

40 Italian Veterans Seized by FBI in New York Area

All Were Members
Of Fascist Federation;
German and Jap Held

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, July 22.—P. E. Foxworth, assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced today that FBI agents, in co-operation with New York and Hempstead (Long Island) police, had rounded up 42 enemy aliens, including 40 members of the Federation of Italian World War Veterans.

The War Veterans' Federation, known as "Associazione Nazionale Combattenti Italiani," occupied offices at the same address as that of the Italian consulate in New York and was "a strictly Fascist organization," Mr. Foxworth said.

Active in Fascist League.

The aliens, including one German and one Japanese, were picked up in simultaneous raids in Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Hempstead.

The federation was formed and incorporated in New York State in 1929. Before that time, Mr. Foxworth said, its appointed officers had been active members in the Fascist League of North America, and membership cards of the federation were identical to those of the Fascist party's in Italy.

Mr. Foxworth said that in 1941 the War Veterans' Federation had 93 branches in the United States, requirement for membership being that applicants had seen service in the Italian Army during the World War or had performed distinctive services for the Italian Army during the Ethiopian campaign.

Associated With Consulates.

Since its organization, Mr. Foxworth said, the federation was closely associated with Italian consulates in this country. At a general assembly of the federation in 1935 a resolution was adopted giving the unconditional support of the federation to Italy, he said.

Quotations from the resolution, said Mr. Foxworth, included: "Their unfaltering attachment and devotion to the Italian mother country * * * their full, complete and unshakable confidence in the work of the Italian government" and "their firm purpose of supporting with every means and, if necessary, with the sacrifice of life itself, the actions of the Italian government."