

"TRESA....."

"Are you sure?"

"Very sure, he has been seen!"

And after a few moments of silence:

"Yes he is here, and I smell the stench of murder in the air."

Did TRESCA have reason to suspect? In the last months before his assassination, CARLO TRESCA dedicated all his energies to the struggle against the machinations of the G.P.U.

In the May 14, 1942 issue of "Martello" (Hammer), CARLO TRESCA, referring to ~~ENRIKO BERINTE~~ BERINTE, as well as to Commander CARLOS CONTRERAS, wrote on the first page:

"Among the cut-throats, spies, executioners, those who distinguish themselves for knifing others in the back; among the blood-thirsty Moscovites who took BERINTE from us, outstanding is Commander CARLOS, commander of spies, thieves, assassins. Commander CARLOS is now in Mexico, at the head of his gang; he orders new crimes, continues his criminal career..... Don CARLOS - Shameless BERINTE - we know you well. We will not let you pass."

TRESCA wrote this in May.....then came Christmas.....and then the fatal January of elimination. How much longer will the mystery last?

On this 7th Anniversary, we salute the memory of CARLO TRESCA, the fearless fighter, fallen at the feet of liberty!

* Ty. Note: The author apparently refers to ~~PIETRO~~ ALLEGRA, of the Communist newspaper, "L'Unita del Popolo".

THE ALIBI OF TEXAR

Invitation to a Polemic Ball

The former TITO NUNZIO* in the Stalinist weekly ** which he publishes on behalf and in the exclusive and inimitable interests of his Moscovite master, extends an invitation to me in his January 21 issue.

Since it is a polemic ball, I accept without waiting for a second invitation. If the same willingness had been shown by the gay jester, I would not have had to repeat my own invitation, year after year, symbolized by my article, "Un Uncle, the Priest's Biretta", that is, my invitation to let us know if a pamphlet was published by Mr. PIETRO ALLEGRA, in which he advocated the elimination of CARLO TRZSCA.

The Deaf Donkey

Instead, the Jester made believe he did not hear through ears which it is logical to suppose were sensitive, in view of his well-known characteristics of well-dressed and well-shod donkey. Instead of giving a definite answer, now he tries to get out of it through subterfuge, with his ungrammatical inanities, and with the unfounded and worthless testimony of a former little TITO, who tells us of a testimonial of esteem that TRZSCA had sent to the Jester shortly before his murder, perhaps to thank him for the famous pamphlet on his "elimination".

The invitation extended to me by this little TITO is to go with him to the District Attorney to demand from the "Brooklyn Eagle" that they reveal the names of the individuals responsible for the assassination of CARLO TRZSCA who, according to a recent publication of that paper, on which the "Daily Worker" and its counterpart in the Italian language** pounced, were supposed to be fascists.

I am ready to satisfy STALIN's mouthpiece, the former TITO NUNZIO, and accompany him to the District Attorney on one condition: take advantage of the opportunity to ask what TRZSCA had asked, some light on the disappearance of JULIET STUART POINTZ.

Stench of Murder

Communist sympathizers claim that the accusation against SORRENTI relative to the TRZSCA murder, was made by me.

That is not so. The accusation was made, without a disapproving note, by all TRESCA's friends who, the morning after the crime, were in the District Attorney's Office, where they had been summoned. I was not there! Their testimony was based on what TRESCA had confided to many of them, on the mysterious appearance of SOBMENTI in the vicinity, which gave it a suspicious meaning and brought the stench of murder in the air.

Warned Over Soup

Strange, every time the anniversary of TRESCA's murder rolls around, journalistic stunts always come to light. In the past we had the organ of the Newspaper Guild, at the time under the control of the Communists; then we had the masked Communist agent, now the unmasked EZIO TADDEI, alias "the snake". On the eve of this year's anniversary, we had the "stunt" of the Brooklyn Eagle. All coincidences? We might even admit it. But affirming it like the Daily Worker and its counterpart in Italian, have done, claiming it as a new sensational fact, means playing disabled so as not to enter the conflict.

What the Brooklyn Eagle printed this year on the eve of the anniversary, is nothing but warned over soup.

Then, where the former TITO FUNZIO proves beyond a doubt that he is playing innocent so as not to pay taxes, is when he writes editorially: "...the Communists were not interested in committing a crime which, actually, is contrary to their principles and does not correspond to their methods of political struggle."

SOBMENTI's Alibi

Certainly no one can accuse STALIN of being the actual perpetrator of the assassination of LEON TROTSKY which took place in Mexico. At that time, STALIN was in Moscow. And no one has ever said that SOBMENTI was the actual perpetrator of TRESCA's assassination. Writing about him, TRESCA called him "leader of a band of assassins", and never "assassin". Consequently, the instigator!

What criminal who, having planned a crime, does not take special pains in preparing an alibi?

SOBMENTI always flaunts his. He says: "On the day and hour of TRESCA's assassination, I was attending a banquet in Mexico City with many high dignitaries."

Perfect, isn't it? In fact, too perfect. Therefore, something is wrong.

SORMENTI who a few days before, according to what TRUSSARDI confided to many friends, had been on a secret mission to New York, was, on the evening the crime was committed in the shadows of Fifth Avenue, at the very same hour in Mexico City, among the festive lights of a banquet.

Then Commander CARLOS printed this surprising alibi in a Mexican Communist newspaper, my mind flew back to a historical novel by the famous novelist, JULES VERNE, "The North against the South", one of the most exciting stories read in my youth.

At the time of the American civil War, in Florida there was an epidemic of murders, street robberies, bank robberies and crimes of every kind. All Claws pointed to an individual named TEXAR. And in the trials that took place in St. Augustine, witnesses identified TEXAR; they had seen him; he was the author of the unheard of criminal acts.

Then it was the defense's turn. TEXAR, with the sang-froid of innocence, presented unquestionable witnesses in his defense: high prelates, statesmen, judges, etc. who swore that on the day and hour of the crime, TEXAR was with them, far away, at a banquet, at a reception or at some other ceremony. And so, with an alibi of this kind and with witnesses of such caliber, TEXAR was acquitted. But the police did not abandon their investigation. After long and patient surveillance, they broke into an isolated cabin in the marshes of the Everglades, and what did they find? Instead of one TEXAR, there were two - twins as alike as two drops of water. They divided their roles. One looted and murdered, and the other one prepared the alibi.

A New Witness

SORMENTI should not speak to us on the Mexico City banquet. He should speak to us, rather on the purpose of his secret visit to New York.

That SORMENTI's name was actually forced from TRUSSARDI and not by me, was told to me a few days ago by a Union Leader in Boston, ENRICO PARENTI. He had come to New York to assist in my memorial services for TRUSSARDI on the radio, the evening of Saturday, January 8.

On leaving, he told me:

"TRESKA told me the same thing. I was in New York on New Year's Eve of 1942, a few days before the murder. I went to John's Restaurant on 12th Street with TRESKA for lunch. VINCENZO LIONETTI and EZIO TADDEI were also present. TRESKA told me that he wanted to visit Boston after the holidays and asked me to arrange for several conferences. Then he added: I will come, if they do not kill me first!"

And PARENTI, continuing with this surprising testimony, added:

"I said to TRESKA: Why speak that way? Have you been threatened? And TRESKA answered: Yes, SORMENTI is here and he is preparing a blow."

This testimony by ENRICO PARENTI is further confirmation that the accusation against SORMENTI comes from the victim, from CARLO TRESKA. The accusing finger of CARLO TRESKA follows STALIN's mouthpieces. That is why at every memorial, the agents of the G.P.U. are afraid, become nervous and feel the pressing need to tangle the mass, using hidden journalistic communication belts at their disposal, passing the cards from one to the other, even using some poor madman to elaborate the tale and baffle the public.

The District Attorney wrote NORMAN THOMAS that the investigation continues, and that it will always continue, until the crime is solved.

I imagine the District Attorney takes every possibility into consideration, every circumstance and all the testimony. The former little TITO invites me to go with him to the District Attorney to request that CARLO TRESKA's words and writings be ignored completely!

He is greatly mistaken. I am not a buddy of his. Anyone who wants full light on a subject, should not be afraid of listening to every angle. We are not in Russia. We are in America.

The Police State

A recent Associated Press dispatch informed that the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet decided in Moscow to reinstate legally and officially, the death penalty against "traitors, spies and saboteurs".

It is necessary to add "legally and officially", because the death penalty, with or without a trial, has always been applied in the Russia of STALIN.

The legalization of this state of affairs on the part of the Presidium, lends itself to at least two considerations.

The first is that assassinations by the State now become a permanent institution in Russia. Those who cling to the pious desire for a possibility of an evolutionary process toward democratic direction in Russia, can now note that things are working in the opposite direction. Russian tyranny is becoming sterner.

The second consideration is that STALIN must be increasingly frightened.

To launch a campaign against "traitors, spies and saboteurs" means, in plain language, that the Russians not only must not be a happy and contented people, but their intolerance for tyranny is beginning to assume concrete forms of opposition.

For years the Communist press has tried to make us believe that class differences have disappeared in Russia, and that in a plebiscite, all vote their consent for the Stalinist regime.

The deliberation of the Presidium officially denies all this.

After all, even the Russian population is made up of human beings and the sense of freedom and justice is always alive in the hearts of the oppressed.

The Bolshevik State is not a Socialist state, or a proletarian state. It is a police regime, a regime of elimination.

The Presidium should have made another decision. It should have substituted the ball and chain for the hammer and sickle, as a symbol of the Soviet State.

Perhaps next time. However, STALIN, whose hobby is the collection of espionage books, would do well while smoking his pipe, to consult the book of VICTOR SERGZ, "In the Secret Files of a Police State" and thus keep in mind from historic examples, that the police state not only does not save the despotic state, but prepares its end.

And so be it.

LUIGI ANTONINI

Post Scriptum

Friends and companions, permit me to congratulate myself. I have finally succeeded in confusing the former TITO MUNZIO, editor of

the Stalinist Italian language paper, and the ineffable, inimitable and always ludicrous court jester. The story of JULES VERNE on the two TEXAR brothers has disturbed them. The proof? It can be found in the January 27 issue. The former little TITO seems to have lost his breath. He can no longer dance at the polemic ball to which he had invited me. I asked full light on the TRESCA murder, and he, on the contrary, wants a tiny flame of Moscovite make. He wants to apply the judiciary methods of VISINSKY to the TRESCA crime: listen to one ball - that of STALIN. The American system which I suggested does not suit him, the system of listening to all the bells. Above all he will not listen to that rung by TRESCA himself, with his own hand, to give the alarm on the presence in New York, in December 1942, of Commander CARLOS, alias ENEA, at the head of a new massacre.

With brazenness worthy of his well-known gall, he plays the part of a saintly Franciscan and reiterates that the Communists "condemn the principle of assassination" as a means of political struggle.

The bodies of LEON TROTSKY, ZINOVIEFF, BUCHARINE, KRIVINSKY, CAMILLO BERNINI, ALGER and ERLICH, PETKOV and all the others who have been eliminated, must shudder in their graves.

As usual what I enjoyed most in the January 27 issue of the Italian counterpart of the "Daily Worker" was the jester. He seems completely disconcerted. After having launched all kinds of insults, trivialities and indocencies against "Il Progresso Italo-Americano" and its proprietors, for almost half a century, now he turns to GENEROSO POPE, in urbane language asking the "Progresso" to eliminate my talks which are supposed to be defamatory.

This on the first page. However, turning the page to his "Kaleidoscope" the same jester returns to the usual scurrility, in the well-chosen words of legal intimidation....

Why does he not turn to me, instead of to POPE? It was I who stuck "My Uncle, the Priest's Biretta" under his nose. I have always been the one to ask the questions: "Is it true that Mr. PIETRO ALLEGRA asked for the elimination of CARLO TRESCA? Is it true that he presented on the first page of a pamphlet, the picture of CARLO TRESCA leaving the District Attorney's Office, where he had gone to accuse the Stalinist C.P.U. of the disappearance of JULIET STUART POINTZ? Is it true that the pamphlet had the title and sub-titles: The Moral Suicide of CARLO TRESCA - A Bearded Vestal Virgin - Facts and Comments on the Defeatist Actions of TRESCA against Antifascism and Republican Spain - And That's

Enough...., and lastly this definite identification: Compiled by PIETRO ALLEGRA in Defense of Antifascism and Spain?"

Is it true that it was published between two black bands, one at the top and the other at the bottom, like a death notice?

I claim that it is all true. And since PIETRO ALLEGRA threatens to turn to the Courts, I take him at his word and state: "Forward, here your nobility will appear; do not run away; I will present your fatal pamphlet to the Court, and with "My Uncle, the Priest's Biretta" officially jammed on your head, down to your ears, we will play the last act of this comedy."

I.A.

* Tr.note: The author apparently refers to MICHAEL ~~GAJARDINO~~.

