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Political

Plan of Work for the Communist Press Month

"POLITICAL PREMISES

"The Federal Committee of our party met on 6th August and examined how best to carry through the work involved in the "Mese della Stampa Comunista" (Month of the Communist Press). A number of decisions were taken.

"The big campaign for the "Mese della Stampa Comunista" has begun in our province and will continue throughout August and the beginning of September. This campaign represents an important political battle which the Communists of the Isonzo valley will wage in the glorious name of "Unita", the paper of Gramsci and Togliatti - a campaign which will contribute forcefully to the struggle for the defence of peace, work and liberty.

"The campaign for the "Mese della Stampa Comunista" has been initiated at a moment when the political situation is both very heavy and difficult. The forces of the imperialists and their satellites have passed from the phase of preparing for war to the phase of armed coups and open aggression against the people of Korea. During the last few weeks the imperialists have tried desperately hard, and are still trying, to accelerate the progress towards war against the peace-loving people of the U.S.S.R. and the Peoples' Democracies.

"For its part, the Italian Government has subjugated itself completely to the interests of American and Vatican policy, and is becoming ever more active in the war-monger's camp, as evidenced by the following facts: participation in the arms race; attempts at suppressing freedom of propaganda; and the "crusade of lies" against the P.C.I. and the Partisans of Peace.

"In the meantime, the economic situation grows worse, and the social struggle against unemployment and dismissals (Oil Refinery, Monfalcone, CRDA, Cotton Mills) sharpens, with demands for work and improved living conditions for the masses, and protection for the peasants faced with ruin as a result of the summer drought.

"The underlying object of the "Mese della Stampa" is to exploit the propaganda possibilities of this situation and reveal to the Italian people the policy of war and aggression of the imperialists, the servility and disastrous economic and social policy of our government, and all the perils which face the country as a result of the government's adherence to the Atlantic Pact.

"It is most important that this campaign should unmask the pro-Tito propaganda machine, in particular the "Corriere di Trieste", which employs pseudo-socialist phraseology and which is the worst enemy of the workers and true democrats.

"The Mese della Stampa" campaign should concentrate on intensifying the campaign for the collection of peace signatures against the atom bomb, and contribute its share in the struggle of the workers of the factories and fields for liberty.

"We remind you that your target is 1,000 signatures.

"Hence the fundamental objects of the "Mese della Stampa Comunista" are:-

"1) A substantial increase in the circulation of our press, particularly in Monfalcone town and factories where, on account of their importance in the political life of our province, circulation should be at least doubled.

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"2) The organisation of one provincial celebration, twenty section celebrations and one hundred cell celebrations or social evenings.

"3) Collection of Lire 1,000,000 for the Communist press through subscriptions and the proceeds of the celebrations.

"UNITA"

"The circulation, be it on weekdays or Sundays, of the daily paper of the party, should be uppermost in our minds. The targets for your section are: seventy copies per day on weekdays, and one hundred copies on Sundays.

"In order to raise circulation, it is necessary to wage a fierce struggle against the "Corriere di Trieste" and ensure that this paper is driven away from the house of every comrade, worker and democrat, because of its deceitful anti-Soviet and anti-Communist propaganda.

"Maintenance of circulation should be ensured through the existence and functioning of "Friends of Unita" groups who should have their adherents in every street and factory cell. The Section's group of "Friends of Unita" should have its own leader and the number of collaborators under his control should vary according to the importance of the locality.

"During the "Mese della Stampa Comunista", circulation of the Sunday edition of "Unita" should be consolidated through the medium of special subscriptions and membership cards issued by the Centro.

"We must prepare ourselves because the Provincial Congress of the "Friends of Unita" will take place on 17th September, at a date and place to be communicated later.

"RINASCITA"

"Circulation of this paper in most of our sections has been very badly neglected with the result that the cultural and political education of our leading comrades has been seriously affected.

"The target for your section is eight copies, two of which must be subscribed for.

