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1. During September all the activities of the leaders of the Partito Comunista Italiano (PCI; Italian Communist Party) Federation were directed towards making a success of the various Feste de L'Unita, held in the Province. The financial result was considered to be excellent, resulting in a net profit of about 700,000 lire of which the PCI took 50 per cent.
2. Contrary to previous years the Feste de L'Unita, which took place mainly in the Slovene areas of the Gorizia Province, were not held because the Communist Party of the Free Territory of Trieste would not supply the personnel. The Federation did not regret this change as the Feste de L'Unita were a heavy financial burden.
3. The Federation has recently received directives from the PCI to give impetus to the collection of signatures for the Berlin Appeal and to the formation of peace committees. In their directive the PCI attached great importance to the inclusion of "elements foreign to the Party" in the peace committees so that they will be able to represent themselves as independent of the PCI or the Italian Socialist Party.
4. On 17 September 1951 a meeting of the Partisans of Peace was held at Padua at which delegations of the whole of the Veneto Region participated. Giacomo Pellegrini, Giancarlo Pajetta, and Mario Geromet (representing Gorizia) were present. New directives for the collection of signatures were drafted. Now, the collector must be convinced that the prospective signer has fully understood the significance and the importance of his signature before he signs.
5. Pajetta asked the Gorizia delegation why the collection of signatures in their Province was progressing so slowly. Geromet answered that the population of the Province did not appreciate the danger that they would be the first to be attacked in the event of war, as they did not believe in Tito's participation in the Atlantic Pact.
6. Propaganda was discussed at a Gorizia provincial congress of the Partisans of Peace on 23 September 1951, presided over by Antonio Tambarin. The committee had compiled a leaflet which cost 20,000

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like for 7,000 copies. This leaflet was to be given only to those who showed interest in the contents. Themes for future leaflets will include such items as the building of bunkers at Selkan, Nova Gorica, and the training of para-military forces in Yugoslavia. The Federation wished to touch on the question of Trieste but was not clear what attitude should be adopted concerning this territory for fear of upsetting the Slav minority in the Gorizia Province.

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