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1. Leaders of the Partito Nazionalista Italiano (PNI; Italian Nationalist Party) and of other political organizations held important meetings in Rome and Milan, during the months of September-October 1952, in connection with the forthcoming political elections in the Spring of 1953. Such meetings produced satisfying results, and it was decided, among other things, to fuse the groups into a single organism under the PNI.
2. To facilitate the job of consolidation, and bearing in mind the present conditions in the country, the PNI leaders considered proposals for changes in their program to be submitted to an extraordinary assembly, which was to be called immediately. Such changes were aimed to clarify the concepts of modern nationalism, which, although traditionally related to the Florence Convention of 1910 and to the acknowledgement of the Monarchy as the best form of government for Italy, must be adapted to present national necessities.
3. While condemning every remaining imperialistic and bellicose spirit, the proposals aim to establish:
  - a. That nationalism must advocate the collaboration of the most efficient classes and the equitable solution of social problems, with participation by workers of producing companies, in the assets of such companies, with recognition for the privileges of soldiers and veterans of all wars in securing employment in public and private firms and in the assignment of homes to them. The same treatment must be extended to the refugees from Venezia Giulia, from Dalmatia, from the former Italian colonies, and countries of the Eastern bloc;
  - b. That a census be taken of foreign immigrants who have arrived in Italy since 1943, with a view to determining their location and the possibility of their working in Italy, bearing in mind enormous excess of labor in our country;
  - c. Freedom to all Italian citizens of whatever religion, without racial discrimination, within the law of the land and the faith of the Fatherland;

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- d. An invitation to the Pope and to the leaders of the Catholic Associations, with a view to obtaining a clarification of the religious contacts between the Church, the Christian Democratic Party, and the various political organizations. Such clarification of position must have the purpose of particularizing, by public statement, the breaking of the Christian Democratic Party's monopoly on Catholicism and the assumption of responsibilities by religious organs. A political struggle in exclusive support of the Christian Democrats could have serious consequences on public opinion, in contacts with the Church, and in the Lateran Pacts;
- e. With respect to foreign policy, the PNI proposes:
- (1) The principle of the necessity for international collaboration, as only it can assure a lasting world peace;
  - (2) Nationalism must accept the proposal for European Federation and the Atlantic Pact which are the instruments for the defense of the rights of Christian culture and of free peoples; it should not be forgotten, however, that participation therein is subordinate to the satisfaction of its legitimate aspirations, such as the annulment of the "dikat" (sic), the restitution of Trieste, of Venezia Giulia, Briga, and Tenda;
  - (3) Full sovereignty and freedom in Italian politics;
  - (4) Full recognition of Italian rights in the former colonies and admission of workers from the Fatherland; and
  - (5) That the Anglo-Americans and their allies cease furnishing war materials to Yugoslavia, until the achievement of a complete accord between Italy and her neighboring countries, bearing in mind Italian aspirations and the interests of those who have remained under the control of Tito's regime.
4. Vincenzo Caputo resigned as Secretary General of the PNI, and such position has been assumed as regent, by the present Vice-Secretary General, Giuseppe Albanese, of Milan.
5. In the meeting held on 31 October 1952 in Milan PNI headquarters, it was decided to call a meeting in December of all the leaders of the PNI and other adherent organizations for the purpose of approving a new constitution for the Party, the selection of a new National Directorate and of a new Editorial Committee for the newspaper, L'Idea Nazionale, and to discuss the organizational and political work of the Party.
6. On the proposal of the Acting Secretary-General, the following measures were taken:
- a. Domenico Saguto of Rome was called to be a member of the Party's National Council;
  - b. The Directing Council of the Palermo Federation was dissolved; ERCOLE DELL'ACQUA was named Commissioner Extraordinary to reconstitute such Council, as soon as possible;
  - c. Giuseppe Ferrara, the Palermo Federation Secretary who was resigning, was given a vote of appreciation and recognition for his work; and
  - d. Francesco Moncata was confirmed as Commissioner Extraordinary for the Province of Ragusa, and Gaetano Cali' for the Giarre-Risposto (Catania) Section.

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