"Obviously not all comrades can read this paper, but it is necessary to keep a list of all comrades, sympathisers, socialists, democrats, etc., who are able to do so. Doctors, professional men, teachers, clerks, etc., should be approached in order that we can publicise their problems. Try to secure subscriptions from these classes, and later arrange for these subscriptions to be renewed at the right moment.

"FOR A LASTING PEACE AND FOR A PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACY"

"The poor circulation of the Bulletin of the Office of Information reveals the low level of international spirit in our party and lack of understanding for such matters as Korea, the Peace Front, the Tito bandits, and international questions in general.

"For these reasons it is necessary to raise circulation and ensure that the paper is read by the more responsible members of the party. Your target is two copies, of which one must be subscribed for.

"L'ORA DEI LAVORATORI"

"The importance of this paper lies in the fact that it is the only democratic weekly published in our province which aims at guiding party members and workers through all the political and social problems of our province. Circulation has fallen, and this is a cause of serious financial concern....

concern to the Federation. Hence certain modifications have been decided.

"As from 22nd August, this weekly will appear every Tuesday, thus avoiding competition with the other papers. Thus every section will have the chance of bringing the paper to every family on Wednesdays, or, at latest, on Thursdays. This means added work for the distributors, but bearing in mind what has been said above, the necessity will be appreciated. In order to make the paper more interesting and attractive, certain typographical changes will be introduced.

"We will never tire of insisting upon correspondence from the sections. In order to stimulate correspondence from comrades, a monthly competition for the best correspondence service will be started. Every month the best section and correspondent will be awarded a book provided by the C.D.S.

"Bearing all this in mind, we insist that every member of the party do everything possible to raise the circulation of the paper by one thousand copies. The target for your section is fifty copies. The section that reaches its target will receive a reward.

"DELO"

"Every Communist of the Osonzo valley must regard it as his duty to circulate this paper among the Slovenes of our province. It is the only democratic paper the Slovenes have, and every comrade, be he Italian or Slovene, must take upon himself the task of distributing it.

"Nuova Terra"

"Distribution of this paper has been seriously neglected, and this reveals a lack of understanding in our party for the problems of the peasant class. Good distribution should involve: retention in section headquarters of one copy for everyone - finding out how many peasants are members of your section, and distributing the paper through them - consulting the local leaders of the Lega della Confiderterra and arranging a distribution plan among the organised peasants - arranging for copies to be sent to every peasant meeting.

"Your target is three copies".

"QUADERNO DELL'ATTIVISTA"

"This paper is indispensable for the everyday work of every party and mass organisation leader. Without reading it it is impossible to hold good section and cell meetings. The Political and Organisation Secretaries of the Sections should arrange for its distribution.

"Every member of the Section Committee and every cell leader should have a copy. If possible, comrades should pay for the paper themselves; if they cannot afford to do so, then it should be paid for collectively. For good distribution a distribution list of those entitled to read the paper should be prepared, and a copy sent to the Commissione Federale di Organizzazione.

"The target for your section is four copies.

"For "Propaganda" - two copies.

"IL PIONIERE"

"As from 27th August, the "Il Pioniere", a paper for children, will appear every week. Successful distribution depends upon good liaison with the FGCI and the women members of the party. "Il Pioniere" should replace all the other childrens' papers in our family since they do nothing else save render our children stupid.

"BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS"

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"Distribution of books and pamphlets in our province hardly exists. During the "Mese della Stampa Comunista", distribution of books and pamphlets among the workers is considered of great importance. The cultural and ideological education of the workers cannot be covered by periodicals only since they are essentially concerned with news.

"In order to facilitate distribution of books among the workers, it is necessary to bear the following points in mind:-

"1) Render the existing libraries more efficient by bringing them up to date with the latest publications. Only by replenishing the libraries and catering for a wider circle of readers, will readers be found who are willing to finance the libraries with small contributions.

"2) Arrange for the creation of a large network of libraries throughout the Communes, the Co-operatives, CRAI and women and youth movements.