** Tr note: This appears to be the newspaper published by the above, "L'UNITA' D L POPOLO".

Tresca Memorial Committee

112 East 19th Street
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April 14, 1950

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your files will show that we sent you, on November 15, 1948, a memorandum dealing with the Carlo Tresca murder case and the Juliet Stuart Poyntz disappearance case, in which the name of George Mink was one of those mentioned as being involved in certain crimes.

(Mink was accused by Tresca in his journal, Il Martello, and also by Benjamin Gitlow in a book cited in the memorandum referred to above, of being an assassin in the employ of the Soviet Russian secret police.)

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We have just been informed that Mink was recently reported to be on the Pacific Coast. We are told that a report to this effect appeared in Victor Riesel's syndicated newspaper column on April 5 and 6 (apparently in San Francisco, or maybe in Oakland) and he is supposed to have come to that coast from Russia.

We don't know whether the Riesel syndicated column appears in other cities simultaneously with his column in the New York Daily Mirror, where it originates, and where it bears the title, Inside Labor.

Friends of Tresca in the past have looked with apprehension on Mink's appearance in any area, for reasons that are indicated in our memorandum of November 15, 1948.

ENCLOSURE

I am sure that you will want to check on his movements in the Far West, especially in view of the present tense international situation.

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Sincerely,
Norman Thomas
Norman Thomas, Chairman

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THE COMMITTEE: Norman Thomas, Chairman; Angelica Balabanoff, William Henry Chamberlin, Frank Crosswait, John Dewey, Varian Fry, Aron S. Gilmartin, America Gonzalez, Sidney Hertzberg, John Haynes Holmes, Sidne Hook, Harry Kelly, Lister M. Oak, A. Philip Randolph, Sheha Strunsky, M. R. Werner, Edmund Wilson, Bertram D. Wolf

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*at Nov. 15, 1948
referred to by
Thomas.*

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Enclosure*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: CARLO TRESCA

DATE: April 26, 1950

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| Mr. Tolson | ✓ |
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Reference is made to the attached letter from Norman Thomas, chairman of the Tresca Memorial Committee, dated April 14, 1950, in which Mr. Thomas referred to his memorandum to this Bureau dated November 15, 1948, dealing with the Carlo Tresca murder case and the Juliet Stuart Poyntz disappearance in which the name of George Mink was mentioned as being involved in certain crimes. He pointed out that according to reports of April 5 and 6 in Victor Riesel's syndicated newspaper column, Mink was reported to be on the West Coast and supposed to have come to the United States from Russia.

You commented: "Let me have memo on Tresca murder & what we did re memo of Nov. 15, 1948 referred to by Thomas."

CARLO TRESCA MURDER CASE

Carlo Tresca was shot and killed on January 11, 1943, as he left his office on Fifth Avenue, New York City. Tresca was an anarchist and the publisher of the newspaper "Il Martello." He was intensely disliked by Fascists and Communists whom he vitriolically attacked in his newspaper.

The murderer has not been identified although the New York City Police Department reportedly conducted an extensive investigation of this case. As you will recall, the FBI took no part in this investigation.

MEMORANDUM FROM MR. THOMAS
DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1948

In this memorandum Mr. Thomas called our attention to information concerning the Tresca and Poyntz cases which appeared in the book entitled "The Whole of Their Lives" by Benjamin Gitlow, former secretary general of the Communist Party, USA. Gitlow declares that the Tresca killing stemmed from a feud between Tresca and Enea Sormenti, with aliases Contreras and Vidali, an agent of the Russian secret service. That feud, Mr. Gitlow states, had grown out of the murder of one of Tresca's close friends in Spain for which Tresca blamed Sormenti and George Mink.

Another factor leading to the Tresca murder, according to Gitlow, was that Tresca dared to buck the Russian secret service and furnished information to the Federal Grand Jury. Gitlow claims Poyntz was kidnapped and murdered by the Russians because she was writing a book concerning her experiences with the Russians and planned to defect.

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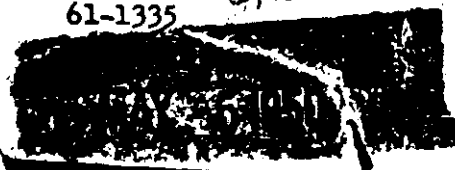
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Mr. Thomas' memorandum of November 15, 1948, also calls our attention to further information in Mr. Gitlow's book wherein it is stated that George Mink was working for the Russian secret service in Spain during the Spanish Civil War and on instructions of the Russians liquidated many Trotskyites among the Spanish Loyalists. It appears that Mr. Thomas has called our attention to this memorandum because of its reference to George Mink in view of the fact that Mink is now reported to be on our West Coast.

Gitlow's book had previously been reviewed at the Bureau and a summarization of its contents was prepared for you on November 2, 1948. Mr. Thomas advised that the information appearing in his memorandum of November 15, 1948 had been furnished to Frank S. Hogan, New York County District Attorney. Therefore, Mr. Thomas' memorandum was acknowledged and no further action taken as it added nothing to the information already in our possession. At the time we were conducting an active investigation of George Mink. This investigation is still in progress.

STATUS OF THE GEORGE MINK CASE

The March 31, 1950, issue of the publication Counterattack included information that George Mink was directing the agitation and propaganda of the Communist Party on the West Coast. This Communist Party activity included a plan to "tie up West Coast shipping." Mink was alleged to be organizing and directing a strike of unprecedented violence at San Pedro, California, and was also alleged to be active in Los Angeles, California. It was claimed that Mink was receiving the assistance of the Communist Party and Communist front organizations. (San Francisco teletype - April 3, 1950)

The New York Office advised on April 19, 1950, that Victor Riesel, who writes "Inside Labor" for the New York Daily Mirror, advised that information concerning Mink which was published in his syndicated column of April 5, 1950, was obtained from Counterattack. (New York teletype - April 19, 1950)

670 On April 14, 1950, the Los Angeles Office advised that investigation indicated that the rumor regarding Mink's presence on the West Coast originated in an unverified report relative to Mink dated February 23, 1950, prepared by [REDACTED] the Luckenback Steamship Company, Terminal Island, California. This information, which was distributed to Counterattack, stated that Mink was identified by "one of my team in Seaside, Oregon, on or about February 15. I have information that he is trying to get the saw mill and lumber workers out on strike on some obscure issue." On interview Splane admitted that the above information was entirely unsubstantiated and had been furnished in its entirety by an informant described by him as a "nut and screwball and an investigative complex."

[REDACTED] San Pedro, California, advised that he had no definite information that Mink was on the West Coast. He stated that his conclusion was formed from bits of conversation that he had overheard two months ago at the Sailors Union of the Pacific Hall, Wilmington, California. [REDACTED] believed that he recalled hearing the names of "George," "Linkert," "Minny," and "Marky" mentioned and from this he jumped to the conclusion that George Mink was being discussed. Gray stated that the seamen discussing these names were unknown to him but that the persons mentioned by the seamen were stated to be residing at Seaside, Oregon. [REDACTED] subsequently advised [REDACTED] that George Mink was located at Seaside, Oregon and commented to [REDACTED] that if Mink was there, strikes could be expected among saw mill and lumber workers on any obscure issue.

The Los Angeles Office also developed information from an informant that George Mink had allegedly resided at the home of Charles Dirba, 12036 Rochester Street, Los Angeles, California, for a couple of nights during the week previous to April 4, 1950. The Los Angeles Office is checking on this information at the present time. (Los Angeles teletype - April 14, 1950)

On April 10, 1950, the Portland Office advised that investigation at Seaside, Oregon, revealed no information to indicate that an attempt had been made to foment strikes in the lumber and saw mill unions. Also, investigation at Seaside, Oregon, failed to reveal any information indicating that Mink was in that area. (Portland teletype - April 10, 1950)

ACTION

The investigation to determine George Mink's present location and activities will be continued.

Attachment

April 19, 1950

Mr. Norman Thomas
33A Gramercy Park
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 14, 1950, advising of information that has come to your attention relative to the whereabouts of George Mink.

Inquiries are now being made to determine the whereabouts of Mink. I appreciate your interest in bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. Edgar Hoover
Special Agent in Charge
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc - Branigan
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TO : W. A. Branigan *W.A.B.*

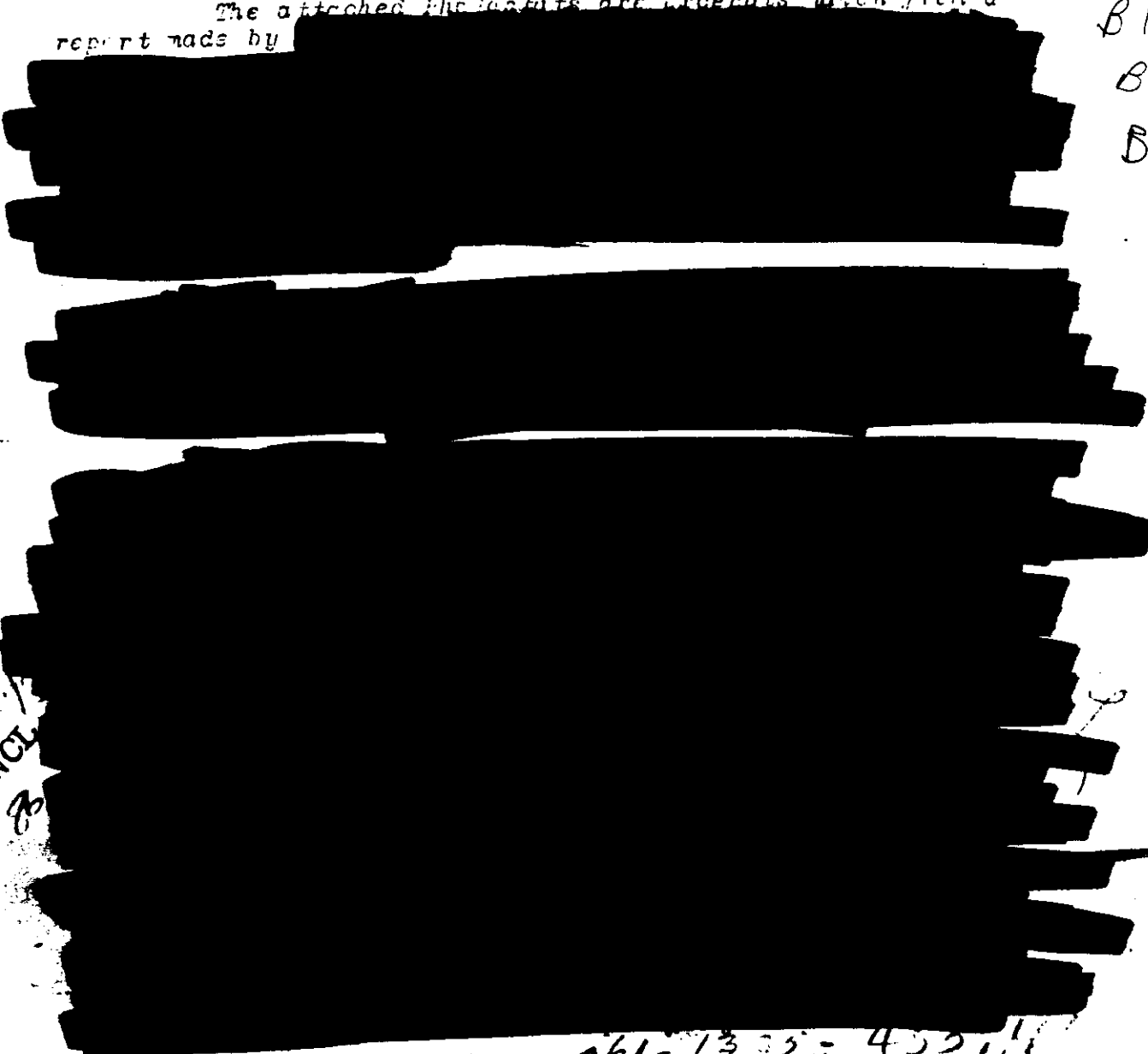
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ACTION:

It is recommended that the attached material be carefully reviewed to determine whether there is further action to be taken by the Bureau in this matter.

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TO : MR. NEASE *[Handwritten initials]*

FROM : L. E. SHORT *[Handwritten initials]*

SUBJECT: CARLO TRESCA
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That the above-listed bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material contained therein.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

re: PEARSON AND ALLEN BROADCAST
7:00 P.M., January 17, 1943

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| Mr. Tolson | ✓ |
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| Mr. Nease | |
| Miss Beahm | |
| Miss Gandy | |

1. Murder of CARLOS TRESKA at New York. Pearson stated, "New York police are still baffled over the murder of CARLOS TRESKA, the Italian-American editor who crusaded against Mussolini. Here is a tip to the police—just before he was killed, CARLOS TRESKA was helping organize a nation-wide group of anti-Fascist Italians. This was resented by many Mussolini men right here in the United States. These Mussolini men are still on the loose. At least one thousand of them still have medals from Mussolini. They made frequent trips to Italy. They collaborated with the Italian Embassy, and, even since Pearl Harbor, they remained unwatched in the U.S.A. So I suggest that Attorney General EIDDLE not leave this to the New York police but unleash J. EDGAR HOOVER and his G-Men on these dangerous Italian-Fascists."

