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24 LUG 1945

OSSERVATORE ROMANO 23-24 luglio 1945

Le ricostruzioni a Pavia e a Milano.

Milano 23

La ricostruzione dello storico ponte sul Ticino è stata discussa in una riunione convocata recentemente a Pavia. Il capitano Cott, nel darne l'annuncio, ad un redattore della ANSA, ha dichiarato che i lavori di riparazione alla caserma di S. Agostino a Milano proseguono bene. Presto si darà inizio alla ricostruzione del tetto di Palazzo Sormani per proteggere dalla intemperie gli affreschi esistenti. Non è stato invece ancora deciso di rifare il tetto del Palazzo reale, perché la spesa preventiva si aggira sui 10 milioni, mentre esiste anche la eventualità che la parte del bilancio più gravemente danneggiata venga devoluta in seguito al nuovo piano regolatore della città.

Data la gravità dei danni subiti dall'ospedale Maggiore, del Pal. 20 del Senato e al Palazzo Marino non è ancora possibile prevedere quale sarà la sorte di tali edifici.

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L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO

22 Luglio 45

La riapertura della Certosa di PAVIA

PAVIA, 21.

Da domani la celebre Certosa, liberata dalle sovrastrutture di protezione antiaerea e nuovamente arricchita delle opere d'arte sfollate nel periodo bellico, sarà riaperta al pubblico.

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La Settimana di Vita - Milano

Problemi di vita cittadina alla conferenza stampa

**Le opere d'arte depositate al Castello
rese ai legittimi proprietari**

Un'altra conferenza stampa; un'altra ottima prova della perfetta conoscenza che il Comandante Alleno ha dei maggiori problemi cittadini e del risoluto proposito di dare loro una soluzione ispirata a criteri di praticità e di utilità ed adeguata alla loro importanza ed alla loro urgenza.

Questa volta parlò ai giornalisti, rispondendo alle loro domande, il governatore della Lombardia, col. Poletti, e gli argomenti trattati furono tutti del massimo interesse: il rifornimento del carbone, la concessione da parte degli Stati Uniti di autocarri (1700 già in funzione e 2000 in viaggio) per favorire ed intensificare i trasporti, i prezzi, gli scambi fra il Nord e Sud, per i quali un piano organico è allo studio per la loro unificazione.

Il nostro giornale, rendendosi interprete dei voti di qualche lettore, prospettò la questione delle opere d'arte che enti e privati depositarono nei sotterranei del Castello Sforzesco, messo a disposizione del Comune, per sottrarle alle conseguenze delle incursioni e che non possono essere ancora ritirate, essendone stato fatto divieto — si era detto — dalle autorità. Il col. Poletti era perfettamente al corrente della questione. Nessun divieto effettivo delle autorità per il loro ritiro, ma opportuna disposizione per assicurare la legittima provenienza delle opere in proprietà del denunciario, e più precisamente assicurarci che nessuna delle opere appartenga a fascisti e collaborazionisti, frutto di appropriazione o di pegno. Così per riavere le opere, se ne fa domanda al Sindaco, il quale, a mezzo degli organi competenti del Comune, fa le indagini opportune ed a seconda del loro esito la consegna avviene immediata.

A proposito di queste opere si ricorderà che andò a finire nei sotterranei anche il prezioso materiale prestato con bellissimo gesto da privati e da

gallerie inglesi per la grande mostra leonardesca. Scoppiata la guerra, non se ne poté fare la consegna e furono depositati nel Castello. Giorni sono, ne fu fatta una verifica e fu constatato che il materiale — dipinti e disegni di Leonardo e della sua scuola e quindi di grande valore — non hanno subito né danni né manomissioni.

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April 3, 1945

AFHQ, PWB, RADIO MONITORING REPORT No. 259, 3 April 45

REPUBLICAN FASCIST BROADCASTS

Air-raids over Lodi

Enemy planes bombed the town of Lodi three times in succession, followed by ruthless machine-gunning. Much damage was done to private dwelling-houses. Thirty-one bodies have so far been extricated from the wreckage.

(Fascist Radio - 1600 - Ap. 3)

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14 MAR 1945

Radio Monitoring Division - PWB - No. 242 - 14 March 1945

Sondrio Raided

Enemy aircraft flew over the town of Sondrio yesterday morning dropping bombs and savagely strafing passers-by. Five people were buried under the rubble and several others were wounded.

(Fascist Radio - 2300 - Mar 14)

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14 MAR 1945

6 March

RADIO BERITAMINI Report, P.R.B., No. 235, 6 March 1945

REPUBLICAN PARTIES RE-EXAMINED

Brescia Raided

Brescia was raided about noon on Friday for the third time in six days. The enemy formations, which followed one another in five waves, dropped their load of bombs indiscriminately. Some of the most artistic palaces of the town - declared national monuments - were destroyed, among them the churches of Saint Eufraze, of San Francesco d'Assisi and of the Miracles. Hundreds of dwellings were also destroyed and about a thousand were seriously damaged. According to first reports, casualties total fifty-six killed and two hundred wounded.

Bombing and strafing actions have also taken place in the province of Padua. It is learnt moreover that enemy bombers carried out a terror attack on the town of Pola, dropping large-calibre bombs on civilian houses. Killed and wounded are reported. The damage is enormous.

(Fascist Radio - 2000 - Mar. 6)

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L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO - 5 Maggio 1945

Danni a opere d'arte in Lombardia e nel Veneto

Il maggior danno causato dalla guerra a Venezia secondo le WNU è rappresentato dalla distruzione dei suoi sette ponti famosi. La perdita dell'antico ponte degli Scaligeri, del ponte di Castello vecchio e del ponte di Pietra è paragonabile solo a quella del ponte di Santa Trinità di Firenze. Pure danneggiati sono gli affreschi del Tiepolo a Palazzo Cambrà, la biblioteca del capitolo del Duomo, le chiese dei Santi Apostoli, di S. Paolo, di San Giovanni in Valle e della Santissima Trinità e il teatro Sarmónico. La chiesa di San Zeno è intatta, il castello è solo

lievemente colpito. L'Arena colpita due volte ha riportato lievi danni.

