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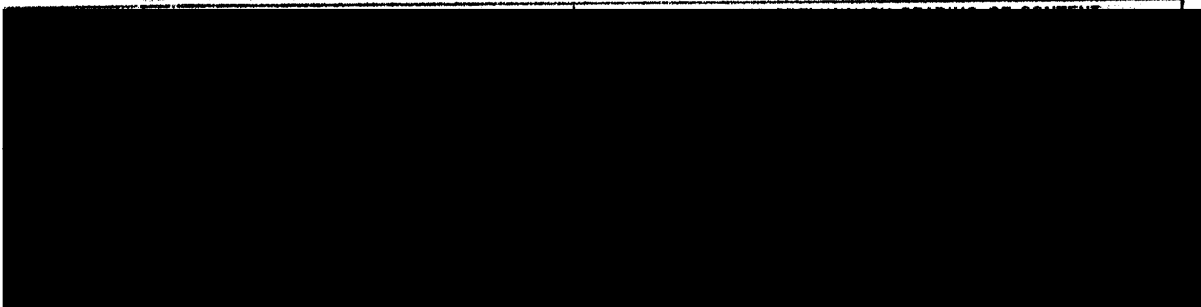
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1. On 20 September 1951, Alessandro Vaja called a meeting of all women cadre leaders at the Partito Comunista Italiano (PCI; Italian Communist Party) headquarters. Among those present were Maria Zanoni, Elena Vaghi, Diana Selvaggini, Anna Bezzini, Elide Kumli, Nora Graziani, Serena Carre, Giovanna Checchini, Rina Quercioli, Dalla Pescetti, Sonia Bagnoli, Valeria Bonazzola, and Nora Fumagalli.
2. The purpose of the meeting was to outline the course of action to be followed during the meeting of the Atlantic Council, scheduled to be held in Rome in October 1951.
3. Vaja reported that the PCI wished to organize large-scale demonstrations against the Atlantic Pact and Italian participation therein.
 - a. "The gentlemen must have a clear idea of what Italian women are thinking. For this reason, we must organize hostile demonstrations in every Italian city; in addition, we will stage demonstrations before foreign Consulates and Embassies.
 - b. "Furthermore, you leaders must acquaint your cell members with the real national and international situation. As Italy is once more about to be invaded by a foreign power, the Womens Section must organize as it did during the partisan days. Many of you can render outstanding work in the fields of contacting, penetrating, and shadowing foreigners in Italy, and we will assign you to the units now being formed. The ones picked will be sent either to a school in France or to one of the many now operating in Czechoslovakia and Rumania. The recent security work in the democratic nations such as the arrests and trials in Rumania and Bulgaria were made possible by women agents; in Italy, such a service has a wide field of targets. In order to establish a real control over the world situation, the Cominform has organized a world-wide Women's Intelligence Service. The Italian sector can and must measure up to the units of other countries."

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