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- The Italian tanker RAPALLO was recently undergoing repairs in the San Rocco shipyard in Trieste. The vessel, which is of the old type, with a boiler and a speed of nine to ten knots, gross tonnage 3,445 tons, capacity 7,551 tons, is owned by the Azienda Generale Italiana Petroli, Rome, and is operated in Trieste by the Tarabocchia Maritime Agency.
- 2. The vessel departed at four o'clock in the afternoon on 2h May bound for Vione where it was to load crude oil between 26 and 31 May. Thence, the vessel will proceed to Danzig where the oil will be unloaded and delivered to an unidentified Polish refinery.
- 3. Negotiations for the use of the vessel were carried out in Rome by the Albanian commercial representative and the fee was to be paid in United States dollars, which may be paid by a Polish bank. The cost of the oil is estimated at 165,000,000 lire which will allegedly be paid to the Soviets by the Poles in United States dollars. Under this exhange, the Soviets are to give the Poles a like value in Soviet goods and the Poles are to provide Albania with industrial equipment and Silesian coal.

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