A Vicenza diciotto dei ventisei palazzi celebri sono stati colpiti; il teatro Olimpico con i suoi preziosi archivi, la villa Valmarana con le opere del Tiepolo, il Museo civico, la Loggia del Capitano, il ponte veneziano e le maggiori opere di architettura gotico-veneziana sono intatte. Gli edifici più gravemente colpiti sono l'antico teatro Rinascimento, il palazzo Godi con gli affreschi del Sigismondo che sono stati distrutti, il palazzo arcivescovile, il palazzo Fummo, la basilica del Palladio del sedicesimo secolo il cui tetto è stato bruciato, il palazzo Valmarana con gli affreschi del Tiepolo e il palazzo della Ca' d'Oro.

A Mantova sono andati il palazzo ducale con gli affreschi del Mantegna, il palazzo del Te e la chiesa di Sant'Andrea mentre la chiesa di San Francesco del XIV secolo è quasi distrutta, le chiese di San Leonardo e di San Maurizio sono gravemente danneggiate e quella di San Simone è distrutta.

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Radio Monitoring Division - No. 233 - 3 March 1945

Raid on Milan

Once again it is the air war and not the infantry war which receives chief attention from Fascist sources. Radio Adriatico tonight describes the results of the "last big terrorist bombing" of Milan, with many houses destroyed.

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1 March 1945

RADIO MONITORING Report, P.M.A., No. 231, 1 March 1945

REPUBLICAN FASCIST BROADCASTS

Enemy Air Raids

Another enemy raid has taken place over Brescia. Many houses were destroyed or damaged. The population remained calm, allowing all the necessary services to function efficiently. Only a few wounded are reported. Various places in the province of Ferrara suffered enemy air attacks. The small village of Orsellato was suffered enemy air attacks. The small village of Orsellato was destroyed. Thirty-five persons were killed and over fifty wounded.

(Fascist Radio - 2000 - March 1)

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27 February 1945

RADIO MONITORING Report, F.W.B., No. 228, 27 February 1945

NEWS FROM FASCIST BROADCASTS

Indiscriminate Air-Raids Continue

The brutal fury of Anglo-American terrorist planes against the cities and inhabitants of the Italian Republic has had fresh objectives - Padua, Verona, Trieste, Pola and Piner, as well as places in Trevigiano, Padua and Venice. Hundreds of explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped over inhabited districts without discrimination, the only aim being that of killing innocent people. The air-raid over Padua was of particular violence and the number of casualties is very high. Churches, hospitals and historic palaces were destroyed. The enemy can really boast of having reached his targets. In the face of all this ruin and sorrow, from the Italians of the Republic one cry only rises: that of increasing hatred for the barbarous enemy, whose aim is to quench the light of the spirit and the breath of life in our land.

(Fascist Radio - 1600 - Feb 27)

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Radio Monitoring Division - PWB, No. 217 - 14 February 1945

Air-Raid over Trieste and Como

In the last few days, a large formation of enemy four-engined bombers dropped bombs on private dwellings. Among the civilian population twenty people were killed, while about one hundred were wounded.

At Como, during the night of February 12, enemy planes dropped bombs on private houses, as a result of which several people were killed and others were wounded.

(Fascist Radio - 2000 - Feb 14)

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29 January

RADIO MONITORING Division, No. 202, 29 January 1945

REPUBLICAN FASCIST BROADCASTSOpera Season Opens in Milan

The Scala opera season opened yesterday at the Teatro Lirico of Milan in the presence of Italian and German personalities. It was a full house, and the performance of Verdi's "Aida" was directed by the superintendent of the Scala, Maestro Eino Marinuzzi. Before the curtain went up the orchestra played "Giovinezza" and the German national anthem, both of which were hailed with great enthusiasm.

(Fascist Radio - 0800 - Jan. 29)

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24 January

RADIO MONITORING Division, P.S.R., No. 198, 24 January 1945.

NEUTRALIST FASCIST BROADCASTSScala Season Begins in Milan

After the series of performances in commemoration of Rossini the Scala Theatre will begin its winter season next Sunday, when Verdi's "Aida" will be performed, conducted by Maestro Marinuzzi.

This artistic activity on the part of the Scala Theatre has a particular significance, in that it shows that, despite war emergencies, life goes on as usual in the territory of the Social Republic, where not even artistic and cultural enterprises are neglected.

(Fascist Radio - 1600 - Jan. 24)

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"IL TEMPO"

11 Gennaio 1945

(Bombardamenti a Mantova)

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Un giovane mantovano ha dichiarato.....
I bombardamenti aerei hanno colpito la città vecchia:
sono crollati i portici della Basilica di Sant'Andrea ma
la Basilica è intatta.

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UN News Service - BASIC NEWS - 11 January 1945

TAF HITS BRIDGES AT MILAN AND PARMA

ADVANCE APHQ, ITALY, January 10 - Mitchell bombers of the Tactical Air Force yesterday knocked out one bridge and damaged approaches of four others in the Milan and Parma areas, in their continuing attacks on enemy communication lines in the vital rear area of the Valley of the Po, it was announced here today.

The medium bombers also bombed an enemy troop concentration at Crestallano, 10 miles west of Bologna.

Thunderbolt fighter-bombers strafed enemy ammunition dumps 15 and 20 miles southwest of Parma, causing fires and explosions. Havoc light bombers, in a night attack, set huge fires along the Brenner Highway west of Lake Garda, where it is believed enemy fuel stores had been concentrated.

(PRO)

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UN NEWS SERVICE - BASIC NEWS - 11 January 1945

REPUBLICAN FASCIST

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Enemy Air Raids: The Fascist Radio reports over Milan and its neighborhood indiscriminate strafing and bombing raids, with resulting casualties. The towns of Pavia and Voghera also are said to have been subjected to machine-gunning and bombing. A raid on Udine is reported to have rendered many houses uninhabitable; there are 150 dead and the same number of wounded. Thousands of incendiaries were dropped.

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AF 7. PWB, R.M. MONITORING - No. 187.- 11 January 1945

MORTARA RAIDED

PAVIA - Enemy fighter-bombers yesterday dropped bombs near Mortara and civilian dwelling-houses were machine-gunned. During the morning enemy aircraft dropped bombs on the neighborhood of Vigevano, hitting farm-houses.

