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1. The attempt to organize camouflaged para-military units within the Movimento Avanguardia Garibaldina (Garibaldi Vanguard Movement) has been a partial failure. The effectiveness of this organization was greatly impeded by timely legislative sanctions and by the clamor raised in regards to its true aims. The PCI is now utilizing sports as a very effective propaganda weapon to direct the masses of youth towards determined political objectives through a gradual infiltration.
2. In June 1948 the Central Committee of the PCI organized the Unione Italiana Sport Popolare (U.I.S.P.) (Italian Union of Popular Sports). It was established on orders of the Cominform which provided large sums for this activity. It is reported that the organization has been financed through the Taurca bicycle manufacturing plant of Bologna. The PCI at the present time is also constituting the Unione Turistica Giovanile (Youth Tourist Union).
3. The U.I.S.P. is headed by the secretary general of the organization, Gennaro Di Stazio, a resident of Rome, and a national council of about eight members. The central headquarters of the organization is in Rome at No. 7, Galleria Margherita. In order to publicize its activities it will publish a paper to be called Alba-Sport. It will appoint correspondents in every Italian city. In order to aid the growth of the organization, dances, lotteries, sports activities and subscriptions will be undertaken. The stated purpose of the organization is to raise the level of Italian sports, and to defend the interests "of poor sportsmen, of the forgotten, of the last romantic amateurs". So far it has limited its activities to light sports, soccer, bicycling, swimming, basketball roller skating and boxing. It will soon extend its activities to all other fields of sports including automobile racing.
4. According to reliable reports the following are the true aims of the organization:
  - a. To educate the youth of both sexes in Marxist ideology at the same time giving them military training so that they can be used at the proper time.

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- b. To make Italy the seat of conventions and demonstrations of the Communist youth from countries in the Soviet sphere.
  - c. Absorb the Comitato Olimpico Nazionale Italiano (C.O.N.I.) (National Italian Olympic Committee) and start a gradual work of penetration among the sports fans of the nation.
5. The U.I.S.P. is working in close cooperation with the Association for Italo-Soviet Cultural Relations. Within each section of the U.I.S.P. is a political committee which has the task of getting the youth together to discuss with them the dangers which threaten the nation and humanity and to invite them to constitute the first bulwark for peace.

U.I.S.P. Activities in the Province of Bari

6. A provincial section of the U.I.S.P. has been set up in Bari. Its temporary headquarters are in the Chamber of Labor headquarters. No external activities have yet been undertaken. At present the local section of the U.I.S.P. is busy enrolling members, looking for a headquarters, preparing a program and other preliminary activities.
7. The regional political Commissar is Armando Mastromuro, vice inspector of the PCI for the region of Apulia, commander of the Garibaldi Brigades. The most active leaders of the local U.I.S.P. section are the following youths: Lauro Casadio and Domenico Morino, both leaders of the Garibaldi Youth Movement, and a certain Nicola Poliseno.
8. The technical sport direction of the organization has been assigned to the following: Donato Magno, born at Bari on 21 August 1905, resident of Bari, a former officer of the Fascist Militia; and Antonio Rubaudo, born at Bari on 28 January 1920, resident of Bari, physical education instructor.
9. Through Rubaudo the U.I.S.P. has applied to the provincial secretariat of the Gioventù Italiana (Italian Youth) which is being liquidated to obtain a nine year lease for the former G.I.L. (Fascist Youth Organization) gymnasium offering forty million lire and pledging to restore the efficiency of the building and installations which have been seriously damaged during the war. Since this matter is under the jurisdiction of the national headquarters of the Gioventù Italiana, the application has been forwarded to the National Commission of the organization. The C.O. N.I. has also applied for the use of the gymnasium.

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