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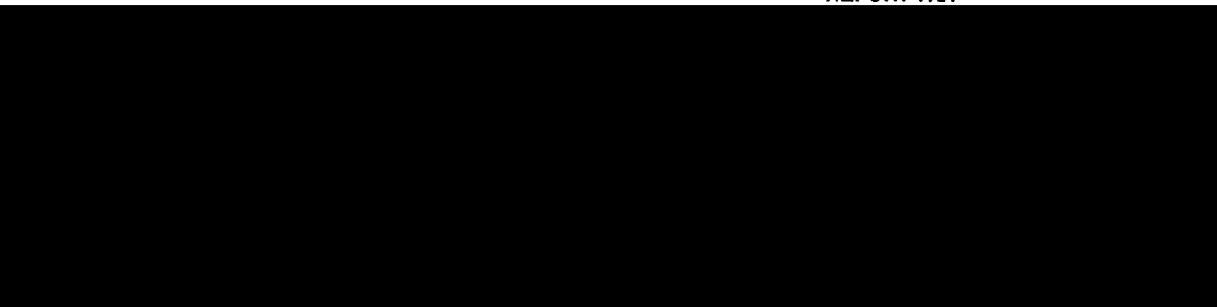
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1. After the liberation of Rome the "Lega Nazionale Cooperative" (National Cooperative League), with headquarters at No. 7, Via Sapri, Rome, secured control of the "Ente Nazionale Fascista delle Cooperative" (National Fascist Body of Cooperatives). The President of the "Lega", the former High Commissioner for Food, Giulio Cerreti, a Communist, converted the organization into an effective center for Communist propoganda.
2. The "Lega", under PCI directives, exerts control over several cooperatives. Several new cooperatives are being set up throughout the Lazio region, such as the "Stalin" and "Due Ottobre" cooperatives, which were recently formed at Tarquinia (Viterbo). The purpose of these cooperatives is to store wheat and other cereals which will be distributed to the members of the Communist Party in case of an emergency.
3. At the commercial chancellery of Rome, there are many applications awaiting approval for the formation of numerous cooperatives for building purposes, the sale of wine, oil, agricultural products, etc.. All these applications form part of an extensive plan prepared by the Communist Party for the establishment of cooperatives to handle the clandestine distribution of food.
4. In this connection it should be noted that many of the cooperatives which are not yet legally sanctioned, are already purchasing large quantities of foodstuffs.
5. The "Alleanza Cooperative Italiana di Consumo" is a branch of the "Lega Nazionale delle Cooperative", whose headquarters are at No. 7, Via Sapri, Rome. The "Alleanza" has control over various cooperatives throughout Italy, including the "Consorzio Provinciale delle Cooperative" in Bologna, whose director is the Communist, Pietro Nicolo Avoni.
6. In addition to its primary purpose of distributing food to members of the PCI in case of an emergency, these cooperatives serve as a source of funds for the PCI and as a channel for subversive propoganda.

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