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PART I: GENERAL SURVEY

A. Military Security. Nothing to report

B. Civilian Security.

Reports regarding several Polish subjects and an employee of HQ AC have been passed to the competent authorities. Screening of refugees at IDPSC Camp Cinecittà continues to produce its quota of undesirables.

PART II: Military Security

A. Security of Information)
B. Security of Material) Nil Report
C. Security of Personnel)

PART II: Civilian Security

A. Analysis of Arrests Nil

B. Important Individual Cases

1. Persons Arrested Nil

2. Suspects

i. Lieut Peter HUETER. This German officer was detained by Br tps at OSTIA. He was wearing civilian clothes and was trying to get back North from ROME where he had arrived by hitchhiking after the German collapse. Evacuated through Provost.

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ii. BASLER Friedrich. A Swiss subject interrogated at Cinecittà and found to have served in the SS with rank of Staff Sgt. By agreement with Swiss Legation was evacuated as PW (Ref RS/1/53 - Suspects).

iii. VERMEULEN Piet. Ref RS/1/54 Suspects ii. By arrangement with Royal Netherlands Mission this man who served in a "Free Dutch Legion with the Germans has been evacuated as a PW.

iv. CASSAR KUHL. Interrogated at Cinecittà, this German national was found to have served in the German Merchant Navy as cook. Not being among uniformed deck staff liable for treatment as PW, he has been earmarked for repatriation to Germany under IDPSC arrangements.

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v. BOIDOL Karl. Interrogated at Cinecittà this German national was found to have been a Chief Engineer in the German Merchant Navy, a rank which warrants his evacuation as PW. This is being arranged.

vi. STARK Joseph. Interrogated at Cinecittà. A German national found to have served in the German Marines. Holder of Iron Cross Class II. Is being evacuated as PW.

vii. BARISLOVITS Joseph. Arrested by CMP at ROME station. Under interrogation found to have been a member of the Hermann Goering Division. Later deserted and joined the Partisans at BOLOGNA. Being evacuated as PW.

viii. AKOPIAN AVIDIK
ARZUNIAN WARTAN. Two Armenians with Iranian passports who, when searched at Cinecittà were found to be in possession of 295.000 lire. They told an unlikely story of how they came by this money and were therefore handed over to CCRR who found that the money was the proceeds of the sale of 1026 metres of cloth brought down from N. Italy and sold in ROME. CCRR arrested the man and are proceeding with investigation.

ix. Dr Martha OLESNYTSKY
Ryssard KAROLEWSKI
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Irene BONI
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An NCO of this Sec has found that this group of Polish subjects formerly resident in ROME were employed by the German Army propaganda radio known as "KAMPFSENDER VIKTORIA". This information and the vetting forms submitted by these persons to the former German Embassy have been passed to the Polish Security Officer for action.

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xi. MARKOV Theodore. Investigations are proceeding into the activities of this man born at TIFLIS and an opera singer by profession. He has appeared at Cinecittà and frequents the Polish inmates of the camp. Complaints have been made that he has been actively spreading pro-Russian propaganda among them. Considerable suspicion attaches to the fact that though he left RUSSIA in 1922 he has applied to the Soviet authorities for renewal of his Soviet citizenship.

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xii. SAID Michel. A Maltese by birth, this man has recently applied for return to MALTA. During interrogation by vetting section it was found that he took out Italian papers in 1940 and is therefore technically guilty of treason. A special report is being prepared for Maltese authorities.

C. Subversive Activities

Nothing of interest to report.

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PART III: Civilian Population

1. Ref RS/1/53 Part III (iii) which mentioned information on a possible racket consisting of canvassing orders and deposits for eventual delivery of Allied trucks. A report has now been furnished to SIB giving information collected to date which shows that a woman called FALCHERO Giuseppina has become involved to the extent of 32 million lire and has stated that her principal is a high placed personnality. The victims of the swindle have intitiated proceedings with the Procura del Regno, but the case would appear to have an interesting SIB angle.

Rumours - Nothing to report

General

1. This Sec is in process of taking over the commitments of the UDF FSS vetting organisation upon which it will shortly be occupied full time; As far as can be seen this will preclude any further activity in the line of general security information though it is proposed to furnish special reports on any matter of particular interest which may from time to time warrant it. A small screening team will continue to operate at IDPSC Camp, Cinecittà. Further instructions with regard to vetting procedure will be notified officially in due course.

Field.

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Rome Area Allied Command

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Security Division
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File 6263
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PART I: GENERAL SURVEY

A. Military Security. Nothing to report

B. Civilian Security.

A further report is to hand concerning General AZZI, and Italian reaction to press announcements about the probable withdrawal of Allied tps from Italy is commented on.

PART II:

1. MILITARY SECURITY

A. Security of Information)
B. Security of Material) Nothing to report.
C. Security of Personnel)

2. CIVILIAN SECURITY

A. Analysis of Arrests. See att Appendix "A".

B. Important Individual Cases

1. Persons Arrested.

a. GIACALONE Bartolomeo. Listed in C.I. Bulletin 139 of 28 Apr 45 (15 Army Group) which informs that he is a suspected enemy agent who completed a sabotage course at CAMPALTO in Dec 44. This man was traced by an NCO of this Sec through civilian contacts. When arrested he admitted having done a sabotage course at the S.D. school a/n. For interrogation by SCI "Z".

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2. Suspects.

i. NEUHAUS Rudolf. A German subject who came via Austria to Italy just before the Anschluss. Worker in Italy on films. Investig= ations & interrogation have, however, revealed that he was of anti- Nazi opinions. A full report has been submitted to A.C. of S. G-2

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with a suggestion that he be given a fixed residence certificate which will keep him under observation in ROME.

ii. MOHAMED ALI SABRI. A Syrian who came to Italy in 1938 to study & who later broadcast in Arabic from 1940-43 from Radio BARI. His name also appears on an old MEF suspect list. Pending submission of report to A.C. of S. G-2 & disposal instructions, he is reporting regularly to this Sec.

iii. JANNELLI Franco. Formerly a major in the Italian Army who later served for a time in the Republican Army though he seems to have made the best of his ill health to avoid active service. A full report has been submitted to M.M.I.A. so that his position may be clarified.

iv. DE TRESKINE Serge. A.C. have asked for special enquiries into this man who has applied for an M.T.A. to Turkey. A former Czarist offr, he lived for many years in PARIS as an impresario. There he met a former comrade in arms, now a taxi dvr, who revealed a marvellous story of some treasure hidden by Cossacks in Turkey at the end of the last war. Subject claims to know roughly the whereabouts of this cache & wishes to proceed thither to recover it. Investigations are proceeding into this romance as subject's movements between Belgium & Turkey during this war appear suspicious.

C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS.

i. Further to last week's report under this heading on the activities of General Arnaldo AZZI, this Sec is trying to obtain confirmation of a report that General AZZI recently contacted the Soviet Military Mission and gave a written assurance that he would supply information on all arms supplied by the Western Allies to the Italians.

PART III: A. Civilian Population.

i. The situation remains quiet as it has been for several weeks past. Most people are waiting to see what effective steps the PARRI Govt is going to take to solve the outstanding problems of the moment. A good deal of sarcastic comment has been heard on the fact that the first step taken by the Govt has been the abolition of the title "Eccellenza" for Govt ministers.

ii. Announcements in the Press about the probable withdrawal of U.S. (& presumably U.K.) tps from all except certain disputed areas of Italy have caused a recurrence in many civilian circles of such remarks as: "Allora, qui, scoppia la rivoluzione" or "Vedrete, tornerete un giorno con i cannoni se ve ne andate troppo presto", remarks summing up the general impression of the people that in spite of the obvious disadvant=

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B. RUMOURS. Nothing of interest to report.

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GENERAL.

Screening of refugees at IDPSC & Italian refugee camps at CINECITTA has continued. During the week 354 Italians have been checked against agency lists and no suspects have been encountered. At IDPSC Camp during the course of interrogation of various assorted nationalities including Albanians, Turks, Greeks, Russians, Jugoslavs, and a party of Maltese recently released from internment, one former member of the German Army was detected and evacuated by Pro, while a party of 6 Hungarian nationals were also found to have served voluntarily in the SS. These persons were also handed over to Pro for evacuation as PsW.

TAILPIECE.

Afterthought on the Italian tendency to argue the point while other people get on with the job - "Dum Romae consulitur, Saguntum expugnatur" (LIVY).

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APPENDIX "A"

Analysis of Arrests

	Trial for Security Offences CAT A	Internment CAT B	Detained pending investig. CAT C	TOTAL
Italian Officials incl CCRR				
Italian Armed Forces			1	1
Misc Civilians			1	1
TOTALS			2	2

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PART I: GENERAL SURVEY.

A. Military Security. Nothing to report.

B. Civilian Security.

Observations are made on the ending of the Govt crisis, and the need for a non-political and independent police force is emphasised.

PART II.

1. MILITARY SECURITY.

A. Security of Information. }
B. Security of Material. } Nothing to report.
C. Security of Personnel. }

2. CIVILIAN SECURITY.

A. Analysis of Arrests. NIL

B. Important Individual Cases.

1. Persons Arrested. NIL

2. Suspects.

i. KASARJI Georgeo. A special report has been furnished on this man, a Syrian, who came to Italy to study medicine in 1933. During the war he monitored Arabic broadcasts for the Italian Govt in his spare time. SIME may be interested.

ii. VENTELEN Piet. A Dutch subject found at CINECITTA. At request of Royal Netherlands Mission arrangements are being made for his evacuation as PW at disposal of Royal Netherlands Govt as he fought with the "Free Dutch Legion" on the Russian front against the Russians.

iii. XHEMIL Gela. An Albanian at present in CINECITTA camp. Has been denounced by a Jugoslav for persecution activities in S Jugoslavia. Further information is believed available at IDPSC Camp FORLI & BARI. Report & photographs of subject are being prepared.

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Gibraltar, 4th Feb, 1945
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iv. SOUBEE Pierre
v. SOUBEE Madeleine. These French subjects recently sentenced by a court at A MILAN to hard labour for life for collaboration with the Germans were discovered in CHERITTA Camp and handed over to Sécurité Militaire.

C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS.

i. Several Security agencies have recently been forwarding to higher authority reports that General Attilio ARGLI was believed to be engaged in the preparation of some kind of private revolutionary army after his dismissal from the Italian Army for publishing a political article in the press. General ARGLI's presence at meetings of the UOMINI SPARTACO and his general friendliness with the various exponents of the dissident Leftists & Nov.Partigiano lent a certain cover to suspicions against him. General ARGLI has now officially joined the Republican Party and in LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA for 21 Jun 45 publishes a long leader in defence of himself against such suspicions of which he is apparently well aware. The most remarkable passage of this article closes

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a peak in which he states that if he were conspiring against the State, he would do so not openly but in the shadows. "I deny therefore", he goes on, "that I am a conspirator at least for the moment"!

PART III. A. Civilian Population.

i. The resolution of the Govt crisis by PARRI appears to be favourably received as providing at least some form of Govt out of the seemingly insoluble situation. The solution, however, cannot be said to have aroused any great enthusiasm as apart from the introduction of a new Prime Minister there appears to be little change beyond a game of musical chairs among the leaders of the 6 Parties. The arrival of TOGLIATTI as Minister of Justice is the most startling innovation and it is, to say the least, curious to find as sedurian a politician in a post which would seem to require a man as unbiassed as possible.

The attitude of NENNI, the Socialist Vice Premier charged with the organisation of the Constituent Assembly, is also the cause of certain misgivings particularly as his first article in AVANTI after his nomination to this post was at pains to affirm, in spite of Allied Commission's observations on the matter, his intention of seeing that not only would a Constituent Assembly be organised as quickly as possible but that it would take a definitely republican stand.

The whole matter is causing many people to wonder whether the forthcoming elections really will be the free & honest expression of the will of the people. Observers point out that the present system of provincial control by Prefects nominated by the Central Govt & controlling various police bodies in each prov gives the head of the Central Govt and the Minister of the Interior an overwhelming influence over any eventual attempt at free political expression through elections. Moreover, many people who remember pre-Fascist elections have stated that they recall some of the worst features of the corrupt and "cooked" elections of the 18th century period in Gt Britain.

There is therefore a general feeling among moderate circles that miracles may not be expected from the PARRI Govt and that the greatest needs of Italy at the moment are economic assistance from the Allies and a complete re-education of the people outside the ambit of the purely party propaganda which is purged out daily by the leading newspapers.

ii. The need for a non-political & independent police force which has already been commented on many times in these reports is further brought out by what is going on in ROME at the moment. It is openly reported in the Leftist papers that "commandos" have assisted the police in rounding up persons recently returned to the capital from the north. In many cases, it is true, this means that genuinely dangerous persons, who have escaped from the north, are rounded up but it is also equally true that a system whereby the members of political parties' squadre d'azione begin in this way to take on police duties, saving the outward form of legality by taking a policeman along with them, is open to the gravest abuses and should not be tolerated by the Govt which intends to enforce respect for the rights of all its subjects. The police in these cases have no option but to accompany the party representatives on the operations not only because the eventual results may justify police action but also because being politically controlled themselves, they fear reprisals for political reasons. It has been suggested that the first step to the solution of this police problem would be the creation of an independent Ministry of Police Forces with completely non-political direction.

B. REFUGEES. Nothing of interest to report.

GENERAL.

Screening of various escorted nationalities at LUCCA & Italian camps CINECITTA continues. A team of 4 MCOs is permanently occupied on this work.

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ii. The need for a non-political & independent police force which has already been commented on many times in these reports is further brought out by what is going on in ROME at the moment. It is openly reported in the Leftist papers that "commandos" have assisted the police in rounding up persons recently returned to the capital from the north. In many cases, it is true, this means that genuinely dangerous persons, who have escaped from the north, are rounded up but it is also equally true that a system whereby the members of political parties' squadre d'azione begin in this way to take on police duties, giving the outward form of legality by taking a policeman along with them, is open to the gravest abuses and should not be tolerated by the Govt which intends to enforce respect for the rights of all its subjects. The police in these cases have no option but to accompany the party representatives on the operations not only because the eventual results may justify police action but also because being politically controlled themselves, they fear reprisals for political reasons. It has been suggested that the first step to the solution of this police problem would be the creation of an independent Ministry of Police Forces with completely non-political direction.

D. HOURS. Nothing of interest to report.

GENERAL.

Screening of various assorted nationalities at EBOLI & Italian camps CINECITTA continues. A team of 4 NCOs is permanently occupied on this work.

CHAPLAINS.

A rather cynical contact asks the following question: "Why do not the Allies help the Italian Govt to rebuild the railway to OSTIA so that the Romans can get out more frequently for a bathe and some fresh air"? Remember what Juvenal said about "panem et circenses" and what truth there is in a remark made by one of the French Revolutionary leaders:- "Un peuple qui s'ennuie est prêt à tout".

B B Ryle
Capt
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Subject: Routine Report for period 11 Jun 45 to 17 Jun 45.

To: A.C.of S. G-2
Rome Area Allied Command

No 1 SCI Unit
JIC/RAAC
Major Harvey, Public Safety, HQ AC
OC No 1 CA (L of C) PSS
Commandant, HQ, FS, CMF
War Diary.

276 PSS
Rome Area Allied Command
Phone 478419 Ext 16
Ref: RS/1/53
16 Jun 45

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Action

PART I: GENERAL SURVEY

A. Military Security. Nothing to report.

B. Civilian Security.

Comment is made on the continued political crisis.

PART II.

1. MILITARY SECURITY

A. Security of Information.
B. Security of Material.
C. Security of Personnel.

Nothing to report.

2. CIVILIAN SECURITY.

A. Analysis of Arrests. See att Appendix "A".

B. Important Individual Cases.

1. Persons Arrested.

00393

i. PERONILLI Luigi. This man, reported to have been sent from SAN REMO into France by the G.I.S. to offer his services to an Allied agency was picked up by CIC in SAN REMO and brought to ROME where he was arrested by this Sec for interrogation.

2. Suspects.

i. [redacted] Olga. This woman, a Jugoslav, was interrogated at IRPSC Camp. It was found that she had worked for the Germans in a concentration camp at CRAK where she had assisted unqualified German practitioners to sterilise Polish and Russian women. A special report with statement by the woman herself has been submitted to A.C.of S.G-2 and IRPSC recommending internment pending submission of this case to the War Crimes Commission.

ii. [redacted] Friedrich. This man was interrogated at IRPSC Camp. Of Swiss nationality, it was found that he had been a member of the SS, a fact that he denied until ordered to raise his arm & reveal a tiny tattooed circle, the characteristic SS marking. Incidentally this man stated that he had been interrogated on two previous occasions and had not been asked to show his arm for this tattoo marking. It would appear therefore that this indication is not generally known and it might be worth while circulating to interrogators. The mark in this case was slightly elliptical and tattooed about 3 inches below the armpit on the underside of the left arm. This man is under arrest pending disposal.

