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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO CATHOLIC YOUTH CIRCLES.

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The following letter and circular from the TURIN and Province Chamber of Work, which is a Communist set-up, to the Christian Democrat Youth Group of TURIN, is an example of the subtle tactics which the Italian Communist Party is adopting to penetrate Catholic Democrat youth circles.

The original letter and circular have been seen at this office.

"The TURIN and Province Confederal Chamber of Work"

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TURIN 28.6.1955

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Subject:

To The Christian Democrat Youth Group

TURIN.

Via S. Teresa 20.

"Following our telephone conversation and the impossibility of arranging a meeting, we are sending you the attached appeal made to the youth of TURIN by 150 working girls and boys who took part in the Young Workers Congress on May 22.

(Over)

"We are certain that the questions put forward in the appeal will be of interest to your organization, as such matters have been debated in your meetings.

"In expectation of receiving your opinion.

Yours truly,

(Franco Cariola)

For the Youth Commission
of the C.C.L. of TURIN."

The following is the text of the appeal:

"From the TURIN and Province Confederal Chamber of Work.

TURIN -- Corso G. Ferraris

"Appeal From the Young Workers' Congress of May 22 1955

"Young Working Girls and Boys of TURIN,

"The Young Workers Congress, carried out under the auspices of the Youth Commission of the Executive Commission of the Chamber of Work, demands that a limit be imposed on the inhumane exploitation to which the young workers are exposed in the factories and workshops, that their rights be respected, that an end be made of the insults to their dignity and personality on the part of the owners and to the blackmail which goes on by means of limited contracts, through employment agencies, or by discriminatory employment, with the aim of having in the factories, particularly in "Fiat," only those young workers who are prepared to accept the imposition of the owners.

"The Congress denounces the responsibilities of the great monopolist industrialists, whose policy determines the increase in unemployment among young workers, and energetically and forcefully impedes their function in the active life of the country, and at the best, subjects them to unstable employment which is not up to their aspirations.

"The Congress has put forward a new economic policy, to be formed by a government which genuinely thinks of the workers and young people, and by which it would be possible for the new generation to play its part in production and in the life of the country, as is inscribed in the Italian Constitution which the owners and the government ought to respect.

(Over)

"The Congress puts to all trade union and democratic movements, and to the young people of TURIN, the task of developing a wide movement for the rightful application of the law governing apprenticeship in every firm and to obtain from the Ministry of Labor the immediate ruling on the same.

Because the law, while lowering the cost of apprenticeship does not fix the percentage of young workers to be employed in the plants, it is necessary to carry out in the factories a wide program toward the employment of young people and apprentices, by the presentation of a demand to the management. It is also necessary to ask for the opening of trade schools in the factories, and for the enlarging of the trade schools in "Fiat," Olivetti" and "Riv" of TURIN and VILLAR and that their activity be developed in the spirit of the laws on apprenticeship and contracts. Furthermore, the communes of TURIN and other towns in the province must be interested to support initiatives toward the schools for apprentices.

"The owners' intention to twist the law into a blackmail weapon and a means of exploitation must be denounced and rebuffed, as must be the arbitrary regulations governing sick benefit at "Inam" and that of family allowances in "INPS," and those regulations must be abrogated because they are in opposition to the laws and regulations governing social security which are in force in our country.

"Hundreds of young people who have already learnt to fight for the respect of their dignity, now demonstrate how the problems can be solved on condition that youth strengthens its unity and does not yield under the blackmail of the owners nor lose faith in a better future.

"The Congress invites you, young workers of every category, and of every trade union and political party, to meet in the young workers' meetings at the factories to denounce your working conditions and put forward demands for their improvement, and, with the help of the C.G.I.L. (NOTE: The Communist controlled Trade Union) the unilateral trade unions and all trade unions, and all youth and democratic movements, come to achieve your aspirations and a happier, more beautiful and tranquil life, in a world of peace and friendship among all nations."

End

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