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Enrico Berardinone, one of two undersecretaries in the Ministry of Post-War Aid, is a frail, neatly dressed, quiet man of about forty years. At first reticent in discussing himself or his work, he quickly became voluble when satisfied that his interviewers were objectively interested in the Italian political scene and in his views. Although he is an easy conversationalist, his discussion of current affairs exhibits a certain confusion and inconsistency of thought, which may be explained by the fact that he has just assumed his post at the Ministry - the first political, administrative position he has ever held. He has been in poor health, and delayed joining the Ministry until he had had a complete rest.

A native of Naples, Berardinche graduated from the University there in 1927, and spent the next two years studying medicine at Florence. He then returned to Naples, where he practiced for a short period before joining the Army. The Undersecretary glasses over the ensuing years, during which he rose to the rank of Major in the regular Army medical service. He says that although he has always been sympathetic to economic Marxism, his active interest in the Communist Party matured only in 1941 and 19427

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After the eighth of September, 1943, when he joined the incipient Partisan movement, his first undertaking was to organize medical services for the Partisan command in the Pinerolo district of Piedmont. The work was, he says, made extremely difficult by the lack of hospital equipment (all of which had been appropriated by the neo-Fascists and the Germans) and by the inaccessibility of many of the clandestine military formations. One of its most discouraging aspects was the failure of many of his former friends and colleagues in the regular Army to support the resistance movement, despite his efforts to interest them in it. On the other hand, most local practitioners were more than willing to help care for wounded Partisans; deficiencies in supplies and equipment were gradually made up by raids on enemy depots.

In the latter stages of the war, Berardinone assumed command of the XI, or 'Cuneo', Garibaldi Division. He says that all his Allied contacts, with the exception of two American officers, were British liaison officers. He has recently begun to study English, but confesses a certain reluctance to attempt to speak it with Americans, whose idioms he finds difficult.

The Ministry of Post-War Aid

Berardinone feels that his background as a doctor qualifies him for his new position, despite his lack of administrative
experience. Furthermore, his work as a Partisan organizer and
leader will, he believes, be valuable to him now, since hard work
and a practical approach to the problems of relief are the principal

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requirements in the Ministry. He points out that, with the Ministry still in the process of organization, his own particular responsibilities are not yet clearly defined. He anticipates, however, that he and Mario Ferrara, the Liberal Party undersecretary, will be assigned individual tasks, and will also collaborate in preparing plans of operation, under the direction of the Minister. For the latter, Emilio Lussu, Berardinone expresses the greatest admiration, citing his spirit and vigorous approach to the problems at hand. The Undersecretary believes that he, Ferrara, and Lussu agree as to the general lines to be followed in providing assistance for refugees, discharged soldiers, and repatriates, and will be able to collaborate well.

He says that, as prerequisite to effective work, the complicated bureaucracy inherited from the various High Commissions which were absorbed into the Ministry at the time of its creation must be swept away. Berardinone would endeavor to eliminate what he calls the chaos in relief work, by decentralizing its administration and placing utmost reliance on the initiative and energy of local officials, such as the prefects and mayors, to meet the particular problems of their areas. The Ministry itself would principally devote its attention to dealing with the other Ministries concerned with reconstruction, such as Public Works, Reconstruction, and Treasury, in an effort to provide the bases for effective relief. One of the most pressing problems of the moment is that of transport, especially trucks, needed to handle

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the many thousands of refugees now returning to Italy from central Europe.

Pelations between the Socialist and Communist Parties

by emphasizing that any views he might express were his personal opinions, and should in no way be taken as official. He feels that relations between the Socialist and Communist Parties are today excellent; he views the results of the meeting of the Socialist National Council as satisfactory. He feels that the two parties will eventually fuse, and that fusion is not only logical in view of their respective aims, but politically imperative for the accomplishment of those aims. Until the merger takes place, the unity of action pact will continue to be observed. Discussing the pact, and its provision that the two parties will present joint candidates in the administrative elections, he admits that although this particular point is still under consideration, its implementation would constitute de facto, if not de jure, fusion.