"3) Create a book distribution network, making one comrade exclusively responsible for this (perhaps the same person who looks after the library), and offering hire purchase terms.

"4) Create a book depot at Gradisca, in addition to those already in existence at Monfalcone and Cormons.

"5) Popularise books by setting up kiosks for their distribution at all meetings held during the "Mese della Stampa Comunista".

"For the purchase of all books, the sections should refer to the provincial branch of the C.D.S. which, because of its experience and knowledge of books, can advise on what books to buy and facilitate payment for them.

"DISTRIBUTION ORGANISATION"

"It is clear that in order to achieve these objects, a big political and organisational effort is required to find an adequate number of activists for this work.

"On the provincial level, a Distribution Council will be formed, and on section level, a Press and Propaganda Commission should be formed, which will include a head, a member in charge of distribution, and, in sections with less than one hundred members, a member in charge of the "Amici dell'Unita". Bigger sections should include: a correspondent, a member in charge of wall journals, and a member in charge of libraries.

"Every cell should have one member responsible for distribution assisted by a number of distributors adequately relevant to the number of cell members and the number of inhabitants in the cell zone.

"In addition, periodical meetings of all distributors should take place at least every fifteen days, in order to hold a political discussion for the guidance of comrades, and to review the progress of the distribution and how to improve it, and, finally, in order to settle accounts.

"Without executing these organisational provisions, it is impossible to expect any substantial increase in circulation; hence your section is set the task of finding fifteen distributors; i.e., comrades who have the specific task of distributing our papers.

"POPULAR CELEBRATIONS"

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"This year, also, popular celebrations will play a big part in determining the success of the "Mese della Stampa Comunista", be it from the political, propaganda or financial points of view. Hence these celebrations will be more numerous this year. In preparing these celebrations, every economy must be made, and no expensive programmes included. These celebrations must definitely cater for the ordinary people, and not aim higher. All mass organisations - UDI, ANPI, Trades Unions, "Avanti", Peace Committees, etc., - must be invited to set up their own stands at these celebrations. Also very useful, if some local firms can be persuaded to exhibit their goods. This will give publicity to their goods, and will give the celebrations a wider and less party character.

"In preparing the decorations and stands, we must avoid giving the police an excuse to forbid this or that on the ground that it defames the government or is likely to provide a breach of public order.

"In the provincial celebration, every section will collaborate along the lines to be laid down by the Celebration Organisation Committee. At the provincial celebration every section must produce its own wall journal, stand, and a number of comrades to help in the work of organisation.

"Cell Celebrations

"Bearing in mind the character of this year's "Mese della Stampa Comunista", we must, through this campaign, consolidate the positions we have reached in the collection of signatures, and this we can do through the organisation of a great number of small celebrations in the villages, town districts, village districts, building groups.

"For these celebrations, find a courtyard, a garden or a small hall which can be conveniently decorated with some posters, streamers, lights, etc., and secure an adequate number of chairs.

"For these celebrations it is necessary to work out an interesting programme which exploits local talent. In every village one can find a good accordion player or musician, a choir, a comedian (if possible using local dialect), children who recite poetry. One can organise a family game of tombola, or other lottery type of game favoured locally. If possible, finish off the meeting with a dance. At every meeting, a comrade should speak briefly of our press and its importance.

"Obviously enough, signatures against the atom bomb should be collected at every celebration on the prescribed forms.

"Your section is required to organise at least two celebrations or cell social evenings.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

"One million for the Communist press

"Also this year, the party asks members and workers to contribute 300 millions to the press which defends their rights. On the basis of this, your section has been set the target of Lire 20,000. To achieve this relatively high sum it is necessary to exploit popular celebrations to their utmost, and if the Section celebration is not enough, organise cell social evenings.

"Secure subscriptions because they are politically very important and because they show that the press is financed by the workers themselves and not by big capitalists. Subscription forms will be sent as quickly as possible, and they will be looked after with the greatest of care.

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"Sums collected will be divided as in the past: 5 per cent will be kept by the section, the rest sent to the Federation. 15 per cent of any sum collected by the sections in excess of the target figure will be kept by the sections.