(Fascist Radio - 2330 - Jan. 10)

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AFHQ, PWB, R.M. MONITORING - No. 187 - 11 January 1945

AIR RAIDS ON MILAN

In Milan and the surrounding districts there has been indiscriminate bombing and strafing, resulting in many dead and wounded. In the Pavia and Voghera area too there have been machine-gun actions and dropping of bombs. The raid on Udine resulted in many dwelling houses being rendered uninhabitable. The dead number 150 and the wounded as many. Thousands of incendiary bombs were dropped on the town.

(Fascist Radio - 2000 - Jan 10)

Milan and several places in its province were yesterday raided again by the enemy. Dead and wounded among the civilians were caused by machine-gunning. In the province enemy bombs hit inhabited areas and especially. Abbiategrasso and Vetrano (?) d'Adda, causing casualties among the people.

(Fascist Radio - 2300 - Jan. 10)

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UN News Service - BASIC NEWS - 6 January 1945

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Allied Air Raids: The Fascist Radio tells of air raid damage in Alessandria, Voghera, Cremona and Mantua, of civilian casualties and the destruction of dwelling houses.

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AFHQ, PWB, R.M. MONITORING - No. 182 - 5 January 1945

TARGETS HIT BY AIRCRAFT

VOGHERA

Enemy aircraft on Tuesday afternoon machine-gunned the outskirts of Voghera, where a house was set on fire. One dead and much damage are reported. Other aircraft bombed and strafed the town of Voghera, causing damage to dwelling houses. No casualties are reported.

MANTUA

The south-eastern district of Mantua was again raided on Tuesday morning by enemy aircraft, which dropped many bombs. American aircraft had previously destroyed a whole suburb and many dwelling-houses. The Bishop of Mantua voiced the unanimous indignation on the new brutality perpetrated by air bandits on Villa dei Vetri, which was owned by him and had been transformed into an orphanage, in the destruction of which eleven children and a sister were killed and many others wounded. In his last homily in St. Andres's cathedral Bishop stated: "In pronouncing our condemnation of the sacrifice of innocent victims, we pray that such sacrifices will be acceptable to God, whom we ask to give feelings of goodness, virtue, humble confidence in our Mother in Heaven, who will not fail to stretch out her hand to the people who strive to build anew from amidst the ruins".

(Fascist Radio - 2330 - Jan. 4)

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AFIL, PAB, R.M. REPORT No. 182, 5 January 1945

TARANTS HIT BY AIRCRAFT

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(Fascist Radio - 2330 - Jan 4)

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January 2

Un news service, BASIC NEWS, 3 January 1945

TAP USED IN DIRECT SUPPORT

ADVANCE ARMY, ITALY, January 2
American Thunderbolts hit in two successive waves at an enemy fuel
dump near Piacenza, midway between Piacenza and Parma on the Bologna-Milan
rail route.

Medium bombers struck two rail bridges east of Milan and one at Parma,
as well as an ammunition dump just north of Pavia in the Valley of the Po.
Rounds hit the center of the mass of munitions, causing a great explosion.

(P30)

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January 1

Un News Service, BASIC NEWS, 2 January 1945

BOMBERS STRIKE MILAN RAIL YARDS

ADVANCE, APIN, ITALY, January 1 - Heavy bombers struck the Milan rail yards in a daring, low-level night attack which marked the first Allied air blow against the enemy from the Mediterranean in 1945, it was announced here tonight.

(PXC)

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26 DEC 1944

Re: News Service, BASIC NEWS, 27 December 1944

MILAN POWDER PLANT DESTROYED

WASHINGTON, December 26 -- Northern Italy's biggest powder factory was destroyed during an Allied air attack on military targets in Milan yesterday, it was reported in a dispatch from Chiasso to the Swiss newspaper Gazette de Lausanne.

The bombardment of Milan shook houses in Swiss territory, where the roar of planes could be heard, the correspondent reported. Flames rose 1,000 feet over the Lombard Plain after two particularly violent explosions, he said.

(CND)

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26 DEC 1944

AFHQ, PWB, R.M. MONITORING - n. 171 - 23 December, 1944

23 DEC 1944

AIR RAID ON MANTUA

Three bombs were dropped at less than a hundred metres from the tower of Gonzaga Castle, which contains the famous bridal chamber frescoes by Andrea Mantegna, during the air raids on Mantua which took place on October 11, and November 5. Owing to the precautions taken, the frescoes were not directly damaged, but the shaking of the ground caused by the fall of bombs has resulted in cracks in the walls.

(Fascist Radio - 0800)

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23 DEC 1944

AFHQ, PWB, R.M. NO. 159 - No. 159 - 9 December 1944

9 DIC 1944

SCALA RE-OPENS

The Scala is coming back to life once more. The Scala, the greatest operatic theatre in the world, the cradle of operatic art throughout the world, is rising once more from the destruction caused during the savage air raid carried out on the 16th of August 1943. Rubble is giving place to walls and arches, and the ceiling, that famous ceiling, will be reconstructed as it was before. This theatre will open again in the near future for the benefit of world opera.

(Fascist Radio - 1300)

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AFHQ, P.W.B. R.M. MONITORING - No. 159 - 9 December 1944

DAMAGE IN MANTUA

The precious frescoes of the Bridal Chamber in the Gonzaga Castle in Mantua, have been seriously damaged by Anglo-American air raids. Despite the precautions taken, the explosion of bombs in the vicinity of the Castle have caused large cracks in the Castle walls, with resulting damage to Mantegna's masterpiece.

In March, 1943, American bombers had completely destroyed the Eremitani Chapel in Padua; one wonders whether the flying bandits deliberately intend to destroy all the masterpieces of Mantegna.

(Fascist Radio - 1600)

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9 DIC 1944

AFHQ, DFB, B.M. REPORT No. 131 - 8 November 1944

8 NOV 1944

(Transocean - 1610)

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Americans Bomb Famous Landmark

Bergamo: The village of Bonate, birthplace of the girl who had a vision of the Madonna, and attracted thousands of pilgrims, has been bombed by American fliers, it was reported on Monday. Ten people were killed and eleven wounded at Ponte San Pietro., which is part of the village. The doors and windows of the house where the girl was born were shattered. 18

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AFHQ. PWB. R.M. MONITORING - No. 157 - 7 December 1944

7 DEC 1944

ENEMY AIRCRAFT JETTISON BOMBS ON MANTUA

Enemy aircraft some days ago jettisoned bombs on Mantua and many dwelling houses were destroyed. They also strafed the town. Workers in the field were machine-gunned in many places round Mantua. (Fascist Radio - 2200)

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7 DEC 1944

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4 DIC 1944

AFHQ, PWB, R.M. REPORT No. 154, 4 December 1944

ALLIED TERROR RAID OVER CREMA

Yesterday afternoon, British fighter bombers raided Crema. Damage was caused in the centre of the town and to the suburbs. The San Luigi Institute and neighboring houses received direct hits. Many casualties are reported, especially among women and children.

