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Secret Government Files Published

Italy Stirred by Disclosures

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ROME, Feb. 14—Europeo, a mass circulation picture magazine, has gotten access to some secret files of SID, Italy's equivalent of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, and is publishing them.

The revelations, which are stirring Italy even more than the recent Cabinet crisis, include:

- Seven years ago SID saved Giovanni Gronchi, then President, from being kidnaped and possibly assassinated by a rival.

- Pope John XXIII preferred present Socialist Democratic President Giuseppe Saragat, an anti-clerical Catholic, to his opponents, because they were "atheistic" Catholics.

- Vice Premier Pietro Nenni's Socialist Party has been financed by Britain's Labor Party.

- Soviet Premier Khrushchev, alarmed when Albania turned to Red China, asked



GIOVANNI GRONCHI



POPE JOHN XXIII



GIUSEPPE SARAGAT

... secrets of Italian intelligence service revealed by picture magazine.

Yugoslavia's President Tito to try to keep the Communists of Italy and France from going the same route.

The revelations published by Europeo are the outcome of a complaint by Sicilian Sen. Girolamo Messeri that SID agents tailed him in the

United States last year after columnist Drew Pearson named him as Italy's future Defense Minister. The Defense Ministry, headed by Socialist Democrat Roberto Tremelloni, is in charge of the SID.

Europeo backs its articles with what are purported to

be photocopies of documents from SID's secret files. Some are initialed "G," allegedly by Gronchi, a leftist Christian Democrat.

Europeo says it got the documents from former directors of SID who tailed leading

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politicians, allegedly on Gronchi's orders.

The attempt to strike down Gronchi, now 79 and a Senator for life, was supposed to have been plotted by his conservative adversary, Congressman Randolph Pacciardi. Gronchi's flirtations with the Communists are said to have alarmed Pacciardi, who had become strongly anti-Communist. Having served as Minister of Defense, he had been in charge of SID before Gronchi's officers took over.

The place allegedly selected for the attack on Gronchi was his home town of Pisa. SID, informed of the danger by a "Dr. X," whose identity Europeo says it is shielding, set in motion an elaborate plan to protect Gronchi.

No action was ever taken against Pacciardi. Gronchi carried out his plan for an agreement with Russia and made a state visit to Moscow.

Gronchi has admitted that special precautions for his protection were made during the time he was in danger.

The SID report to Gronchi

on the aspirations of his rival, Saragat, dated May 14, 1961, said: "Saragat is believed to be the Pope's candidate. In Rome, in leftist-center circles, it is believed that Pope John XXIII would rather have an anti-clerical Catholic like Saragat in the Quirinale (the Italian White House) than such Catholic atheists as Cesare Merzagora, Pietro Campilli, Gaetano Martino or even Antonio Segni."

Segni became President, succeeding Gronchi.

Saragat is represented in the secret reports as having gained his information about Khrushchev from the Socialists' Second International.

A report dated 1951 says that Nenni, then allied with the Communists (he broke with them over Hungary in 1956), "received heavy financial help from the Labor Party, which the British are still continuing, to give him the courage and material means to conduct his struggle inside the party" (against the Communists).