"Administration

"In the effort made during the "Mese della Stampa Comunista", attention should be paid to ensuring regular payment for all papers sent to the sections the object being that the previous month's account for papers sent must be settled by the 15th of every month. To this end, it is useful if every section sets aside a fund to make up for retarded payments by their distributors.

"Alongside the question of effecting regular payments every section must take steps to settle up arrears.

"Also this year, the section which distinguishes itself most in the "Mese della Stampa Comunista" will be rewarded. Classification of the sections will be determined by the following considerations:-

"Subscriptions

"Points will be awarded according to the percentage of the targets reached both in regard to the celebrations and the subscriptions.

"Circulation and Distribution

"Given the political importance of this task, the points awarded will be double the percentage reached of the targets set for distribution.

"In classifying the sections, consideration will also be paid to how they collaborated in the provincial celebration and other manifestations.

MOBILISATION OF THE PARTY

"The fundamental instrument for achieving all these aims is the organisation of our party which must be mobilised in full and much better than has been the case so far for the collection of peace signatures. Every section committee must, at its very next meeting, examine the political importance of the "Mese della Stampa Comunista" progress, so far, of the campaign to collect peace signatures, and, finally, the tasks set by the Federation. Bearing in mind the local situation precise tasks should be given to every cell, and steps taken to ensure that either the party or mass organisation penetrates the weak areas of our movement, i.e., those areas where our press is not read and where an insufficient number of anti atom bomb signatures have been collected.

"This settled, the cells should meet in order to discuss the means to be employed in executing their tasks during the "Mese della Stampa Comunista". Once they have thoroughly understood the importance of their tasks, cell members should be mobilised; it is therefore very important that comrades from the Section Committee charged with presiding over the cell meetings should prepare themselves well beforehand and produce concrete plans and suggestions. Do not begin at once with "the Party has decided and therefore it must be done", but illustrate the political situation and the tasks that derive from it.

The progress of the campaign should be examined at every weekly meeting of the section, and the results referred to the Federal Committee. We insist on this, because on previous occasions this had not been done and the Federation has suffered seriously thereby.

"We advise the Section Committees to prepare their plans with the utmost speed because after the month of September our party
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will be called upon to carry out other important and complicated tasks in view of the intensification of the political struggle of the workers of the whole world against Imperialism, and for Peace and Socialism.

p. The Federal Committee
The Organisation Commission
The Press and Propaganda Commission.

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The attached reports come from one of our regular sources, who is a minor official in the Italian Communist Party in North Italy. C

Political (Communist Activity)

Summary of Directives issued by P.C.I. Headquarters in August and September, 1950.

A. "STALIN" Courses

The Press and Propaganda Commission and the Central Schools Commission of the P.C.I. have recently instructed all Federations to organise short "STALIN" Courses. These courses are intended to give instructions to the more efficient cell and Section activists, and to Cadre members, in the following subjects:-

- (a) The theory and tactics of the Marxist-Leninist Party in peace and in war.
- (b) The peace policy of the Soviet Union.
- (c) The Partisans of Peace Movement, its struggle against the imperialist war, and its fight for the independence of the people.

The STALIN Courses, which will be organised during the course of the next few weeks, represent an effort on the part of the P.C.I. leadership to prevent outbreaks of deviationism during the present period of stress and tension.

B. Campaign for Infant Welfare

The International Infants' Day which was held throughout Italy revealed that Italian babies and young children are living under impossible conditions, and that the Government had cut down relief and welfare allocations by one fifth. Consequently a campaign for Infant Welfare is being launched by the Women's Commission of the Party. This campaign will be mounted by the combined forces of the Women's Democratic Movement and will have the following objects:-

- (a) A full-scale discussion of all infant problems, and problems of infant assistance.
- (b) Formation of a nation-wide movement in defence of infants, which will attract fresh recruits to the Party.
- (c) Denunciation of the Government's failures and abuse in this particular field.

