

# Italian-American Group Leaders Meet To Push Amity Policy

Consular Officials  
Join Move to Prevent  
Hostile Sentiment

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In furtherance of a recently-announced national Italo-American policy of promoting better relationships between Italy and the United States and of preventing growth of anti-Italian sentiment in this country, leaders of local Italian-American societies have been in consultation with Italian consular officials, it was admitted today.

A meeting of the presidents of local societies was held at the Italian Embassy last Thursday with Vittorio Bifulco, acting consul, according to reports which the Embassy refused to confirm or deny.

Among those said to have attended the meeting were Dr. Eugene Forcione, president of the Sons of Italy; Alfonso Fiore, president of the Unione Fratellanza; John Montello, president of Loggia Roma, and Antonio Mistretta, president of Loggia Cavaletti.

Dr. Forcione, a physician, with offices at 4521 Sixteenth street N.W., said he had attended the meeting and that he had been asked to caution members of his society to avoid incidents which might harm the Italian cause in this country.

Mr. Montello said the meeting had been held, but declined to say whether he or any representative of his organization had been present. Leaders of the other organizations could not be reached.

According to news reports last month, Italian officials in leading American cities at which consulates are maintained are co-operating in a general program said to have originated in Rome of avoiding incidents or statements of a provocative nature. The program, it is understood, calls for "soft pedaling" of the former pro-Fascist propaganda and discourages such activities as pro-Italian meetings and the display of the Italian flag during public outings of Italo-American societies.