Inasmuch as there is nothing in this case to indicate any matter coming within the jurisdiction of this Bureau, no action is being taken by the FBI. Although this Bureau has no positive indications as to the affiliations of TRESKA, it is believed that he was working for the MAZZINI SOCIETY, which, you will recall, has been exerting itself in anti-Fascist work for both the British and OWI.

2. War Department issued a statement whitewashing the St. Louis Ordnance plant Pearson said, "The Justice Department was amazed yesterday when the War Department issued a statement 'whitewashing' the St. Louis Ordnance plant which the FBI is investigating for making defective shells. The War Department, I can reveal, issued its whitewash without even reading some of the affidavits signed by munitions workers stating that defective shells had passed inspectors and were sent to the War Department. However, I can state that the Justice Department and the FBI will proceed with their Grand Jury probe regardless of whitewashes by Army 'Brass Hats'."

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This case was discussed in a memorandum on the Pearson broadcast, dated January 11, 1943, by Agent CANNON. The file in this case indicates that MIS is cooperating in the case with the FBI in a favorable manner.

3. JOHN L. LEWIS will be ousted from UMW of A by end of war. Pearson told the miners were up in arms because JOHN L. LEWIS has increased their dues 50 cents a month to organize dairy farmers, chemists, and white-collar workers who have nothing to do with mining. He then predicted, "Tomorrow the more patriotic miners will return to work. Some will not. If they went about it peaceably instead of striking they probably would get a wage increase because of higher living costs and because the mine operators were given a boost in the price of coal. But I predict that the rank and file of coal miners who have stood by JOHN L. LEWIS through thick and thin in the past now will turn against him. Finally, I predict that by the end of the war JOHN L. LEWIS will be ousted as head of the United Mine Workers of America."



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The Bureau has recently been receiving information indicating that the Communists are making frantic efforts to induce the miners to return to work and not hinder the Allied war effort.

4. Predicts that soon ROOSEVELT will let it be known that democracy in North Africa must be reborn and to aid this ROBERT/SHERWOOD will be appointed as U. S. Minister to North Africa. Pearson stated, "North Africa:- Two weeks ago I told how the army and the DONOVAN COMMITTEE were trying to take propaganda work over in North Africa away from the office of War Information and that in protest ROBERT SHERWOOD, the famous playwright in charge of North African propaganda, has resigned. In addition to SHERWOOD, ARCHIBALD Mac LEISH, EDGAR MAURER, JAMES WARBURG and JOSEPH BARNES (phonetic) all threatened to quit. This strategy worked. The President refused to accept their resignations and also refused to transfer war propaganda away from them to the army and DONOVAN COMMITTEE. So here is my prediction: PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT soon will let it be known that democracy in French North Africa must be reborn; must begin from the roots up. I predict that he will encourage the people of France to set up a new democracy based not upon cast-off leaders who cooperated with HITLER, but on the reorganized government, including GENERAL GIRAUD, who escaped from a Nazi prison camp, and GENERAL DEGAULLE, who will soon go to North Africa, and will have the faith to work with the Allies; and also including new leaders really representative of the French people. Finally, I predict that to help them, ROBERT SHERWOOD, whose famous plays 'Abe Lincoln in Illinois' and 'There Shall be no Night', have made him one of the world's great champions of democracy, will be appointed by ROOSEVELT as U.S. Minister to North Africa."

Respectfully,


Rush G. Glick



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

April 25, 1943

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Broadcast 9:00 P.M.
Initiated 11:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
APRIL 25, 1943

The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

RE-REGISTRATION ACT AND SEDITION MATTERS

George Sylvester Viereck and Sedition and Espionage

Mr. Winchell stated, "Washington. The second trial of George Sylvester Viereck, the admitted Nazi agent, is scheduled some time in June. Prosecutors John Rogge and J. Edgar Hoover have convened a special grand jury for the Viereck sedition case, some time next month."

The Bureau has been advised by the Department of Justice that the special grand jury will be convened and the Bureau is also in receipt of a report that a special investigation will be conducted of the jury panel.

You will recall that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover has been designated as special prosecutor to succeed Mr. William Power Maloney in the case involving thirty-four individuals previously indicted for conspiracy to violate one of the conspiracy statutes. Mr. Rogge is reviewing all the evidence which was presented to the previous grand jury under the direction of Mr. Maloney, who obtained two indictments against these individuals. Mr. Rogge contemplates representing the entire case to a new grand jury for the purpose of obtaining a third indictment.

B. Hamilton Fish Bill

Mr. Winchell stated, "Washington. The terrible and horrible news announced by the President this week that the Japs butcher American flyers after the Tokyo raid contained this grim irony: One of the Congressman who demanded vengeance and more bombing was the ardent Hamilton Fish of New York. Not very well known to the general public, however, is this, that Congressman Fish offered a new bill in the House affected all persons



McWilliams, Joe

accused of trying to undermine this government before Pearl Harbor, this new Congressman Fish bill would have the Department of Justice and FBI in prosecution of thirty-four persons who charged with Sedition, the of which section Townsend, was convicted for being a Japanese agent.

The bill to which Mr. Winchell referred is being followed by the Bureau and the same was placed in the hopper on March 31, 1945 by Congressman Fish. This bill relates to Section 9, Title 18, United States Code, which is commonly referred to as the peacetime Sedition Statute.

The Hamiltonian bill amends the present statute with reference to conspiracy prosecutions under that section and makes it obligatory that the prosecution show that each one of the conspirators in fact was engaged in its own way in furtherance of the conspiracy. The bill further provides that venue for trial will be ordered the district where the defendant resides. It is retroactive to December 31, 1943, and it is passed would make it necessary to prosecute each of the thirty-four persons now under indictment on conspiracy to violate Espionage laws, Section 17, Title 18, United States Code, in the District of Columbia, of course, would be possible under the Fish amendment to this section. No action has been taken on the bill to date, and it is now understood to be in the hands of the Judiciary Committee.

Joe McWilliams

Mr. Winchell stated: "Chicago, Joe McWilliams, who is reported by me over this network many times, continues to go on with his swastika parade, his latest propaganda is 'The New Democracy' which he once condemned in the streets of New York. Joe McWilliams, in case you are not aware, has spoken from the same platform with Gerald L. K. Smith and praised Hitlerism. His network is out of Chicago where it is reported his propaganda booklets are published and supported by one Alice Rand - R A N D. This lady's name, however, is really Mrs. Alexis DeFarnowsky, wife of an officer in the Army of the United States. How do you like that?"

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II. ITALIAN ACTIVITIES

Carlos Tresca

Mr. Winchell stated, "A wild pamphlet, not being distributed in the States and purporting to give clues on the mysterious murder of Carlos Tresca, was widely distributed in New York. The police has aroused the District Attorney of New York, who is the notice are searching for the author. The case, which is the notice since the murder of Arnold Rothstein, has international and Governor Dewey may step in to it in his old role of crime buster."

The pamphlet to which Mr. Winchell referred is undoubtedly a treatise prepared by a Mr. Ezio Tadel and Mrs. Tresca, in which it charged that Communists were responsible for Tresca's murder. They did not specifically name him but by choice of language referred to Jesus Bonaventura Tadel, commonly known as Carlos Contreras, reported to be an agent and gunman for the Communist Party in Mexico. SIS information from Mexico indicates that Contreras was seen in Cincinnati, Mexico, about five days before the Tresca murder, and an unknown woman reported to a newspaper in New York that he was seen in New York immediately before the murder. He is reported to have engaged in several killings of Communist Party instructions, and while in Cincinnati shortly before the Tresca murder is said to have killed a rabid anti-Communist. Since the Tresca murder, he is also reported to have killed another anti-Communist in Mexico.

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Since the Bureau is not actively investigating the Tresca murder, which is, in fact, being covered by the New York Police Bureau, endeavoring to check and follow the activities of Contreras.

III. COMMUNIST ACTIVITY

Relationship between the Communist Party and General Franco

Mr. Winchell stated: "Mexico City. The Communist Party of South America has been ordered to temper its attacks against Franco. Experts frankly state that Stalin is hoping for a better relationship with the Vatican and many highly informed diplomats believe that a public understanding relating to Hitler, as a common enemy will be reached by the Vatican and the Kremlin."

It might be noted that there is, in fact, no "Communist Party of South America", since the party is divided into units within the various countries of South America, and there is a Communist Party of Chile, Communist Party of Argentina, etc.

Information has been furnished to the Bureau indicating that many of the various Communist groups in South America have been instructed to discontinue attacks against Franco. The attitude of the Communist Party in the United States has been strongly against Franco and in fact, has openly advocated the overthrow of his government. The use of force against Franco by the Communist Party in the United States has continually been a theme of the State Department because of the State Department's policy toward Franco, complaining particularly against the shipping of oil to Spain and against the continued imprisonment of Loyalist soldiers.

A memorandum was recently prepared on the Communist Party's attitude in this connection at the request of the Attorney General, who has recently received a copy of a communication addressed by the State Department to the White House with reference to the current attitude which the Communist Party had taken toward the State Department.

GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU

Mr. Swenson stated: "Stockholm, Sweden, with the participation of the Allies."

The New York Office advised yesterday that a confidential informant

concerning the... all members of the United States Legation...
...of Stockholm, Sweden and stated...
...Germany...
...requested that Mr. Winchell give this story prominent...
...information was available indicating Robert...
...Foundation.

California Committee to Investigate Subversive Activities

Mr. Winchell stated: "Sacramento. The California State Committee probing un-American activities in California has issued its report which demands wider circulation. I think this organization of alert Americans pointed out that the subversive groups among us are not dead, that they are again coming out of their holes and unless something is done to curb them, they will plague the nation after the war. California investigators are among those who have also been attacked by certain peculiar representatives of Washington, D. C., whose red tape does all it can to blind them. It is to remind all of you ladies and gentlemen that the red tape which seals another man's lips may one day be used as a rope around your neck."

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Post Office Box 2544
Boston, Massachusetts

February 10, 1941

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted]
Report of [redacted] [redacted]
dated 1-13-41

Confidential informant [redacted] referred to in the
above report is [redacted] b7D

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Very truly yours,

V. W. PETERSON
Special Agent in Charge

VP:SC

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TELETYPE

October 12, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

REFER - ONI

[REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] asked if ONI had received any information concerning the killing of Carlos Tresca, to which he replied in the negative.

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It was pointed out to [REDACTED] that the Bureau was not interested in the murder as such but only in the groups and individuals involved.

respectfully

E. D. Webb

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

11:AM

January 9, 1932.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Packer of the State Department called and referred to a letter from the Bureau requesting that an attempt be made to decipher a telegram sent abroad by Carlo Tresca.

Mr. Packer said that this matter had already been referred to them by Mr. Bannerman, their Chief Special Agent in Charge, and that they had looked at it and they were of the opinion that the telegram was precisely what it purported to be on its face; that the person to whom it was addressed was the wife and in connection therewith there was a possibility that there existed a passport fraud; that this matter the matter is being looked into by Mr. Bannerman in various details; and that if we did not object we would not answer the letter and simply ask if there was any objection to the proposed procedure from us.

Respectfully,


H. Nathan.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.
January 9, 1932.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the telegram submitted by the New York Police Department to the New York Office, sent by a radical, Carlo Tresca, to Moscow, which was thought to be in regard to the recent bomb outrages, Mr. Packer of the State Department telephoned Mr. Nathan that this was not a confidential message but was sent by Tresca to his wife.

The State Department had already received the message through Mr. Bannerman, their agent at New York, and an investigation is being made of a possible passport violation.

No reply is to be made to the Bureau letter to the State Department.

The above information was telephoned to Mr. Tamm at New York.

Respectfully,

C. A. Appel

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January 8, 1932.

Mr. Robert F. Kelley,
Chief, Division of Eastern European Affairs,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

My dear Mr. Kelley:

In connection with the alleged bomb plot wherein bombs were mailed to various individuals recently, the New York police have received a copy of a cablegram sent by Carlos Tresca, the well known radical, which they believe to be in code. They further believe that this cablegram from the circumstances in which it was found may have a bearing on the bomb outrages and they desire all assistance on its decoding. I shall appreciate anything you may do to assist in this matter. The cablegram reads as follows:

"November 12, 1931 N. L. T. (This simply refers to the class of service)

Harkavy Europa Moscow (Russia)

Best wishes loving thoughts on birthday hoping occasion birth letter from you to us Lonnie home all walk love.

Louis/Carlo."

This cablegram was received by the Western Union from Tresca at his address in New York.

The above was received by telephone from the New York office of the Bureau and of course it will be appreciated if prompt consideration may be given the matter.

Sincerely yours,
For the Director,

Assistant Director.

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Handwritten note: Bombing of Carter, Va

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P. O. Box 251,
Grand Central Station,
New York, N. Y.