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Action

PART I: GENERAL SURVEY

A. Military Security. Nothing to report.

B. Civilian Security.

Comment is made on the continued political crisis.

PART II.

1. MILITARY SECURITY

A. Security of Information.
B. Security of Material.
C. Security of Personnel.

Nothing to report.

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2. CIVILIAN SECURITY.

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DOCS

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iii. ERNST Paul. This man was detained by UNF CMP who found he could speak German and was NOT in possession of any papers. Under interrogation by HQ of this Sec it was discovered that he was a Belgian who had served in the German Army and who had recently escaped from 209 PW Camp. He was handed over to Pro for re-evacuation.

iv. KELLY Stanley. This Br subject arrived with party of Br ex-internees from SWITZ. He absented himself without permission from "X" Rest Camp but recently reappeared and having been put under close arrest was transferred to CINECITTA for interrogation. He managed to get out of Cinecitta and is again missing. Enquiries proceeding to trace.

C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS.

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i. Some notes written for this Sec by a usually well-informed source recently returned from a tour of N Italy make the following comment on the present situation. [redacted], in his role as Minister of Occupied Lands, had planned the liberation of N Italy with the object of installing immediately there a Social-Communist Govt which would have ousted the ROME Govt and brought the whole country under extreme Left control. The present pushing of NITTI by the Left parties for the Presidency of the Council is an attempt to retrieve his position which has been in jeopardy.

Notes also mention that Communist cells on the Adriatic coast have been instructed to collect detailed information on movements & plans of Allied Forces along the Littoral from the Pesaro north. This is apparently part of general instructions of this type to all Communist cells in Italy.

PART III. A. CIVILIAN POPULATION.

i. The general situation in the city remains quiet to the point of lethargy. This may be partly due to the temperature but it is also certainly due to what is now ironically referred to in the press as the "lightning crisis". The longer this drags on, the more heartily disgusted with the selfish, interminable bickerings of the politicians does the ordinary civil population become. The situation is all the more fantastic as only about one of the parties has any general following in the country at all whereas the rest merely represent cliques of lawyers and people who have nothing better to do with their time than to indulge in hair-splitting arguments compared with which Nero's exercises on the violin were an intelligent occupation.

It is now being said openly in discussion that if a solution is not found soon for this quite unnecessary impasse, the Allies will take over the Govt lock, stock & barrel, and there is general agreement in many quarters that this would be the best solution. In any case it is becoming more & more obvious that, as has been said so many times before in these & other reports, no Italian Govt in Italy can ever make any progress while the main instrument of public order, the police, remains in its present state of discouraged impotence. The police themselves would, it is gathered, be highly delighted if by the insertion of a cadre of Allied CMP their own authority were reinforced to the point of being effective in barring the steady progress of the various private armies that the wilder political parties appear to be maintaining and developing.

ii. The following is also an interesting light on the general calm of the situation in ROME. On 10 Jun, the feast of Christ the King, a large religious procession was held in the Viale Manzoni dist. Many thousands of people attended and the procession went through the quarter carrying, besides religious banners, a number of Italian flags, every one of which had the Savoy Emblem in the centre.

There was not a single republican protest or an incident of any sort.

iii. Enquiries are being made regarding what appears to be just another racket being perpetrated by local speculists. This concerns canvassing for the eventual delivery of Allied trucks to be sold to Italian civilian operators. Large sums are apparently being paid over as deposits against delivery of those vehs, prices of which are quoted as between 1,300,000 & 1,400,000 lire.

iv. A Communist meeting, attended by an estimated crowd of 2-3000, was held at 1000 hrs on 17 Jun 45 near the Colosseum and was covered by personnel of this Sec. The object of the meeting was to welcome to ROME representatives of the C.G.I. from N Italy, and the first main speaker was Col [redacted], Partisan leader from MILAN, who said in the course of his speech that the partisans had not preserved the industrial plants of the north in order that they might be handed back to the privileged classes. [redacted] Elio, who was introduced as organiser of the partisans in MILAN & ROMAGNA, gave a short speech in support of what [redacted] had said, and the last speech was made by [redacted] who said, amongst other things, that the Communists would support a Socialist president of a new Govt, no names being mentioned. The crowd dispersed in an orderly fashion.

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B. RUMOURS. Nothing of interest to report.

GENERAL.

Screening of persons at IRSO Camp & Italian Refugee Centre, CINECITTA, continues, and a number of former members of the German Army have been evacuated as PW.

TAILPIECE.

The disgust with the present political deadlock referred to above is summed up in three lines on a wall in Trastevere.

The first line reads - W IL COMUNISMO
The opposition replies with - MEO SQUARTISMO COMUNISMO
An ordinary Roman rudely replies in dialect to the two - AMMAZZALI CHE PUZZONI!

[signature] Capt
INT CORPS

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APPENDIX "A"

Analysis of Arrests

	Trial for Security Offences CAT A	Internment CAT B	Detained pending investig. CAT C	TOTAL
Italian Armed Forces				
Civilian Officials incl CCRR				
Misc Civilians			1	1
TOTALS			1	1

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Subject: Routine Report for period 4 Jun 45 to 11 Jun 45.

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Rome Area Allied Command
Phone 478445 Ext 16
Ref: RS/1/52
11 Jun 45

To: A.C. of S. G-2
Rome Area Allied Command

No 1 SCI Unit
JICA/RAAC
→ Major Harvey, Public Safety, HQ A.C.
OC No 1 SA (L of C) FSS
Commandant, HQ FS, CMF
War Diary.

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Security Division
Rec'd 14/9
Book No 8116
File No 4363
Action

PART I: GENERAL SURVEY

A. Military Security. Nothing to report.

B. Civilian Security.

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PART II

1. MILITARY SECURITY

A. Security of Information)
B. Security of Material) Nothing to report.
C. Security of Personnel)

2. CIVILIAN SECURITY

A. Analysis of Arrests. NIL

B. Important Individual Cases

1. Persons Arrested. NIL

2. Suspects

i. FORNARO Vincenzo. Information has recently been received that this man was an SS informant. He disappeared in ROME some time ago from the supervision of an Allied agency with which he had been in contact. The Questura have been supplied with details and enquiries [illegible] to trace him.

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ii. POHL in FACELLI Elvira. This woman, born in Alto Adige, worked for a considerable time as interpreter with a German unit. She has recently returned to ROME, but an interrogation has revealed that she was compelled by circumstances to undertake this work. She is being watched.

iii. KOLLATH Paul. This man, a Pole, appeared in IDPSC Camp and on interrogation was found to have served with the German Army as an interpreter.

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He expressed violent hatred of Poland and the Poles, and on the request of the Polish Security Offr was evacuated to PW cage.

iv. JANSEN Evert.
v. SNELLEMAN Theo. These two Dutch citizens have been interrogated at IDPSC Camp where it has been found that both of them offered their services to the German Army in ROTTERDAM while the city was still burning after the terror raid in May 40. At request of Royal Nether= lands Mission they are being evacuated to PW cage at disposition of the Mission pending legal action against them by the Dutch authorities.

C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS

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PART III. A. CIVILIAN POPULATION. 0879

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There are hopes that the drive to force a price reduction will ease the situation for the fixed salary categories but there are also fears that any coercive action will merely result, as it has already done in certain places in the provinces, in the disappearance of goods for sale in the shops to the under-the-counter market.

Churchill's statement on his action with regard to the Italian fleet has contributed a good deal to raising Allied stock, as also has the provisional solution of the Trieste dispute and the firm line taken with France over Syria. Indeed it may be said that favourable consideration of the Allies and particularly Britain is higher than it has been since the liberation of ROME.

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ii. A reliable contact who recently had a long conversation with a highly placed member of the P.C.I. reports the following opinions which are current in the higher levels of that Party.

Great Britain and the Vatican are generally considered to be actively favouring DE GASPERI and the Demo-Christians at the expense of NENNI, TOGLIATTI and the extreme Left. With the same end in view the Allies are also bringing pressure to bear to retard the elections for many months.

iii. There is still, however, an alarming amount of most unfortunate discussion among Italians of the possibility of a split and eventual

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hostilities between Russia and the Western Allies. A usually well informed source has classified this talk into three main versions which may be summarised as follows.

(a) Russia is behind the stubborn attitude of both Jugoslavia and France, and her demands on Turkey, besides being part of a coordinated plan to break into the warm seas via the Dardanelles, as she hopes to do via the Skaggerrak, is a further indication of the reappearance under STALIN of the old western expansionism of Peter the Great. Russia is also waging a strong propaganda campaign in Sweden and this is spreading to Norway. All this is a prelude to a storm and Russia has the unilateral advantage of the support of the communist parties in the democratic countries. The interference therefore is that if the democracies do not defend themselves against this infiltration before Russia can recover and while she lacks air and sea power, then it will be too late.

(b) This version holds that it will never be too late to fight Russia as she can never have an adequate air force or navy nor can she compete in the long run with Allied tactical and strategical coordination. This version considers that Russia gained her victories against the Germans by sheer weight of numbers by the proportion of four divs to one. Russia, however, has her own troubles and there will be no open hostilities for fifteen years.

(c) This version holds that Russia must bring about a crisis in a great hurry for psycho-political reasons, i.e. because she has at least three million tps in contact with Anglo-American forces and this contact with the forces of democracy, especially in the matter of western freedom of speech, will be an eye-opener to the Russians. The basis of this version is the Russian effort to keep out of her zone Allied officials and war correspondents. The Soviets are very anxious about the mood in which their tps will return home after this contact with the outside world, and the problems is said to resemble that which faced Napoleon after the German campaign, i.e. to find another battlefield to keep his men away from France.

This matter has been reported at some length as it is considered that it presents a considerable danger at the moment when not only is the world war not over, but the world peace organisation is battling to reach some form of stability. It is considered that the services of PWB might be enlisted to counter the obvious dangers in such widespread talk calculated to split the three main Allies.

iv. Reports have previously been made in these summaries of the effects of the tpt organisation known as ENAC. Now that Northern Italy has been completely liberated, it has been officially announced in the press that ENAC will continue to exercise its functions in those regions also.

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Instead, it is demonstrable that ENAC never has been, and never will be, able to control tpt effectively and that by its arbitrary bureaucracy, it has not only contributed vastly to the rise of the black market but has also had the effect of keeping idle, or encouraging

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the misuse of, about three quarters of the available goods tpt of Italy.

There has been constant outcry in the press and in the food distribution trade against the ENAC system and latest reports show that there is a possibility of a strike of heavy tpt owners supplying the ROME central markets as a protest against the system. Even the employees of ENAC itself recently sent a delegation to the interested Govt department to ask that something should be done at once to rectify the mass of anomalies this disorganisation has caused. A Commissario has been appointed to examine the matter but until the present system is abolished, there is little hope of improving the position.

B. RUMOURS. Nothing of interest to report.

GENERAL.

Screening of refugees at IDPSC and Italian Refugee Camps at CINECITTA has proceeded as usual this week. At the Italian Camp 603 names have been checked against agency lists.

At IDPSC Camp about 60 assorted Allied nationals have been screened and cleared. The situation at the Repatriation Camp adjacent to 159 Transit Camp is that there are still over 50 Russians who refuse to allow themselves to be sent to the USSR Camp at TARANTO. It is reported, however, that the Russian authorities are taking a more humane view of some of these cases, and the impending appointment of a Russian-speaking Allied offr to the camp will assist matters cons= iderably.

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Phone 478445 Ext 16
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4 Jun 45

To: A.C.of S. G-2
Rome Area Allied Command

No 1 SCI Unit
FICA/RAAC
Major Harvey, Public Safety, HQ A.C.
OC No 1 GA (L of C) ESS
Commandant, HQ FS, CMZ
War Diary.

PART I: GENERAL SURVEY

A. Military Security. Nothing to report.

B. Civilian Security.

Comment is made on the development of the "centre" mass of public opinion in Italy. Continued screening of refugees at CASERTA is reported on.

PART II:

1. MILITARY SECURITY.

A. Security of Information.)
B. Security of Material) Nothing to report.
C. Security of Personnel)

2. CIVILIAN SECURITY

A. Analysis of Arrests. NIL

B. Important Individual Cases.

1. Persons Arrested NIL.

2. Suspects.

i. HORL Margherita nee JASSNI. This woman, born in Holland, recently arrived in INPRO Camp CASERTA with the group of Br ex-internees from SPITAL. She attached herself to one of them and had to be asked to desist. An interrogation has now been completed which shows that she was a member of the women's services attached to the Luftwaffe. Meanwhile she had visited the Royal Netherlands Mission saying that she was engaged to a Br soldier and wanted Dutch papers. On questioning the soldier concerned it was found that he had known her 3 days and was surprised to hear that he was engaged to her. A full report has been forwarded to A.C.of S.G-2 recommending evacuation of this woman as PW.

ii. HOFMEIER Wilhelm. This man, a German citizen, was formerly employed by the German railway authorities at SAN LORENZO yards in ROME. He was evacuated, being an official of the German State Railways, but later joined the Partisans in the MILAN area. He has recently returned to ROME, but having civilian status, he has merely been told to register with the Questura & no other action is considered necessary against

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B. Civilian Security.

Comment is made on the development of the "centre" wave of public opinion in Italy. Continued screening of refugees at GINESTRA is reported on.

PART II:

1. MILITARY SECURITY.

A. Security of Information.)
B. Security of Material) Nothing to report.
C. Security of Personnel)

2. CIVILIAN SECURITY

A. Analysis of Arrests. NIL

B. Important Individual Cases.

1. Persons Arrested NIL.

2. Suspects.

i. HOEL Marguerite nee JANSEN. This woman, born in Holland, recently arrived in IMPEX Camp GINESTRA with the group of Dr ex-internees from SEITAL. She attached herself to one of them and had to be asked to desist. An interrogation has now been completed which shows that she was a member of the women's services attached to the Luftwaffe. Meanwhile she had visited the Royal Netherlands Mission saying that she was engaged to a Dr soldier and wanted Dutch papers. On questioning the soldier concerned it was found that he had known her 3 days and was surprised to hear that he was engaged to her. A full report has been forwarded to A.C.of S.G-2 recommending evacuation of this woman as PW.

ii. HORTAUER Wilhelm. This man, a German citizen, was formerly employed by the German railway authorities at SAN LORENZO yards in ROME. He was evacuated, being an official of the German State Railways, but later joined the Partisans in the MILAN area. He has recently returned to ROME, but having civilian status, he has merely been told to register with the Questura & no other action is considered necessary against him.

iii. GAMBELLIN Hans. This man, a German born in LUBECK, was later evacuated to Germany and served in the German Navy on shore duties. Shortly before the fall of BERLIN he escaped to Italy and presented himself to this Gov in ROME. His service with the German Navy renders him liable to evacuation as a PW, which is being arranged.

C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS.

1. There is considerable preoccupation in many quarters in ROME due to the fact that news given by various people returning south from the Po Valley constantly stresses the fact that in spite of various much publicised parades of partisans at which arms have been given in, large quantities of modern Allied and German weapons have been

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hidden by these partisans, mostly Communists. The hope is generally expressed that the Allies will take strong measures to retrieve these arms and to put a stop to the indiscriminate killings which are apparently still an all too common feature of life in northern cities. An indication of this desire was a rumour heard in ROME this week that the Allies have shot two persons in BOLOGNA found in illegal possession of arms.

There are also persistent reports from people who have recently been in the north that members of former fascists have managed to camouflage themselves as Communists in the partisan bands and are largely responsible for the continued acts of violence.

PART III. A. CIVILIAN POPULATION.

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With regard to the so-called Govt crisis there is almost universal apathy among all but the agitators of the various parties.

Indeed the longer this strange "crisis" continues, the more do the various parties, both extreme Right and Left, continue to lose what little public confidence they ever had.

There is a vast yearning among the ordinary people of every class for some form of "movement of order" which will produce not a political government but a competent administration capable of tackling the main problem of reconstruction & rehabilitation. There is little doubt also that this vast "centre" mass of opinion is at the moment in search of a personality in whom it can place its confidence for such a task. There is practically no general confidence left in the present party leaders and the recent arrest of NENNI and revolt of TOGLIATTI by AMG is considered to have "weeded" them as far as public confidence is concerned. Indeed it may be said that the weakness of all the Italian governments set up since the invasion has been this lack of personalities having the two requisites of a) a good record for anti-fascism & integrity, and b) a clear understanding of the needs of the Italians and the strength to implement a programme fulfilling these needs.

