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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.-

SUBJECT: Italian Anarchist Federation.

The following information has been received from a confidential source, whose evaluation is A-1.

1. The F.A.I. (Federazione Anarchica Italiana) has created a special office in Milan, Via Ceresio 12 (Porta Volta), on the premises formerly occupied by a section of the Fascist Party (Gruppo Rionale Fascista). The Office is called "F.A.I. Spagna Libera".

2. Milanese Libertarians or Anarchists who created a free association called "GIOVENTU' LIBERTARIA, COMITATO REGIONALE LOMBARDO, ASSOCIAZIONE VOLONTARIA SPAGNA LIBERA", frequent this Office. The purpose of this new organization is to help Spanish exiles who fight against Franco's regime and to fight against the regime itself.

3. The symbol of this organization is the well known burning torch, and is dedicated to "Carlo BOCCHI, a young anarchist from GRECO, Prov. of Milan, killed in action during the Spanish War.

4. There is no evidence of the existence of a "CARLO PISACANI" Division as rumored.

5. There has been no clandestine attempt to send men across the border through Italy and France to Spain. Officials of the new organization revealed that an offer was made to the Spanish exiles who plan an armed revolt against Franco, but the offer was turned down on the grounds that they have enough men. They have been encouraged, however, to stand by and be ready.

6. The men belonging to this organization have frequently stated that they were to leave for France or Spain in a matter of weeks, but this is regarded as a mere wish rather than a fact. The program of the organization, in the meantime, is to teach Spanish to its members and to develop cultural ties with Spain. No financial means to speak of are available. There does not seem to be any connection with clandestine movements of the Communist Party

It will be interesting to note that the Libertarians are bitter enemies of Communism.

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