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POLITICAL ACTIVITIES PIEMONTE

Feb. 1946

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W. B. Knight  
Security Division

Intermediary

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ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON GROUPFLEMONTEPublic Safety Section

SUBJECT : Political Situation - Information etc.  
 TO : The Chief Police Liaison Officer  
 DATE : 5 February 1945  
 REF : B/NOV/46

1. The following information has been reported to us and is submitted for your consideration.

2. It is reported from reliable sources that on or about the 20th February, 1945 Professor Piero FORMARA the Prefect of Novara will leave that area for Paris. There he will attend the Sorbonne University in connection with his medical studies. My informant is a confident of FORMARA and a week ago he was approached by the Prefect with the proposition to travel to Champaniz to meet FORMARA on or about the 25th February. Previous to the meeting with FORMARA he was to contact five trusted "contrabandieri" who would be commissioned to carry five packages over the mountains into Italy. Each of the packages would contain one million francs and after arrival in Italy they would be delivered to FORMARA at Novara. It is suggested but no proof if available that this money was being sent to Italy for the Socialist Party of this country.

3. It is reliably reported that two weeks ago a meeting was held at the home of FORMARA. At this meeting were:

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 BONPANTINI  
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FILOPANTI and two strangers.

Of the two strangers one conversed in French and the other in German. The means of interpretation was conducted by the Prefect FORMARA.

At this meeting the question of the transport of arms was discussed and the bringing of arms and ammunition from the Sondrio district to those of Milan and Domodossola. It was apparently suggested that Salvo Foglio di Viaggio's should be prepared through the Divisione Legnano and used by the vehicles of the Co-operative Garibaldini of Novara. It is alleged that the number plates of the vehicles would be altered to show the Italian Army letter "R.B." and that the drivers would wear uniform similar to that of the Allies.

4. It is reliably reported that a wireless transmitting section exists in the Novara area and that it broadcasts every evening at 7.45 p.m. and at 8.15 p.m. It apparently broadcasts in code and a copy of some of the broadcasts is now in the hand of the Cremona Division "I" officer a Capt. BALOTRIERI.

5. MAGGIORANI is still the President of A.M.F.I., with its headquarters at Rome and my information is that he is still operating there.

He came to the Novara Province for 15 days during the Christmas holidays and stopped during that time at Conobio a town on the Swiss border.

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she was in contact with Russian officer. No acknowledgment is not now known regarding his whereabouts.

6. At the meeting held at FORNARA's house it was stated that in the course of the present month 10,000 litres of petrol would be delivered to Novara from Milan. This supply would be used in the activities of the communist and Socialist Parties of Novara. It is not known definitely the source of supply but it was learned that military petrol in large quantities can be purchased from a garage at Santa Babila, Milan. It is reported that they have filters at this garage which can reduce the age which distinguished military petrol.

7. It is reliably reported that arms are still being moved from Novara to areas in the Valsesia area. A short time ago a quantity of arms were dispatched by the Partisan Leader BRUNO from Novara to Valsesia (Vercelli) and a vehicle belonging to the Partisan newspaper "Settela Alpina" used for the purpose. It is understood that they were using received in the Vercelli Province by the partisan leader GOINTO who has been charged with the formation of the Communist military organisation of that area.

Signed: E.P. BOLTER, Capt.,  
Police Liaison Officer.

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ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON GROUP  
PIEMONTE  
PIEMONTE SAFETY SECTION

6th February 46

To: Chief Liaison Officer  
Subject: Situation at Vercelli.

