

Italian Consulates Further Fascism, U. S. Agency Warns

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New York Police Ordered
To Intensify Vigilance
To Halt Propagandists

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, June 14.—Intensified police vigilance has been ordered here following a warning by an undisclosed Federal agency that Italian consuls general in the United States had been instructed to further the cause of Fascism in this country.

All city police commanders were assembled in a secret conference yesterday at which they were given a 25-page report summarizing results of an investigation by the Federal agency.

Asked to comment on reports that Italian officials had been told to conduct propaganda campaigns in newspapers, schools and over the radio, attaches at the Italian Consulate here said:

"We are not authorized to make any statement regarding political matters."

Mayor La Guardia in an address last Monday advised consular agents to "adhere strictly to their consular duties."

There are more than 1,000,000 persons of Italian descent in New York City.

The memorandum handed ranking police officers and inspectors of the criminal alien, sabotage and bomb squads contained instructions to make arrests whenever and wherever necessary.

The memorandum summarized results of the Federal agency's investigation into Fascist activities and authorities said these activities are carried on with the approval of Italian consulate officers who worked under the mantle of "diplomatic immunity."

Federal investigators were said to have obtained copies of instructions which went out to consulate officers on the dissemination of propaganda.

The instructions were said to advise consulate attaches, and through them various Italian organizations, to preach Fascism, enlist all possible aid for it, and try as effectively as possible to bring new members into the cause.

Action taken by police here, it was reported, was at the behest of Federal officials, with the approval of the Mayor, as part of a nationwide drive to check anti-national defense preparations.

The memorandum to the police begins by saying: "The survey will demonstrate that the officials of the Italian Consulate General in New York, aided by their diplomatic immunity, are engaged in a stubborn propaganda."

A foreword says that "this survey is founded on documentary evidence; rumor, hearsay and unverified statements rigidly excluded."

The memorandum emphasizes that Fascist propaganda here has three purposes: First, support of the Fascist policy; second, attempting to show that democracy is unworkable; third, that the American system of government is corrupted and incapable of solving our problems, and that "we need a good mechanic like Mussolini or Hitler."