It is evident from various sources of information that this "centre" mass is slowly crystallising and becoming coherent, developing into a block which is against either Right or Left dictatorships and bent on reconstruction of Italian economic life.

At the moment there is a movement on foot to try to rally those forces round such a personality as DINO GRANDI, who, it is understood, may shortly resign his post as High Commissioner for Refugees and allow his undoubtedly fine name & record to be used as a banner for the movement described above. It is certain that if wisely guided, he might be of some use as he is one of the few Italian personalities that call forth a spontaneous response from ordinary Italians.

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As in the case of the ROATTA incident, it is evident that Italians still indoctrinated by various fascist books on the subject, still consider the "Secret Service as omnipresent and in fact "molto in gamba".

B. RUMOURS. Nothing of interest to report.

GENERAL.

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At the moment there is a movement on foot to try to rally these forces round such a personality as Ugo SFORZA, who, it is understood, may shortly resign his post as High Commissioner for Refugees and allow his undoubtedly fine moral record to be used as a banner for the movement described above. It is certain that if wisely guided, he might be of some use as he is one of the few Italian personalities that call forth a spontaneous response from ordinary Italians.

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In IMPSC camp some 40 civilians of various nationalities have been checked and interrogated. Three former members of the German Army have been detected and evacuated to Provost.

About 40 mixed Hungarian & Russian type are at the moment being dealt with. So far 5 of them have been found in possession of German pay books.

At request of F.S. in the camp a non-fraternisation rule has been made subsequent to the arrival of a party of German & Austrian women, some of whom were becoming far too friendly with PW personnel in the camp and vicinity.

A special report has been forwarded to A.C.of S.G-2 on the situation with regard to Russian displaced persons. Numbers of these transferred to a repatriation camp adjacent to 139 Transit Camp have refused to allow themselves to be sent to the USSR camp at PADULI under the "1927" rule referred to in previous reports. A party of 14 f these people recently "billeted" themselves in a near-by Italian house and refused) move.

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TAILPIECE

The wall-writing campaign is not yet over. The following have been observed in PARIOLI:-

"MORTE AGLI ITALIANI"
"A MORTE AGLI JUGOSLAVI"

MOVIMENTO GIOVANILE COMUNISTA

Card

The reply comes on another wall, terse and personal:-

"COGLIONI DAL PIEDI!"

Field.

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Director, Public Safety.

Rome remains fairly quiet.
"Subversive movements" deals with the arms of partisans.
"Civilian Population" deals with the political situation
and indulges in discreet propaganda for Tito ZANIBONI.
"Tailpiece" has found the solution to the Trieste problem

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

REF : SD/636.03

6 June 1945

SUBJECT : Security Report

TO : Director, Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

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28 May 45

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PART I: GENERAL SURVEY

A. Military Security. Nothing to report.

B. Civilian Security.

The screening of Ex ex-internees from SPITTAL in collaboration with HM Consul and of displaced persons of various nationalities at ENPOW Camp CHERCHIRA is reported on.

PART II

1. MILITARY SECURITY

A. Security of Information)
B. Security of Material) Nothing to report.
C. Security of Personnel)

2. CIVILIAN SECURITY

A. Analysis of Arrests See att Appendix "A".

B. Important Individual Cases

1. Persons Arrested

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PART I: GENERAL SURVEY

A. Military Security. Nothing to report.

B. Civilian Security.

The screening of 7m ex-internees from SPITTAL in collaboration with HM Consul and of displaced persons of various nationalities at EMPEC Camp CHEDDITH is reported on.

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vi. FELLNER Dr Anton. This man recently arrived in ROME from the TYROL area and claimed an audience with the Pope. He was arrested on an order showing him to have been in Austria an SS Hauptsturmführer, Leiter des Gaupresseamtes der NSDAP & Member of the Reichspressekammer. He was also in touch with STUCKHEIM & CONSUL.

2. SUSPECTS

i. TONPSI Nino alias GIRARDI Corrado. Information was received from BI4 TSU that this enemy agent was in VERONA on 7 May 45 trying to obtain a permit to come to ROME. Local enquiries reveal that he has not yet arrived. He is also on the wanted list

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at all P.G.Commissariati in ROME who have instructions from the Ufficio Politico to arrest him on sight. Enquiries with a view to tracing continue.

ii. SCHNEIDER Percy. Ex subject, member of ex-internee party from SPITTAL. While in Germany translated into English articles concerning Polish atrocities at the request of the German Police. Later, however, refused to undertake paid work for the German Govt. Has been granted consular clearance with unfavourable comment and will be subject to further enquiries in UK.

iii. SCHAEFFLER Hans. Another member of the party of ex-internees from SPITTAL. Born in Germany, he later became a naturalised Canadian and returned to MUNICH shortly before the outbreak of war. Interrogation reveals that he made apparently little effort to get out of Germany in time and was interned in due course. He has been granted consular clearance to UK but it is understood that Canadian authorities object to his re-entry into Canada and he will no doubt be the subject of further enquiries in UK.

iv. SCHLICHER Samuel. Also a member of s/s party from SPITTAL. Born in Austria, emigrated to Canada and became naturalised. Returned later to Poland and Germany and was there on the outbreak of war though his passport had expired. His position is at present being investigated in collaboration with HM Consul.

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PART III. A. CIVILIAN POPULATION

i. The situation in the city still remains quiet with considerable sense of relief and an increase in general pro-Allied feeling with regard to the solution of the TRIESTE problem.

The Communists are still losing ground and are having difficulty in recovering from their embarrassment over the TRIESTE question.

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B. REFUGEES. Nothing of interest to report.

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GENERAL.

1. During the period the activities of all available NCO's have been divided between IDPOC Camp CINECITTA and giving assistance to HM CONSUL in checking and screening some 320 members of a party of DP ex-internees from SPITTAL who arrived last week in ROME. As result of checks a number of suspected DP renegades were found and have been arrested (see Arrest Reports above). About 240 of the remainder left ROME on 27 May 45 for repatriation to UK. Enquiries are still proceeding into the status of those left behind.

Further information was obtained from camp leaders on a group of former SPITTAL internees who remained behind or for various reasons did not arrive in ROME with the party. This information has been reported to A.C.of S.G-2.

The names of two of the party, Chanmel Isiandiers, who — on their own initiative

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got themselves transferred to NAPLES Allied PW Repatriation Centre have been forwarded with their documents to PW2 PW3 as both are suspect. Another five who also proceeded to NAPLES have been notified to HM Consul NAPLES by HM Consul ROME.

11. PW HQ's have been in attendance at ISERNIA Camp and during the period have screened and cleared some 70 displaced persons of assorted nationalities. Six former members of the German Army were also discovered and have been evacuated to Provost.

Considerable ill feeling has been created among various Allied nationals at this camp by the presence among them of a group of some 21 German refugees also lodged in the camp. The situation was not improved by the showing in the camp cinema of a documentary film of the horrors of German concentration camps. The next morning considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the camp cooks to prepare food for the German refugees. It would surely be better if ISERNIA arranged for segregation of these people in separate accommodation.

The most disturbing factor, however, is the handling of the problem of numbers of White Russian emigres at this camp. Many of these people managed to leave Russia in the 1920's and have absolutely no desire to return there or to be in any way under Soviet control. Yet it has been ruled that any persons having left Russia after 1927 are to be considered as Soviet citizens and must be removed to Soviet control. As reported last week there have been some heartbreaking scenes at the camp when such persons were removed practically by force. If it can be proved that any of them have collaborated with the Germans or conspired against the USSR, then it is obviously in order that Soviet action should be taken against them. But many of these people are homeless elderly men and women whose only desire is to live somewhere not under the Soviet régime and it would seem a violation of the principles for which the war has been fought to force them to do so. This matter requires the most urgent attention if grave injustice is not to be done to these people who are really political refugees and should surely not be victimised on a question of dates.

iii. A meeting was held at the GARIBOLDO on Sunday 27 May 45 at 1010 hrs to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the liberation of PALERMO by GARIBALDI. About 500 people attended mostly middle class Sicilians among whom were to be seen five GARIBALDI veterans in their red uniforms. The only speaker was Avv.SELVAGGI Giovanni, a great friend of ORLANDO, who gave a well delivered, cultured and moderated address. The tone of the speech was anti-Separatist. He stressed the necessity for national unity as opposed to a mere annexation of Sicily to the rest of Italy and its subjection to the financial interests of a few Italian groups. He reminded Sicilians of their weaknesses and of their individualism but, while insisting that local Sicilian customs and traditions must be respected, he declared Sicily to be absolutely against what he called the "subservience" of Sicily to State powers which restricted its energy. By unity they did not intend uniformity nor were they willing to submit to what he termed "sopraffazione" (overrunning) by the Italian Govt. He complained that, although in Sicily there had always been a constitution, it was weighed down by the imposition of unfavourable added provisions and regulations restricting its freedom and giving it an inferior status as compared to other parts of Italy. SELVAGGI remained, however, throughout his speech against any idea of separatism, and no reference was made to the Allies. The reading of a quotation from MAZZINI brought the greatest applause; it referred to the fact that any idea of Sicilian independence would bring about foreign interference and eventual domination. The meeting was orderly and there were no incidents.

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APPENDIX "A"

Analysis of Arrests

	Trial for security offences CAT A	Internment CAT B	Detained pending investig. CAT C	TOTAL
Italian Armed Forces				
Civilian Officials incl SCIB			6	6
Misc Civilians			6	6
TOTALS				

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JIC/RAAC
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GC No 1 Sec (L of C) FSS
Commandant, HQ FS, CMF
War Diary.

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PART I: GENERAL SURVEY

A. Military Security

Danger to the health of personnel as a result of a strike of dustmen and refuse removers in ROME this week is commented on.

B. Civilian Security

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PART II

1. MILITARY SECURITY

A. Security of Information. Nothing to report.

B. Security of Material. Nothing to report.

C. Security of Personnel.

1. During the period under review a serious threat to the health of those living in ROME City was created by a short strike of dustmen and refuse removers caused by the usual wages question. For several days large heaps of garbage could be seen piled rotting at the street corners while the flies increased. This strike has now been settled and the offending litter removed.

The crisis, however, draws attention to the whole question of the cleanliness of certain parts of the city which in the present heat may seriously affect the health not only of the civil population but also of the military. MCO's report that in many of the larger squares where open vegetable and meat markets are held, conditions after sales have finished are such that it is difficult to walk about on pavements inches deep in slippery refuse. Some of the places mentioned are:- Campo di Fiori (MR 733668), Pza Vittorio (MR 758668), Viale Giulio Cesare at crossing of Leone IV & Via Ottaviano (MR 721667), Porta S.Giovanni (MR 764657) & Via Monte Bello (MR 755677).

It is considered that pressure should be brought to bear on the Municipal Authorities to see that such sites are cleaned up with as little delay as possible. Many of them are thriving Black Market centres where not only are fish & vegetables sold but also meat of doubtful origin. The fly-breeding rate in such places is probably so large as to constitute a threat of serious epidemics if the present hot weather

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1. During the period under review a serious threat to the health of those living in ROME City was created by a short strike of dustmen and refuse removers caused by the usual wages question. For several days large heaps of garbage could be seen piled rotting at the street corners while the flies increased. This strike has now been settled and the offending litter removed.

The crisis, however, draws attention to the whole question of the cleanliness of certain parts of the city which in the present heat may seriously affect the health not only of the civil population but also of the military. MCO's report that in many of the larger squares where open vegetable and meat markets are held, conditions after sales have finished are such that it is difficult to walk about on pavements inches deep in slippery refuse. Some of the places mentioned are:- Campo di Fiori (MR 733663), Pza Vittorio (MR 758668), Viale Giulio Cesare at crossing of Leone IV & Via Ottaviano (MR 721665), Porta S.Giovanni (MR 764657) & Via Monte Bello (MR 755679).

It is considered that pressure should be brought to bear on the Municipal Authorities to see that such sites are cleaned up with as little delay as possible. Many of them are thriving Black Market centres where not only are fish & vegetables sold but also meat of doubtful origin. The fly-breeding rate in such places is probably so large as to constitute a threat of serious epidemics if the present hot weather continues.

2. CIVILIAN SECURITY

A. Analysis of Arrests. NIL

B. Important Individual Cases

1. Persons Arrested NIL

2. Suspects

1. KLIMKIEWICZ David. This man, a former member of the Polish Army who arrived in CINECITTA DP Camp this week, is suspected of having collaborated with the Germans in WARSAW & BERLIN. Polish Security Officer has been informed and has taken over the case for investigation.

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ii. [redacted] Gerald Beauvoir. This man, a Channel Islander, arrived at [redacted] Camp at CERCHIARA this week. He stated that he had worked as a truck dvr in SLOVENIA for the Germans during the occupation of the Islands. A report is being prepared & will be forwarded on completion.

iii. [redacted] Angelo. This man appeared recently in ROME and obtained clothes from a civilian woman by stating that he had escaped from a PW Camp in England where he had known her son. It is suspected that he is merely a confidence man but questions are being supplied with full details in order to trace him.

C. [redacted]

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Up to the time of writing no new issue of IL PARTIGIANO has yet appeared.

PART III. A. CIVILIAN POPULATION

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B. [redacted] Nothing of interest to report.

GENERAL.

i. During the period under review there has been an enormous influx of Italian refugees & other displaced persons into the camps at CINECITTA. All available PG NCO's have been employed there on screening. Checks of nominal rolls have been carried out against the Sec card index, and members of the various Allied missions in attendance at the Camps have been informed of the presence of suspected pro-German collaborators and are taking the necessary measures to deal with the cases. Co-operation is also being received in this matter from French and Polish Security Services.

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Sorting out & screening of some 350 persons of Yu nationality who have been moved from CINECITTA to 92nd Base Camp is proceeding at the moment.

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Subject: Routine Report for period 7 May 45 to 13 May 45.

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14 May 45

To: A.C.o.S. G-2
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PART II:

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A. Security of Information. Nothing to report.

B. Security of Material.

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C. Security of Personnel. Nothing to report.

2. CIVILIAN SECURITY

A. Analysis of Arrests. NIL

B. Important Individual Cases

1. Persons arrested. NIL

2. Suspects.

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2. Suspects.

i. GEORGIADES Mary. A Greek subject born in ADRIANOPLE and believed in ROME at the moment. Supposed to have worked for the Germans in ATHENS and to have been taken by them later to BERLIN & ALMERIA. Reported very pro-Nazi. Enquiries proceeding and a report will be forwarded when completed.

ii. [illegible] Ursula alias Signora GIUSSI. A report has been received that this woman, a German who formerly worked for the Germans in N Italy on propaganda broadcasts to U.S. and was in the SS HQ at Hotel Regina, MILAN almost up to the time of the arrival of the Allies in that city, has now managed to arrive in ROME, partly by bicycle and partly by obtaining lifts. Enquiries are being made to trace and interrogate her.

iii. [illegible] Daniella. Enquiries are being made to trace in ROME documents belonging to this woman whose name appears on the list of Br renegades. Her present whereabouts are unknown but believed N Italy.

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C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS

1. Further to previous report RS/1/47 para C (ii). The arrest of Carlo ANDREONI has provoked a good deal of press comment & speculation as to the motives thereof. In "L'EPOCA" for 10 May 45 a long leader was written by LEONIDA REPACI who knew ANDREONI well during the clandestine period and permitted himself to insinuate that although the exact motive for the arrest was not known, it appeared to be an attempt by the Allies to prevent ANDREONI from meeting the CLNAI representatives.

Gentle representations have now been made to REPACI personally pointing out the unwisdom of such outbursts until the case is cleared up.

L'UNITA, with characteristic unscrupulousness is losing no opportunity of blackening the figure of its natural enemy. Immediately after the arrest it published a paragraph stating that ANDREONI had been arrested for extortion, and on 13 May 45 published a long article giving "information" that the ANDREONI family were not only extortioners but were also connected with SALVARESSA and the UOMINI PROLETARIA.

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ii. On 10 May 45 at the MANZONI Theatre a big Socialist rally took place and speeches were made by two members of the CLNAI, MORANDI & BERTINI. The meeting was wound up by NENNI. The usual attacks were made on MUSSOLINI, the MONARCHISTS, and the usual remarks were made about the Italian claims on TRIESTE. The meeting was orderly and there were no incidents.