January 2, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,
Bureau of Investigation,
P. O. Box 239,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Re UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Interstate Transportation
of Explosives.

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FILE

Reference is made to the recent Post Office bombing in Easton, Pa resulting in the death of two postal clerks. Reference is also made to the recent shipment of bombs from New York through the Railway Express Agency to various prominent Italians in the cities of Chicago, Cleveland, Youngstown and Detroit. Investigation by this office has developed that the bombs sent through the mails and through the Railway Express Agency were undoubtedly dispatched by the same parties, although the identity of those responsible is unknown. The police of the cities mentioned and also of New York and Philadelphia are actively engaged in the investigation of this matter.

As a result of the police activity in this matter the Cleveland Police arrested one Quinto Faini, former secretary of an Anti-Fascisti organization at Cleveland, and in searching his room found correspondence concerning one Vani Secondo, of 184 Norfolk Ave., Roxbury, Mass. A comparison of the handwriting of Secondo with the handwriting appearing on the bomb package received at the Italian Consulate at Cleveland indicates that the two bear a strong resemblance to each other.

There is attached hereto a copy of my memorandum dated January 2, 1932 containing substance of my telephone conversation with Acting S. C. Reinecke, Detroit, Michigan concerning the above and which is self explanatory. It is requested that your office conduct an appropriate investigation at Roxbury, Mass. and obtain all available information concerning Vani Secondo. It is suggested that this investigation be conducted discretely inasmuch as Secondo may possibly be implicated. His movements on the date of the bombing should particularly be ascertained and whether he owns an automobile.

For your information the Detroit office is forwarding via Special Delivery a photograph of Quinto Faini to the Philadelphia Bureau office and to your office for possible use in this investigation.

CC Bureau
CC Philadelphia

Very truly yours,

Special Agent in Charge.

April 24, 1929.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. WILLENBRANDT.

There is transmitted herewith for your information a copy of a newspaper clipping which has been received by the Bureau relative to conditions in the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #133275.

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ATLANTA PRISON THRIVING MARKET OF DRUG TRAFFIC

Willebrandt Espionage Crippled

• Reform Efforts, Opinion
of Carlo Tresca

EDITOR SAW MORPHINE
SOLD AT \$2,034 OUNCE

One Prisoner Broke Parole to
Re-enter Profitable Smuggling
Business in Penitentiary

Carlo Tresca, editor of the Liberal, Anti-Fascist, Italo-American newspaper *Il Martello*, contributes the following observations on conditions in the Federal Prison at Atlanta as a commentary on the recent controversy between Warden Snook and Mabel Walker Willebrandt, which ended with the resignation of the former. Mr. Tresca served four months of a twelve-month sentence in Atlanta for printing a forbidden advertisement. Protest against his imprisonment was based on the charge that his prosecution was actually due to *Il Martello's* opposition to Mussolini and his party.

By Carlo Tresca

Neither horse-thief nor bootlegger, I landed in the Atlanta Prison on January 7, 1925, my crime consisting in a campaign against the Mussolini regime in this free Republic of the United States.

I had taken the train from the Pennsylvania Station handcuffed to another prisoner, a poor devil of a thief, who was surprised to see so many newspaper men and camera men gathered at the station and making a fuss about his fellow-prisoner. At the same time he was happy at being photographed with me, and the idea that his picture would appear in the papers was perhaps the greatest elation in his whole life. We were accompanied by a husky Italian-American Marshal, who was supposed to be our bodyguard, but in the train we found a young man, who was introduced to us as another member of the staff of United States Marshals. I was told that the young man was there to assist the Marshal in keeping guard over us, particularly over the other poor wretch.

The journey was a long one. The bedding was great. We naturally began to talk, and, to my surprise, I

found that the young, supposed-to-be deputy sheriff was but a law student. It was some time before he made his identity known to me. He asked me several times what my opinion was about the charge, the District Attorney, and the way they had treated me. I replied quite gently that for me it was a question of officers of two different armies confronting each other; that I had done my duty for my cause, and that they had done their own duty in their own way; that under such circumstances no feeling of personal animosity entered my mind, as far as my accusers were concerned.

The reason for his accompanying me I found out later. The young man was a cousin of the District Attorney, and his mission was to ascertain how I reacted toward this shameful persecution. (The Judge and the District Attorney had recommended that my sentence be reduced, and this was one of their ways of finding out whether I was worthy of their "clemency.") Anyway, I served four months out of the year's sentence.

Saw Few Reforms

Shortly before I started my term the old Warden had been abruptly dismissed on the charge of taking bribes from prisoners, and Mr. Snook, a political protege of Senator Borah of Idaho, had taken his place. I had an opportunity to listen to his first speech made in the chapel and outlining his program of reforms.

We did not see many reforms. The talk all through the prison was graft. Many of the guards were looked upon as being grafters in a greater or lesser degree. The main topic of conversation was the smuggling in of dope. My request to be sent to the prison farm was rejected for reasons unknown to me. It so happened that I was put in cell-house A, where a majority of the inmates were dope-fiends. The cell-house was even called the "dope cell-house." Having no trade outside of journalism, which is not practiced in prison, I was given the respectable job of washing the floors of all the three tiers. It was not easy labor, but it allowed me to stay out of the cell most of the day and to come into close contact with my fellow inmates.

The first dope fiend I became acquainted with was a dark-eyed, nice looking Spaniard with an unusually alert expression. He was something of an artist. Most of the time he spent in his cell drawing. He did not like to leave his cell, and kept to himself most of the time while the others were working. He asked me to pose for him and made my portrait during rest hours. I do not think it was a bad drawing. Still, when I asked him the price (he himself requested me to buy the portrait), he demanded four cartons of cigarets. Now each carton contained twelve packages, and I thought the price rather excessive. It wasn't so much the money as curiosity that prompted me to ask why he needed

four cartons, especially when I knew that he was not a smoker himself.

"What will you do with so many cigarets?" I asked.

His prompt reply was: "Buy shots."

The young Spaniard told me a very romantic story. He told it to me with such an accent of sincerity and deep emotion that it made tears well up in my eyes. He had been a designer in a well-known costume house on Fifth Avenue, he told me. He had received a good salary. He met a young, beautiful actress with whom he became acquainted. He soon found out that she was addicted to drugs. He tried to save her by all kinds of distractions, but failed. She kept on saying to him: "It's no use; I can't resist temptation." He decided to show her by his own example how will power can overcome temptation. Thus he developed

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the drug habit himself. His aim was only to serve as a loving example, but that he himself became unable to resist, from being addicted to drugs, he proceeded to steal in order to be able to buy the drugs. Then followed degradation and shortly he found his way to jail.

The young Spaniard spoke so kindly of his beloved, beautiful girl. He was so sincere about his love for the wretched creature and his sacrifices that later, when I found out that it was all pure fiction, I suffered more than before. I soon discovered that this young Spaniard was no exception. I have known hundreds of dope fiends, married and unmarried, and every one of them blamed his ruin on some woman or other.

There was so much talk about dope in Atlanta prison, and the use of drugs was considered such a matter of fact affair, that I became interested as to the manner in which this smuggling in of morphine or heroin was taking place. Another question that interested me was how such business could be profitable, considering the risk of importation. I soon became acquainted with a prisoner who worked in the kitchen. Under conditions of imprisonment, friendships develop rapidly. The man soon was very frank with me. It turned out that he was one of the ring of drug peddlers. As a matter of fact, he was ambitious to take me into the ring. He had not been a regular peddler up to a short time before, but because his prison term was soon to expire, and he was, therefore, sent out on other errands, he was in contact with the outside world, and that gave him an opportunity to carry the drugs into the kitchen to a waiter who was one of the ring-leaders in this drug traffic.

Profit Enormous

Later I became acquainted with the waiter himself. From him I learned that he had once broken his prison term, and had come back to prison to continue the business for a certain length of time.

"One year more, and I'll have enough to live in peace to the end of my life," the man told me. He had a wife outside and a big automobile. I saw his wife coming to see him, all bedecked with gorgeous clothes. Living with the dope-fiends, talking with them, watching them act and dream, I understood them so well that I succeeded in making them believe that I was one of them. In order to avert suspicion, I even bought a few "shoes," which, of course, I did not use. The source of income is plain. One ounce was divided into 480 grains; one grain into 4 shots; one shot was sold for one carton of cigars, the price of one carton was \$1.20. Multiply \$1.20 by 480, and you obtain \$576 per ounce. That while of an ounce as

I was talking to a young man in Cell 9-7, we heard shouts for help from Cell 9-7. The officer ran up, I following. We found a man in a state of coma on the floor of the cell. The officer shrugged his shoulders, saying in disgust:

"Hell! He has got an overdose. Must take him to the hospital!" Obviously, the drug smuggling was no mystery to the authorities. I helped carry the man to the hospital, where we waited some time for the arrival of the physician. In the hospital, an attendant, also a prisoner, told me the story of a prisoner, who had opened a vein on his thigh with a safety pin to inject the dope, and suffered an infection. Seeing the expression of surprise on my face, the man said:

"Oh, that's nothing. He then told me the case of another who had made the same operation, became infected, came to the hospital with gangrene, and died within two days.

The outsider might assume that, in a place where prisoners cannot carry or receive a single cent in actual money, it would be impossible to transact business. To prove to myself and to others that the reverse was the case, I sent out, on different occasions through the regular underground channels, i. e., by paying the mail department prisoner a carton of cigars each time, two letters, one after another, to Mr. Roger Baldwin of the American Civil Liberties Union, No. 100 Fifth Avenue, New York. One letter contained a \$10 bill; another a \$5 bill. In the letter I requested Mr. Baldwin to mail the money back to me in care of the Warden. This was promptly done, and thus it became evident to me that money was circulated freely in Atlanta Prison.

Smuggled in Guitar

One drug peddler, an Italian, whom I later met outside as a free man, approached me one day, and, after exchanging with me some kind words about my sufferings, about the damage to my life caused by the jail term, he begged me to grant him the pleasure of assisting me in my travel. In spite of my protestations to the contrary, he actually pressed a \$100 bill into my hands, asking me to stop my investigation. I told him not to worry, since I was not an informer and was only enjoying myself. But the prison was agog.

How was the drug smuggled in? I have already mentioned the case of the prisoner working in the kitchen and bringing the drugs straight from the outside. There were many other ingenious ways. Here is one instance: A prisoner located in Cell house B, one day received a guitar from an unknown friend. The man was not under a narcotic charge, that is to say, he was not under suspicion, while those known to be drug addicts are vigilantly watched more carefully. Another prisoner who was under narcotic charge and occupied the adjacent cell, asked the recipient

was a guard, to be an agent of the Department of Justice. After a thorough examination the man searched the guitar and found inside of it an envelope with one grain of dope.

The story aroused a great commotion in the prison. The recipient of the guitar was placed under narcotic charge and punished. The guard who made the find reported it on April 20 to the Department of Justice. The prisoner, who had never used any drugs was victimized. But only the insiders knew that the guitar had come in with two full ounces of drugs without the knowledge of the recipient of the guitar, that the neighbor of the recipient had taken out all the drugs to distribute in the regular channels leaving only one grain to be found later by the guard, and that the guard himself, a special agent of the Department of Justice, was an active member of the drug ring. At least this was the understanding of those in the prison who were supposed to know. The raids in the cells were made on purpose to show Washington that something drastic was being done.

Visited Warden

That guards are a party to the ring I soon found out by myself. On April 27 a prisoner was searched while working in a private office. In the prisoner's pocket they found a few grains of morphine. But later there were found four ounces of morphine in a barn back of the same house. The "find" was due to a rivalry between two gangs of guards. But to return to my own fate. The guards did not like my doings. They began to pease me in various ways. They tried to irritate me. They treated me with contempt. It was at that time that I received an "invitation" from Warden Snook to come to see him.

In the outer office I found an unassuming, quiet, restrained man, intent on showing me that he had read some penology and that he was a cultured man. He excused himself for not having called me before; he excused himself for keeping some of my books, and to my complaint that I was being censored in my reading, and that difficulties were placed in the way of sending out my notes to outside friends, he replied that there was no censoring at all, that he simply

"I was very much interested in those books," Mr. Snook told me. "And please, have patience. Do not expect to get the second volume before I have finished it."

Later I realized that this was an excuse on his part to be able to call me in again. Mr. Snook dilated about his intention of ridding the institution of this affliction. He had heard, he said, that I was also interested in the problem. Would I not be good enough to assist him in his work? I had had enough experience with jailers, and, therefore, my only reply was that I was not bent on reforming myself or others. Mr. Snook dropped the subject.

As I was leaving the prison walls, a free man again, Mr. Snook invited me to see him. He was all kindness, but the guards and especially the deputy warden had been very severe. In fact, they had looked over my books page by page. They went over all my letters, and searched me twice all over my body. Failing to find anything incriminating, they had become more and more irritated, and searched me once more before letting me out.