(Fascist Radio 0800 - Dec. 3)

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AFHQ, PWB, R.M. REPORT No. 153 - 3 December 1944

NEWS FROM REPUBLICAN FASCIST ITALY

S. Ambrogio to be Restored

The Mayor of Milan has received the following letter from the Party's federal commissioner and a considerable donation in cash for the repairs of St. Ambrogio's basilica, which has been seriously damaged by Anglo-American air raids:

"On the day of St. Ambrogio, patron Saint of Milan, this city so hard hit by the barbaric fury of the enemy we, Republican Fascist of Milan, have collected the enclosed sum of money which we hand over to you as a contribution to the speedy repairs once more a place of beauty and veneration".

The present contribution of 14,313 lire will be followed by others.

Following this striking example of the Republican Fascists in Milan, the Mayor has raised a public subscription for the same purpose, which should have a religious patriotic and local significance. Meanwhile the municipal administration of the city has decided that one million Lire will be set aside for repairs to the ancient basilica.

(Fascist Radio - 2000) 1888

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2 DIC 1944

UN News Service - BASIC NEWS - 2 December 1944

MILAN AREA RAIL BRIDGES BOMBED

ADVANCE AFHQ, ITALY, December 1 - Although recurrent bad weather again limited operations of the Mediterranean Allied Air Force to less than 500 sorties yesterday, Mitchell bombers of the Tactical Air Force severely damaged important rail bridges in the Milan industrial area of north Italy, it was announced here today.

Only small forces were used in the successful attacks on the bridges, at Vrema, 25 miles southeast of Milan, and at Romana di Lombardia, 25 miles to the east. Fighterbombers, active in the same area, destroyed or damaged 130 rail cars and 49 motor vehicles, as well as effecting 37 rail cuts in the important supply network of the German forces in north Italy.

Coastal Air Force planes scored hits on a large building on Sansego Island, 60 miles south of Fiume in the upper Adriatic, and also carried out strafing attacks on enemy communications along the Italian Riviera.

(PRO)

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AFHQ, PWB, R.M. REPORT No. 151 - 1 December 1944
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Repairs the Scala Theatre of Milan

While a group of technicians and workers are working steadily to restore the Scala Theatre in Milan, damaged by enemy bombings, the group of singers who have contributed to the theatre's fame, has decided to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the death of Giacomo Puccini, by presenting two operas of the great musician in the Lyric Theatre of Milan.

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(Fascist Radio 1600)

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30 NOV. 1944

AFHQ, PWB, R.M. REPORT - No. 150 - 30 November 1944

Restoration of Milan Cathedral

Milan: The architect of Milan Cathedral has stated that the complete restoration of damage caused to the cathedral by air attacks would take ~~ten~~ years. The cost of repairs would amount to twenty million lire. (Transocean 1521)

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21 NOV 1944

Da News Service, BASIC NEWS, 21 November 1944

REPUBLICAN FASCIST

Allies Bomb Parma, Brescia, and Savona Province: It is stated tonight that Allied planes on Saturday made several bombing and strafing attacks on the outskirts of Parma, the town and province of Brescia, and the province of Savona. In Parma, many women and children were allegedly killed and others wounded; in Brescia, there were numerous wounded; in the rural areas of the province of Savona, three persons were reported to have been killed and five wounded.

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AFHQ, PWB, R.M. REPORT - No. 130 - 7 November 1944

Allied Planes Raid Milan

Milan: About noon Saturday some Anglo-American planes dropped bombs in the northern districts of the town and strafed pedestrians in busy squares. A large building of several floors collapsed, burying everyone who was inside; thus far twenty-eight dead and seventy injured have been taken from the debris.

(Transocean - 1700 - Nov. 5)

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AFHQ, PWB, R.M. REPORT - No. 130 - 7 November 1944

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(Transocean - 1700 - Nov. 5)

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UN News Service - BASIC NEWS - 6 November 1944

BOMBERS SLASH AT BRENNER PASS RAIL LINE

ADVANCE APHQ, ITALY, November 5 - Medium bombers of the Tactical Air Force yesterday slashed at key and rail bridges in the Brennero Pass, Milan and Turin areas in their first flights after a prolonged "stand-down" due to unfavorable weather over northern Italian targets, it was announced here today.

The hard-hitting Mitchells and Marauders struck at embankments, bridges, a rail yard and a cliff-side stretch of the strategic rail route along a 26-mile section between Verona and Trento as well as hammering at seven important road and rail bridges in the Milan and Turin area.

Desert Air Forces fighter-bombers attacked railway lines in Yugoslavia, where desperate German forces are trying to effect their escape from the Balkan trap.

Approximately 30 enemy aircraft were encountered in northeast Italy and over the Brenner Pass area, and at least one was destroyed.

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AFHQ, PWB, R.M. REPORT - No. 129 - 5 November 1944

ITALIAN BROADCASTS - MILITARY NEWS

Enemy Aircraft Over Milan This Morning - (Fascist Radio - 2000)

At noon today a few enemy aircraft flew over Milan bombing and strafing indiscriminately north of the city. In a quarter where traffic is particularly intense, dwelling houses were hit and several dead and many wounded are reported. First aid squads of the fire brigade, of the Red Cross and of the ARP organization were rushed to the spot by authorities.

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AFHQ, PVE, R.M. REPORT - No. 117 - 22 October 1944

REPUBLICAN FASCIST RADIO in Italian to Italy - M.491 - 2000 - Oct 21

Yesterday's Allied Air Raid on Milan

The merciless raid made yesterday morning on Milan by Anglo-American bombers could well be described as a terror raid on the part of the enemy airmen. They carried out their mission with no respect for any principles of humanity. Over 150 bodies of children, horribly maimed, have so far been extricated from the ruins of the "Francesco Crispi" school.