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iii. The developments of the week in VENEZIA GIULIA & TRIESTE continue to be a source of alarm and despondency among the population as a whole. As has been noted in reports by other Intelligence agencies there is remarkably widespread and unanimous demand to the effect that it would be far better now for the Western Allies to oppose Russia firmly even at the risk of war than to compromise with her and have to fight her within the next 20 years. This opinion is reliably reported to be widespread also in Vatican circles from the cardinals downwards.

iv. As a result of the above noted in para iii the stock of the P.C.I. is falling. TOGLIATTI is widely criticised and is even being accused of having used his position for personal gain. These reasons and recent Communist hooliganism in the streets are said to be reducing considerably the ranks of the P.C.I. in favour of the Socialists and Republicans.

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v. It has been learned from a reliable source that TOGLIATTI has expressed his intention of openly attacking Italian Free Masonry as he is convinced that it is in league with British & American anti-Communist interests.

vi. On the whole, as noted previously, the present situation tends to increase pro-Allied feeling. It has been noted, however, that one of the main topics of conversation is the position of Fiat in Allied hands. There is much speculation and criticism about our retention of Fiat, and it is considered that a statement on this matter by the Allied authorities would go far to prevent the wrong conclusions from being drawn and to re-assure the families concerned.

vii. An interesting point of view has been put by a reliable source with wide contacts among business and professional classes in S Italy. Source states that in the south in general there is widespread feeling that since the present tragedy of Italy brought about by Fascism has been almost entirely the product of men and events of the North, it would not be unreasonable for the South, if it can find its "STOCKHOLM ARMS" to form a separate administrative entity, possibly federated with other Italian regions but at least enjoying autonomy and non-interference from the North.

B. HUNGARY. Nothing of interest to report.

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V.P. Civil Affairs Section.
Director, Public Safety S/C.

Part 3, Civilian Population, comments on disturbances in Rome, immediately prior to the end of the war. This will inevitably arise again.

The arrest of Carlo ANDREONI is also important.

Noted.

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S. Flannery
Major,
Security Division.

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

REF : SD/601 16 May 1945

SUBJECT : Student Demonstrations - Rome

TO : Director Education Sub Commission

1. The enclosed extract from a report received by this office concerning student demonstrations, is forwarded for information and such action as may be deemed necessary.

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

CBH/nb

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Subject: Routine Report for period 29 Apr 45 to 6 May 45.

To: A.C. of S. G-2
Rome Area Allied Command

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Commandant, HQ FS, CMP
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13 MAY 1945

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PART II

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C. Security of Personnel. Nothing to report.

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ii. JARACH or GATTEGO. Enquiries are proceeding into activities of this woman who frequents the Grand Hotel and has recently been contacting partisans from N Italy ostensibly to obtain information about conditions in VENICE & PADUA.

iii. VON FILIS in ANGELIS Elinor. A report is being forwarded to A.C. of S. G-2 containing a statement by a local tent repairing firm to the effect that this woman,

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a former German subject, having assisted the firm to obtain a SD contract, has been paid a considerable sum of money for her services.

iv. HAGER in MANETTI-MAGNANI Maria. Born at HESINGEN, Germany. Is reported to have a villa at ST CLOUD which she let to the Wehrmacht. Knew members of the German Sicherheitspolizei. Now reported to be frequenting hotels in Via Veneto in company with Allied offrs. Enquiries proceeding to trace her for interrogation.

v. SARTORI Anna Giuseppina in FERRAGUTI. Reported to have been mistress of a German general during the occupation and to have traded with the TODT Organisation via Hotel BERNINI. Reported now to have opened a restaurant in Via Quattro Fontane. Enquiries proceeding.

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PART III. A. CIVILIAN POPULATION

i. During the week the city has been in a state of ferment over the TRIESTE question. On 3 May 45 several groups of students marched about the streets bearing the national flag and banners praising partisans, and one of these groups demonstrated

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iv. Further information is being sought on an alleged clandestine political party called "RAGGRUPPAMENTO ANTITOTALITARIO ANTIBARBARISTA MONARCHICO" said to be organised on behalf of the Luogotenente as a countermeasure to the rumoured coup d'etat by the P.C.I. which may follow the complete liberation of N Italy or the announcement of the end of the war in Europe. Prominent among the organisers is said to be a Prince D'ANNUNZIO, one of the children of the poet, whether legitimate or illegitimate is not yet certain. The party is said to have the support of leading offrs of the Italian Armed Forces and it is also said that the Italian police report on it has been passed to the Russian authorities by means of Communist elements in the police. Enquiries are proceeding.

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PART III. A. CIVILIAN POPULATION

i. During the week the city has been in a state of ferment over the TRIESTE question. On 3 May 45 several groups of students marched about the streets bearing the national flag and banners praising partisans, and one of these groups demonstrated outside the P.C.I. HQ in Via Nazionale.

On 4 May 45 the students invited a number of partisans and ex-service men to demonstrate by laying a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Pza Venezia. Possibly as a result of the previous day's demonstration, a large number of Communist workmen turned out mostly armed with sticks and clubs and gathered in Pza dell'Esedra to await the passing of the main column of students. Various free-fights broke out in the Piazza and a few shots were fired and various people injured. Then a procession of about 500 Communists headed by a truck full of wounded partisans marched down Via Nazionale towards Pza Venezia. On the way they met a small column of students coming in the opposite direction and during the ensuing rough-house, the students were dispersed. The Communists group then proceeded to the tomb in Pza Venezia and held a demonstration of their own, forestalling the student demonstration. A speech was made by NOVELLA of

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the P.C.I. protesting against the narrow nationalism which was trying to stir up trouble over TRIESTE a question which should be left to be settled at the Peace Conference.

While these moderate remarks were being made, various free-fights were going on in the rear between communists and students.

Then the main student column arrived and laid its wreath on the tomb. It was followed shortly afterwards by another group, apparently that which had previously been dispersed in Via Nazionale, and more club fights broke out all over the square.

The general impression was one of disorganisation, but the sharp contrast between Communist' verbal desire for calm and deliberation and the fact that large numbers of their workmen & thugs were armed with clubs has been generally noted.

It is to be feared that the students will not let this matter rest, as several savage attacks were made on youths and even small boys. A continuance of such disturbances is therefore probable.

General feeling among the moderate elements of the population is that it was perhaps as well that the Communists displayed in this manner their duplicity. The passivity of the Italian police has been widely commented on, and it is generally regretted that the Allied CMP and especially the "Red Caps", for whom there is widespread respect and admiration, did not intervene more fully. It has been said that there would have been full justification for arresting everyone found in possession of a club.

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ii. General popular reaction to the present political situation and to the disorders referred to above is a mixture of "fed-upness" and a growing desire to see the Allied take a firmer hand in Italian affairs. Pro-British feeling is also accruing from the 8th Army's entry into TRIESTE and the stand being made against MOLOTOV at SAN FRANCISCO. The reports of the arrest of 900 people trying to cross the Cordone Sanitario and the seizure of about a milliard lire in their possession has also been favourably commented on. (See however RUMOURS below).

There is a general desire among all moderate elements of the civil population for some form of definite directive from the Allies which will obviate the slide either to a dictatorship of the Right or Left. A recent article in the "L'UOMO QUALUNQUE" summed up this feeling very well when it pointed out the inconsistency between the avowed Allied policy of leaving Italy to choose its own form of democracy without interference and the equally avowed Allied policy of preventing a recurrence of Fascism in this country. It is pointed out that while there is therefore a "de jure" non-interference, there is on the other hand a "de facto" interference. It will be far better to recognise the situation by constituting some form of supreme legislative council and a firm Allied control to guide Italy through the present difficult experimental days.

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FREE AUSTRIAN MOVEMENT. On 1 May 45 a group of Austrians, comprising sections of the left wing movement, held a meeting under the leadership of Carlo RAMBAS at Via Gregoriana No. 5. The meeting was held in a room which belonged to the Italian Communist Party. An entrance fee of 5 lire was made for the funds of an Austrian refugee movement and approx 100 people attended.

The meeting was addressed by RAMBAS who is a Socialist and Idealist. He praised the liberation of VIENNA by the Russians and the formation of the provisional Austrian government. Later in the meeting he alsom mentioned that the Anglo-American Allies also were responsible for this liberation. Other speakers included Austrian refugees and an Austrian Communist. The meeting was orderly and it is believed that there were no Italians present.

TAILPIECE

The latest variation of the eternal theme of "Indians v Cowboys" is, among Italian schoolboys, "Communists v Fascists".

BBKyle
Capt
INT CORPS

Field.

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Action

PART I: GENERAL SURVEY

Nothing to report.

A. Military Security

B. Civilian Security

Action by the Ministero delle Terre Occupate in respect of Italian Army liaison offrs due to proceed to N Italy is commented on, and enquiries into the activity of General Alexi are reported on. Comment is also made on the reaction of the population to the events of the week in N Italy.

PART II

1. MILITARY SECURITY

A. Security of Information)
B. Security of Material) Nothing to report
C. Security of Personnel)

2. CIVILIAN SECURITY

See att Appendix "A"

A. Analysis of Arrests

B. Important Individual Cases

1. Persons Arrested

i. ELDERLAND Alessandro. This man was arrested on 28 Apr 45 on orders of A.C.of S.G-2 and is being held for interrogation by SIM/CS on allegations that he betrayed Allied agents in EOT to the Germans.

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iii. FRIGO Luigi. This man was recently seen in ROME in the uniform of a general of Partisans. Enquiries are proceeding into local information that he was a former offr of MVSN and that in his bar in ROME meetings by PNF "bad hats" were frequent. He is also believed to have been connected with the POLLASTRINI gang at Palazzo Brueghi during the PNF period.

C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS

i. Further to previous notes in these reports on the Ministero delle Terre Occupate, the following is of interest. Information confirmed from a second reliable source has been received that SCOCCIMARRO, the Minister, has vetoed about 20 names on a list of Italian Army offrs due to proceed to N Italy on liaison duties between the Ministry and Allied Commission. Most of these offrs can be considered anti-

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Communist and will no doubt be replaced by persons more favourable to the P.C.I. In view of the fact that the list was compiled originally by the Ministry of War for Allied Commission, this matter constitutes direct interference for political ends by SCOCCIMARRO and is another illustration of the way in which the P.C.I. intends to extend its hold on important offices in N Italy.

ii. During the period information has been received from several separate sources that a man to watch in the internal politics of Italy immediately after the armistice in Europe is General AZZI. It will be remembered that General AZZI was dismissed from the Army for having written an outspoken article in AVANTI on the treatment of the Italian Army by the present Government.

It will also be remembered that among those prominent besides the Communist VELIO SPANO in the crowd that entered the Ministero degli Interni during demonstrations in ROME after the escape of ROATTA was General AZZI. This crowd was composed mainly of PCI and Movimento Comunista adherents.

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Many people are saying, moreover, that this will be just as well, because if the Allies pursue the same policy in N Italy as they have done in the south, there is bound to be serious trouble. The things which will most annoy the Northern Italians, it is stated, are a) the Allied requisitioning policy, b) Allied attempts to control industry, and c) what are called British "superior airs".

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ii. Other civilian circles are considerably preoccupied with eventual Communist intentions in N Italy. A reliable contact commented upon a leader in "L'UNITA" for 25 Apr 45 which made great play of the calm and dignified attitude towards Allied soldiers of the people of BOLOGNA, which had previously been the subject of an article in "Stars & Stripes". Source asks why was "L'UNITA" the only Italian paper to bring out this point and bring it out in such a way as to appear to be trying to justify the distant attitude of the Bolognesi. Source sees in this justification an attempt to cover up the fact that Communist propaganda in N Italy has been actively anti-allied in many cases, spreading distorted information about certain aspects of the Allied occupation of the south. Source comments that such propaganda will have to be wisely countered by choosing the right collaborators for the Allies in the North and by Allied propaganda designed to put the truth before the northern masses.

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iii. On 26 Apr 45 a crowd of some 150-200 students marched from Pza Venezia to the Ministry of the Interior carrying a few flags on which the Savoy emblem had been covered by a piece of white cloth. A speech was made by one of their number to the effect that the Govt ought to declare a public holiday to celebrate the liberation of N Italy. The meeting was orderly and there were no incidents.

iv. It is interesting to note that the reaction among intellectuals and professionals of the middle class to a rumour that the Allies intend taking over TRIESTE on a 99 year lease was very favourable, largely of course because Jugoslavian intentions in the matter are the subject of alarm and mistrust.

v. A meeting was held at 1100 hrs on 29 Apr 45 in the Pza SS Apostoli, ROME, to celebrate the liberation of northern Italian cities by partisan forces. Represented at the meeting were the Partito d'Azione, Partito Democrazia Cristiana, Partito Socialista, Partito Comunista, Partito Democratico del Lavoro, and the speakers included CIANCA, NENNI and BERGAMINI. No attempt was made by any speaker to provoke the crowd and even the news of MUSSOLINI's execution did not lure them into any indiscretion. There were no disturbances and no incidents, and at the end of the meeting the crowd dispersed in an orderly manner.

B. RUMOURS Nothing of interest to report.

STOP PRESS TAILPIECE

Almost universal reaction to news of shooting of MUSSOLINI:

"Che fregatura per gli Inglesi!".

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PART I: GENERAL SURVEY

A. Military Security. Nothing to report.

B. Civilian Security

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PART II

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A. Security of Information.)
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A. Analysis of Arrests. See att Appendix "A".

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2. Suspects

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ii. KOTNIK Ciril. Enquiries have been made this week on this Jugoslav subject, resident in ROME at Via Salaria 72, and suspected of organising some sort of monarchist movement. Information obtained and embodied in a report to A.C.of S.G-2 does not confirm this, though there is evidence that he has lately been seen in frequent contact with Slovene royalist leaders in ROME.

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iii. LAVINA Adelgisa. Supplementary information obtained in ROME on this listed enemy agent (AFHQ letter GBI.389.704/1 - No 667 - of 1 Apr 45) has been forwarded this week to A.C.of S.G-2.

iv. COSTANZO Antonio. Instructions were received this week to arrest this man in accordance with AFHQ letter GBI.389.450/22A of 14 Apr 45. He left the GRAND Hotel about three weeks ago leaving as reference a telephone number of a flat in Via Poerio 114. He has not visited this address since, and information obtained from a source that should be reliable is to the effect that he may attempt to recross the lines into EOT. A report is being submitted to A.C.of S.G-2.

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v. JABLONSKI Stefan. This man, arrested at SIENA by Italian civil police for being without documents was brought down to refugee camp at CINECITTA on 18 Apr 45, has been interrogated by this Sec. He is a Czech subject, born at BRNO on 22 Jul 1922, who on completion of his studies voluntarily went to Germany to work in an industrial firm, later went to Norway to work with the TODT organisation, volunteered in Jan 43 to be trained as radio-telegraphist and went to MANNHEIM for training. He later joined a German div which went to Jugoslavia and alleges that he deserted there and joined the Partisan 29th Div, remaining with them till Aug 44 when he became ill & was evacuated with a party of wounded partisans to Italy. His explanation of his presence so far north is unconvincing, as are his reasons for having a Colt pistol in his possession. He is being kept in custody at CINECITTA at disposition of 276 FSS and a report is being submitted to A.C.of S. G-2.

C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS

i. It was reported to an NCO of this Sec this week that a recently returned Italian PW, a medical offr and ex-Fascist, in the course of strong anti-Allied and particularly anti-British remarks, declared that he and his friends belonged to an organisation called "LA SPONDA SINISTRA" (the left coast or bank). It has not been possible to trace this individual as he was merely in transit through ROME and the conversation took place some days ago.

The import of his remarks was that by reason of the moral indignities suffered by him and many others whilst prisoners of the British, they had returned with a hatred and contempt for the British culminating in a resolve, in view of their inability to fight England openly, to give their votes at the elections to the Communists so as to help those whom they considered to be the future enemies of England - the Russians.

The offr in question received little sympathy from his Italian audience for his alleged moral sufferings, but his orientation may conceivably be that of many more such PsW whose captivity started when they were still imbued with a Fascist superiority complex and who, having spent some years in surroundings which have given them no idea of the fundamental changes that have taken place in Italy, may adopt the pose of "eroi della prigionia" and return to disseminate anti-British propaganda. Efforts will be made to enquire further into this matter.

ii. A reliable contact has informed this Sec that there has lately come to ROME an Italian partisan with the special mission of receiving instructions from the MOVIMENTO PARTIGIANO to convey to his comrades in a partisan brigade at present fighting in Jugoslavia. The instructions he received were to assist TITO's armies and to try to enter Italy together with the Jugoslav forces. Once in Italy they were not to allow themselves to be disarmed and to do everything possible to remain united, opposing any move to split them up among other units. The emissary was told that the manoeuvres of the Allies and the Govt are directed towards dismembering partisan forces to preclude them from forming a compact and dangerous entity. The case of the 200 partisans of TERNI was cited as an example. Here, it was explained, they had been enrolled on the understanding that they would remain together, but instead they were split up among battalions located far from each other. Thereafter they would go to the front with arms to the handling of which they were unaccustomed and probably 70% of them would be massacred.