C. Month of the Communist Press.

The objects of the Month of the Communist Press are as follows:-

- (a) To step up circulation of all Communist literature, especially of L'Unita.
- (b) To increase the number of permanent subscriptions to P.C.I. newspapers.
- (c) To prove the popularity of the Communist press amongst the working masses, and attract the "democratic and patriotic elements" in the country to the Party's ranks.

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The Month will include a country-wide programme of festivals, competitions, shows, conferences and meetings. At least one L'Unita festival will take place in every Section and Cell of the Party, and in every community and institution in which Communists have influence. Full support will be provided by the F.G.C.U. and all the Communist youth organisations in the form of sports meetings, gymnastic displays, debates and "youth evenings". The F.G.C.I. will also help to distribute L'Unita, and other P.C.I. publications. In Turin, for example, the F.G.C.I. intend to circulate 3,000 copies of Gioventu Nuova per week in September, and 3,500 copies per week in October. The Association of the Friends of Unita will also play an important part during the Month both in the propaganda and distribution fields.

The Women's Democratic Movement will also lend its full support. It will concentrate on publicising the women's activities in the struggle for Peace, Liberty and Work, the distribution of L'Unita, and the organisation of festivals, tours and general entertainments. In Turin and Province, for example, the women's organisations plan to distribute 15,000 copies of "Noi Donne" weekly, which is an increase of 2,422 copies per week over the present circulation figure. Each village has been allotted a target for the circulation of the various Communist newspapers.

Funds collected during the Month (as opposed to subscriptions to newspapers) will be allocated on the same basis as last year, i.e. one third to Party Headquarters, one third to L'Unita and one third to the various Federations. Two thirds of the allocations received by the Party and L'Unita respectively must be turned over to the Central Finance Commission as soon as they are collected. Sums realised in excess of regional targets will be re-allotted on the following basis: 20% to the central administration of the Party, 20% to L'Unita, and 60% to be divided between Federations and Sections. For subscriptions last year's target of Lire 300 m. will stand. Principal objectives will be allotted by the Regional Committee who must take into account the financial hardships which the majority of the working class is suffering.

Prizes for the winning Federations in the competitions for subscriptions, circulations and contributions will consist of flags, gold medals, motor cycles, bicycles, typewriters, fully paid visits to resorts and meetings with Comrades Togliatti and Longo.

The following are examples of the targets fixed for various Federations for the distribution of the Sunday edition of L'Unita:-

<u>Roman Edition</u>	<u>Target (No. of copies)</u>
ROME	62,000
FLORENCE	60,000
PISA	22,000
SIENA	17,000
PERUGIA	16,000
TARANTO	7,500
SALERNO	7,000
NAPLES	36,000
ANCONA	12,000
BARI	13,000
MESSINA	4,000
PALERMO	6,000
NUORO	1,500

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North Italian Edition

Target (No. of Copies)

BRESCIA	15,000
MANTUA	19,000
MILAN	110,000
BOLOGNA	50,000
PADUA	10,000
TRENTO	3,500
TREVISO	3,500
MODENA	35,000
FERRARA	25,000
REGIO EMILIA	30,000
BOLZANO	1,500
GORIZIA	4,000
UDINE-PORDENONE	10,000
VENEZIA	13,000
VERONA	7,000

Ligurian Edition

GENOA	58,000
LA SPEZIA	16,500
SAVONA	15,000

Piedmontese Edition

ALESSANDRIA	18,000
TURIN	62,000

ITALY

Political (Communist Activity)

Situation Report on the P.C.I. Labour Plan.

The following is a translation of a Directive sent to all Regional Federations of the P.C.I. by Party Headquarters. It is dated August 1950.