My impression is that Mr. Snook honestly tried to eliminate the dope traffic, but he found himself at odds with Mrs. Wilbebrandt, who tried to absolutely new to me, and I was compelled to ask for explanations. A long conversation about dope ensued.

Apply to the prison the same methods which she uses in fighting Prohibition. She attempted to crush the evil by placing stool pigeons directly responsible to the Department of Justice. Thus there were actually two authorities within the prison walls, and Mr. Snook had no control over the situation.

It is highly probable that the stool pigeons themselves made matter worse, as they might easily have taken in the goods or assisted the ring inside. When one remembers that cell house A, known as the dope cell house, contained between 900 and 1,000 prisoners, and that the whole prison contained between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners, and that the price of every shot was \$1.20, and that shots were used as often as possible, it is obvious that it is a business yielding enormous profits.

Mr. Rosen
Mr. McCabe
Mr. Donohue SAC, New York
Mr. O'Grady

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August 12, 1946

Director, FBI

CAPGA

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Reference is made to your letter of August 6, 1946, requesting authority to pay [redacted] the sum of \$25 a week to cover any expenses he might incur in conjunction with inquiries being made regarding the Capga case.

Based upon your recommendation concerning the reliability and productivity of this informant, authority is given in accordance with your request to pay this informant the sum of \$25 per week for a period of one month effective immediately. Two weeks prior to the expiration of this authorized payment period, you should submit an informant summary concerning his activities and your recommendation concerning the informant's continuance on this payment basis.

New York points out that this informant furnished considerable information in the Carlo Tresca Internal Security - I investigation. He has a wide acquaintance in Italian circles and New York feels that informant will be able to furnish a great deal of information in connection with the Capga case.

[Redacted block]

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United States Department of Justice
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 New York, New York



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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August 6, 1946

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Director, FBI

Re: CAPGA

Dear Sir:

~~CONF. INFO~~ [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, was interviewed in the New York field office on this date. It is to be recalled that this informant furnished considerable information in the CARLO PIRELLA, INTERNAL SECURITY (I) investigation, as well as many other matters that have come up in the New York Field office area where information was desired concerning persons of Italian birth.

This informant has a wide acquaintance in Italian circles and it is believed that he will be able to furnish a great deal of information in connection with the instant investigation. The informant has indicated that obtaining information of the type necessary in this particular investigation would entail some expense on his part. He indicated that the sum of \$25 a week would cover any expenses that he incurred in connection with inquiries being made for us.

Bureau authority is therefore requested to pay this informant a salary of \$25 a week for a period of one month. The data which he furnishes will be scrutinized closely, and in the event his information is not considered to be worth this amount, the Bureau will be advised that other arrangements will be effected in the event it is deemed advisable to continue this individual on the payroll.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
 E. E. CONROY, SAC

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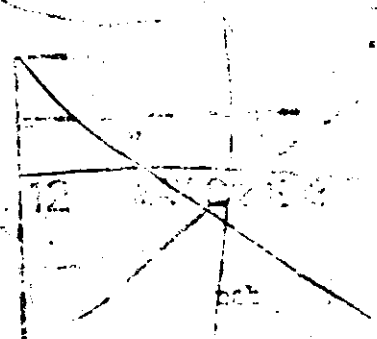
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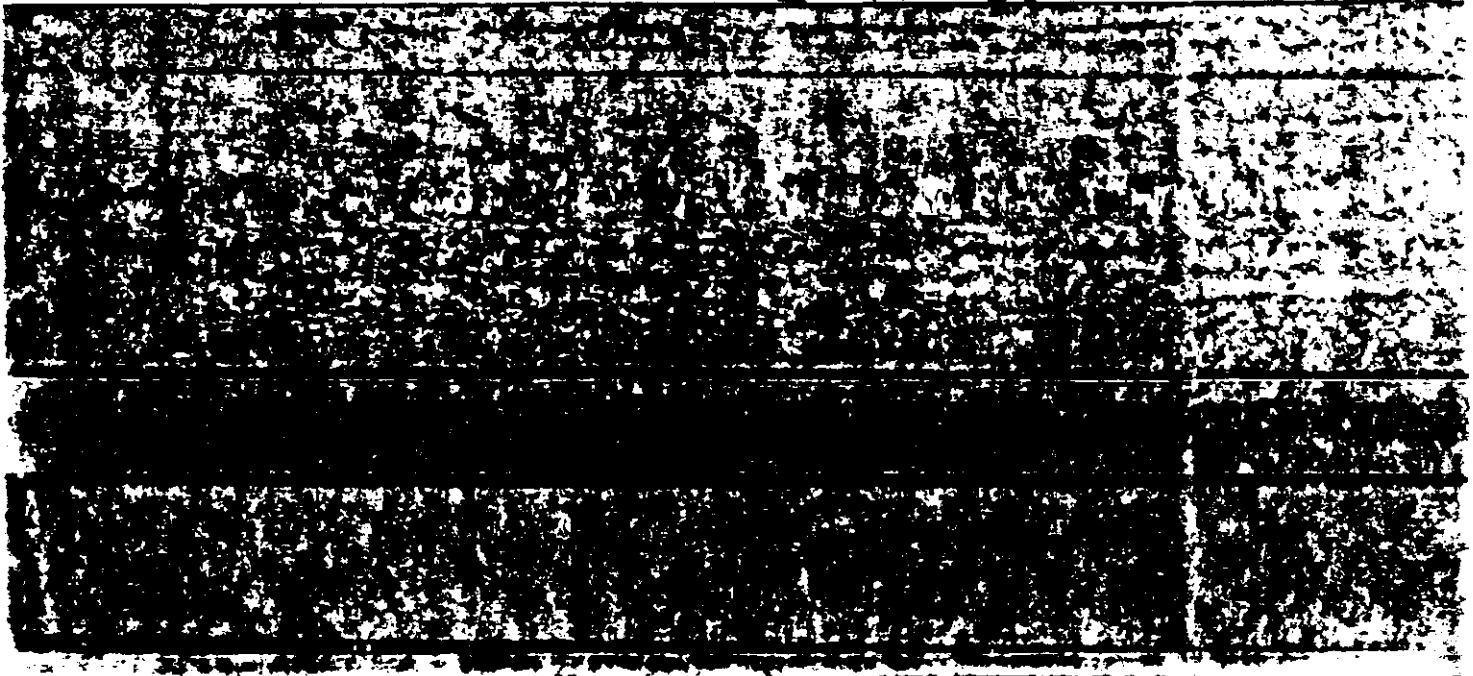
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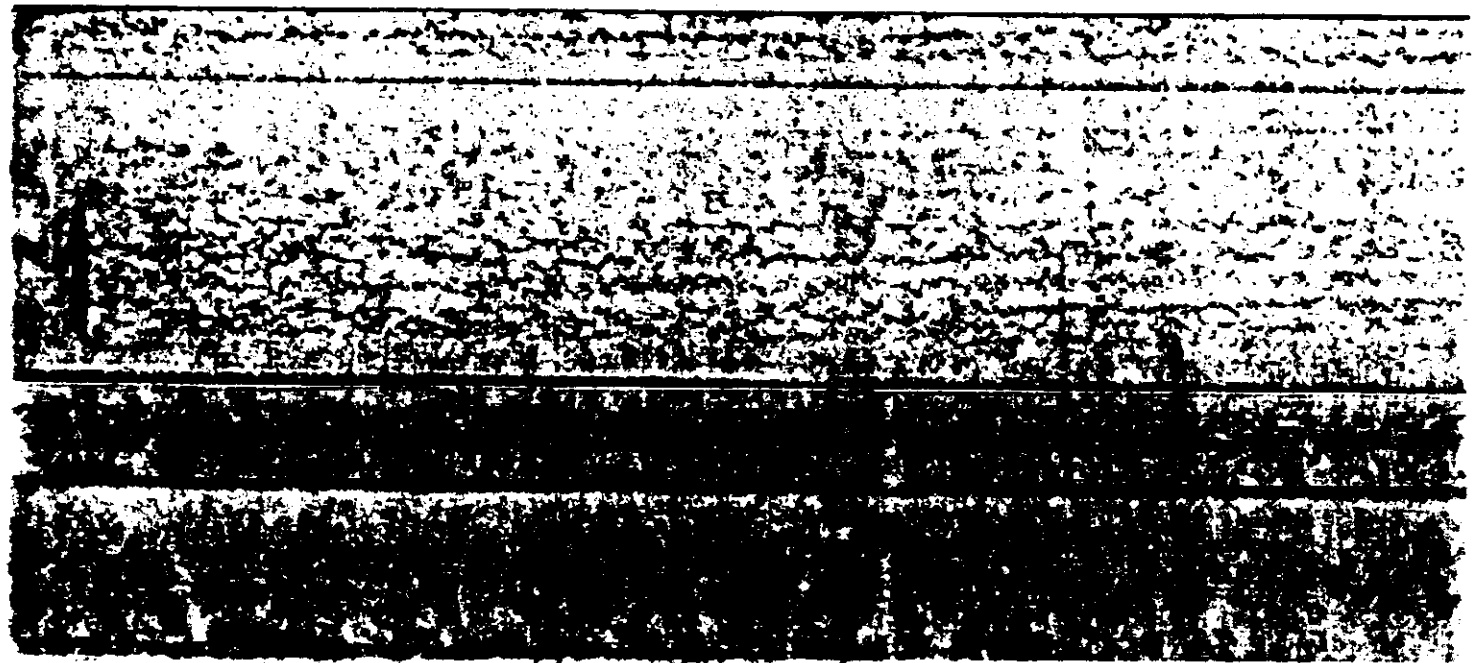
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IN RE: - ANTIFASCIST BOMBARDMENT OF JUSTICE

JAN 8 - 1932

Sir;

A careful examination of the sixty one issues of LA STAMPA LIBERA (The Free Press) of No. 80 East 10th Street, N. Y. will give you an idea of the propaganda this paper carries on among the ignorant masses, whose minds become easily incensed and highly excited at the distortion of facts about what is going on in Italy. The picture presented daily by this paper, of fascism and the leadership of Premier Mussolini, is so terroristic in its description, that the poor suckers fall for their stuff, and feel it is their duty to become martyrs to the cause, heroes of antifascism.

In the examination of every copy of this paper, you will find used the most vile language referring to the Italian regime and the american citizens who happen to sympathize in this country with the regime of fascism. Mr. Generoso Pope of the Progresso Italo Americano is especially subject to violent criticism, because as an American citizen he happens to think along different lines from the antifascists.

The instigators responsible of all these antifascist activities, culminating in the affair of Easton, Pa. are right at No. 80-East 10th Street, New York, where the leaders of the so called ANTIFASCIST ALLIANCE OF NORTH AMERICA, have their headquarters and direct their campaign through the States.

At No. 80 East 10th Street are to be found the direct responsibilities for all these outrages. They are not antifascist their antifascism is camouflage for ANARCHY. They are the enemies and their records will show, of all organized, civilized governments. THEY ARE THE REAL ENEMIES OF THE U.S.A.

Still, the U.S. Government allows these men to use the medium of the press and of the mails to incite to violence, to EDUCATE the minds of the future "martyrs; to gradually frame their minds to these acts of violence.

The defunct FASCISTI LEAGUE OF NORTH AMERICA, which was organized purposely to counteract the activities of these antifascist anarchists, was dissolved upon the RECOMMENDATION of these elements (Dr. Pansa-Carlo, Fresca- G. Valenti-G. Vacircastc- etc.) who did not look upon favorably to the organization whose aim was to rid America of the reptiles camouflaged as antifascists - but in reality-ANARCHISTS.

LA STAMPA LIBERA is nothing else but the forum, the University where all fanatics and lunatics of anarchy get their daily feed for their brains and the incentive and "courage" to violence and destruction.

The Department of Justice, From every and each copy of LA

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STAMPA LIBERA, carefully reading between the lines, and openly expressed will find the vitriolic, violent, anarchistic language which should not be permitted to circulate, for the purpose of educating the minds of the poor people to anarchy, violence and disrespect for the present form of government.

The only way out is the deportation of all the aliens who profess, teach and print theories of violence against state and individual; the punishment of those american citizens who abuse of the right granted them by our Constitution, with violent illegal, dirty attacks upon the premiers of friendly countries and their representatives here.

The newspapers, say that one of the deadly packages sent through the Easton P. O. to Mr. Grazi Italian Consul General of New York City was sent to 134 East 10th Street, N. Y. instead of 134 East 70th Street, New York. This little error, in my mind, shows just what I have brought forward in this letter, that the responsibility, even if it is only moral, can be traced to No. 80 East TENTH Street. The individual who sent the deadly package was still under the hypnotic influence and spell of the INSTIGATORS - the anarchists of No. 80 - East 10th Street, New York.

To prevent the repetition of these terroristic activities the investigation of the LA STAMPA LIBERA and all the antifascisti organizations in the U.S.A. is in order. Such investigation will undoubtedly show that we have among us, aliens and citizens, who are abusing of the prerogatives granted us under the Constitution, of FREE PRESS - FREE SPEECH - FREE KILLINGS and FREE ANARCHY.