PART III. A. CIVILIAN POPULATION

i. A great deal of irritation and hostility has, it is reported by a reliable contact, been created in various political circles by the news of the heavy Allied bombardments of Northern Italy. It is being said that in view of the progress of the war, these bombardments are nothing less than expressions of gratuitous brutality demonstrating the Allied state of mind towards Italy and the Italians. For every military objective bombed, they say, hundreds of civilian "objectives" suffer, and for every German or [illegible] innocent people perish. This topic is being [illegible] the Govt parties.

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C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS

i. It was reported to an NCO of this Sec this week that a recently returned Italian PW, a medical offr and ex-Fascist, in the course of strong anti-Allied and particularly anti-British remarks, declared that he and his friends belonged to an organisation called "LA SECONDA SINISTRA" (the left coast or bank). It has not been possible to trace this individual as he was merely in transit through ROME and the conversation took place some days ago.

The import of his remarks was that by reason of the moral indignities suffered by him and many others whilst prisoners of the British, they had returned with a hatred and contempt for the British culminating in a resolve, in view of their inability to fight England openly, to give their votes at the elections to the Communists so as to help those who they considered to be the future enemies of England - the Russians.

The offr in question received little sympathy from his Italian audience for his alleged moral sufferings, but his orientation may conceivably be that of many more such PsW whose captivity started when they were still imbued with a Fascist superiority complex and who, having spent some years in surroundings which have given them no idea of the fundamental changes that have taken place in Italy, may adopt the pose of "eroi della prigionia" and return to disseminate anti-British propaganda. Efforts will be made to enquire further into this matter.

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B. RUMOURS. Nothing of interest to report.

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APPENDIX "A"

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TOTALS			1	1

SECRET

Subject: Routine Report for Period 3 Apr 45 to 15 Apr 45

To: A.C. of S. G-2
Rome Area Allied Command

No 1 SCT Unit
JICA/RAAC
Major Harvey, Public Safety, HQ AC
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OC No 1 (SA) L of C FSS
Commandant, HQ ES, CMP
War Diary.

276 FSS
Rome Area Allied Command
Phone 478445 Ext 17
Ref: RS/1/44
15 Apr 45

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Book No 6792
File No 636.03.
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PART I: GENERAL SURVEY

A. Military Security — Nothing to report.

B. Civilian Security

Comment is made on the selection of advisers to A C for Northern Italy and on a further abuse of press liberty by a Roman daily.

PART II

1. MILITARY SECURITY

A. Security of Information - Nothing to report

B. Security of Material

1. This Section was requested by OC 733 Wksps RASC on 11 Apr 45 to investigate the suspicious conduct of an Italian civilian in the locality of that unit. On enquiry it was found that there was reason to believe that a civilian was endeavouring to entice men from the unit into selling MT vehicles. OC unit was requested to communicate with SIB.

C. Security of Personnel - Nothing to report.

2 CIVILIAN SECURITY

A. Analysis of Arrests _ See Appendix "A"

B. Important individual cases

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i. GRECO Antonio di Giuseppe. This man holder of British passport No C 134314, who presented himself to the Questura at ROME on 13 Apr 45 to complete a " foglio di soggiorno" was sent by the Questura to SIM and finally to this Section. There seems little doubt that he is identical with enemy agent No 467 "GRECCO" listed in GEI-389.704/1 (Enemy Agents Serial 86) of 7 March 45, his description corresponding closely and the "Arabic-type ring with camel design" being worn by him. Report on preliminary interrogation has been furnished to A.C. of S. G-2. He has been lodged in the Security prison.

ii. MILLS Charles Angelo fu Charles. This man, a British subject who crossed the lines at the beginning of April 45 in company with GRECO Antonio (see i above), has been interrogated by this section He holds a document from the Questura at PERUGIA MILLIA and from the German HQ, liberating him from internment and allowing him to

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circulate in that city. In view of this and his connection with GREEN, he has been detained and a report submitted to the A.C. of S G2.

2 Suspects.

i. KANEAS Rebecca di Leic. This Turkish subject, a dancer by profession, born in ISTANBUL on 21 April 1917, who came to Italy in Aug 39 has been interrogated by this Section. It is not at the moment clear why she was given a " Foglio di via obbligatorio" by the Italian Questura in 1940.
A report will be submitted to AC of S G-2 when the interrogation is completed.

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PART III

A. CIVILIAN POPULATION.

i. A report has been sent this week to Security Branch, HQ AC and AC of S, G-2 containing information regarding two civilians, who, it is understood, have been selected to accompany AC to Northern Italy in an advisory capacity. The information, of an adverse nature, has been provided by a reliable contact of this Sec, and it raises the general question of the background and suitability of persons intended to be taken on by AC in Northern Italy as advisors or collaborators in various capacities, as the Allies will be judged and judged rapidly

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and irrevocably in those parts, by the type of Italian collaborator on whom they rely.

ii. Comment has been made in previous Monthly Reports (e.g. 63/1/42 of 2 Apr 45) on abuses by the Roman press of the liberty they enjoy. A further example was provided this week by "IL TEMPO" of 14 Apr 45 which included an article entitled "La morgrese di un marito tornato a casa dopo due anni". The husband in question returned home at night to find his wife"in colloquio piutosto intimo" with a soldier, and as Allied soldiers are referred to at the beginning of the article, it may be inferred that this particular soldier was Allied too. It is unedifying copy and it is strange that so much space, (and the paper, it should be noted, consists of a single sheet only) could be wasted on a sordid incident of this kind, when so much real news (the President's death, advances in the West and East and in Italy) was available, unless the intention is, as it would seem, to exacerbate public opinion further against the Allies.

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APPENDIX A

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Civilian Officials Incl CCNR				
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TOTALS		2		2

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Subject: Routine Report for Period 2 Apr 45 to 8 Apr 45

To: A.C. of S. G-2
Rome Area Allied Command

No 1 SCI Unit
JICA/RAAC
Major Harvey, Public Safety, HQ AC
OC 97 FSS
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A. Military Security: Nothing to report.

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Report is now to hand of one of the propaganda talks organised by the P.C.I. and mentioned in previous routine report.

PART II

1. MILITARY SECURITY

A. Security of Information.)
B. Security of Material.) Nothing to report.
C. Security of Personnel.)

2. CIVILIAN SECURITY

A. Analysis of Arrests N I L

B. Important Individual Cases

1. Persons Arrested. N I L

2. Suspects.

1. SARDI Baron Alessandro. Came to the notice of this Sec as a result of enquiries in conjunction with RAF SIB. Turns out to be a typical Fascist "pezzo grosso" who organised Fascism in the prov of AQUILA & became Undersecretary for Public Works, Member of the Direttorio Nazionale PNF, Member of the Gran Consiglio, Consolette Generale of the

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ii. CASARI Guido & MENEGO Enrico. Enquiries are proceeding into information that these two men were involved in the betrayal of Allied PsW hiding in the ROME dist during the German occupation. At present both men are serving in the Italian Army. A special report is being prepared on the evidence so far collected with a view to further action against these men.

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iii. WEISS Emanuel. Ref previous Routine Report, Spapects (i). After a lengthy double interrogation, a full report on this man's activity while working as interpreter for the Germans has been submitted. Facts so far have not proved that he is an agent but there is at any rate a good prima facie case for proceeding against him as a Br subject for adhering to the King's enemies.

C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS.

i. It has recently been possible to obtain a report on a typical Communist meeting held in the Sec HQ of one of the ROME districts. This meeting was one of a regular series of propaganda talks which are called "Giornale parlato" (news discussion). The speaker on this occasion was one of the P.C.I. propagandists whose name however was not announced. It is apparently a usual practice for speakers to remain anonymous and questions about their identity are not welcomed. The audience however has the right to confute the speaker and express individual opinions on matters discussed.

This particular meeting began by a talk illustrating how MUSSOLINI was upheld by Pope PIUS XI, Costanzo CIANO & MARCONI. The latter was referred to as "the man in England's confidence". Particular emphasis was placed on this latter connection between English finance and MUSSOLINI via MARCONI, who was accused of having sold himself to England and having constantly been surrounded by English scientists and friends.

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ii. A significant incident which occurred on 3 Apr 45 in a crowded street in the city centre has been described by a civilian contact.

An immaculately dressed gentleman described as very English looking and wearing a "Foreign Office" hat was run into by a boy cyclist and his expensive clothes badly torn. He seized and cuffed the boy who

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yelled lustily and attracted a large crowd who made the gentleman release his grip. The latter then appealed for assistance to some passing U.S. soldiers who declined to be involved. An Italian police=man invited by our contact to intervene made a feeble attempt to do so but retired after a volley of shouts such as "Lynch him" & "If I had a weapon, I'd shoot him".

The whole incident is not unjustifiably seen by source as an indication of popular feeling not only against the police but also against a presumed member of the upper classes and an Englishman. Source comments that a slight resemblance to Mr EDEN may have contributed to the fury of the mob.

iii. A civilian contact who browses a good deal around ROME book-stalls & book-shops has commented on the vast quantities of books & pamphlets on sale which put the Communist theories and points of view before the public in a form easily digestible by the man in the street. Information on the new Russia, her culture, her literature & resources is being put within easy reach of all. The "Associazione Italiana per le Rela=zioni Culturali con l'U.S.S.R." (Via Lucrezio Caro 57) is also very active and is beginning a new course in the Russian language.

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B. RUMOURS. Nothing of interest to report.

GENERAL.

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Major Harvey, Public Safety, Br. HQ
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Phone 470445 Ext 17
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PART I: GENERAL SURVEY

A. Military Security

Leakage of information on the part of a senior offr in FORT to reporter de Security of 42 MAMU, previously reported on, is dealt with again.

B. Civilian Security

Further comment is made on the P.O.I. and its policy, and on a serious food swindle perpetrated by an organization in ROME.

PART II

1. MILITARY SECURITY

A. Security of Information

1. A special report has been furnished to A.C.of S.G-2 on an incident which occurred in the bar of the Albergo FLORA about 18 or 19 Mar 45 when a senior offr made certain very indiscreet remarks about pending ops to another offr also known to him. The probable identity of the senior offr in question has not been ascertained.

B. Security of Material

1. In conjunction with CIB an investigation was carried out into the presumed theft of a weapon from the room of a senior offr at the ANGLO-AMERICANO Hotel, ROME. Numerous interrogations and enquiries have not revealed who the culprit might be, but in the course of the enquiries certain points about the security at the ANGLO-AMERICANO Hotel were noted. These have been incorporated in a report forwarded to A.C.of S. G-2.

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C. Security of Personnel. Nothing to report.

2. CIVILIAN SECURITY.

A. Analysis of Arrests. N I L.

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PART I: GENERAL SURVEY

A. Military security

Leakage of information on the part of a senior offr in HQMC is reported on. Security of 42 HAMB, previously reported on, is dealt with again.

B. Civilian Morale

Further comment is made on the P.C.I. and its policy, and on a serious case swindle perpetrated by an organization in HQMC.

PART II

1. MILITARY SECURITY

A. Security of Information

i. A serial report has been furnished to A.C.of S.G-2 on an incident which occurred in the bar of the Albergo Flora, about 16 or 17 Mar 45 when a senior offr made certain very indiscreet remarks about pending ops to another offr quite unknown to him. The probable identity of the senior offr in question has now been ascertained.

B. Security of Material

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C. Security of personnel. Nothing to report.

2. CIVILIAN MORALE.

A. Analysis of arrests. N I L.

B. Important Individual Cases.

1. Persons Arrested. N I L

2. Suspects

1. [redacted] Emanuel. This man, who came through the lines on 22nd Army Front early in March, [redacted] pro-interrogation by this Sec as there are certain suspicious points in his story. Born in Holland, he is in possession of a Br passport. After several years interment as a Br subject, he [redacted] interpreter to the Chemical Warfare in [redacted] Allied. He states that he came with the unit [redacted] partisans to avoid being taken further north by the Germans. A full report will be rendered when the interrogation is completed.

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C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS

1. Further to previous reports on the evident policy of the PCI aiming to maintain a state of tension & discontent among the people, the PCI has now begun to organise a series of "Comizi" or popular meetings. A report on one of these meetings appeared in "L'Unita" for 30 Mar 45 page 2. These meetings took place in the Tiburtino, Prenestino & Pietralata working class districts and were held in the open air, consisting of speeches by Communists & Socialists in favour of claiming from the Govt more energetic epuration action and the betterment of the working classes. In these districts, shops, offices & small factories stopped work for a short time so that the workpeople could attend.

The article in "L'Unita" refers to a mobile squad of orators whose job it is apparently to go round and hold these meetings. No incidents have so far been reported.

PART III A. CIVILIAN POPULATION

1. At the present juncture one of the main topics of civilian conversation is the impending liberation from the Germans of the Po Valley and the vital importance of this operation to the future of Italian and indeed European affairs.

An opinion frequently expressed by northerners with whom this prospect is discussed is that the only hope for avoiding a serious situation in the Po Valley is a strong Allied policy which will control rigidly, as though by an effective internal frontier, all access into N Italy from south of the Apennines. Unless this access is firmly controlled, there is a danger that the entry of the Allies will be followed by an influx of the worst type of political & Black Market speculators whose effect on the industrial, commercial, food & political situation will, if unchecked, eventually be disastrous.

The view is also expressed that a lot will depend on how strong a line the Allies take with the epuration in this sector of Italy which was the real cradle of Fascism. If epuration is done rapidly & effectively, then the Allies will have the backing of a serious & hard-working population. If not, then this population will eventually try to take matters into its own hands and the situation will become far more serious than it has ever been in NOT before.

ii. This Sec has recently been informed of what appears to be a serious food swindle perpetrated by an organisation in ROME called "CAPAI" (Consorzio Approvvigionamenti Prodotti Agricoli Industriali) which seems to be another of the corrupt bureaucratic organisations still remaining from the days of the previous regime. According to the information, CAPAI bought through agents in Aug, Sep 44 40,000,000 lire worth of food products from various manufacturers in S Italy. Instead of having this food transported to ROME within a reasonable date (i.e. not later than about Oct 44) from the date of purchase, the purchased goods were held in the warehouses in S Italy on a promise that arrangements would be made with the Ministry of Agriculture to have them "unblocked" as soon as possible. Deliveries of these products to ROME did not start till Jan 45 by which time the ROME retail prices had increased to anything up to 90% or more. The "unblocking" took place at regular intervals, however, which would indicate that CAPAI has a good "pull" with the Min of Agriculture. It is uncertain at the present how much of these products were regularly distributed to the people of ROME on the testers, and it is suspected that a large amount went on the Black Market.

Further information is being obtained on CAPAI & this alleged operation, which involves several major branches of Italian law, principally "Accaparramento di merce" and "Sottrazione al Consumo", and a full report will be rendered to the competent authorities when complete.

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iii. On either side of the front page title of the current issue of the weekly satirical paper "Cantachiaro" there appear two insets. The left-hand one states that seven escaped Italian PoW were recently captured and re-interned in England. The right hand one points out that many escaped Br PoW were given hospitality in Italian houses.

Apart from their pointlessness such outbursts do little, by the ill mannered unreasonableness, to ameliorate Anglo-Italian relations either now or in the future. These particular remarks completely overlook both the excellent treatment accorded to large numbers of Italian PoW and the fact that the records of the recaptured men have been such as to make them candidates even for Italian epuration. It should be pointed out to the Italians that they are "getting away" with a liberty of the press that

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could not be tolerated in most countries and that the sooner they learn to use it properly the better.

B. RUMOURS.

i. That the unconditional surrender of Germany to the Allies has already been arranged and that the official announcement would be given on Easter Sunday (source - civilians, RAF.) This rumour was particularly strong during the latter part of the period.

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PART I: GENERAL SURVEY

A. Military Security

Reference is made to the security of the staging area just south of ROME.

B. Civilian Security

Further comment is made on the policy of the Communist Party in Italy, and on the food situation in ROME.