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born at San Giovanni in Fiore in Cosenza province, 24 August 1903. Although he was too young to participate in the first world war, Bruno's political activity dates from his student days. At the age of eighteen he was prominent in the Republican Party Youth Federation of which he was the Secretary. He also belonged to the anti-Fascist student league, the Unione Goliardica Italiana per la Libertà, an organization which kept the spirit of anti-Fascism alive throughout southern Italy, until it was suppressed by Mussolini. Bruno was editor of the Republican youth newspaper, Alba Repubblicana, and contributed to the party's official organ Voce Repubblicana.

Bruno's republican activity did not cease with the advent of Fascism and in 1923 he was sentenced by the Fascists to confinement in a penal colony. First he was sent to Dampedusa, then to Pantelleria, to Ustica off the coast of Sicily and finally to the Lipari islands where he met Emilio Lussu in 1926. Shortly thereafter he was permitted to return to the mainland and settled in Rome, where after finishing his studies he practiced law. Bruno maintained his contacts with other anti-Fascists, particularly with Iussu and his friends in Paris. At this time he came to realize that the old Republican Party lacked a progressive social program with which to oppose Fascism, and in 1929 he was instrumental in forming the

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Giustizia e Libertà group in Italy, inspired mainly by the writings of Carlo and Nello Rosselli in France. When the Justice and Liberty movement developed into the Action Party, Brune was one of its original members. He belonged to the Party executive committee for Rome and Lazio Province, and played an active role in the organization of the party during the forty days after the fall of Mussolini, from 25 July to 8 September 1943. When the Republican Fascists and Nazis came to power Bruno was obliged to go into hiding. He was able to take part in the anti-Fascist resistance movement in Rome, although the German SS troops were constantly on his trail. In the first Bonomi cabinet, formed after the liberation of Rome, Bruno was given the post of Undersecretary in the Ministry of Public Works. Along with the other Action Party members he withdrew from public service during the second Bonomi Government (December 1944 - June 1945), returning to his law practice. In the Parri cabinet Bruno has again been named Undersecretary for Public Works.

The Ministry for Public Works

Undersecretary Bruno admits that, as a lawyer, he has no special training in the field of Public Works, and that logically an engineer would have seemed the proper choice for the post. However, he explains that Ministers and Undersecretaries as a rule should be primarily political figures rather than technicians. A government headed by experts and techniclans, he finds, often lacks the drive and ability to get work done expeditiously. A broad, humanistic training, such as is afforded by the standard Italian law course, plus a capacity to organize and delegate responsibility are the first requis-

ites for success in government administration, according to

He emphasized the fact that although Italy has had Bruno . almost no outside help, much has been accomplished already in the field of public works, for example in road and bridge rebuilding, and in the housing project recently completed at Cassino. He confesses that Italy's future progress in reconstruction will depend largely on grants of raw materials and fuel from the Allies. Cement factories, an important item in and public works program, are now idle for lack of coal. And even if raw materials were available, the necessary means of transport must be reconstructed or imported to move such materials from one region of Italy to another. In spite of all such lacks and difficulties, Bruno expresses faith in the initiative and industriousness of the Italians, and predicts that within a few years Italy will again be able to take her place as a productive, democratic nation.

Political Views

When asked if there were any contrasting elements in the Action Party, Bruno replied that there were no real splits within the party, or even a right and left wing. He explains that the Actionists as a group exhibit two characteristic attitudes: 1) a serious, almost meditative approach to political problems, a concern with the very nature of the state, its responsibilities and authority; 2) an enthusiastic, almostrevolutionary, popular tendency, intransigent in its opposition to the past regime, and idealistic in its hopes for the future. Bruno claims that these two attitudes might be represented in the Action Party by Ugo La Malfa and Emilio Lussu respectively,

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but insisted that they probably existed to an equal degree in every other political group. The intellectual life of the Action Party, he says, lives on the development of political ideas by the party's exponents — who often are at odds. However, on all important and public issues the Action Party has shown itself more unified than any other party or movement.

