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VP.

1. PRO does not propose to make a draft in draft now. Des. not it is instruction that they should do so and submit to Peleds. + cc. There may not be time to do all this at short.
2. No. one seems to have done anything about the broadcast release.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

JPL/hm

Ref. 102/PRB

4 October 1945

SUBJECT : Local Handover Press Release

TO : Vice President, Civil Affairs Section

1. Reference is made to the telephone conversation of this instant between Brigadier Carr and Major Leacacos.
2. The attached press release prepared by the Legal Sub-Commission is entirely adequate for its purpose, that of being reproduced verbatim in provincial newspapers in the territory to be affected by the handover.
3. The national press release will be submitted for your approval when ready. It is not proposed to make an actual draft until the facts of the situation are more certain.

For the Director:-

John P. Leacacos
JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major, NMB,
Chief News Production Div.
Public Relations Branch.

C.S.O.

*Spoke Major Leacacos 5/10
PRD has a copy of attached special press announcement
and this will be used as an official broadcast. The number of the Decree will
have to be filled in. I think we have it now. 97?*

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COMMUNIQUE TO THE PRESS

AMG in the Provinces of

will end at

The effect of the end of military government is that all Proclamations and Orders issued by or under the authority of the Supreme Allied Commander in AMG territory cease to have effect and that, subject to the powers, rights and immunities of the United Nations the SAC and the Allied Commission, the Italian Government will be fully responsible for the administration of the territory.

The Italian Government has officially recognized all Proclamations and Orders formerly issued by AMG in these provinces as having been validly made and as having the same legal effect as if they had been issued by the Italian Government according to Italian law, and has further recognized as legal and valid all acts done by members of the Allied Forces in pursuance or in application of these Proclamations and Orders, including the appointments, and removals of public officials. All persons appointed to public offices by AMG will continue in office as temporary appointees, unless or until they are replaced by the Italian Government. The terms of the appointments are set out in Decree DL No. All sentences imposed by AMG Courts continue in effect as if they had been imposed by Italian Courts. They can only be modified by or with the consent of AC.

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Il Governo Militare Alleato nella Provincia di
avrà termine il

La fine del Governo Militare Alleato importa che cessano dall'avere effetto tutti i Proclami e le Ordinanze emanate da o in nome del Comandante Supremo Alleato nel territorio soggetto al Governo ~~Militare~~ Militare Alleato e che il Governo Italiano sarà pienamente responsabile dell'amministrazione di detto territorio, fatti salvi i poteri, diritti e immunità delle Nazioni Unite, del Comando Supremo Alleato e della Commissione Alleata.

Il Governo Italiano ha ufficialmente riconosciuto che tutti i Proclami e le Ordinanze precedentemente emanate dal Governo Militare Alleato in codeste Province sono, stati validamente emanati ed hanno la stessa efficacia come se fossero stati emanati dal Governo Italiano in conformità alla legge Italiana, ed ha inoltre riconosciuto legali, e validi tutti gli atti compiuti dai ~~medesimi~~ componenti delle Forze Alleate in conformità od in applicazione di detti Proclami od Ordinanze ivi compresi le nomine e le rimozioni di pubblici funzionari.

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Tutte le persone nominate a pubblici uffici dal Governo Militare Alleato rimarranno in carica a titolo temporaneo a meno che o fino a quando vengano sostituiti dal Governo Italiano. Le condizioni per le nomine sono quelle stabilite dal DLE No.

Tutte le sentenze pronunciate dai Tribunali del Governo Militare Alleato mantengono la loro efficacia così come se fossero state pronunciate dalle autorità giudiziarie Italiane, e possono essere modificate soltanto dalla Commissione Alleata o col consenso della stessa.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSE/cb

R603/PRB

14 September 1945

15 SET 1945

SUBJECT: AC/AMG Review

TO : All concerned

1. The Public Relations Branch is willing to mail, on behalf of key officers of the Commission, copies of the AC/AMG Review to any persons you believe would like to have it.

2. Please send the names and addresses to this Branch, Room 25, 4th Floor.

VP. CA Sec		
Public Safety	have copy, 11 SET 1945	
Public Health	have copy PRB	
Legal	have	
Local Govt	OK 18/9	
Patriots	PR 18/9	
Disper	have copy to	
Education	PR 21/9/45	
MFA & A	PR 21/9	
IPR	PR 21/9	
CA Sec.	PR 21/9	

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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AFHQ FOR G-5 21 SEP 1945

5756 20 SEPT 45 OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

CONFIDENTIAL PD

I MOST EARNESTLY RECOMMEND THAT THE PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE SENT TO ME UNDER COVER
GENERAL MACONUDERS LETTER OF TWENTY SEPTEMBER BE NOT ISSUED FOR IT IS MY OPINION AND
THAT OF MY TECHNICAL ADVISERS THAT IT WILL INCREASE TENSION AMONG ITALIANS RATHER
THAN RELIEVE IT PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ AICOM FROM ADMIRAL STONE CITE AGSCC PAREN