PART II

1. MILITARY SECURITY

A. Security of Information — Nil report.

B. Security of Material

1. A special report has been furnished on the security aspects of the present unsatisfactory state of the staging area situated at road control post, CENTOCELLE on Route 6, just south of ROME. The main trouble is lack of control of access by civilians living in the houses surrounding the area which is large enough to accommodate 4000 vehs. Apart from the obvious danger of theft, there is also that of drivers from staging vehs being attracted into local wineshops and houses of prostitution. It is reported that Nissen huts are to be erected shortly, but if the area is to be kept in use, it should be completely wired off and a proper guard provided.

C. Security of Personnel.- Nothing further to report beyond the dangers referred to in para B above.

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B. Important Individual Cases

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ii. KAMPUS Josef. This man, a Yugoslav Jew, contacted CMP with a story that his life was in danger for some reason not yet clearly ascertained. During a lengthy interrogation, however, he gave considerable amount of information on illicit traffic in Allied currencies being run in most of the parts of S Italy by persons such as himself. According to him, such currency is bought from sailors and airmen and after such trafficking, ultimately finds its way through the lines into N Italy. A complete report of the interrogation has been passed to A.C.of S.G-2 & SIB for further action.

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C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS

i. The weekly "IL PARTIGIANO" has now re-appeared (24 Mar 45) after its recent suppression for 4 numbers. The general tone is one of chastened dignity and the articles are confined to thanking other papers which protested against the suppression and to a couple of mild attacks, one on DONOVAN personally - it is inferred that he is "un gigantuomo imbecille" - and another on the present govt generally, for whose failure to make headway, P.C.I. and the other two leftist parties are blamed.

In spite of its troublened tone this paper is not without a proportion of common sense. In the present number an article entitled "Freedom a Gaffe" puts some home truths pretty plainly to the Italians who are always blaming the Allies for their present woes.

ii. A usually reliable source states that the Vatican in a recent circular to the Bishops has instructed that parish priests shall be advised to warn church members against the dangers of Communism and to prevent them from becoming members of the Communist Party. In view of the Church's attitude to the theory of Communism there is nothing unusual in this, but it is indicative of the Church's preoccupation at the present manoeuvres of the P.C.I.

iii. Further to previous notes in these reports indicating that the real policy of the P.C.I. in Italy is to undermine and corrode from within State institutions and organisations of all kinds with a view to an eventual seizure of power in the resulting confusion, the following is of interest.

During a recent conversation between an informant of this Sec and two influential members of the P.C.I.in SALERNO prov about the recent incident caused by an attempt on the part of Pietro NENNI, the local Commissario for Epuration, and P.C.I. officials, to intimidate a Sindaco accused of anti-Communist leanings, the two P.C.I. 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 disorganising the institutions of the State". They also added: "The Communist idea - all one may mean. The disorganisation 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 retain members in the Govt, the reply was: "Our presence in the Govt allows us to act with greater liberty and more effectively."

PART III A. CIVILIAN POPULATION

i. In spite of obvious Govt attempts to ameliorate the food situation, this matter still remains very grave. From conversations with a wide variety of civilian contacts it is learned that practically any type of food can now be obtained but the prices continue to rise to more and more alarming levels, out of reach of all who try to remain honest.

Some benefit has been felt by recent distribution on the basseins of pasta, but so far this has only been available 2 weeks out of 5. As has been said before so often, the food situation, & incidentally a large part of the political problem, would be solved if the Italians could obtain regularly the daily bread and pasta which are the staple diet of such a large section of the population. It has been estimated that pre-war the average Italian consumed about 500 grammes of bread per day, and it is surely mere common sense to say that the whole of the food organisation should be concentrated on trying to provide something near this quantity plus a proportionate amount of pasta or its flour equivalent.

Criticisms continue to be heard of the AMG tpt organisation which is still accused of being not the price-levelling organisation it is supposed to be in theory, but largely responsible for the continued rise in prices. This is due, critics say, to the fact that there is still no way of preventing lorry owners working for AMG from demanding and obtaining large bribes before they will let their lorries perform the runs [illegible]. These bribes have to be recovered eventually through

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Another criticism frequently heard is that the official prices paid for quantities of produce consigned to the "Pools (Ammassi)" are so out of proportion to labour etc costs that it is practically impossible to prevent large quantities of these products from being black marketed.

The whole problem is one of private interests and until a system & prices are evolved which make it to the producers' and transporters' interests to be reasonably honest, they will continue to be diabolically crooked until the currency breaks.

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One case of line cutting, probably with theft as motive, in ROME this week is reported on.

B. Civilian Security

Further comment is made in the matter of epuration.

PART II

1. MILITARY SECURITY

A. Security of Information.- Nil report.

B. Security of Material

i. On 15 Mar 45 it was discovered that a lead-covered cable containing army lines from NOMENTANA to STORTA had been cut and some 24 ft removed at PRATO ROTONDO (MR 764728) at a point where the line is brought to ground to pass under a railway track. There is a foot= path leading from the Via Salaria near this point, and an enquiry shows that the damage was probably done from motives of theft. A full report is being forwarded.

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AMADORI Guerino. Ref Part II para C (i) above. These two escaped Italian PsW were stopped by TC CMP at CIVITA CASTELLANA on 14 Mar 45. Both were dressed in American uniform and had French PW identity cards issued at ORAN. They had escaped from French control in N Africa and had reached Italy by stowing away, later travelling from NAPLES to ROME by jumping a goods train.

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C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS

i. Ref last routine report RS/1/39 PART II 2 C (i) ref the distribution of "LA MONTAGNA" the clandestine newspaper published by the Movimento Partigiano, information received shows that the Comunisti Libertari have also been active in distributing this sheet. Copies have now been circulated to all interest agencies.

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This unpleasant scene did not, according to an eye-witness, have the public success it was intended to, and a good impression was created at one point when a Br CMP intervened and dispersed the group. However, the man was later taken to the Questura.

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i. Further to para C (ii) above. Civilian opinion generally appears to hold that "epuration" as practised hitherto in liberated territory has been a complete failure and that the situation of confusion, fear, vendetta and misguided man-hunting it has created is a danger not only at present but also for the future when N Italy is liberated. The main criticism is, as it has always been, that the Epuration laws as at present framed merely succeed in striking at the little man, the minor functionary, without whose services the administr-

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ation cannot properly function, while the "big shots" and those who obtained fortune and advancement out of the colossal corruption of the later stages of Fascism manage by various means to escape the provisions of the law.

Indeed, two outstanding examples of this have been the recent release of such "pezzi grossi" as Mario LANNELLI, the former Fascist Undersecretary for Communications, and FARNESI, a former Vice Federal Secretary of ROME. In Salerno province LANNELLI's name is a byword for one who made a fortune out of his Fascism. Yet LANNELLI was released after preliminary examination of his case by the Epuration Commission who found insufficient evidence to proceed.

It is little wonder therefore if the conclusion is now being drawn that the Communist Party, which has apparently the controlling interest in epuration, is engaged in some sinister game of collecting funds from such men for its own purposes.

The prospects of what will happen if this situation is allowed to continue in N Italy where the moneyed industrialists of Italy will be found in large numbers is, to say the least, alarming.

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Nothing of interest.

TAILPIECE

Simple arithmetic from a civilian's notebook.

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Agreed that the property will remain and the hens may die, but for the moment "come si fa" ?

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5 Mar 45

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PART I GENERAL SURVEY

a. Military Security — Nil report.

B. Civilian Security

Confirmation of the Communist Party's manoeuvring to obtain eventual control of the Italian Army is seen in an article in l'UNITA'.

The suspect origin of funds of the Movimento Comunista is commented upon.

PART II

1. MILITARY SECURITY

A. Security of Information
B. Security of Material
C. Security of Personnel — Nil report.

2. CIVILIAN SECURITY

A. Analysis of Arrests — Nil

B. Important individual cases

1. Persons arrested — Nil

2. Suspects

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ii. SPICER Alfred. This Yugoslav Jew was evacuated to Palestine in May 44. He there joined Yugoslav forces and was sent back to Italy where however after an interview with Yugoslav partisan officers he decided that he had better return to Palestine if possible. A large quantity of money in his possession gave AG Security Branch the impression that he might have some sinister connection with the Jewish Agency. Interrogation however enabled him to account satisfactorily of his movements and money and the case is now in the hands of Security Branch. AG.

iii. ANDERSON Alexander. Enquiries into the activities of this British subject during Italo-Allied hostilities and the German occupation have revealed that he managed to avoid internment by reason of the somewhat normal treatment

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PART III A. CIVILIAN POPULATION

1. A very favourable impression has been created generally by Mr. Churchill's speech in the Commons on the Yalta proceedings and his remarks on the Italian situation.

Many Italians however are still puzzled by the fact that Britain appears as yet to be taking no very active steps to interest herself in the various commercial possibilities which are being created by the Italian Government's plans for the reconstruction of the vast amount of war damage to factories, railways, canals, electric plant etc.

B. Rumours

1. That the main bodies of the 5th and 8th armies are at present on leave prior to a big offensive within the next three weeks designed to bring the Allies in possession of the Po valley by the beginning of April. (Source Military and Civil. Rome)

2. Several civilians have asked this week whether it is true that the Allies had entered Bologna.

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A. Military Security.

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C. Security of Personnel Nil report.

2. CIVILIAN SECURITY

A. Analysis of Arrests. N I L

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i. SERVENTI Nino, Via Torlonia 35, ROME. On the eve of the round-up of the clandestine Fascio in ROME on 8 Mar 45 this man approached an NCO of this Sec with information about some such organisation which he said had asked him to act as intermediary between them and the Allies.

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SERVENTI presented the organisation as an anti-Communist group. Although he stated that he was not a member of the organisation, it is thought he knows more about it than he cares to admit. A full report has been passed over to CIC agent I/c interrogations of arrested group members.

ii. Dr. TOGNI Giuseppe. This man, recently appointed apparently with A.C. approval as Director of the Ufficio Provinciale del Lavoro, has been found to be the author of a degree thesis on British policy in the Middle East, which can in no possible way be interpreted as pro-British. This thesis was only written in 1942 and it is hard to believe that TOGNI's sentiments are now those of a loyal collaborator. The matter has been brought to the notice of A.C.

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C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS

i. On 10 Mar 45 there were distributed in the centre of ROME copies of a 4-page clandestine newspaper. This has the title "LA MONTAGNA" and qualifies itself as "libera voce clandestina". A perusal of this document makes it quite plain that it is a counterblast to the recent suppression of IL PARTIGIANO for 4 weeks. The subject matter, including an extract from the Manifesto di Spartaco and the sketches, are all clear indications that this paper is produced by those responsible for IL PARTIGIANO, and the abusive style and sharp attacks on the Catholic Church reveal the hand of at least one of the ANDREONI family, most probably Luigi ANDREONI, recently described by a contact as a freemason of the old school. He is the father of Carlo and Giacomo ANDREONI.

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It is noteworth 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. SBARDELLA 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.

iv. While preparations are going on for the establishment of a "Consulta", a kind of consultive body to assist the Govt in lieu of parliament, the P.C.I. is exerting much pressure to try and exclude from participation in the Consulta any ex-members of the pre-Fascist Parliament. The Socialists and Demo-Christians have many such men among their present ranks and all are men of some maturity and experience. Communists on the other hand have only two ex-deputies (GRIECO & DI VITTORIO). The P.C.I. has therefore stated that the men comprising the Consulta should be men "of proven faith", which means in effect, as a contact puts it, that the Consulta, far from being a source of counsel and strength to the Govt, will be a collection of blatherskites and demagogues.

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PART I GENERAL SURVEY

A. Military Security

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Information on the sale of pure wood alcohol is given.

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B. Security of Material

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C. Security of Personnel

i. In a number of wine shops in ROME are being sold bottles of a "Special brand" finely matured old scotch whisky" which a contact

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assures us is nothing less than pure wood alcohol guaranteed to blind the consumer both literally and metaphorically in a very short time. A bottle of this is being passed to MED for analysis.

2. Civilian Security

A. Analysis of arrests — Nil.

B. Important individual cases — Nil.

1. Persons arrested — Nil.

2. Suspects

i. TOLNAY Akos. This Hungarian journalist who is reported to be frequenting Allied journalists and officers is reliably reported to be a member of one the dissident anarchist groups headed by the Movimento Partigiano. He took part in the 9th Assembly of the Unione Spartaco recently reported on in these notes. It is possible that in his contacts with Allied correspondents etc. he hears news and views which are later turned to good use as anti-Allied material by the staff of "Il Partigiano".

ii. JONSON Leopoldo. This man a Swedish subject was the subject of a report from Florence arousing suspicions that his house was much frequented by German officers and soldiers. He has been traced in ROME where enquiries are proceeding into his present activities which are not at all clear. He is ostensibly a representative of "ALFA LAVAL" a swedish machinery firm. His brother Victor is married to the daughter of a Col. TSCHORNER of the German Army who stayed with JONSON in Florence.

C. Subversive movements

i. A special report has been furnished to AC of S. G-2 and SCI on information recently obtained about the existence of a supposed fascist group in ROME and the provinces. The directing members of this are supposed to comprise a number of "Epurated fascists" and to have their organisation centre in a chemist's shop in the city. This information is now being developed by SIM/CS.

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iii. One of the GARIBALDI family, believed General Ricciotti GARIBALDI was recently present at a meeting of one of the anarchist groups of the dissident extreme left. He made a speech saying that he was ready to assume command of a group of "Volontari Garibaldini". However while the U.S. would be favourable to this, Britain was definitely against it. In support of this he quoted his lack of success when a year ago he crossed the lines and went to Naples with a similar proposition which was not accepted by British military and political authorities.

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PART III A. CIVILIAN POPULATION

i. There was to be noted in certain Italian newspapers commenting on the SALVARESSA case, a clear tendency, especially after Salvaressa's disappearance to insinuate that Salvaressa was being protected by some "non Italian" influence, the implication being of coures that he was under British protection, as he was apparently no fond of insinuating himself. A contact reports that there is a general impression among journalistic circles that Salvaressa and the Unione Proletaria were instruments of Britain used to confuse the political situation. This of course is merely another indication of the present tendancy of Italian feeling towards the Allies and especially towards the British.

ii. A contact recently returned from a journey into the Abruzzi commented on what he called the rebirth of Fascism in the liberated provinces. "Under Mussolini", he said "you had PNF badges and no real fascists. Now, with the way things are going, you are getting real fascists without PNF badges".

He added also that he had heard but could not confirm that there were places in the provinces where PNF badges were being worn again under coat lapels.

This probably is a mere rumour, but the longer the present situation continues to develop, the more plain does it become that a start has not yet even been made on the long and arduous task of winning the population away from the fascist mentality so deeply rooted in its very nature.

iii. This section will shortly circulate to interested agencies a list of journalists at present working on one or other of the twenty-five Roman dailies or on the myriad weeklies and monthlies, and who have fascist records. This list makes interesting reading and is equalled only by another list of those journalists who received salaries or other financial remuneration from the Ministero della Cultura Popolare and many of whom are well to the fore in the clamorous anti-fascist press.

iv. As the Russian spearheads near Berlin there is an increasing crop of rumours to the effect that there is a secret agreement between Germany and Russia, or that attempts are being made to make one. An article on this subject even appeared in "Il Tempo" for 30 Jan 45, suggesting that these efforts were being made by Japan. In official Communist circles a rumour has been heard to the effect that the present rapid advance by Russia into Germany is part of a prearranged agreement, in which Germany by allowing the Russians to enter Berlin first will register an enormous moral defeat on the western democracies. This would be the first scene of real discord between Russia and the democracies,

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of course is merely another indication of the present tendency of Italian feeling towards the Allies and especially towards the British.

ii. A contact recently returned from a journey into the Abruzzi commented on what he called the rebirth of Fascism in the liberated provinces. "Under Mussolini", he said "you had PNF badges and no real fascists. Now, with the way things are going, you are getting real fascists without PNF badges".

He added also that he had heard but could not confirm that there were places in the provinces where PNF badges were being worn again under coat lapels.

This probably is a mere rumour, but the longer the present situation continues to develop, the more plain does it become that a start has not yet even been made on the long and arduous task of winning the population away from the fascist mentality so deeply rooted in its very nature.

iii. This section will shortly circulate to interested agencies a list of journalists at present working on one or other of the twenty-five Roman dailies or on the myriad weeklies and monthlies, and who have fascist records. This list makes interesting reading and is equalled only by another list of those journalists who received salaries or other financial remuneration from the Ministero della Cultura Popolare and many of whom are well to the fore in the clamorous anti-fascist press.

iv. As the Russian spearheads near Berlin there is an increasing crop of rumours to the effect that there is a secret agreement between Germany and Russia, or that attempts are being made to make one. An article on this subject even appeared in "Il Tempo" for 30 Jan 45, suggesting that these efforts were being made by Japan. In official Communist circles a rumour has been heard to the effect that the present rapid advance by Russia into Germany is part of a prearranged agreement, in which Germany by allowing the Russians to enter Berlin first will register an enormous moral defeat on the western democracies. This would be the first scene of real discord between Russia and the democracies, a discord which Germany would hope to exploit to her own advantage later.