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AFHQ, PWB, R.M. REPORT No. 117 - 22 October 1944

TRANSOCEAN in English - October 21American Raid Milan

Milan: After an interval of several months, the town area of Milan was again on Friday, subjected to a terror attack by American bombers. Numerous bombs were dropped on different districts. A large number of civilians were killed, wounded, or buried alive. The exact figure of the casualties is unknown thus far. In one school building which was destroyed by bombs, twenty children were killed. Many workmens houses were demolished.

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HQ, PWB, R.M. REPORT - No. 116 - 21 October 1944

RADIO MONTECENERI (Switzerland) in Italian to Italy - 19.30 - Oct 20

American Bombers Over Milan Area

About one hundred American bombers this afternoon raided targets in the neighborhood of Milan. No bombs fell on the central districts of the city.

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Un News Service - BASIC NEWS - 13 October 1944

ITALIAN RESISTANCE FRONT

ADVANCE HQ, AAI, October 12 -

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Patriots of the Omodossola sector now have at their disposal several airplanes, with which they bombed Fascist positions at Luino and at Laveno on Lake Maggiore. Two transports of Fascist troops were sunk following Patriot air raids.

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AFHQ, PWB, R.M. REPORT - W. 108 - 12 October 1944

TRANSOCEAN in English October 11 -

New Italian Communities are Being Planned 1935

Milan: (By Transocean correspondent Walter Seidlitz) - While air raids continue to multiply the ruins of northern Italian towns, architects, city-planning experts, real estate owners and bombed-out people are discussing gigantic reconstruction plans in the Fascist Italian press. Milan, Turin and Genoa are marching in the vanguard this respect. They have already begun with actual building work. Masons, carpenters and electricians are more than busy.

All plans agree in the following points: one, the state must supervise building work; two, steps must be taken to procure necessary raw materials before the work starts; three, city planning should have a hand in the work; four, the entire population must participate under appropriate leadership; five, big tenement houses for workmen's families must have precedence.

The following proposal is gaining favor; entirely new districts must be built up outside the gates of the towns concerned before ruins in the towns are cleared up and building work started there. In Genoa all slums are to disappear.

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AFHQ, PWB, R.W. REPORT No. 96 28 Septembre 1944

REPUBLICAN FASCIST RADIO in Italian to Italy M.49 13.00- Sept 27Allied Air Raids in Northern Italy

Enemy aircraft formations yesterday afternoon bombed Pallanza and Baveno, hitting dwelling houses and workers' quarters. A boat belonging to the lake service was bombed and strafed and later sank. The whole of the Lake Maggiore shore area from Baveno to Verbania was repeatedly strafed. So far forty-three dead and several wounded have been identified. In addition, enemy aircraft bombed some mountain areas in the Ossola region and strafed a group of children.

An ancient church was destroyed at Segari Levante during one of the latest enemy air raids on the Riviera.

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UN News Service - BASIC NEWS - 19 September 1944

ADVANCE APHQ ITALY - 18 September 1944 -

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Last night, our bombers attacked Brescia, rail yards in
northern Italy.

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PWB, REPORT OF CONDITIONS IN ENEMY OCCUPIED ITALY

No. 24 - 13 Sept 44 -Air Raid Damage.

Allied aircraft still repeatedly bomb the MILAN
marshalling yards with incredible precision, flying very low
to attack road and railway bridges.
(News Digest 4.9.1944)

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UNY News Service - BASIC NEWS - 5 September 1944

Rail Bridges in North Italy Attacked

ADVANCE AFHQ, ITALY - September 4 - Both heavy and medium bombers of the Mediterranean Allied Air Force combined today to deliver a series of crippling blows against road and rail lines in northern Italy.

While up to 500 Flying Fortress and Liberators attacked rail bridges and marshalling yards on the Brenner Pass route from Germany, and the Latisana and Casarsa bridges in northeastern Italy, a record number of Mitchell medium bombers struck at nine bridges in the Milan area, hitting eight of the targets in simultaneous attacks.

One information of Fortresses bombed enemy submarines moored in Genoa harbor.

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UN News Service - BASIC NEWS - 13 September 1944

SOUTHERN FRANCE, GOTH LINE TARGETS BOMBED

ADVANCE AFHQ, ITALY - 12 September.

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Later today, railroad bridges at Piacenza, Parma, and Solignano, and a road bridge at Pavia were attacked. Other road bridges were bombed near Molare, south of Alessandria, at Fernovo, south of Parma, and at Traversa, north of Florence.

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APHQ, PWB, R.M. REPORT - No. 83 - 13 September 1944

REPUBLICAN FASCIST RADIO in Italian to Italy - M.491 - 2000 Sept. 12Enemy Aircraft Machine-Gunned Cremona

During the night of September 11th, enemy aircraft machine-gunned and dropped fragmentation bombs in the outskirts of Cremona. Some casualties were caused. Yesterday afternoon other attacks were carried out against the suburbs of this city. Slight damage and a few casualties are reported. During one of these raids a fighter-bomber, after having machine-gunned a lorry, dived low and machine-gunned a field where a group of children was playing. A few boys were killed and others were injured. The plane crashed and the crew was killed. 1369

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AFHQ, PWB, R.M. REPORT - 12 September 1944

REPUBLICAN FASCIST RADIO in Italian to Italy, M.491 - 2000 - Sept. 11Air Radio on Milan

Last night, Milan was subjected to another enemy terror raid. As usual, private dwellings were hit, schools, a convent and the church of Astori. Similar terror raids were carried out in the neighborhood of Milan. The exact number of dead and wounded, which is not very high, is being ascertained.

Also Pession di Chieri was the target of enemy four-engined bombers. There were some deaths and many wounded among the civilian population.

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UN News Service - RADIO NEWS - 12 September 1944

S.A.F. BOMBERS HIT GOETTER LINE

Advance APHQ, Italy - 11 September 1944 -

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The bridges attacked are at Vigevano, 20 miles northeast of Florence, at Legnano, 60 miles southeast of Milan, and near Verona, southwest of Bologna.