Bruno feels that his party owes much to the glorious traditions of the Italian Republican Party. The Republicans represented the heal thiest progressive current in pre-Fascist Italy, since they were not bound by any capitalistic or socialistic creed. However, in modern Italy the Republican Party is an anachronism. It has failed to keep pace with the times; its one and only theme is the abolition of the monarchy, and it refuses to collaborate in any way with an administration that is still nominally under the monarchy. Bruno admitted that the Republicans and Actionists had a similar platform, but discounted the theory that the two parties might unite. They might, he said, contract an alliance along with other political currents.

After the Constituent Assembly has decided the crucial question of the monarchy-versus-republic, there will undoubtedly be a realignment of the Italian political parties, according to Bruno. The present role of the Action Party is to preserve an atmosphere of freedom in which all parties are primi interpares, and in which no party is completely dominant. However, after the monarchical issue has been settled, the various political groups will be able to campaign for their specific objectives, the most important of which are agrarian reform, industrial reform and modern social legislation. At this time

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Bruno thinks that there may be formed a single workers'
party representing all the progressive political currents.

The Communists might well be included in such a single party
if they proved willing to abandon the rigidity of the marxist
ideology. In fact, the development of Communism toward real
democracy in Italy depends on the course taken by Communism
elsewhere in Europe. Bruno feels that the continued democratization of Communism may solve most of the outstanding political difficulties in present-day Europe. Meanwhile he feels
that the other democratic parties must strengthen themselves
in order to resist any attempt to return to an authoritarian
dictatorship.

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Undoubtedly he is one of the most popular political personalities at the moment.

Rome 5 June 1945

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S.E.RUINI Pertolomeo (più noto sotto il nome di Meuccio), nato a Reggio Emilia, di anni 68-Ministro dei Lavori Pubblici e Segretario Generale del Partito Democratico del Lavoro.

Per le sue doti di ingegno e di cultura si impose ancor giovane nei circoli e nei giornali di avanguardia.

Entrato nell'Amministrazione dei Lavori Pubblici-pur continuando la sua attività giornalistica sulla "Critica Sociale, a firma
"Chantecler, appena trentenne, nel 1907, venne nominato Direttore Generale dei Lavori per il Mezzogiorno, dimostrando la sua non comune
preparazione in materia e forti doti di organizzazione.

Nello stesso tempo fu nominato Assessore Comunale di Roma e findò l'Istituto per le Case Popolari, facendosi altresì banditore della Bonifica Integrale.

Dopo pochi anni fu nominato Consigliere di Stato e Deputato, per due Legislature (la XXIV-e la XXV), del Collegio di Castelnuovo ne' Monti (Parma).

Allo scoppio della Guerra I9I5-I8-, partì volontario e si guadagnò-sul Campo-una medaglia d'argento al Valor Militare.

Nel dopoguerra fu una figura politica di primo piano: Ministro del Lavoro nel 1918, Ministro delle Colonia nel 1920 e si segnalò subito come uno tra i più tenaci oppositori del fascismo.

Dopo l'avvento del fascismo, riprese la sua attività giornalistica, occupandosi sul quotidiano antifascista "Il Mondo, di problemi economici e finanziari.

Nel 1924 fu tra i maggiori esponenti dell'Aventino e fòndò-con Giovanni Amendola-l'Unione Nazionale, Venne cacciato dai fascisti dal Consiglio di Stato e durante il triste ventennio si dedicò a studi storici, economici e filosofici, di cui molti inediti.

Fra le sue pubblicazioni si ricordano: "La Signora di Stael,"
"Corvetto, etc.

Accanito oppositore del fascismo, organizzò fra i primi nuclei di resistenza e di lotta; concorse con la sua opera affinchè il fronte delle forze antifascisti divenisse il Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale,

Con S.E.BONOMI promosse la fondazione del Partito Democratico del Eavoro, di cui assunse la Direzione quando S.E.BONOMI divenne Presidente della Coalizione antifascista.