1. Now that two months have elapsed since the National Trade Union Congress on Industry and the Labour Plan held at Milan, it is possible to give some indication of the initial progress made in putting the Plan into effect. Certain factors which emerged at the Inter-regional Congresses recently held at Milan, Naples, Terni and Bologna have assisted in this appreciation.
2. Firstly, considerable and real progress has been made in fixing definite objectives for the Plan, and in publicising them throughout the Party. The "ten points" which emerged from the discussions at the Milan Congress have had a decisive effect in the industrial field, and have bridged the gap which existed between the Labour Plan's theoretical themes, and the actual physical problems which the various categories of industrial worker must face and solve.
3. Similar progress has not been made, however, in transforming theory into action. The workers organisations have not yet taken the initiative in the various branches of production at the factories in which they operate, in accordance with the original and recent directives of the Central Committee of the Party. The hardest struggles which the workers' organisations have to face often have to be fought on ground of the enemy's choosing, as is proved by the present tendency on the part of Management to lay off labour and liquidate industrial concerns. Ideally our aim is to take constructive action, that is to propose, on behalf of the employees, production plans which yield a higher output than that envisaged by the Management, and which correspond with the objectives of the Labour Plan. At present we are not even successful at countering the schemes of the factory owners.
4. This lack of practical effort is reducing the Plan to a mere propaganda theme, and is prejudicing its potential value as a weapon in the hands of the working class. Furthermore, many Party and Trade Union leaders are tending to regard its implementation as a comparatively unimportant task which can safely be delegated to makeshift Commissions of doubtful efficiency. Hence the Plan tends to degenerate into a plaything for the economic specialists, a mere subject for academic discussion.
5. These general considerations also apply to the Production Meetings which are gradually spreading throughout Industry, and which in spite of certain weaknesses are giving a useful lead in the struggle for the Labour Plan. Their main defect is that they do not meet regularly and hence tend to be used as workers' parliaments on production problems. Their real purpose is to provide an objective or climax for a continuous, and organised, process of consultation and discussion between workman, clerk and technician; to evolve means for stepping up production, prepare schemes for the most economical use of time and labour, and plan the extension of the factory's markets. These weaknesses are particularly apparent in factories where there is no Council of Management.

6. These points must be borne in mind throughout the series of National Congresses for branches of Industry, which begins with the Ironworkers' Congress at Genova on the 16th and the 17th September. They must also be applied to the consideration of individual problems put up by the Trade Unions and the Movement of the Councils of Management, in respect of the Labour Plan.

7. The Congresses alluded to above must collate the experience gained by the particular industry concerned, and must firmly fix the necessary objectives and the methods by which they are to be attained. The material which the Congresses will discuss must therefore be gathered in the actual factories where the struggle for the realisation of the plan is in progress. Otherwise, their discussions will remain purely academic, and will not produce the accumulated experience on which the organisations responsible for implementing the Plan must base their future action.

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Political (Communist Activity)

PCI Notes for Section Secretaries

The following is a translation of a directive circulated in note form to Secretaries of the Turin City Sections of the P.C.I. by Federation Headquarters, which summarizes the questions to be dealt with at the meetings of Section Secretaries to be held in the week 21-30th August 1950. The circular is dated 17th August.

1. The link-up between Cell and Section, and between Section and Federation; the working of the City Committee.
2. The political line of the Party. Unification of the working class and of the nation as a whole on the basis of our watchwords, and the expulsion of the reactionary groups from the country. The methods for putting this line into effect (national and local schemes).
3. The tasks deriving from the more important watchwords, namely the defence of peace, the demonstration of popular anger against any act liable to precipitate war, and the Peace Committees. Other tasks are: the defence of work, involving economic and Trade Union battles, the full implementation of the CGIL plan and the Labour Plan for Italy (aimed against dismissals and unemployment) and the formation of an alliance with all oppressed classes.
4. The principal themes on which action must be based are:-
 - (a) An inquiry, of an aggressive character, into the exploitation of female workers in factories.
 - (b) An offensive against the "laying-off" of labour, based on the slogan "full employment", and the defence of liberty, based on the Modena slogan.
 - (c) The MSI question. This must be a subject for intensive and wide-scale action.
5. Tasks deriving from the individual political aspects of the struggle for unity. We must prepare separate policies for our dealings with the Socialist rank and file and with the Roman Catholic masses.
6. Permanent commitments of a general nature, i.e., distribution of newsprint and of popular literature.
7. Commitments based on the requirements of the political machine, namely administrative questions which arise in the Party, and in the workers' organisations as a whole. Such commitments are the responsibility of the Party and of the Chamber of Labour only, whose tasks are as follows:-

(a) The Party

The campaign now in progress; subscription cards; cadres; distribution of "the Activist's Notebook" and of the bulletin of Federation /Congresses.