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UN News Service - BASIC NEWS - 12 September 1944

APHQ, September 11 -

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Mediterranean Allied Air Force:

Medium forces of fighter-escorted heavy bombers yesterday attacked two oil refineries and other military objectives in the Vienna area, and port installations at Trieste. Fighters strafed an airdrome in Hungary.

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Last night, medium and heavy bombers attacked the rail yards at Milan.

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AFHQ, PWB, R. REPORT No. 80 - 9 September 1944

DNB IN GERMAN - 8 September 1944Air Attacks on Milan

From Northern Italy: During yesterday's enemy air attack ninety thousand apartments were entirely destroyed, according to a report in "Italia". About fifty thousand apartments were also partially destroyed. One hundred thousand apartments were damaged. Two million square meters of shops were entirely destroyed, while two hundred thousand square meters were damaged.

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AMB, INB. R. R. REPORT No. 80 - September 9, 1944 -

INB In Geneva September 8

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AFHQ, FEB, R. M. REPORT No. 77 - 6 September 1944

REPUBLICAN FASCIST RADIO in Italian to Italy - M.491 - 2000
5 September 1944Mantua attacked again by Allied Bombers

Mantua was subjected yesterday to another massive air raid; heavy calibre bombs were dropped on the residential quarters of the town; The Philippine Church was totally destroyed. The population remained firm and calm during the raid and casualties were very slight. There were only four dead and five wounded. The dead were all found under the debris of the asylum for the poor. All services functioned normally.

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AFR, FVB, R. H. REPORT No. 70 - 29 August 1944

REPUBLICAN FASCIST RADIO in Italian to Italy 1944. 2000 August 27

Heavy Air Attacks.

During the attacks which were carried out on the 5th and 13th July last against Verona, the city's monuments suffered severely. The following were hit:... the city walls. The Church of San Lorenzo, a precious example of Romanesque architecture, was much damaged. The roof was hit and the windows of the balconies on the sides of the Church. The Church of San Rocco (?) rebuilt by the Benedictines in the 15th century, has had its roof damaged and its window panes completely smashed.

At Brescia, during the air raid which took place on July 13th, the massive construction by Bramante, one of the most artistic Lombard canonical buildings of the Middle Ages, was partly destroyed. The dome of the new cathedral was hit by a fragmentation bomb. The rest of the little church of San Marco was completely destroyed. The sixteenth century Martinengo building and the eighteenth century Palazzo building had their facades completely destroyed and were damaged elsewhere. The Mastoro Palace is partly in ruins. Much damage was caused to the Palazzo dell'Adriatico, while the covered market at Piazza Vittoria was completely destroyed. The important "Benedictine library" suffered much damage.

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AFHQ, PWB, R.M. REPORT No. 69 - 27 August 1944

REPUBLICAN FASCIST RADIO in Italian to Italy - m.491 - 0800 - Aug 26Cremona Province Bombed

Some localities in the province of Cremona were bombed and machine-gunned at low level by enemy aircraft. A few people were injured and houses were damaged.

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AFHQ; PWB, R.M. REPORT No. 68 - 25 August 1944

REPUBLICAN FASCIST RADIO IN Italian to Italy - 480 M. 1300 AUG 25

Allied Planes Bomb Turin, Aosta and Voghera.

A large formation of enemy planes yesterday bombed Turin. Many bombs were dropped, especially in the suburbs. A large number of houses were destroyed and there were many casualties among the civilian population.

Other Allied planes dropped bombs on the Aosta and Voghera regions. In this latter town various hospitals were hit.

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AFHQ, P-3, R. M. REPORT No. 65 - 23 August 1944 -

REPUBLICAN FASCIST RADIO in Italian to Italy - M. 491 - 2000 - 22 August -

Enemy Air Attacks over Italy.

Enemy aircraft flew over Cremona, and dropped incendiary and fragmentation bombs on two hospitals. Heavy damage and numerous casualties resulted from the attack.

Venice was again attacked on Wednesday night by enemy aircraft which bombed and strafed the outskirts of the city.

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AFHQ, PWB, R.M. REPORT. No 58 - 15 August 1944 -

REPUBLICAN FASCIST RADIO IN ITALIAN TO ITALY M.491 2000 Aug. 13 - 1944
(Extracts)Milan Remembers the Brutal Radio

Milan has reminded its citizens today, with a few austere ceremonies, of the brutal and indiscriminate air raids which the enemy carried out against the city in the month of August, 1943, which caused widespread devastation and numerous casualties, and, during which, numerous buildings representing the great traditions of civilisation, were hit. In the courtyard of the Brocchetta, and at the Sforzesco Castle, in the presence of the Head of the Province and other city authorities, a stone was unveiled which is to remind us in the future of the barbarous acts committed by the Anglo-Saxons. This tablet is placed where the Terraces of Bramante display their blackened scars. Other stones have been unveiled in the Basilica of Saint Ambrogio, in the Duomo, in the Scala Theatre, in the Maggiore Hospital and the Marino Palace. The stones bear legends branding the enemy's ferocity and expressing the hope that the Fatherland, painful but not conquered, may soon be reconstructed.

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AFR, PFR, R.M. REPORT No. 52 - 8 August 1944 -

SUMMARY OF ITALIAN PROPAGANDA TRENDS

Other Items

Another terror raid was carried out by Allied aircraft on Mantua. The
spoil of art in Florence have been saved "from the clutches of the Germans",
according to Tevere Radio, only to be brought to a safer place by the Allies,
in all probability either in U.S.A. or Great Britain".

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AFHQ, PWB, R.M. REPORT No. 52 - 8 August 1944 -

REPUBLICAN FASCIST RADIO IN ITALIAN TO ITALY - 180 METERS - 1300-AUGUST 6
(Extracts)

Terror Raid on Mantua

Mantua has again been the target for a terror raid, carried out by British and American aircraft. Towards 830 hours, an Anglo-American formation appeared, flying at a considerable height. When over the city, the aircraft suddenly swooped down and released many bombs, especially over the centre and the residential quarters of the city. Many houses were destroyed, and others damaged; and many casualties have been caused. Amongst the artistic works hit, we must list the magnificent temple of Saint Francis. From the first reports at hand, we can gather that casualties amongst the civil population are high.