Ministro senza portafoglio nel primo Gabinetto BONOMI, si occupò, in particolare, della formulazione della legge per le sanzioni contro il fascismo e la preparazione dei piani della ricostruzione. Ministro dei Lavori Pubblici pel secondo Gabinetto BONOMI, svolge attualmente alacremente l'opera di ricostruzione.

Quale Presidente del Comitato Interministeriale della Ricostruzione va predisponendo il coordinamento delle attività dei vari Dicasteri per promuovere ed elaborare il piano di primo aiuto.

Si sta altresì occupando della ripresa e del coordinamento delle opere di bonifica, di riattivazione dei porti etc.

E' di tendenza politica radico-socialista; appartenne al Partito Radicale.

E' elemento piuttosto moderatore e di provato patriottismo.

Indubbiamente è una delle personalità politiche più in vista nel momento attuale.

Roma, li 5 giugno 1945-

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SUBJECT : SCHORILLI BORRELLI, Umberto

: Director, Public Safety Sub Commission

1. The following information has been received regarding the background of the above named who has recently been appointed Chief of Cabinet at the Ministry of Occupied Ituly, by H.E. SCOCCIMARRO.

2. Subject was born at Chieti on 12-4-1892 and now lives at 29, Via Luigi Luzzatti, Rome. He joined the staff of the Ministry of the Interior as a clerk in 1911. Subsequently he was appointed Vice Prefect at Salerno where his record was decidedly bad. Later he was appointed to the Public Health department under Giovanni FETRAGNANI, an ardent Fascist from early days.

3. In September 1942, Subject was appointed Prefect of Taranto and owing to his arrogant manner he was not liked. During the corn thrashing in 1943, BORRELLI attended a banquet of Major importance with all the higher Fascist leaders. At the time there was a food shortage and the public outcry was so great that the Fascist Covernment instituted an enquiry with the result that the Fascist "Gerarchi" were punished by the Party and BORRELLI was relieved of his office. Subject, however, succeeded in getting his removal cancelled by the them Under Secretary of the Interior ALBINI.

4. In January 1943, he was awarded the German Eagle Order of Merit on the direct request of the German Embassy in Rome. Photographic copies of the revelent documents are in the possession of this Division.

5. He was appointed Prefect of Cattaro Dalmazia, in August 1943 during the first Badoglio Cabinet and continues

9. BCHRELLI has now been appointed by SCOCCIMARRO, Chief of Cabinet, of the Ministry for Occupied Italy.

lC. In view of this man's past history, which shows he was on very good terms with the German authorities, his recent appointment might be considered undesirable from a military security and Military Government stanapoint when occupied Italy is taken over by the Allies.

A.H. ELLIS, Captain, Security Division.

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From: The Foreign Office To: The Ministry of Interior

10-11-1942

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The German Embassy has informed this Department that the German Government would like to propose to the Fuhrer and Chancellor of Reich the below named persons to be awarded the German Eagle Order to the merit.

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2) Comm. Dr. Giovanni CARCATERRA, born on 15-12-1899
3) Comm. Dr. Giovanni CANAPERIA, born on 24-12-1899

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For the minister

From the Foreign Office to the Ministry of Interior. Subject: Foreign decorations 31-11-1942

Translations

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- 1) Comm. Dr. Umberto BORRELLI 2) Comm. Dr. Giovanni CARGATERRA 3) Comm. Dr. Giovanni CANAPERIA

We beg you to return buck the attached "Schede Personale" properly filled and signed by the above named persons.

For the Minister

BELLARDI RICCI

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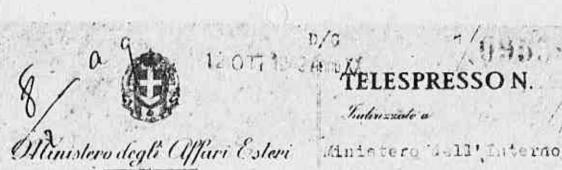
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2°-Comm.Dr.Glovanni CARCATERRA 30-Comm. Dr. Giovanni GAZERIA. (Compani)

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