Respectfully submitted for your prompt action and due consideration.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) S. DE CAROLIS

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your communication of February 23rd, setting forth the details of your conference with [redacted]

The Bureau is of the opinion that it would be well for you to interview [redacted] as suggested by [redacted] as possibly possessing information of value.

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Please conduct these interviews promptly, reporting the result thereof to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. Nathan
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with telephonic instructions of Assistant Director Harold Nathan, I interviewed

[redacted]
 [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa.

[redacted] He informed that he has received information indicating that Guiseppo Zangara was in Philadelphia about one year ago hanging around 8th & Christian Streets. This information was obtained by [redacted]. His informant alleged that Zangara was seen in Germantown last year and made speeches denouncing [redacted] Judge Alessandroni. I might state that Judge Alessandroni is a Municipal Court Judge.

According to [redacted] two or three persons mentioned to him the name of Angelo Gaspari, who saw Zangara in Philadelphia and worked with him on the same job. Gaspari resides at 5348 Morton Street. He is a brick layer and was working for Antonio DiRocco, contractor, Philadelphia. At the time that Zangara was employed for DiRocco he was building a wall at Chew and High Streets, Philadelphia. Gaspari said Zangara came from New York with two other brick-layers and the three of them went to work in office clothes and well shined shoes. They used no over-alls but wore aprons. According to [redacted] they had no time for anyone and they were alleged to have stolen from a church in New York City certain silver and gold relics, which relics were left in a pawn shop when the owner of the pawn shop became suspicious. [redacted] classified the three as anarchists, who will steal anything to assist them in their work. Zangara and the two other men, whose names [redacted] does not know, were employed by DiRocco only four days, from February 26th to March 1st 1932. [redacted] is inclined to believe they may have committed some jobs while in Philadelphia.

The day before yesterday [redacted] who read names from the time sheet records kept by him and at that time Gaspari was in [redacted] office. DiRocco recognized Gaspari. It was noted by [redacted] did not have Zangara's name in his time book.

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[redacted] is of the opinion that DiRocco was afraid to give Zangara's name because DiRocco may be fearful of bodily injury. DiRocco claimed at that time to remember three men, who wore good sporting clothes, and he asked the men about their working in good clothes. He claims that one of the men was named Bruno. Bruno is described as being stout, height about 5 feet 4 inches, dark brown hair.

[redacted] said that Zangara worked on this contracting job. [redacted] noted that DiRocco did not have the name of another person, viz: Antonio Margherita on his time sheet list, although Margherita was employed by DiRocco. [redacted] cannot understand why Margherita's name is not on DiRocco's list. He assumes that Margherita's and Zangara's name may have been on the same sheet, and DiRocco may have removed this sheet. He said that DiRocco and [redacted] do not remember M. DiCristoforo, whose name was in the time book; D. Della Gallo, D. Della Porta and Tony Rozano, although the names were included in the time book.

[redacted] also mentioned a young man, who recently heard a conversation in the railway station at Newark, N.J., while drinking a coca cola, which conversation was in Italian between two men, and during the course of which the name of the Supreme Venerable was mentioned, and when the men parted one of them said "I will see you in Florida." This young man told the story to Judge Alessandrini, [redacted]. He mentioned the newspaper *L'Adunata dei Perarattari*, a weekly anarchist publication printed in Newark. He exhibited a copy of the February 18th issue and told me that since he has not seen previous copies of the publication no doubt it is a new paper. He claimed that there is a possibility that the publishers of this paper were behind some of the anarchist and communist movements. b7D

[redacted] who give the name of a notorious anarchist at Jessup, Pa. The above-mentioned publication contains two notes in Italian of anarchist meetings to be held at Jessup. He also mentioned the communist paper *La Stamba Libera* published in New York City. He discussed briefly the previous bombing of his home in 1927. He mentioned that the *La Stamba Libera* was very indecent in its references about DiSilvestro after the bombing of his home on January 27th last. [redacted] said that the paper did not comment after the recent attack on President-Elect Roosevelt's life and he assumed that the editors of the paper were afraid to comment because of President Elect Roosevelt's close relationship to the American people.

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[redacted] said that he had information in 1927 that Augusto Gallanca is the Agent for the Amalgamated Union, which is against the Sons of Italy. The Amalgamated Union is a communistic organization and was directing the work of special gangs, who put explosives here and there.

[redacted] discussed briefly radical and anarchist organizations, whom he claims are divided up into many groups, all of them being against the Government [redacted]

[redacted]. He mentioned the names of anarchists, who were interested in the publication L' Adunata dei Refarattari, as follows:

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Borghi
Caparole

These parties are working in Newark and surrounding places. He also mentioned the name of Carlo Tresca, who published in New York City L' Monretello, which paper was discontinued. Tresca left New York, going to California. [redacted] heard that Tresca was coming from California to New York City prior to the time that [redacted] and after the bombing Tresca did not make the trip. [redacted] thinks it would be interesting to find out why Tresca failed to make the trip.

[redacted] said he is sailing for Italy Saturday to visit his children in Florence. He said that friends had told him, according to newspaper despatches, Zangara was not known in Italy, which would indicate that possibly Zangara is using a fictitious name. He believes that Zangara and the two brick-layers, who accompanied him to Philadelphia, had something to do with the Easton, Pa. bombing, [redacted]

[redacted] He claims that the bomb used in the Easton, Pa. bombing, at which time Postal employees were killed, was made on 8th Street in Philadelphia, and Zangara, as mentioned heretofore, was seen on 8th Street last year. [redacted] believes without a question of doubt Zangara did not make the attempt on President Elect Roosevelt's life alone but had associates. He also mentioned that DiRocco, during the aforementioned conversation, said that Bruno was brought to him by one Luigi Balente. [redacted] was making notes of this conversation and when DiRocco noticed that [redacted] was taking notes and when [redacted] asked for Balente's address, DiRocco said that this information was not correct. He said that DiRocco is a good man but is fearful that his house may be bombed. [redacted]

[redacted] has a large acquaintance and might be of some assistance. He lives in Germantown.

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February 23, 1933.

It is possible that Antonio Mezzanotte may be involved in anarchist activities and [redacted] thought it might be well to investigate him. He also lives in Germantown. b 20

[redacted] mentioned one Gebbia, formerly a member of the Sons of Italy, who has discontinued membership. He said that Gebbia is not a radical: [redacted]

[redacted] a story of all explosions in Pennsylvania. He furnished some valuable information. He thought that Gebbia might have further information relative to the activities of Zangara and others and data pertaining to bombings. He suggested that Gebbia not be approached now. Gebbia furnished the name of Alfredo Moriconi, general organizer of Amalgamated Unions, who goes around New York City. He informed that one DeLuca transmits orders from Bellanca on bombings, and other matters and is involved with the other persons interested in bombings.

[redacted] said that he was going to Washington today but did not believe he would have time to stop in to see you.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey

R.G. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge.

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 (Signed) C. R.

TO: **VITTORIO VIDALI**
 (Carlos J. Contreras)
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RECENT ACQUISITIONS IN MEXICO

Writer states that for a year he has been to Mexico City (not specifying what)

ERNESTO MARTINEZ 80 E. 14th St. N.Y.C.
CIRILO VALENZUELA
PEDRO ALLEGRA 58 CHERRY ST. N.Y.C.
ALBERTO CUPPILLI 30 1st ST. N.Y.C. (2nd fl.)
ALBERTO CUPPILLI
ARMANDO BORGHI P.O. Box 71, Roseville Sta., Newark, N.J.

HAN MARTIN
ALBERTO MARIACAPRA 242 E. 14th St. N.Y.C.

(Quote transl) "with tones broken because he ... (silence) in the elevator, my work remains unfinished"

FRANCESCO 820 BROADWAY
CARLO TRESCA dead.

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Writer states (quote lit. transl) "To meet me on any street, on any night I should have told them that they are FASCIST spies, filthy and very poisonous snakes of the OVRA. They have never come because spies crawl about in the dark, like spiders under leaves and they bite."

Writer states that the Director of the F.B.I. now dead, had disregarded his (writer's) warnings, with the result that the work of the party continues. Should anything happen to him, writer indicates that the probable source would be **ALBERTO CUPPILLI**, with a FASCIST background.

Writer names the following as members of the FASCIST group:

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| ERNESTO MALATESTA | ANGELO GELI | GIUSEPPE VIGORELLA |
| CAVALCA | FRANCESCO ROMANO | |
| TOMMILIO SICILLIANO | ANTONINO | |

EXAMINER'S NOTE - In a recent broadcast heard in WASHINGTON the name of **CARLO TRESCA**, mentioned above, was linked with the assassination of **PROF. LA MOTTE**.

ENCLOSURE - None

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IL COMITATO CENTRALE
DE LA ALIANZA GARIBALDI
 AP. POST. 777
 MEXICO, D. F.

TO:
L'UNITA DEL POPOLO
 P. O. BOX 45, STAM. D.
 NEW YORK, N. Y.
 U. S. A. *file*

LIST: NONE LIST: NONE

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GARIBALDI ALLIANCE IN MEXICO DEFENDS MEMBER AGAINST CALUMNY CIRCULATED IN THE U. S.

Cover contains an article signed by the Comitato Centrale with written request from Francesco Frola that article be published.

The Garibaldi Alliance in Mexico feels that it is its duty to defend the comrade Vittorio Vidali against the calumny being circulated about him in the U. S. where he cannot go to defend himself.

Vidali is accused of having committed the following crimes:

- (1) Assassinated thousands of Trotsky foreigners in Spain.
- (2) Participated in the assassination of Trotsky.
- (3) Involved in an attempt to get out of jail and murder Trotsky assassin (according to article entitled "Paul Castellar" in "New Leader" in New York and reproduced in "La Parola").
- (4) Murdered his own wife for which the Alliance offers the following defense:
 - (1) Vidali was a commander and commissary of the Fifth Regiment, but never belonged to the International Brigade nor did he ever direct the fight against the Fifth Column which was made up of Trotsky followers in Spain as it is everywhere.
 - (2) Vidali wasn't even questioned by the Mexican authorities in the Trotsky case.
 - (3) An investigation of the proposed plan to free and assassinate the Trotsky murderer revealed a blackmail gang made up of the jailors. Vidali's name was not even mentioned.
 - (4) Vidali's wife died of a heart attack alone in a taxi.

Those who are slandering Vidali, Carlo Fresco and Paul Castellar, who is hiding under an alias, a Spanish Trotskyist condemned by the Spanish Republic to 30 years prison for treason, are using a method typical of the agents of Hitler, Mussolini, and Franco.

EXAMINER'S NOTE: The Garibaldi Alliance admits communism, but its ranks "L'unita Del Popolo" is a labor and communist newspaper.

Enclosures: None

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

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January 28, 1943

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Re: OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION
Internal Security
Hatch Act

Dear Sir:

During the past week there has been considerable publicity in the local press concerning the activities of certain individuals in the Office of War Information in the formation of the local Italian-American Victory Council, which alleged that certain OWI officials insisted that Communists or Communist groups be represented at this council. This publicity resulted in the issuance of a statement by Mr. Elmer Davis, Director of the Office of War Information, denying that the Office of War Information had tried to obtain the inclusion of Communists in the government sponsored victory councils.

During the course of the investigation of the captioned case,

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[REDACTED] advised Special Agent [REDACTED] in detail concerning the events leading up to the publicity exposing certain officials in the Office of War Information. *b7C*

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[REDACTED] stated that Mr. LUIGI ANTONINI, president of the union and chairman of the Italian-American Labor Council, has had some dealings with the Overseas Branch and the Foreign Language Branch of the Office of War Information. He stated that in all these dealings, the Italian Section of the Office of War Information was in favor of giving publicity, through broadcasts, which concerned an organization known as the United Front Conference which [REDACTED] stated, was an alleged Communist front organization. He further advised that one CARLO ABBATO was the official in the Office of War Information who was responsible for releasing news to Italy concerning this organization. *b7D*



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██████████ stated that Mr. A'BRATO is a former Socialist who broke with the Socialists and is now considered to be a member of the Communist Party. As a result, Mr. A'BRATO has surrounded himself with Communists or fellow travelers and ██████████ has observed that no man of Italian decent was employed by the Office of War Information who opposed this Communist front organization known as the United Front.

He stated that recently a vacancy occurred as an assistant to Mr. A. BRATO and the latter appointed one ALFREDO SEGRE, who ██████████ stated is a member of the Communist Party from Los Angeles, California, and his wife is employed by the "Daily Worker".

All broadcasts originating from the Office of War Information and beamed to Italy have followed the Communist Party line and, according to ██████████ therefore, have no effect on the people who listen in whose ranks are engaged with the underground movement in Italy and who are anti-Communist and recognize the broadcasts to be Communist propaganda.

Concerning the so-called front organization mentioned above, ██████████ stated that several weeks ago, a Communist news agency announced that an underground conference had been held in Milan, Italy in which participated representatives of the Socialist Party, Catholics and dissident Fascists.