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APHQ, PWB, R. M. REPORT No. 51 - 6 August 1944

RADIO LITTORALE ADRIATICO IN ITALIAN TO ITALY 268 M. 20.15. AUG. 5Mantua Bombed

Anglo-American planes carried out a terroristic air raid over Mantua. A large number of private buildings were hit and several monuments of great artistic value were destroyed.

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AFHQ, PWB, R.M. REPORT - No. 30 (?) - 5 August 1944

SUMMARY OF ITALIAN PROPAGANDA TRENDS
Florence Shelled

The damage caused by the Allied shelling and bombing of Florence is again the main theme of the Fascist and Tevere broadcasts today. The fact that the Germans declared it an open city is once more pointed out and responsibility for the violation is thrown on the Allies who "utterly disregard the importance and value to world civilisation of art treasures and cultural centres". Allied aircraft strafed a number of women in the province of Modena, says the Fascist Radio, and Litorale Adriatico adds that the town of Mantua was subjected to a terror raid resulting in the destruction of private houses and artistic monuments.

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AFHQ, PWD, R.N. REPORT No. 50 (?) - 5 August 1944

TRANSOCEAN IN ENGLISH - August 5 - 1944Mantua Damaged in Allied Raids

Milan: Anglo-American bombers again raided Mantua badly damaging important cultural monuments of the famous city. After dropping bombs, British and American airmen swept the city streets and squares with fire from machineguns. The number of killed and wounded has not yet been definitely ascertained.

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AFHQ, PWB, R.M. REPORT - No. 46 - 1 August 1944

GERMAN OVERSEAS SERVICE - IN GERMANY - 15,310 Kms. - 1943 - July 31Yesterday's Terror Attacks on Towns in Northern Italy

Yesterday, the U.S. Air Force carried out a number of terror attacks on towns in northern Italy. Heavy damage was caused in several localities of Piedmont, Liguria, Lombardy and Venetia.

Particularly heavy damage was caused in Ravenna.

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AMIB, PEB, R.M. REPORT No. 43 - 28 July 1944

REPUBLICAN FASCIST RADIO IN ITALY TO ITALY - M. 491 - 23. 00 - July 27

Enemy barbarity.

The merciless enemy air raids are daily causing new losses to Italian families and damage to Italian art collections. Local trains, private cars and even cyclists and workers walking to their factories were recently machine-gunned by enemy aircraft near Milano. At Venice a central district was machine-gunned by an enemy plane and in Piedmont, Lombardy and the Veneto heavy damage to non-military targets has been recorded.

All this shows that the enemy in these actions is guided by a barbaric instinct and a frenzied of destruction for which sooner or later he will have to answer.

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AFHQ, PWB, RMS, ~~Unit No. 32 - APO 512~~R. M. Report No. ³² ~~17~~ 401-15 July 1944REPUBLICAN FASCIST RADIO IN ITALIAN TO ITALY W.480.0800 July 14Allied Raids Cause Destruction in Brescia

During the terror raids against Brescia that took place on July 13, the Anglo-Americans, besides hitting residential districts, also hit several historic monuments. The Belletto Palace was seriously damaged as well as the Duomo and Children's hospital.

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APHQ, PWB, RMS, Unit No. 32 - APQ-512

(R.M. Report no. ³²~~47~~ 441-15 July 1944TRANSCOAST IN ENGLISH July 14BRESCIA RAIDED BY ALLIED BOMBERS

Milan: Brescia, capital of the province bearing the same name, was attacked twice within the past twenty-four hours by Anglo-American aircraft. Considerable damage was done in residential quarters. Hospitals too, were destroyed. The cathedral, dating back to the seventeenth century, was still on fire on Friday morning. Anglo-American air raids took place also against several communities in the provinces of Mantua, Forlì and Genoa.

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Un News Service, BASIC NEWS No. 23 - 14 July 1944

ALLIED FORCE ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS, Italy July 13 - Today's communique:

Last night, Allied bombers attacked rail yards at Brescia, in Northern Italy.

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Un News Service, BASIC NEWS No. 23 - 14 July 1944

ALLIED FORCE ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY, July 13

RAF night bombers struck at the Brescia rail yards in northern Italy early this morning, a few hours after American planes had caused heavy damage in the second attack within a week on rail targets in southern France.

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R.M. No. 207 - 2 June 44
List of Italian Monuments Destroyed.

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Items: The following additional lists of monuments and works of art destroyed by British and American airplanes has been published: In Mantua the chapel of Saint Gotthard (XVth century), two other churches and one mausoleum. In Parma the Gothic church of Saint Francis and the XVIII century Governor's Palace were destroyed, while the famous statue of the great sculptor, Canova, was severely damaged. In Faenza, an international museum was destroyed, and an incomparable collection of ceramic art, as well as three XVIIth century palaces were severely damaged. In Vicenza historic buildings and palaces, including the XIIIth century cathedral built by Francesco Della Porta, with cupola and frescoes by Mantegna. A previous list published on Tuesday enumerated 212 churches, 315 schools, 64 theatres and libraries, 53 hospitals, 117 cultural institutes and 361 other historic edifices as having been destroyed.

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AFM, FBI, ISB, Unit. No. 8 - APO 542

R.M. Report No. 207 - 31 May 1944

RADIO NEWS IN ITALIAN TO ITALY 713 Feb. 2000 MAY 30

Finnish Bulletin (see D.M.B.)

Chinese Front.Italian Cities Damaged in Enemy Raids.

During the terror raid carried out by Anglo-American formations on May 15th on Faenza, many monuments were hit. The colossal building of the 16th century "Piozzo", which contained the Library, the picture-gallery, the State Archives of the State, the Academy of Arts and the famous Farnese Theatre has been partially destroyed. The famous monument to Maria Pia has been smashed. The Gothic churches of San Francesco and of Santa Maria delle Grazie were also hit.

The following day, Mantua was the objective of the enemy's fury. An incendiary bomb hit the 15th cupola of the church of San Gottardo and other bombs fell on the Palazzo building and on the church of San Gervasio. The Church of San Lorenzo and the Museum of Palazzo especially were hit. During the enemy raid of May 16th on Vicenza, many buildings of historic and artistic importance were hit, among them the 18th century church of San Castano and Palazzo Bastico.

Serious damage was caused in Ferrara during the enemy raid of May 15th. The famous International Museum of ceramics was destroyed. The twenty-two halls and the scientific installations are now a heap of rubble.