B. RUMOURS Nil

C. TAILPIECE

From a wall in Parioli: "Abbasso lo squadrismo comunista".

[signature] Capt.
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B. Security of Material

i. As a result of information from a civilian contact, an NCO of this Sec was able to arrange with SIB for the capture of 6 persons who were trying to sell a Jeep on 21 Feb 45. One of these persons was found to be a Br deserter.

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ii. An NCO of this Sec paid a further visit to 42 MARU in order to see if any measures had been taken as a result of a report submitted previously on lack of security of this returned amn dump (ref R3/1/34 of 5 feb 45 - Part II para B (ii)). NCO reported that apart from one visit from a CMP dog patrol no further steps had been taken to stop losses of amn by theft, which still continue. Since last report a considerable quantity of gunpowder and mortar bombs has disappeared.

Owing to injury of NCO in a m/c accident, a full written report on this matter may be delayed but will be submitted as soon as possible.

C. Security of Personnel

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2. CIVILIAN SECURITY

A. Analysis of Arrests. N I L

B. Important Individual Cases

1. Persons Arrested N I L

2. Suspects

i. UHLAN VLADISLAV. This man, a Czech national and a former member of the German Merchant Marine, was found in IDPSC Camp, CINECITTA. At the request of the Czech Military Mission he was taken into custody and handed over to CSDIC. He had crossed the lines early in Feb and after interrogation by SIM/CSDIC ANCONA, was released as being a refugee and sent to ROME.

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C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS

i. Further to previous reports indicating that the Partito Comunista Italiano is doing everything possible to take control of the Partisan movement and through it eventually to gain control of the Italian

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Army via the Communist partisans at present being drafted thereto, the following comments on the activity of the P.C.I. in this matter by a reliable contact are of interest.

The P.C.I. is conducting a strenuous internal campaign to get its members to volunteer for the Army. It guarantees all members who join up not only that their jobs will be kept open for them later but that special grants will be given to families of the needy. P.C.I. members who belong to the recently called up classes and who do not present themselves, lose their membership card and are expelled from the Party.

All this, contact states, is a tactical move to pack the armed forces with as many militant communists as possible in order that on the total liberation of Italy the Army will be largely "Red" and the Party will have a force of active, trained and well armed elements for use either for open action to support the Party's bid for power or for passive resistance to any attempt to thwart the Party's plans.

Another angle of this tactical campaign is seen in a subtle Communist prppaganda against the CCRR and a recent distribution among sailors of the Royal Navy of propaganda matter warning the ratings to "beware of the officers" and "not to obey orders which are against the interests of the people". The example of the sailors of KRONSTADT is quoted in this connection.

Attempts are being made by this Sec to obtain examples of such propaganda material.

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As the parade marched away from the Pza Venezia a group of Communists carrying the usual slogan banners tried to make an ill-timed entry down the Corso Umberto but their efforts were lost in the confusion of the dispersing crowds.

ii. According to a reliable source there is a growing movement of discontent in the Partito d'Azione as a result of the attempt over the last few months by certain elements to carry the Partito over to the Left. This is apparently disapproved by the majority of members, most

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of whom are professional and black-coated workers. There are unconfirmed rumours that an understanding has been reached between the Partito d'Azione and the Monarchists. Source points out that in several streets of ROME have appeared wall slogans attacking the P. d'Azione.

iii. During the week leaflets headed "FRONTE MONARCHICO GIOVANILE CAVOUR" were thrown from a car in the Pza Ungheria dist. These leaflets contain passages from Socialist papers of the 1923-4 period, of which typical example is "Voi comunisti siete per la dittatura e per il metodo della violenza delle minoranze" - Giacomo MATTEOTTI - dalla "Giustizia" del 17 aprile 1924.

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An industrialist: "Yet another concession. How can the Allies be so short sighted ?"

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1. That the Canadian Forces are leaving Italy altogether (Source - civilians in contact with civilian workers in Canadian Club).

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GENERAL

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CINECITTA area has decreased as a result of patrolling. PS NCO has arranged with the Commandant of the Italian Refugee Camp to post notices that possession of firearms will result in legal proceedings. This results from PS enquiries into the matter which point to the fact that Italian ex-Partisans from the North staying in this camp arrive in possession of arms and are presumably responsible for a good deal of the firing.

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C. Security of Personnel. Nothing to report.

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2. CIVILIAN SECURITY.

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ii. About ten days ago a single copy of the clandestine PRF newspaper "CHIAVE" was placed by someone unknown in the communal letterbox at No 2 Via Principe Amedeo. The portiere showed it to two persons in the building before it came into the hands of this Sec. A report is being submitted.

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iii. During the course of further investigation into the back= ground & activities of PCCE Antonino, the leader of the Mov. Comunista in ROME, a contact discovered that in 1934 PCCE wrote a letter to the Questura at ROME in which, after outlining his history as a political suspect for many years, he points out that after 1931 he made an act of submission to the PNF and took out a tessera in 1940 and says that there can be now no doubt as to his faithfulness to the Fascist regime whose laws he respects. This letter was apparently the result of the constant police supervision to which PCCE was submitted and which at least on one occasion had lost him his job. It is however an unfortunate document from the pen of a man engaged in activities such as PCCE's at the moment. Photostat copies are being made.

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Incidentally it has been remarked to this Sec that if a police cordon were thrown round the ROME Stock Exchange any morning, and a thorough search made of the pockets of those present, a remarkable quantity of gold coins, paper sterling, blue seal dollars, Swiss francs and other "sound currency" would be found.

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Incidentally it has been remarked to this Sec that if a police cordon were thrown round the ROME Stock Exchange any morning, and a thorough search made of the pockets of those present, a remarkable quantity of gold coins, paper sterling, blue seal dollars, Swiss francs and other "sound currency" would be found.

B. RUMOURS.

i. That STALIN had at one point walked out of the YALTA conference and was with difficulty persuaded to resume discussions (Source - Civilians, ROME, who said they had heard it had been reported in a local paper, not specified).

GENERAL

i. Shooting at night has again broken out in the vicinity of CINECITTA Camp. Patrols have been reinstituted by NCO of this Sec.

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ii. A political meeting was held on the morning of 18 Feb 45 in ROME in honour of the Partisans of Italy and in commemoration of their struggle. Of the four speakers the Prime Minister BONOMI was most attentively listened to and his well delivered speech was given an interested reception. The biggest ovation was given to SCOCCIMARRO. The meeting was very orderly and the total attendance was considered to be in the region of 20.000.

TAILPIECE

This week's crop of wall-writing:-

A. LA CHIESA E' L'OPPIO DEI POPOLI
ABBASSO LA CHIESA

B. In order, however, to avoid suspicion that these were Communist remarks, the Communists were careful to put up in a church courtyard nearby:-

VIVA LA CHIESA - P.C.I.

Field.

R B Clarke
Capt
INT CORPS

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To: A.C.of S. G-2
Rome Area Allied Command

From: 276 FSS
Rome Area Allied Command
Phone 470445 Ext 17
Ref: F/484
16 Jun 45

Subject: Attempted Interference by Italian Authorities in Field Security Work

1. Ref your instructions of 9 Jun 45 to make enquiries concerning GUIDONI Alfredo, Via Nomentana 91 Int 11, the following incident occurred, which is reported to you for the necessary action.

2. The house of the s/n was searched on 13 Jun 45 by an NCO of this Sec accompanied by CCMR Lt Lo Moro, attached to this Sec. After the search, on the same day, Lt Col NICETTI ITALO of CCMR, ROME, came to the office of this Sec and asked for Lt LO MORO, stating that the object of his visit was to know the results of the enquiry, as the matter was of interest to a General (name not given) of the Italian Ministry of War. LO MORO very properly told the colonel that he received his instructions from this office and could give no information on the matter.

3. On 14 Jun 45 Capt PIGNI from Lt Col NICETTI's office called on Lt LO MORO and said that he had been sent by the latter to explain that the General from the Ministry of War had no interest in GUIDONI and was making no representations on his behalf.

4. It is felt by this Sec that this old Fascist custom of interesting influential people in one's case can not be permitted to be applied to Field Security work, and that this impertinent intervention on the part of the a/n officials should be taken up with the Italian authorities and an explanation demanded from them.

B R Rafter
Capt
INT CORPS

Field

Spoke Col Wilson.
Lo Moro is not a St. Cdl story of illegal procedure.
A card from is available to make visit agents by CCMR in the first place. If this Cdl st was on behalf of allies the matter would
Thereby it is one which can be done.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
Office of the AC of S, G-2
APO 794, US Army

Ref: P/2266

JWF/vmw
19 January 1945

SUBJECT: Operations of Allied Security Agencies

To : Director, Security Division, Hq A. C., APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. The attached report from OC, 276 F. S. S. is transmitted to you for whatever action or further distribution you may deem appropriate.

2. It is specifically requested that you take up the points listed below with the heads of your various sub-commissions and divisions on some convenient occasion (say at a previously scheduled conference) so that they may from time to time advise their "opposite numbers" in the Italian government:

a. All Allied Security Agencies in ROME are here at the direction of AFHQ who deem their presence to be necessary.

b. This headquarters controls practically all investigational agencies and in any event all agencies are finally responsible to CG, R. A. A. C. for their reasonable conduct.

c. All agencies have been repeatedly advised of the necessity for exercising probity in the management of their duties in ROME, the religious center of the Catholic world and important world capital.

d. The security personnel operating in ROME are of high caliber and were in fact chosen to work here for that reason.

e. Full advantage is taken of the opportunities to collaborate with Italian agencies in investigations, searches, and arrests. In fact, current orders instruct that this be done except in grave emergencies.

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f. The principal mission of Allied Security is to keep free from interruption the several facilities of this vital communication center. To that end they seek out those persons giving active aid to the enemy. Our security personnel make no political investigations as such, but keep to the main objective.

g. It is the considered opinion of this section that our allied security agencies perform their mission with a minimum of interference to the normal activities of the Italian people, and with a maximum of consideration, sympathy, and understanding of the Italians and their problems.

h. Itwould appear, therefore, since our security agencies have the same mission as our belligerents, expediting an early victory over the enemy, that their efforts must receive the whole hearted support of the Italian authorities.

J. [illegible] FISCHER,
Colonel, GSC,
AC of S, G-2.

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1 - Report from 276 F.S.S.

Copy to 276 F. S. S.

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Subject: Routine Report for period 5 Feb 45 to 11 Feb 45

To: A C of S, G-2
Rome Area Allied Command

No 1 SCI Unit
JIOA/RAAC
Major Harvey, Public Safety, HQ AC
OC No 1 (GA) L of C FSS
Commandant, RA FS, CMP

276 FSS
Rome Area Allied Command
Phone 47845 Ex 17
Ref: RS/1/35
12 Feb 45

Security Division
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Book No 4733
File No 930.3
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Part I General Survey

A. Military Security

A case of probable sabotage to the AD petrol pipe line occurred during the period.

B. Civilian Security

Manoeuvres by Communists in the Ministry for Enemy Occupied Territory and communist penetration of the Italian Army are the subject of comment.
Renewed criticism of SHAC is noted.
Black market food prices have actually been quoted in a Rome daily.

Part II

1. Military Security

A. Security of Information Nil

B. Security of Material

1. At 12.45 hrs. on 7 Feb 45 an explosion occurred at a point on the AD petrol pipe line just outside Rome. The ensuing fire was brought under control within half an hour. Investigations reveal that this incident was probably due to sabotage as a small piece of an Italian hand grenade was found nearby. The investigations into this incident are being pursued by CIC.

C. Security of Personnel Nil

2. Civilian Security

A. Analysis of arrests Nil

B. Important individual cases

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Book No. 7
File No 820.3.
Action ....

Part I General Survey

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B. Civilian Security

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C. Security of Personnel Nil

2. Civilian Security

a. Analysis of arrests Nil

B. Important Individual cases

1. Persons arrested Nil

2. Suspects

1. [redacted] Karl. This man, an Austrian, recently arrived at Cinecitta camp and told a story of having been in a concentration camp in Italy until released by the Allies. Under further interrogation however he admitted having been in an Infantry Regt. of the Hermann Goering Division, from which he deserted in the vicinity of Cassino. After a period in the mountains he managed to get himself treated as a refugee and finally obtained work with a unit in Bari. A special report is being furnished on this man with recommendations for disposal.

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ii. Members of the "Per Italia" society. A lengthy report has been furnished on the activities and membership of this group of English residents in fascist Italy. The information is derived from further interrogations of Miss Clarice [redacted] and Mrs. Elizabeth [redacted], former members of this society at present in Rome.

iii. [redacted] Margaret. This woman, British born, came to Italy with her husband in July 1940 on diplomatic papers, which she believes were false. Her husband is at present employed as an interpreter by a British unit near Caserta. Preliminary information obtained by this Section was further developed by FF Pos who have submitted a special report.

C. Subversive movements

i. The following is a resume of comments made by an observer on the situation developing at the new "Ministero delle Terre Occupate" under [redacted], the Communist minister.

The appointment of [redacted] 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 own. 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 mainly from TOGLIATTI, who would also like to force a fusion of all other partisan organisations with this official Associazione.

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Part III A. Civilian population

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The whole of the transport fraternity in Italy is absolutely opposed to the AMAT system, which though in theory, and with a population in better material circumstances and with more sense of social discipline, may be admirable, in actual practice in Italy at present is bound to fail because its application would require as many policemen as there are transport owners and drivers.

Source suggests that the only way to ensure that the transport cooperate is to make it in their interests to do so, and one means of achieving this has in certain provinces been found to be the following. The allotment of licences and petrol and spares (when available) has been made dependent on lorry owners devoting a certain number of days per month (e.g. ten days in Palermo province) to transporting food for the Government at fixed rates. Once this service has been done, then the hauliers are free from further restrictions for the rest of the month. This system has the advantage of interesting

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the firms in keeping their transport as efficient as possible so that they can make as many "paying runs" during their "free days" as possible.

ii. It is remarkable to note that on page 2 of "Il Tempo" for 11 Feb there appears in the space devoted to official announcements of various kinds a small paragraph entitled "Listino delle borse nere" (Black market price list) which sets out prices asked at Tor di Nona and other black market centres in case for coffee, salt, beans, meat, oil, pasta, sugar, bread, butter, bacon, and bicycle inner tubes.

The coffee mentioned in these lists is no doubt the Brazilian coffee recently presented to Italy as a free gift.

Incidentally, it has also been reported to this section that black market operations do not necessarily begin when Liberty ships unload in Italian ports, but that these ships are often met by small motorboats off the coast and black market operations are under way on the high seas, the motorboats later landing their illicit cargo in small ports up and down the coast.

iii. In making enquiries recently into the present fantastic spiral of prices in Rome it was recognised by a contact that in order to buy a normal sterling poundsworth of goods, the exchange would have to be put at 7000 lire to the pound. The original fixing of the lire at 400, so far from benefitting anybody would therefore seem to have produced a situation where not only large sections of the civilian population can eat coconuts, but even the best paid allied troops are eventually losing heavily on any purchases they may make.

iv. An observer reports that the Communist Party is very active at present in putting up posters inside Italian Government buildings. These posters praise the partisans, ask for "pia pace, buon particulari" urge Italian women to vote etc..

It is unfortunate, it is commented, that many of such posters are headed "PCI FEDERAZIONE COMUNISTA DI ROMA" and that the regulation PCI party membership card should be signed by a gentleman who styles himself: "Segretario Federale"!

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Rumours. Nil report.

General.

1. The WO II of this section recently made a journey to a forward FS section and back, travelling by road and rail over a period of some six days and was not asked for his movement order or his identity document once after he left Rome. At one point his journey took him to within a mile of enemy positions. A report on the matter has been passed to A G of S G-2.

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iii. In making enquiries recently into the present torrential arrival of prices in Rome it was reckoned by a contact that in order to buy a normal shopping basketful of goods, the exchange would have to be put at 2000 lire to the pound sterling. The original fixing of the lire at 400, so far from benefitting anybody would therefore seem to have produced a situation where not only large sections of the civilian population can not compete, but even the best paid Allied troops are eventually losing heavily on any purchases they may make.