PARA TWO PD THE TELEGRAM REFERS TO EMPLOYMENT BY UNITED STATES FORCES ONLY PD I
SUBMIT THAT THE RELEASE SHOULD COVER ALLIED POLICY AND PROCEDURE PD

PARA THREE PD THERE ARE OVER ONE MILLION ITALIANS REGISTERED AS UNEMPLOYED PD IT
IS ESTIMATED A FURTHER MILLION ARE UNDER EMPLOYED OR UNEMPLOYED WITHOUT REGISTERING PD
IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES I SUBMIT THAT TO REFER TO RELEASE OF ITALIAN WORKERS FOR ASSISTANCE
IN REHABILITATION AND ADSORPTION WITHOUT APPRECIABLE UNEMPLOYMENT WILL PRODUCE IRONICAL
COMMENTS FROM ITALIANS WHOSE PREOCCUPATION TODAY IS ARTIFICIAL CREATION OF RELIEF SCHEMES
IN ATTEMPT TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT PD

PARA FOUR PD FURTHER IRONICAL COMMENT WILL BE RAISED BY STATEMENT OF POLICY NOT TO
DISCHARGE CIVILIANS IN ORDER TO UTILIZE POW PD FACT IS IN EYES OF ITALIANS THAT
HUNDREDS OF CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED IN NAPLES ALONE TO MAKE ROOM FOR GERMANS PD
REFERENCE TO SPECIALISTS CANNOT APPLY TO EMPLOYMENT OF POW AS ROAD SWEEPERS PD

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

UNSKILLED LABORERS CMA WAITERS AND CANTEN ASSISTANTS PD

PARA FIVE PD I WILL REPLY TO GENERAL MACGRUDERS LETTER ON THE MAIN QUESTION OF
POLICY AND WILL SUBMIT BY TELEPHONE TOMORROW INTERIM PRESS RELEASE

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 4/16 H/CA ✓

17 Sep 45

SUBJECT : Press Release on AC Accomplishments

TO : Public Relations Branch

Reference your 9258/110 HQ undated.

Herewith the following Press releases:

Defascism
Displaced Persons
Education
Legal
Local Government
Mine Clearance
MFA & A
Patriots
Public Health
Public Safety

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AG/6/5/LG
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10 Aug
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S.H. WHITE Lt Col,
GSO CA Sec.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

26/4
10 SEP 1945

SUBJECT: Press Release

FILE No. 20380/MFAA

TO : CA Sec.

10 Sept 1945

10 SET 1945

Herein, in compliance ^{with} your 3/1.B/CA of
7 Sep 45 is the statement required from this S/C
by the Executive Commission's letter 9258/110/EC
of recent date.

J. B. WATRO PERKINS 965
Lt. Col., RA
Director, MFAA S/C. (3501)

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APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

TTG. 25A

DPR/103/ADM

10 September, 1945.

SUBJECT ; Press Release.

TO : V.P., C.A. Section, A.C. (7)

11 SET. 1945

1. Reference your letter 3/1.B/CA dated 7 Sep. 45.
2. Attached hereto please find the statements of this Sub-Commission as called for in the Executive Commissioner's letter 9258/110/EC, undated.

For the Director,

C. Fothergill
C. F. FOTHERGILL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Deputy Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

7 SEP 1945

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Ref. 112/PRB

7 Sep. 45

SUBJECT : Interview to "Orbis" newsagency.

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TO : Lt Col S.H. White, Civil Affairs Section.

The following questions will cover more or less the scope of the interview which "Orbis" wishes to have from you.

Could you please fix an appointment for "Orbis" representative ?

Questions

1. What groups of civil servants have been epurated ?
2. Which grades have been most epurated ?
3. How many have been epurated ?
4. How many have been suspended from office ?
5. How many cases have been investigated ?
6. Is there any other information which you consider interesting to the Italian Press ?

(for the Director)

D. Oxilia

D. OXILIA
Italian Division
Public Relations Branch

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 Civil Affairs
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 9253/110/EC.

Subject: Press Release on AC Accomplishments,

To: Distribution below.

1. It is considered that our withdrawal from the North provides an excellent opportunity to obtain wide publicity in the Italian and Allied press on the achievements of AIG in the last few months.

2. I am therefore writing to ask you to prepare very brief statements setting out the facts and not attempting in any way to write a report. These statements should not be longer than two foolscap pages, single-sided and double-spaced, and should be addressed to the Public Relations Branch of this HQ. The Public Relations Branch will rewrite and consolidate the statements for a Press Release.

