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**Police Ordered to
Watch Subversion**

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A Rome-inspired campaign to enlist thousands of Italian-Americans in a national crusade to support Italy's war aims was exposed today with issuance of secret orders to police.

The instructions, outlining uses of propaganda and other subversive means to further the cause of fascism in the United States, were sent to Italian consular agents, it was disclosed, and intercepted by a Government source in Washington.

Converts Are Sought

News of the widespread movement was revealed when Assistant Chief Inspector John J. Ryan, in command of detectives, distributed a 25-page pamphlet to his subordinates. This paper contained detailed directions, believed compiled by the FBI, for dealing with overt acts.

The principal efforts of the consuls and their aides, it was reported, was to be directed toward preaching Fascism and making converts to the cause of Mussolini.

All free agencies of a free country—the newspapers, magazines, radio, public schools and Sunday schools—were to be exploited to spread the doctrines, it was said.

Denied Officially

Official sources denied any knowledge of the special orders. But despite the official silence, it was learned that copies of the 25-page pamphlet were handed out to New York city borough commanders, heads of detective districts, and commanders of alien and sabotage squads for transmission to some 2,000 detectives.

All activities of alien groups are to be closely watched. If the detectives' suspicions are unsupported by sufficient evidence, all information is to be turned over to the alien and sabotage squads for further investigation.

According to the 1930 census, there are 440,000 Italian-born individuals in New York and 1,700,000 in the United States. Neither figure, however, embraces the far greater number of second-generation Italian-Americans, which comprises one of the most powerful racial groups in New York city.