Congresses.

(b) Chambers of Labour

Intensive administrative work; the formation of networks of collectors; allotment of tasks to the various Trade Union permanent strike organisation; the issue of Trade Union membership cards; the electoral campaign for the Internal Commissions.

Summary

8. We must have an organisation which is always alert, which is capable of overcoming all difficulties and of exploiting all opportunities, and which can engage in every type of struggle.

I T A L Y

Political (Communist Activity)

Directive on F.G.C.I. Activities issued by the Provincial
F.G.C.I. of Turin Province.

(July 1950)

1. The offensive which the ruling classes and the De Gasperi Government are mounting against the working class is becoming even more reactionary in character. Its effects are being felt mainly by the young workers, who are being subjected to unemployment and general exploitation. The F.G.C.I. and its young members must face this situation and do all that they can to improve the standard of their work in the Trade Unions. Young workers must be attracted to our organisations on masse.
2. Up to now our city has been in a privileged position as regards industrial employment compared with other Italian cities. The offensive, however, is now under way, and it would be as well to examine clearly the work which the Youth Movement has accomplished in the Trade Unions, and eliminate the weaknesses which have been apparent in its recent activities. There have been some successes. The Assembly of Young Workers held on November 4th of last year was attended by 800 young men and girls, and a debate was held on the living conditions of young people. The meeting of young chemical workers was also successful, and the full part played by the young workers in the big strikes was equally an achievement.
3. Our failures have been mainly on the organisational side. We have not been successful in strengthening the Youth Labour Commissions, the Category Union Youth Commissions, and the Factory Youth Commissions. Another of our principal weaknesses is a lack of initiative, and a tendency to work on too restricted a scale. We have not found suitable techniques for interesting fresh types of young workers, such as students, business men's sons, technicians and artisans, in our activities. The working youth must be placed in the forefront of our struggle and the influence of the C.G.I.L. must be increased. Furthermore, not enough emphasis has been laid on the contemporary problems of young workers, questions such as working conditions, and other matters which require investigation. We are still raising the same problems which were brought up some years ago, and the more urgent questions of the moment are either relegated to second place or forgotten altogether.
4. Another defect is revealed in the lack of continuity in the work of the Youth Commissions, a failing which will prevent them from becoming centres of activity in Trade Union and factory. As a result of this we have failed to recruit new Cadre members, and our control over young members of the Internal Commission, who should devote a lot of time to our work, has been generally ineffective.
5. In order to eliminate these weaknesses we propose to take the following action:-
 - (a) In general, concentrate on the severe struggles which will take place in our Province, and find new ways in which Youth can share in them.
 - (b) Make a detailed study of the aims and grievances of all young people who have joined our struggle, whether they are employed or unemployed.

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- (c) Develop mass action amongst young people through the medium of the Trade Unions, factory and other sports clubs, and the cultural societies.

6. Our first objective must be the formation of a strong Youth Labour Commission which will be mainly composed of young members of the Internal Commissions, and the leaders of the Factory Youth Commissions. Each member of the Youth Commission will be given one definite job to do. Other objectives are the establishment of Youth Commissions supporting the important Trade Unions, especially F.I.O.M., F.I.L.C., and F.I.O.T., and the formation of four separate "Study Commissions" within the framework of the Central Youth Commissions.

