressed breaking the chains in slavery by force. The "Spartachista" have apparently been in existence for some time but, like the Comunisti Liberatori, not in any large numbers although it is reported that they aim at quality rather than quantity. The spokesman of the Unione Spartaco is at present SECONDARI Roberto who like most of the other anarchist group leaders is also a member of the Movimento Partigiano.

The two manifestos of the Unione Spartaco in IL PARTIGIANO are the usual examples of fiery demagoguery but contain significant passages which are both anti-Allied and one of which can be construed as a direct incitement to disobey the present Italian Govt. (issue of 18 Dec. 44 page 1 col 7 part 3 sec E - "To refuse obedience to every act or order of the Govt. of the Lieutenant-General which constitutes usurpation or negation of the civil liberties..... and to exercise in fact these liberties with an absolute disregard for the tyrannical measures which may try to impede their use").

The above is a further indication of the tendency previously noted for the Movimento Partigiano to become a focal point of anarchist and revolutionary groups.

iii. It has also been noted that a curious body formerly known as the Unione Intransigente Antifascista has now changed its name to Movimento Antifascista Intransigente and has now become affiliated to the Movimento Partigiano.

iv. The latest reliable report on the Central Executive Committee of the Movimento Partigiano indicates that its present composition is as follows: Carlo ANTONI, ALFREDO PACARRA, RANDOLFO PACCIARDI, MATILDE BASSANI, BENIAMINO COHEN, GIORGIO BRACCIALARGHE, FINOCCHI DOLFI, ETTORRE SIGHIERI. The latter, who is a member of the Partito D'Azione, was until recently in command of an active partisan group. He is reported to be definitely anti-British and has written some very outspoken articles in "ITALIA LIBERA" criticising Marshal ALEXANDER's proclamation to the partisans of the North.

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