This alleged conference issued a Manifesto which has been broadcast to Italy by the Office of War Information and which continues to be the subject of broadcasts by the Office of War Information. ██████████ stated that information concerning this Manifesto and the United Front Organization, first originated in the Russian Embassy.

██████████ stated that it has been definitely proven that no such conference was held for the following reasons:

First, the underground work is so organized in Italy that few units have contact with any other units or know who are in the underground in other units. This is to prevent infiltration of the OVRA, the Italian secret police.

Secondly, the close surveillance over travel and workers makes it exceedingly difficult to organize an illegal conference.

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Thirdly, the Italian Socialists in contact from abroad with the underground Socialist group, which is the largest in Italy, say that the Socialist underground would not join with the Communists.

Fourthly, it is considered significant that genuine underground groups such as Justice and Liberty groups and other independent radical groups were not mentioned. He further stated that any underground conclave would have to include these groups. ██████████ stated that this organization has been given wide publicity by the Office of War Information and the broadcasts have further boasted the exploits of Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO to the people of Italy.

With further reference to background information and developments in Italy, ██████████ stated that the Socialist Party in Italy was the largest political party and that it was so prior to its being banned by Mussolini in 1926, at which time it was dissolved in Italy, but its leadership moved to France. Following the occupation of France, by the Germans, the leadership of the Italian Socialist Party moved to Switzerland.

██████████ stated that some time ago what he thought to be a genuine copy of a Manifesto adopted by the Socialist Party in Italy and calling for civil disobedience on the part of the population against the Fascist State was issued. ██████████ further advised that the Socialist Party of Italy has been completely reorganized along purely democratic and Christian ideals and has dropped many of its anti-Catholic activities and philosophies.

He gave Special Agent ██████████ a copy of this Manifesto which has been forwarded to the Bureau in a communication entitled "Socialist Labor Party Manifesto, November 30, 1942".

██████████ further stated that he has given a copy of this Manifesto to the Office of War Information to be broadcast to Italy, but the Office of War Information has refused to broadcast any of it, but continues to endorse the Milan Manifesto.

Recently, Special Agent ██████████ of this office had occasion to talk to Mr. A'BRATO who advised ██████████ that the Office of War Information does not consider the Italian Socialist Party Manifesto to be genuine as certain expressions are used which are of American origin. ██████████ further stated that he personally translated the Manifesto and it corresponds exactly with the ^{one} broadcast to Italy by the British radio, so that as matters now stand, the Office of War Information calls the Socialist Party Manifesto a "fake" and the anti-Communist and Socialist groups call the United Front Manifesto a "fake".

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[redacted] further stated that within the Office of War Information as an employee, there is one J. LUPUS, who was the leader in the United States of the Social Democrats of Italian descent. LUPUS is no longer considered a social democrat, but has changed and has become a member of the Communist Party. LUPUS and A'BRATO have continually supported the Manifesto of the United Front Organization.

[redacted] further observed that the British radio has broadcast the Italian Socialist Party Manifesto, but the Office of War Information in the United States has refused to do so.

He further advised [redacted] broadcast to Italy by short-wave through the facilities of the National Broadcasting Company and mentioned the Socialist Manifesto calling for civil disobedience. On the same date the Office of War Information was instructed not to transmit the news of this Manifesto to Italy. [redacted] therefore, that he is positive that the Socialist Manifesto was suppressed by the Communists within the Office of War Information.

[redacted] further advised that Mr. A'BRATO has been recently transferred to an intelligence service in the Office of War Information, but Mr. SPANE still remains in his present position.

[redacted] stated that Mr. LUPUS, whom he said was a Communist, is the person who broadcasts in the Italian language to Italy and further advised that the broadcasts in question have no effect on the Italian people and especially the Italian workers, because Mr. LUPUS is from Sicily and accordingly, speaks with an accent prevalent with people from Sicily. The Italian workers, on the other hand, are concentrated in Northern Italy, especially around Turin and these workers speak with an altogether different accent than the Sicilians.

[redacted] observed that following the North African invasion by the United States and England, the Office of War Information in the Italian broadcasts, relayed the greetings President Roosevelt sent to Stalin and Molotov on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Russian Revolution. [redacted] observed that this broadcast was better suited for Russia and would have no effect on the Italian listeners. He cited this as an example to prove that the broadcasts in question followed the Communist Party line and have repeatedly played up the activities of Congressman Vito Marcantonio.

Concerning the foreign language section of the Office of War Information, [redacted] stated that it is headed by one ALAN CRANSTON, who, he stated, is not believed to be a member of the Communist Party.

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Under Mr. GAMBINO are Mr. LEE FALK and Mr. DAVID KARR. In the Italian Section also is one Mr. JOSEPH FAGGI. Mr. FAGGI, according to [REDACTED] is not a member of the Communist Party, but has followed the middle course and leans neither to the right nor to the left.

[REDACTED]

He further advised that previous to this, the Communists had tried to get into the Mazzini Society, but failed in this regard. He further stated that so far the Communists have been concerned, they have failed in promoting the so-called United Front Organization among the Italian people. [REDACTED] stated that it is his firm conviction that the Communists prevailed upon the Office of War Information to organize the new organization known as the Italian-American Victory Council. Mr. KARR and Mr. FALK were present at the first meeting. [REDACTED]

After the meeting was over, [REDACTED] inquired whether Mr. FALK was a member of the Communist Party, and FAGGI replied that he was afraid to answer.

[REDACTED] advised that FALK then went to Chicago where he succeeded in organizing a local council of the Italian-American Victory Council and also partially succeeded in Cincinnati and Philadelphia.

In forming the Chicago council, the Office of War Information utilized the service of one Professor SERENO, who has been placed in charge. [REDACTED] stated that he has no information as to where SERENO is actually employed or whether he is employed by the Office of War Information or not. He stated, however, that Mr. SERENO was a member of the Fascist Party until 1938, but has since changed and has gone over to the Communist Party. He may be employed in the intelligence section of the Office of War Information.

[REDACTED] stated that the Chicago council published a Bulletin which contained nothing but Communist propaganda and included statements attributed to Mr. DOMINI, who is the leader of the Italian Communists.

Following the publication of the Bulletin it became apparent to the anti-Communists of Italian descent that the organization was dominated by Communists and therefore most of them dropped out, with the result that the Chicago council now is practically an empty shell and is supported only by the Communist element.

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In Philadelphia, the Office of War Information was only partially successful in organizing the council as one ROBERTO D'ANTONIO, of 210 South Lambert Street, Philadelphia revolted from the organization and exposed the influence of the United Front or Communist element.

Following the organization of the Italian Council in the other cities, Mr. FALK returned to New York to again take up the organization of the New York Italian-American Victory Council. He stated that he succeeded in interesting one AUGUSTUS BELLANCA, an official of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union and who is considered a leader of the liberal Italians in the New York area. [redacted] stated that it is believed that Mr. BELLANCA is not a member of the Communist Party, but the Communists use him as a front end to advance their activities within the organization.

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It was the purpose of the meeting to organize a United Front which would include all Italian groups. It was decided, however, [redacted] to include Mr. GIUSEPPE FOSS, as representative of [redacted] group, who represent a large block of Italian people. [redacted] the Office of War Information, really did not want all Italian factions represented and this he thought was significant, inasmuch as Mr. FOSS in the past has been reported to be a Fascist.

At this meeting it was decided to form a steering committee to set the organization in motion [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] advised Mr. FALK at that time that the International Workers Order would likewise not be admitted to the council as the Communists would then enter the council through the International Workers Order.

[redacted] Mr. FALK, Mr. BELLANCA and Mr. SEBENO continued to insist on the presence of the International Workers Order.

[redacted] made the observation, for purposes of clarification, that Mr. ANTONINI was opposed to the Communists, but he cannot break entirely with Mr. BELLANCA as both Mr. BELLANCA and Mr. ANTONINI are two outstanding labor leaders in New York and for obvious reasons, must cooperate on many

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matters, even though they do not see eye to eye with one another on certain issues.

In an endeavor to keep the Communists off the council, Mr. ANTONINI asked Mr. CARLO TRESKA, who was recently assassinated, to serve on this steering committee.

[REDACTED] told Mr. FALK that he, Mr. FALK was making a big mistake in insisting that the Communists be represented in the council and to tell Mr. ALAN CRANSTON of this matter and further to inform him that Mr. KARR and Mr. SERENO were members of the Communist Party and were recognized as such in New York.

[REDACTED] if they were allowed into the council, he was going to give considerable publicity to this in the local press and "burst the organization wide open".

[REDACTED] refused to back down and made the threat to expose the ONI, he stated that Mr. FALK then called Mr. ANTONINI and told him that he, Mr. FALK, would withdraw the International Workers Order. However, when Mr. BELLANCA heard of this development, he became angry and called Mr. ANTONINI on the telephone and held a long conference with him.

ANTONINI told BELLANCA that while he, ANTONINI, was opposed to the Communists, the insistence on the exclusion of the Communists was up to Mr. MONTEANA. Mr. BELLANCA [REDACTED] then communicated this information to Mr. FALK to the effect that Mr. ANTONINI was more or less neutral in the matter and Mr. BELLANCA and Mr. FALK insisted that the International Workers Order be included with the council, BELLANCA maintaining that he would see to it that they did not control the organization.

[REDACTED] matters went along until Mr. TRESKA was assassinated.

At the memorial services held for Mr. TRESKA, Mr. FALK was present at the reporters' table. [REDACTED] was approached by a reporter for the New York Post who wanted to know what [REDACTED] who was responsible for the assassination, and the reporter cited instances of what the ONI thought about the matter.

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[redacted] significant to him, as after talking with the [redacted] reporter for only two minutes, he was convinced he was a Communist from the expressions used in his speech. [redacted] stated that he was not positive of the name of the reporter, but that it was thought to be LIEPMAN. [redacted] he refused to talk to the New York Post reporter and referred him to Mr. FALK of the OWI. FALK then took the New York Post reporter aside and engaged in a long conversation with him and the next day the New York Post carried the story that the Fascists were responsible for the assassination of Mr. TRESKA. No other New York paper carried this story.

A few days later Mr. ANTONINI [redacted] received a mail from Washington to attend a conference in Washington concerning the Italian American Council. When he returned from Washington, ANTONINI [redacted] the luncheon took place at the Hotel Lafayette in Washington, D. C. and KARR was there together with other persons including SAMUEL SHORE and an official of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

At this luncheon Mr. ANTONINI was told not to attack Mr. KARR in the press and not to release a story of the discussions leading up to the formation of the Italian American Victory Council to the press.

[redacted] it was his opinion, although he has no proof of it, that [redacted] MILLS of the White House secretarial staff was behind the luncheon group. The purpose of the meeting was to prevent the information from getting into the hands of the Dies Committee.

Following this information from Mr. ANTONINI, [redacted] he was advised by DANIEL BELL, editor of the "New Leader" which is published by the Social Democratic Federation, 7 East 15th Street, New York City, that he, Mr. BELL, had been approached and told not to attack Mr. KARR of the OWI.

[redacted] the entire matter was given publicity following the assassination of Mr. TRESKA, when the Office of War Information, through its spokesman attempted to attribute to Mr. TRESKA the statement that he, TRESKA, favored the inclusion of the Communist Party in the Italian American Victory Council. This so angered the friends of Mr. TRESKA that they decided to "bust the organization wide open", and exposed the activities of Mr. FALK and Mr. KARR of the Office of War Information.

Mr. ARONINI was quoted in the New York Times as stating as follows:

"Up to this moment I was reluctant to give any statement, but BULK of the OWI came to see me to try to build up a section in New York of this Victory Council. I spoke to TRESCA of it many times and he was of my view. TRESCA was not only 100% against the admission of Communists, he was 1000% against it. In fact, he blocked the admission of Communists into the Mazzini Society. It is a shame to put in his mouth that he was ready to accept the Communists in that body. This is a lie from top to bottom."

[REDACTED] Nothing further has developed except the denial of the officials of the Office of War Information that they insisted that Communists be included. He stated that he has no further information concerning the presence of any other Communists in the Italian Section of the Office of War Information. He is positive that Mr. SERENO and Mr. BULK are members of the Party, although he has no proof of this. b7D

Concerning the OWI generally, he stated it is common knowledge among newspaper men and those who are well informed on Communist activities that there are many Communists or fellow travelers within the Office of War Information.

As an example, he stated he was advised by a stenographer who was employed by OWI, whose name he could not recall, to the effect that OWI receives communications from Moscow monitors the short wave radio reports originating in Moscow that often the figures are changed by the Office of War Information. [REDACTED] of an instance where a communique was received stating that the Russian Army had killed 2,000 Germans that day. The stenographer further stated that the Communists within the Office of War Information changed the communique to read 12,500 Germans were killed. He cited this as an example to show the lengths they will go to report things favorable to Russia. b7D

[REDACTED] substantiated the above information and further advised Agent [REDACTED] that that Mr. SERENO is a member of the Communist Party and has proof that he was a member of the Fascist Party until 1938, when he went over to the Communist Party. He stated that he was going to publish this evidence in his next issue of "La Parola". He stated that Congressman Marcantonio was a favored topic in broadcasts to the people of Italy. b7C

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[redacted] stated that these matters were called to the attention of Elmer Davis who stated that he was too busy to take them up personally, but referred them to an official of the Office of War Information, and nothing has come of it.