7. The functions of the "Study Commissions" will be, respectively, as follows:-

- (a) Investigation of the problems of the young unemployed worker. This must be treated as a priority task. A complete census of unemployed youth must be made with the help of young workers who are employed. Unemployed youth centres must be formed to act as nuclei for future agitation.
- (b) The study of the economic and political problems which face young workers.
- (c) Investigation of the possibilities of mass movements based on sporting and cultural activities, and on tourism.
- (d) The study of specifically provincial problems, which must include the factories, and the peasant classes.

8. The functions of the "Study Commission" responsible for (c) above can be amplified as follows; its role will be to:-

- (a) Collaborate with the Labour Commission and the Trade Unions in the development of widescale mass activity and thus "polarize" the youth of the Trade Unions.
- (b) Study the possibilities for penetrating and exploiting factory sports clubs. These exist at the F.I.A.T. Michelin and Lancia plants. Football matches, athletic meetings and gymnastic competitions can be used to win over the young workers. Camps and tours can also be organised for workers and students. The Workman's Thursday Scheme must be adapted to include debates on the individual problems of young workers. Particular attention must be paid to the small and medium-sized industries. On this score each young member of the Internal Commission should set aside one hour of his working day in which to visit the smaller factories, with the object of forming initial contacts leading to the formation of internal Youth Commissions. When formed, these Commissions will maintain weekly contact with the Central Youth Commission responsible for the trade or industry concerned.

9. The organisational tasks set out above must be completed during the course of July and August. This will enable us to call a meeting of the various Provincial Assemblies of Young Workers in preparation for the National Assembly, which will

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meet in October or November. In order to ensure the success of the above programme, we ask for the help of the Chamber of Labour and the various Trade Unions, and move that a Trade Union liaison officer be co-opted to the Youth Commission.

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Political (Communist activity)/Military

P.C.I. Penetration of the Turin
Carabinieri.

1. Towards the end of August 1950, Pietro Comollo, head of the Cadres Office of the Turin Federation of the P.C.I., ordered certain unidentified persons, who are probably not connected with the Turin Federation, to try and establish contact with the Carabinieri. The time allotted for this operation is one month. The object of the contact would be to secure the following information regarding the Carabinieri.

- (a) Total strength of the force in Turin.
- (b) Number of armoured fighting vehicles available to the force in Turin.
- (c) Total number of Carabinieri stations in Turin Province.
- (d) Locations of armouries and arms dumps throughout the Province.
- (e) Details of arms and equipment issued to the force.
- (f) Total strength of recruits under training.
- (g) Details of instructions on which the Carabinieri will act in the event of strikes which merit police intervention.
- (h) Plans of the Carabinieri Command.
- (i) Details as to the organisation and methods of the Carabinieri intelligence service.

I T A L Y

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P.C.I. Finance Directive

The following is a summary of a directive issued by the Central Finance Committee of the P.C.I. to all Federations, dated in September, 1950.

1. (a) The first P.C.I. National Finance Conference was held at Rome on the 1st-2nd August 1950. The directive subsequently issued by the Central Finance Commission, which is summarized below, calls for a concerted drive to improve the Party's financial position, and reflects the theme of Senator Scoccimaro's conference speech: "we must convert the Party's growing strength and prestige amongst the working masses into bigger and better finances for the Party".

The directive states that every Party unit from Federations to Cells must draw up a profit and loss account, and compile a definite programme with the object of:

- (i) balancing its accounts
- (ii) ensuring that the Party's political and financial activities mutually benefit, the one from the other.

(b) All unnecessary expenditure must be ruthlessly cut, for the Party's money is money taken from the pockets of the working man.

The most important task in the whole field of Party finance is considered to be the improvement of the standard of payment of Party dues, and the regular application of stamps to membership cards. Hence in every Section and Cell throughout the Party the formation of "groups of ten" (dieci) headed by "chief collectors" must be speeded up. There must be one "chief collector" for every ten comrades in the Party. Additional measures laid down by the directive are the formation of Finance Commissions in all Federations and Sections, and the introduction of strict financial control over the Press Distribution Centres, the F.G.C.I. and other Communist Youth Movements, and the mass organisations such as the Chamber of Labour and the Provincial Co-operative Federations.