On May 27th, 28th and 29th the enemy airforce carried out a raid on Verona where, among other things, a school and several houses were hit. Verona was also the objective of an enemy raid which caused heavy damage to residential districts and some casualties. The neighborhood of Florence was attacked again, as was Pistoia. Rural districts, also, were raided in this province with resulting deaths and casualties. Bologna and country districts of the province of Perugia were bombed. An enemy aircraft was shot down and its crew captured. Other places in the provinces of Terni, Viterbo and Arezzo were raided.

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EXTRACTED FROM THE BASIC NEWS BULLETIN NO. 132
30 May 1944.

MAAF Strikes at Bridges, Railway and Road Communications,
to Harass Battered German Armies.

Liberators, escorted by long-range Mustang fighters, attacked port and harbor installations at Genoa and the railway yards at Vergelli, midway between Turin and Milan, and 80 miles northwest of the big Italian shipping center. No enemy fighter opposition was encountered on either mission, and flak was only moderate.

At Genoa, two merchant vessels were caught by direct hits, and the Ansaldo drydocks and slipways were pocked by bomb patterns. *****

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R. M. Report No. 191 - 12 May 1944

REB IN GERMANY TO BUREAU 1412 May 10 (Monitored in London)AIR RAID DAMAGES IN ITALY

MILAN: It was announced from the Duce's Headquarters that Anglo-American air forces have caused damage in Italy to date as follows:

242 Churches, 53 hospitals, 345 schools, 26 libraries, 36 art monuments, 34 theatres, 79 picture houses, one concrete hall, 117 cultural institutions, six public installations and nine institutions of social welfare.

Damage has occurred in the following towns:

MILAN: 4 churches, 14 schools, 12 libraries, 13 art monuments, 11 theatres, 38 picture-houses, 89 cultural institutions, one concrete hall.

TURIN: 30 churches, 32 hospitals, schools, three libraries, four theatres, 23 picture-houses, five cultural institutions, nine art monuments.

GENOA: two churches, three hospitals, four schools, one library, one picture-house.

VERONA: 25 churches, seven hospitals, 33 schools, three libraries, six theatres, five picture-houses, two cultural institutions.

BOLOGNA: six churches, three hospitals, one school, one library, five cultural institutions.

FLORINCE: two churches, two hospitals, one picture house, six social welfare institutes.

ROME: 25 churches, three hospitals, nine schools, one library, two theatres, two picture-houses, one art monument.

PARMA: four churches, one hospital, six schools, one art monument, three picture-houses, six cultural institutions.

SIENA: three churches, one hospital, three schools, one library, one theatre.

PIACENZA: six churches, one hospital, one art monument.

AREZZO: five churches, two hospitals, four schools, three libraries, four art monuments, one theatre, four cultural institutions, seven social welfare institutes.

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AMT. PAB, RAB, UNIT No. 8 - APO 942

R. E. No. 183 - 3 May 1944

THIRD BOMBING CORPS TO AIRCRAFT 25 M 1500 MAY 2

During a raid by North American bomber formations over upper Italy, U.S. fighter planes attacked Florence. Numerous bombs were dropped on the center of the town, damaging residential districts. Among other buildings, the Opera House was hit by the American bombs.

MILAN: Strong Anglo-American air fighting forces on Sunday noon attacked the outlying districts of Milan. Their objectives were apartment houses in various districts. A church was also destroyed.

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RADIO BOMB IN ITALY TO ITALY 713 Kcs. 0800 APRIL 26AIR FORCE.

The Allied Air Force has again attacked the papal villa of Castelgambello, in which more than 4,500 homeless people are sheltered. They dropped clusters of incendiary bombs. Some buildings were damaged. Moreover, workers' residential sections in Turin and Pavia have been bombed without discrimination. In the course of a recent air raid on Pisa, the old temple of San Paolo was seriously damaged. The historic church, which dates back to the year 805 contained frescoes by Cimabue and artists of the school of Giotto. The ceiling was completely destroyed and the portal was unhinged.

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News Digest 1415 7 Ap 44 p 52

--DAMAGES TO CHURCH PROPERTY--

R21. Transocean (for Far East), 5-4-44 (16.29), reports from the Vatican: The Vatican illustrated monthly paper *Aeclesia*, in its latest edition, published a series of photographs of bomb-damaged Catholic churches and other cultural treasures. There are pictures of the devastated church of Saint Babila, and the chapel of the Ospedale Maggiore, at Milan, the churches of the Madonna di Campagna and the Madonna della Divina Provvidenza, at Turin, S. Pietro della Porta, and two other churches at Genoa.

Many other pictures show destroyed churches at Bologna, Terni, Civitavecchia, Naples, Messina and in other badly bombed cities. The last three photographs show the destruction at Saint Hedwig's church in Berlin.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 374

Subcommittee for Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives.

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8 July 1944.

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SUBJECT: Damaged Churches, Regions 4, 9, 10, 11.

TO : SACO, AIR, 5 Army, attn: SMA Officer.
SACO, AIR, 5 Army, attn: SMA Officer.

The following pictures of damaged churches in enemy-held territory are available for inspection at this HQ. when occasion permits. They are published in BULLETTA (Vatican monthly review), Vol. XII. 1, Jan 44.

P. 15	MILAN, S. Ambro
P. 16	MILAN, Chapel of Ospedale Maggiore
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LIBRARIES OF MUSIC IN REGION ~~III~~ ^{XR}

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Reg. ~~XII~~ - Collection of Armour. Extract from file 20003.

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Milan - Museo Poldi Pezzoli

Palazzolo sull'Oglio (prov. Brescia)

- Cav. Luigi Marzoli -

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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3 May 1944

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SUBJECT: Location of Paintings and Drawings sent out from England
TO : Director, MFAA.

PAINTINGS & DRAWINGS LENT TO MOSTRA LEONARDO, MILAN 1939

From Duke of Devonshire, Chatsworth

Boltraffio: Portrait of Girolamo Casio - Oil painting.

Leonardo : Leda and the Swan - Drawing.

In June, 1940, said by Foreign Office to be in the Castello Sforzesco, Milan.

From Miss Rachel Leighton

Leonardo: Head Study - Drawing in red Chalk.

Presented by Miss Leighton to the British Museum.

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