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ii. A meeting organised by the Partito Repubblicano Italiano took place on 11 Feb 45 at the Gianicolo, Rome, to commemorate the Roman Republic of 1849. The Communist and Socialist parties were officially invited to attend. In consideration of the fact that Republicans Socialists and Communists were represented, the attendance (4000 approx.) can be considered poor. Speeches in the main were mostly composed of invective against the House of Savoy and there were no incidents observed by FS present.
A special report has been furnished to AO of S G-2.

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Miscellaneous

Further dialect remark on a wall in Perioli:-
"[illegible] VIVI - P.P.R.

R B Rafter
Capt.
INT CORPS.

Field.

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SECRET

Subject: Routine Report for Period 15 Jan 45 to 21 Jan 45

To: A.C. of S. G-2
Rome Area Allied Command

276 FSS
Rome Area Allied Command
Phone 478445 Ext 17
Ref: RS/1/32
22 Jan 45

No 1 SCI Unit
JICA/RAAC
Major Harvey, Public Safety, HQ AC
CC No 1 SA (L of C) FSS
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1. MILITARY SECURITY

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B. Security of Material

Arrangements are being made by 276 FSS and 97 FSS for vigilance of a number of important civilian telephone zone boxes located in the streets of Rome. Recently a number of such boxes have been seriously damaged by removal of internal parts which are extremely difficult to

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replace. A special report to A.C. of S. G-2 copy to these sections has already been rendered by Chief Signals officer RAAC.

C. Security of Personnel

On Sunday 14 Jan 45 a number of incidents occurred in ROME where British troops accompanying Italian girls were involved in scuffles with hooligans who object to seeing Italian girls in such company. These incidents are merely the continuation of a series of such which have been of fairly regular occurrence in ACT over a considerable period. On the day in question one of these incidents involved a NCO of this section, who has since been collaborating closely with RAF SIB on a series of patrols in the PRATI district of ROME. A number of arrests have already been made and a full report on the whole matter will be rendered as soon as patrols and interrogations are completed.

The motives behind such attacks on girls and their cavaliers are of course varied, from spite to real anti-Allied feeling. They are nevertheless unfortunate and may serve enemy propaganda well.

Italian civilians generally are quite prepared to tolerate amiably certain behaviour which they realise usually occurs when troops come on leave from the Front. What they cannot understand is why the Allies cannot adapt themselves to the Continental method of protecting respectable women from street molestation by the establishment of controlled brothels.

2. CIVILIAN SECURITY

A. Analysis of Arrests. See attached appendix A.

B. Important individual cases.

1. Persons arrested.

i. FUSILLO Matteo. This man was arrested on 18 Jan 45 after a chase by NCO's of this section who had proceeded to the Città Universitaria to observe a students demonstration in connection with the recent call up of Italian Army classes. FUSILLO was disarmed during a minor altercation by an Italian officer who observed him to be carrying a pistol. He later broke away, but was recaptured by NCO's of this Section who on searching him found him to be wearing a well stocked cartridge belt. Amongst his papers was also found a membership card of the Communist Party. He was handed over to the Squadra Mobile of the Questura for prosecution.

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2. Suspects.

i. IBRAHIM MOHAMED AL SAID. A special report is being furnished on further information obtained locally about this Moslem renegade who in 1942 organised an Arabic broadcasting group for the Ministry of Popular Culture. He is at present believed to be in Venice.

ii. PERETTI Pasquale. A special report has been passed to the Questura on this man, believed to be a renegade priest. Statements have been obtained accusing him of collaboration with the KOCH gang and of having denounced Allied PsW and Italian partisans.

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C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS.

i. Special reports have been furnished to A.C. of S. G-2 on the

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Section organisation in ROME of both the Partito Comunista and the Movimento Comunista.

ii. A further inflammatory article entitled "La nostra tattica" appears on the front page of "Il Partigiano" dated 20 Jan 45. It contains among other things the following expression of programme: "To refuse any obedience to any so-called authority which is not the expression of the popular will and to oppose the false legality of those who have usurped power by the true legality of the power which emanates from the people. To oppose the illegality of Coups d'etats by self appointed leaders with the legality of insurrection".

This sort of thing is surely liberty of the press degenerating into licence.

PART III A. CIVILIAN POPULATION

i. The following is taken from a NCO's report on civilian reactions to the Prime Minister's recent remarks on Italy.

"There is no doubt that the remarks of Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons on 18 Jan 45 as regards the Italian nation, and as reported in the Italian press on 19 Jan 45, made a deep and shocking impression on the population. It was naturally interpreted by many in the worst possible sense that no aid in the prosecution of the war was needed from Italy, and it was therefore considered - coming so rapidly after the message of the CLN to London - as a direct rebuff to those Italians who were requesting a greater share in the war against Germany.

It was for instance, asked what would be the effect of the remarks in question on the new classes being called up, whether they had intended to go willingly, or whether they would present themselves- as undoubtedly a great majority will (considering conditions in the Italian Army) - with reluctance. It was further pointed out that it was hardly the best form of encouragement for a population already so near the verge of complete moral depression, to tell them that the country to which, by force of circumstances if nothing else, they must look for a lead, and in which their hopes of cooperation after the war in European politics must be based, has no need of their friendship. A remark was heard from a man whose dislike of the idea of Communism in Italy is as deep as his aversion for the German nation, that England was driving Italy into the hands of the Communists by adopting this attitude towards her. - Fascism, he said, had been tried and found wanting, democracy had rejected her: there was therefore nothing else left to try.-It was also said that such words in the mouth of Mr. EDEN would have caused no surprise whatsoever: coming from Mr. Churchill for whose qualities the Italians have usually shown a great admiration they caused the deepest disappointment. In short, those Italians genuinely friendly us and there are still many received a great shock when they opened their newspapers yesterday morning. Those whose

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"There is no doubt that the remarks of Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons on 18 Jan 45 as regards the Italian nation, and as reported in the Italian press on 19 Jan 45, made a deep and shocking impression on the population. It was naturally interpreted by many in the worst possible sense that no aid in the prosecution of the war was needed from Italy, and it was therefore considered - coming so rapidly after the message of the CLN to London - as a direct rebuff to those Italians who were requesting a greater share in the war against Germany.

It was for instance, asked what would be the effect of the remarks in question on the new classes being called up, whether they had intended to go willingly, or whether they would present themselves- as undoubtedly a great majority will (considering conditions in the Italian Army) - with reluctance. It was further pointed out that it was hardly the best form of encouragement for a population already so near the verge of complete moral depression, to tell them that the country to which, by force of circumstances if nothing else, they must look for a lead, and in which their hopes of cooperation after the war in European politics must be based, has no need of their friendship. A remark was heard from a man whose dislike of the idea of Communism in Italy is as deep as his aversion for the German nation, that England was driving Italy into the hands of the Communists by adopting this attitude towards her. - Fascism, he said, had been tried and found wanting, democracy had rejected her: there was therefore nothing else left to try.-It was also said that such words in the mouth of Mr. EDEN would have caused no surprise whatsoever: coming from Mr. Churchill for whose qualities the Italians have usually shown a great admiration they caused the deepest disappointment. In short, those Italians genuinely friendly us and there are still many received a great shock when they opened their newspapers yesterday morning. Those whose sentiments could not be described as pro-Allied were presented with an excellent opportunity for saying "Well, didn't we always tell you".

It is quite probable that Mr. Churchill did not mean to say the things that are attributed to him: that he merely wished to point out that British foreign policy did not and would not at any time require as a sine qua non the friendship and assistance of the Italian nation, and that in consequence Britain had no intention of interfering in Italian politics. This point of view did not however appear acceptable to a group of Italians to whom it was presented. Britain had expressed on more than one occasion, a desire to see Europe organised

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in such a way as to avoid future conflicts. As one of the victors in the war, the responsibility for such an organisation would fall partly on her, and, since all liberated nations appeared to contain more or less the seeds of future trouble (at this stage recent events in Greece were pointed to), there was no nation in Europe whose goodwill Britain could afford to dispense with. It was further suggested that Mr.Churchill could hardly be so ignorant of the geography of the Mediterranean as not to know that Italy lay, so to speak, across our Imperial lines of communication. That being so, and in view of Mr. Churchill's frequently expressed intention of not presiding over the disruption of the British Empire, it was concluded that his remarks could only be interpreted as a brake to what appeared to be the growing enthusiasm of the Italians for the war.

The question is asked: "With what intention was the remark made ?" To Italians the answer appears obvious. It appears as a part of a programme of preventing Italians from making too great a contribution to the war effort, in order to prevent them from having the right to request too much at the Peace Conference. Italians take Mr. Churchill's statement that Italy must work her passage to mean that Italy's position and treatment at the end of the war will be considered in the light of her contribution towards the war and they therefore suggest that we are adopting an almost immoral position in making this offer, but at the same time doing our best to prevent Italy from contributing enough to make her position any different from that she had on 8 Sept 43. Co-belligerency, as far as we are concerned, it follows logically for them, is merely a device for simplifying our security position behind a zone of active operations.

It is however considered that in whatever way the remark be intepreted it was not one designed to ameliorate the security position in Italy. Already Italians tend to have a feeling of having been duped by fine words, in the tradition already attributed for a number of years to Britain by Fascist propaganda, of "perfidious Albion". Riots have already occurred in Sicily. There is a growing feeling that the effective part of the Italian nation is on the other side of the front. The recent disturbances in which Italian women and Allied soldiers, in company, were attacked by gangs of Italian males have not met with the disapproval that one would have expected from cultured and law abiding citizens of ROME. The degree of control excercised over the Italians does not appear such as completely to overrule the possibility of concerted, though perhaps secret, action against us. In this connection, it is pointed out that remarks of this nature - and there have been several in the last few weeks - not only touch the disaffected part of the population - they rub in the salt into the wounds of that part which has willingly cooperated in the belief that they were carrying out a duty to the nation and to the Allies, - elements of the police forces, those who work in our offices, parts of the Army, who believe that the CIL did quite a good job around CASSINO;

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broadcast from enemy occupied Italy, usually in the hope of hearing news of members of the family, it is true - but nevertheless they listen. It is therefore considered that further statements of this kind, coming as they do after previous propaganda to quite a contrary effect, and impacting on the sum total of experience for Italians at the present time, can only have the effect of compromising the security position - to an extent unpredictable.

In conclusion and as a comment on the Italian attitude at the moment it is pointed out that denials and explanations which have appeared in the press do not appear to have produced anything like the impression the original statement "Noi non abbiamo bisogno dell'Italia" as it appeared in headlines across more than one newspaper, has already produced. It has been regarded by some as a tardy attempt on the part of propaganda agencies in Italy to make the best of a bad job. And whatever was meant by the actual words used, there is absolutely no doubt that they constitute one of the most unfortunate and damaging slogans a politician could possibly provide for use by those in Italy interested in splitting the Allies turning the unthinking masses against them and undermining still further preparations for realising what is supposed to be the main positive war aim - collective security in Europe.

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iv. An outstanding example of the present way in which shows in ROME are expressing public opinion was a review featuring a company

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performing in various local dialects which made a broadcast from the EIAR studios at 21.30 hrs. on 17 Jan 45 and raised applause from the studio audience. The show opened with a moderate attack on the food situation, accompanied by a song the motif of which was that if you are an American, Canadian, Indian, or Peruvian you can get more food than you need, but if you are an Italian and the police find you with a tin of food you will be taken into custody. This was followed by some bitter allusions to the advantages of being "liberated", which include the liberty to write on walls and polish the boots of coloured troops.

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APPENDIX A

Analysis of Arrests

	Trial for Security Offences: Cat.A	Internment Cat. B	Detained pending investigations Cat. C	TOTAL
Italian Armed Forces				
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Misc Civilians	1			1
TOTALS	1			1

NB. Category A arrest made by this Sec, but subject immediately handed over to QUESTURA for prosecution, see para "Persons Arrested".

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B. Security of Material

1. On 22 Jan 45 a NCO of this Sec took a party of CCRR to search a house in the QUADRARO district, where he discovered 1 automatic rifle (Italian), and 300 gallons of WD petrol. SIB are continuing the case.

2. A special report is being prepared on the security of 42 MARU

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from which a considerable amount of amn particularly SAA has recently been stolen. On 26 Jan a boy of 15, LACOSTE Fernando, was actually caught in the amn dump and handed over to this Section. Under interrog=ation he stated that he had gone there to steal revolver amn which he knew he could sell to armourers in the city at 20 lire per round. The armourers, he said, then resold the amn at 40 lire per round. A check will be made on armourers shops in view of this statement. Meanwhile, arrangements are being made for the Italian police to deal with LACOSTE.

C. Security of Personnel

Ref para B above, while returning home at night from this district where he had been successful in locating and seizing a number of illicit arms this NCO saw in the arc of his headlamp, two men, one of whom drew a pistol as he approached. Being unarmed the NCO opened his throttle wide and drove his M/C straight at the man with the gun, who together with his companion, escaped by flinging himself over a wall.

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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 support=ing the conservative elements with a view to protecting British Imper=ialism and Capitalism.

ii. A new body, the Movimento di Difesa Economica Proletaria, HQ 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. RIGHINI is described by source as a revolutionary fire=brand 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 token 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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iii. The following description of the state of mind of the "Haute Bourgeoisie" in ROME is given by a contact who knows them well.

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"They dream of liberty, but are still attached to their past privileges. They are still imbued with the same prejudices against Great Britain and the same misconceptions of their own rights. They nourish a healthy mistrust of all Italian political parties and are on the whole favourable to the Monarchy as the only bulwark against Communism. Their favourite subjects of conversation are: the danger of Communism, the inefficiency of Allied armies (sic), Allied indifference towards the Italians, Allied misbehaviour towards the Italians, the Allied' dissensions among themselves."

iv. Further gloomy details on the Italian civilian's daily life. Mr X, married with three children has not been in business since 1942/43. The destruction in an air raid of a large dwelling house has deprived him of his last source of income. After the occupation of ROME he is employed by an Allied organisation and is now making 8000 lire per month. His budget for December was: Income 8000 lire Exp. 34.012,60. This last total covers food only, fuel, light and rent being excluded. The total of 34.012,60 lire is divided as follows: 1.215,60 spent on rations, 4.036,00 on normal market, 28.761,00 on black market. This covers breakfast, lunch and supper for seven persons for 30 days. Meat is only for the children, very seldom for the grown-ups who usually have: Breakfast - 1 cup of ersatz coffee and half a loaf of bread. Lunch - soup or pasta, vegetable, fruit. Supper the same, sometimes varied with one egg or a slice of cheese. Expenses have so far been met during the first period on what money was left, and during the second period by the sale of belongings of all types.

The figures given above are guaranteed as accurate.

B. RUMOURS

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C. GENERAL

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C. SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS.

i. A reliable source reports the following. On 6 & 7 Jan 45 there was held in NAPLES a congress organised by the "SINISTRA PROLETARIA" (a movement comprising the "fractions" of the Communist and Socialist movements). Representatives of the Movimento Comunista, Unione Spartaco, and a dissident Communist group in NAPLES took part. The object was to study a proposal for forming all dissident Movements of the Extreme Left into a single party to be called "Partito Comunista Internazionalista". The programme would be - a) conquest of power by all possible means, b) open and more violent struggle against the Partito Comunista Italiano (qualified as TOGLIATTI's personal party) and the PARTITO SOCIALISTA, both parties being accused of having betrayed their real mission and former ideologies, c) opposition to modern Russian Communism which is accused of being nearly a personal dictatorship of STALIN and his staff. The programme of the Sinistra Proletaria is rigidly Marxist and Leninist, and its intentions are contained in a resolution declaring that power should not reside in the Comitati di Liberazione Nazionale but in workmens' and peasants' Committees. The Sinistra Proletaria took pains to declare that it did not intend individual groups to change their programmes but merely desired a union of these groups, the better to combat their common enemies.

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iii. Further to comment made in RS/1/19 of 23 Oct 44 Part III A (ii), the publication in the streets of ROME of the official proclamation for the call-up of the

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1914-1924 classes of the Italian Army has caused much hostile comment and those involved have been heard expressing in no uncertain terms their intention not to present themselves. A reliable commentator remarks that possibly only about 20% will respond to the call-up and that, as has happened in Sicily, there may be serious incidents as the population generally is much opposed to the measure. Already there are rumours about the city that 6*000 CCRR have been mobilised to deal with this call-up, and a more ugly rumour has it that the call-up has been necessitated by the vast number of desertions from the U.S. Army. One figure given for these deserters in the ROME area is 60,000.

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B. RUMOURS. Nothing to report.

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