1. Vercelli was visited on 5th instant and general public order appears tranquil; one serious crime of robbery accompanied by the killing of a public security agent on the autostrada near Santhia was being investigated by the Questore. One man was arrested and on his statements a squad left for Turin and arrested seven others - arms being found in the houses of some.
2. More information on the previous situation of the arms store at Biella was requested but this had not so far been obtained. At Novara it was learned that Capt. Bruno ex-partisans leader and now President of PCI of Novara had sent a truck of arms into Vercelli Province consigned to another ex-leader named GENISTO (who is well known to the undersigned as a dangerous type and a particularly active Communist in Biella). Enquiries are afoot to discover the cache which is believed to contain large amounts of heavy machine guns, explosives, and all equipment that is difficult to conceal individually.
3. An item of interest is the strong rumour that German Opel Kapitän cars and many German tyres are being offered for sale in the Province. The source is believed to be Merano and district, where there are still large deposits of German material, held by the Germans and their sympathisers, who have never declared this material to the GEM branch and who now feel secure in releasing the stuff on the Italian market. Further enquiries are being made in this respect.
4. There appears to be little outward interest in the elections but Police agencies are becoming fearful of the result of the coming elections to such an extent that they are now practically at a standstill. Their enthusiasm for Police duty whilst under AMG is rapidly dispersing.

(signed) F. Scaife.  
Capt.  
Police Liaison Officer,  
AC Piemonte.

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CIRCOLARE SOCIALISTA

79/Verde

Direzione del Partito

NOVARA

Seguito circolare 79/Rosso si precisa termine massimo organizzazione politico militare, fine febbraio 1946.

Detta organizzazione deve fondersi su tre branche:

- (1) Organizzazione militare.
- (2) Accurato servizio informazioni
- (3) Propaganda politica.

Riferendoci all'1 - nel senso piu' stretto della parola - reclutare ufficiali che diano consistenza organica alle formazioni - in caso di opportunita' comandare azioni armate di qualunque specie.

2. che dovra' essere fatto da qualsiasi iscritto al partito poiche' questo per un uomo di vera fede politica lo si ritiene essenziale. Dette notizie dovranno essere vagliate e coordinate e inviate bisettimanalmente.

3. a mezzo conferenze usando i migliori elementi fra gli iscritti. Come ultima disposizione si prega voler precisare che lo scopo di quanto sopra vuol avere carattere di controllo nel paese durante il tempo pre e post elettivo.

F.to G. Bonfantini  
Faravelli  
Gonzales.



CIRCOLARE SEGRETA DEI COMUNISTI

n. di Prot; 4478/6/ovq-SPqr.

Milano 6 Gennaio 1946

Sig. Sergio SCARPA  
Casa del PopoloN O V A R A

Vi preghiamo segnalarci massima urgenza quali cause o difficoltà hanno impedito dimostrazione massa popolare e reduci da noi ordinate con foglio 4349/6/ovq/Segr. Non occorre segnalarvi impopolarità rivestita da dette manifestazioni verso il resto del popolo e autorità italiane e alleate: esse provocano il disorientamento più totale, e diminuiscono il morale politico della popolazione in vista di prossimi eventi che a suo tempo abbiamo portato a vostra conoscenza e illustrato esaurientemente. Preghiamovi organizzare dette manifestazioni che dovranno svolgersi non appena se ne presenti l'occasione e solo a vostro personale giudizio.

Crediamo inutile comunicarvi che dal Centro rivengono gli incaricati provinciali personalmente responsabili di tutte le manifestazioni politiche e loro risultato.

F.to C.C. Paletta

CIRCOLARE DEI COMUNISTI

No. Prot. 4479/6/orq Segr.

Unità 7 Gennaio 46

Capt. BRUNO

Pregasi dare immediate disposizioni per formazione piccole squadre volanti; massimo cinque uomini provato coraggio e fede politica disposti provocare disordini in città e provincia durante prossime elezioni, usando caso bisogno lancio espositivi.

F.to G.C. Paletta.



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

REF : SD/204

19 February 1946

SUBJECT : Situation at Novara and Vercelli

TO : Chief Police Liaison, Piemonte Liaison Group.

1. Reference your PR/PS/SEC/3-6 dated 6th February 1946.
2. The copy reports and enclosures forwarded with above are of great interest to this Division and other interested authorities have been informed of the contents.
3. Any further information of a like nature will be much appreciated.

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

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