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Concerning Mr. LEE FALK, [redacted] has a reputation of being only a fellow traveler, but on the other hand that Mr. KARR, he feels certain, is a member of the Communist Party and may be identical with A. DAVID KARR who resided in Buffalo, New York.

Mr. JAMES MATTESTINI, who is the head of the Masini Society in Buffalo, has evidence of Communist activities on the part of A. DAVID KARR.

Mr. HOWARD RUSHMORE, a reporter on the New York Journal American, and who himself was formerly a member of the Communist Party and a reporter for the "Daily Worker" and editor of the "Young Worker", published by the Young Communist League, advised Agent that DAVID KARR is known to him his real name, DAVID KATZ. He stated that KARR, alias KATZ, was employed in 1957 by the "Daily Worker" and that RUSHMORE was told by a person on the editorial staff of the "Daily Worker" that KATZ was a member of the Communist Party. KATZ only worked on Saturdays and Sundays and RUSHMORE often gave him assignments to perform for the "Daily Worker". KATZ made the statement to RUSHMORE at the time that he was doing rewrite work for the "Party Organizer" and also wrote articles for a magazine called "Fight" which was published by the Committee Against War and Fascism.

RUSHMORE then stated that KARR, alias KATZ admitted being a member of the Mirror Unit of the Communist Party and had inside tips on the Hearst organization which he furnished to the Communist Party. He admitted to RUSHMORE that he often wrote under another name when he wrote articles exposing the Hearst organization.

RUSHMORE further advised that since KATZ worked for the "Daily Worker" he had to be a Party member, as he, RUSHMORE, was willing to swear that only Party members were allowed to work for the "Daily Worker" even as volunteers.

RUSHMORE further stated that the fact that KATZ was formerly employed by the "Daily Worker" is known by the OWI who questioned KATZ about his past affiliations and KATZ admitted that he did work for the "Daily Worker" but stated that he broke off with the Communist Party in 1939 and cited as an example his former employment by the interventionist organization believed to be the "Fight for Freedom Committee". RUSHMORE volunteered the statement however, that it is his impression that KATZ was placed in this organization for the purpose of securing information so that it might be relayed to the Communist Party.

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Mr. RUDOLPH KATZ (no relation) advised Agent [redacted] that he was advised that KATZ broke with the Communist Party over the German Russian non-aggression pact of August 1939, but has resumed his Communist activities and sympathies following the attack on Russia by Germany on June 22, 1941. He does not know whether he rejoined the Communist Party.

KATZ is employed by OWI at \$4600 per annum.

Concerning Mr. LEE PALK, the files of the "World Telegram" reveal that LEE PALK is the cartoonist and author of "Wandsake the Magician" and "The Phantom". He wrote a play entitled "The Big Story" along with ALAN GRANSON, who was the former International News Service correspondent in Rome and London. GRANSON is also publicity director for the "Common Council for United States Unity".

Mr. CHRISTOPHER KANE, who is the associate editor of the "New Yorker" (the oldest anti-Nazi newspaper which is published in New York), advised Agent Hunter that the same tactics were used by the same officials of OWI in forming the United Americans of German Descent. Likewise the Communist News Agency reported "a German underground conference in the Rhineland at which representatives of various parties issued an anti-Nazi appeal".

KATZ stated that the anti-Communists again denied that their group was represented as alleged and pointed out the difficulties of organizing a conference as such and stated that if such a parley did take place, what likely happened, in regular Communist front style, various Communists masqueraded as representatives of Catholic, Socialist and other groups.

KATZ stated that the only difference is that the German group has not given publicity to the Office of War Information's activities and "none of our editors has been assassinated".

KATZ stated that he is firmly convinced that the German group will eventually blow up too, but the blow-up will come from the Communist group or from the extreme right group which is composed of former Nazi sympathizers.

KATZ stated that his group represented the social democrats, who when they were approached by the officials of the Office of War Information refused to join the organization, as further questioning revealed that the organization was to be comprised of Communists on the left, whom KATZ stated only became patriots on June 22, 1941, and Nazi sympathizers on the right who became patriots at Pearl Harbor.

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KATZ advised that he and his group so advised OWI that they would refuse to join such an organization. He stated that the officials of the Office of War Information returned to Washington and again came to New York a week later and told Mr. KATZ that the Office of War Information could not exclude the Communists and they were behind the war effort. They told him that this information came from Elmer Davis. The delegation from OWI advised Mr. KATZ and his group that they would do a great disservice to the United States and the war effort if they stayed out of the organization and that they had to have this group in if the council was to be a success. OWI officials admitted that no organization could succeed if it was comprised only of Communists on the left and Nazi sympathizers on the right. KATZ stated that the proposition was put up to him and it was in the form of an ultimatum and after thinking it over they reluctantly came to the conclusion that they would join the organization, but they made it clear to the representatives of the Office of War Information that the responsibility for this organization was clearly in the hands of the Office of War Information and that if the organization should fail, the Office of War Information would be held responsible.

The committee for the organization is headed by Dr. GEORGE SHUSTER, who is president of Hunter College. He stated the committee now has twenty-two persons on it, of which seven are known Communists.

Mr. KATZ told officials of the Office of War Information that it was significant to him that all the Communist German groups were represented and in fact the Communists were over-represented in accordance with their influence and numerical strength in New York. He stated that he received the reply that they were already invited and that OWI could not throw them out.

Mr. KATZ gave Agent [redacted] considerable information concerning the background of the seven individuals who are represented on the German council. This information will be set forth in an investigative report.

Mr. KATZ stated that it is his opinion, based upon his experience, that the Communists entered the organization through the activities of Mr. KARR who brought them in. Otherwise, he has no explanation of how all the Communist groups were represented.

No further action will be taken by this office to investigate any of the individuals listed in this communication under separate Hatch Act cases, pending Bureau authority. However investigation of the captioned case is continuing and investigative reports will be submitted in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

T. J. Donegan
T. J. DONEGAN
Special Agent in Charge

c.c. Washington Field

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years ago, selling dope ... them, I
think he was in Atlanta Prison twice
once for two years, an once for three years
for selling dope, but now for many
years he has been on their payroll
for numbers, Italian lottery, dice
game, ... and during the
war when there was gas rationing, he
and five other men, made \$20,000,000.
... Albert, ... an ...
... by selling stamps
counterfeit gasoline stamps all
over the country, Joe Ross might be
in the syndicate, he seems to know
everything, if you can put me at your
best men next to him, you will find
out plenty about the syndicate,
your man must be Italian, he must hate
 cops, on the law, he could make ...

I don't think that has some one from the
 underworld, and he has some ideas
 for sale, of course he must be careful
 because these people know everything
 once he gets into to Ross, so they eat
 and drink together, and maybe sleep to-
 gether, and that Ross will trust him
 with anything, then you will know
 all you want to know, but it is not
 easy, and it will take time, but it will
 be worth it, you know what to do
 much better than I can, I can only
 give you a lead, the main thing is
 to get to him solid, that way you
 man, will put himself in a position to
 meet the big shots, because he will
 - to Vito Genovese, Albert Anastasio
 Tony Bender, Stools, Jerry Moore, they
 all put up the money for anything,
 if they will know that you mean
 a good man to trust, with anything

~~get the party~~ ~~to~~ ~~win~~ ~~the~~ ~~party~~
is a pal of ~~the~~ ~~party~~ ~~in~~ ~~Albert~~ ~~an~~ ~~and~~ ~~jump~~
more ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~border~~ ~~and~~ ~~though~~ ~~you~~
him the order to kill Costello, Gigante
was a punk, but ~~he~~ ~~didn't~~ ~~grow~~ ~~up~~
he might be in the syndicate now
he was told to kill Costello by the
syndicate, because they all know
Costello makes about, half million
dollars a year, because they make
the same thing every year, they all
get the same slip of paper every
month from all over this country and
Cuba, after Gigante shot Costello
two big gangsters from the syndicate
took Gigante to Hollywood Fla.
they were Taddo Marino an Jimmy
Blue eyes also, also owns a \$100,000
home in Hollywood, Gigante lived
there like a king for three months
and after that they told him to give
himself up, that everything is all

the man, that shot Costello, and
we have millions to fight your case
so don't worry about anything,
Joe Ross also told my friend, that
the boys control everything, and they
make more money than the Ford
motor Co. every year, Ross also
told him, that the syndicate killed
J. Paul in the Bronx, because
he lost a half million dollars
worth of dope that belonged to them
he also told him, that they killed
two labor leaders, one was Levine
in one was Incafolis, because the
boys wanted more money every
month, and these men wouldn't
stand for that so they killed them,
he also told him, when Rosoff was
building a subway in N.Y.C. a labor
leader by the name of Redwood
pulled a strike on Rosoff, and

Robinson, and I told them that I had
Joe Lincovis, Tony Bambino, Jerry Moore
to all the sympathetic boys and
told them, you must get rid of
Redwood off my back, I am losing
\$20,000 a week while the strike
is on, I need help, in one week
Redwood was dead, they had to do
this for him because Rosoff was
a big gambler in these places
in Saratoga, Florida, New Orleans
Las Vegas, Reno, New Jersey and Long Beach
when Vito Genovese was in Italy he
was very close to Mussolini, all
during his stay over there, Mussolini
told Vito that Carlo Tresca was
his arch enemy, that if he Vito
could get rid of Carlo Tresca, he
would do anything in the world
for him, I don't know what Vito
told Mussolini, but he got in touch
with these people over here.

more, Tony Benar ~~was~~ and a
few others from the syndicate in two
weeks. Carlo Tessa was dead, you
can see all these were gangland
killings, Carlo Tessa had no
gangster friends, and no gangster
enemies, the order to kill Shuster
came from Vito Terravese and Albert
Anastasio, to put fear in ~~the~~
its the same syndicate all the time
I believe the one who killed Shuster
is dead. when the union agent was
killed in the garment center by Macci
the order's came from the same people
that is why Macci got out free, the
syndicate will spend a million
dollars to get them out, after that Macci
and his brother, were talking a little
to much, so they were killed by orders
of Vito, and Albert, its the same story,
aft these name's, and the one's you

already have. The women in the
underworld today, there is over
ten thousand of them in the U.S. but
I would not know much about them.
They all millions of dollars. Joe Adams
is an Italy, but he is making a half
million dollars a year right now, he
was a millionaire twenty years ago.
All these people were partners of
Sepke and Benny the big, and they
are partners right now, with Lefty
Clark, Wilbur Clark, Frank Erickson
and more than two hundred of the
top gamblers in the country, they
have been together for thirty years.
They own everything in Las Vegas and
all over the country, they have
front men to do the work, and
they get all the cream, they have
a very big thing in Cuba with Lefty
Clark, with Myer Lansky, Al Capone,
Benny Levine, Estratto, they get

states, they control all gambling and
all unions, they about two hundred
night clubs all over the country
dog tracks dice games, numbers
state lottery big stables of horses,
they make millions of dollars every year
Joe Adonis has more money than any
gangster alive today also Vito, Albert,
Jerry Moore Tony Bender Strollo, all these
men have millions its all one group
all over the country, these are all top men
Joe Adonis & Bro's Vito Genovese & Bro's
Albert Anastasio & Bro's, Jerry Moore
& Bro's, Tony Bender Strollo
Joe Lombardo & Bro's Boston
John Boggiano & Bro's
Joe Bonanno, John Morales
Brooklyn & Colorado
Alie Chait, Benny Levint
Meyer Lansky, Mike Colofino
Mike Mirando, Joe Stassi

Jimmy [unclear] [unclear]
Capone's brother [unclear] [unclear]
Chicago, [unclear] [unclear]
Jimmy [unclear] [unclear]

all these men have about two hundred
partners all over the country, you
will find many of these principals and
skunks around MacDougal and
Bleeker St. or Sullivan and Bleeker
St. These people have many friends
in the Police Dept. If I hear
something I will let you know
also Vito has a \$150,000. home in
New Jersey, and a big boat, he has
millions, Vito's two body guards
have millions, one is Chapin he
lives on Long Island the other
is Sally Burns, you could
find him at Keimare & Mulberry
St., there is thousands of other
gangsters that have millions.

I didn't know much

about Denver, my money
is short, about Anastrolic
is my money, some of them
put together

help you and help you

and help you, some
of them over the years,

— make a dollar
wise Bank

— all money away, and give
in fact, if they are still
at twenty years, and then
they where they were born

Copy that trust your man, when on
duty, and how to be prepared
then we will have, as it all
the things that we have, and every
thing that we have.

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