3. The period to be covered is from 1st May 45 up to the present day. The AC/AMR Review fully covers events prior to 1st May 45.

For Chief Commissioner:

Stallan
 Brigadier,
 Executive Commissioner.

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Commissioner, Naples Commune.	
AC Liaison Officer, Bologna.	

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For Chief Commissioner:

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

W/16.B/CA

5 July 45

SUBJECT : Derequisitioning

TO : P.R.O.

I notice that Globo has recently carried a list of works derequisitioned in Naples.

It would, I believe, be a useful thing if publicity were given to derequisitions in Rome. Would you consider contacting NAAC (Real Estate) on it. CA Section is proposing to take up the whole subject with AFHQ.

A.D. BONHAG CARTER,
Lt., Colonel,
CSO CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

PH/GMF/ja
30 June 1945

AC/3042/3/PH

SUBJECT: - Harmful Reports on Public Health in Rome Press.

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TO : - Public Relations Officer, Allied Commission.

This Sub-Commission wishes to protest in the strongest possible manner against an article written in the "Quotidiano" by a Doctor Antonio ~~Salisani~~ on the subject of the spread of infectious diseases.

As far as Malaria is concerned, it is yet too early to be able to state that it is spreading and both the Italian Government, the Allied Commission and the Armed Forces are taking active and energetic measures to combat it.

The statement concerning Yellow Fever is entirely without foundation. No Yellow Fever has been reported from the Italian Mainland, Sicily or Sardinia either this year or last year. Such a statement is liable to provoke grave international repercussions in the sphere of Public Health relationships.

As regards Typhus, certain sporadic cases have occurred on the Italian Mainland but have immediately been sealed off, while small epidemics occurred in Sicily.

The publication of such wild and groundless statements is harmful to public morale, undermines confidence in the Italian Public Health Service and reflects unfavourably on the author and the paper which countenances such a travesty of the facts.

For the DIRECTOR:

G. M. Frizelle
G. M. FRIZELLE,
Lt Colonel,
Chief, Public Health Branch.

Copy to: - VP CA Section (This refers to extract in PRO Branch Daily Digest of 29th June, page 3.)

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ROUTINE

AFHQ CITE PHGEG SIGNED SAGMED

MAIN 8 ARMY. INFO: ALCON ROME, 15 ARMY GP, MAIN MACMIS

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1. Recent references in speeches by TITO. Official representations by the Yugoslav Govt (NIE Vice Premier) when proposed agreement was delivered, TANJUG broadcasts, Yugoslav and Russian press all stress propaganda portraying deplorable conditions for Slovenians in CARINTHIA under and resulting from ANG administration in that area. Specific instances of these are as follows.

2. (A) 26 May. All Yugoslav press reported units of Allied police and those of former Carinthian Hitlerite Govt were arresting Slovenians in KLAGENFURT. TANJUG announced that on 23 Allied Military police surrounded the Hq of the Carinthian Regional National Liberation Committee, searched it in an "extraordinary and cruel" manner and arrested several people, including VIANDENIN KRIDAOR. At the same time a Slovenian anti Fascist printing press was taken over by force and sealed. Alleged other arrests of Slovenes carried out; that local police were former Gestapo.

(B) 28 May. TITO made a speech in LJULANA in which he said "already we hear the cries of our Carinthian Brethren and their shouts for help".

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(C) 29 May. Yugoslav daily paper Borba referred to the "Nazi Govt of KLAGENFURT" and accused Allies of closing their eyes while Nazis persecuted the Yugoslavian fighters for National Liberty.

(D) 2 June. PRAVDA published an article from a TASS correspondent referring to the delegation from the Regional National Liberation Committee of Carinthia to see TITO in LJUBLJANA. They complained that persons prominent under Nazism were given full freedom of action, including RUPNIC and Bishop ROJMAN. Many SS men, Nedich gangsters and white guards had been enlisted by AMG into police and gendarmerie, who were conducting a reign of terror, and referred to the incidents mentioned in (A) above.

(E) Vice Premier KARDELJ referred to the victimization of the Slovenian population in Carinthia when notes from Govts in connection with VENEZIA GIUBIA were delivered.

3. It is appreciated that most of this propaganda and that charges are baseless. You should, however, keep in mind when appointing local officials, and generally in connection with AMG activities, the special nature of the propaganda that is being directed against the situation in Carinthia and ensure that extra care is taken to avoid the provision of ammunition for this propaganda campaign.

4. Desired that you report fully on relations with Slovenes and comment on any of reports which require comment as basis for counter-propaganda measures which are under urgent consideration here. Officer this Hq being dispatched to you today to assist in preparation report and collect information for PWB.

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Info - Chief Commissioner

CA Section, POL (A) POL(B)

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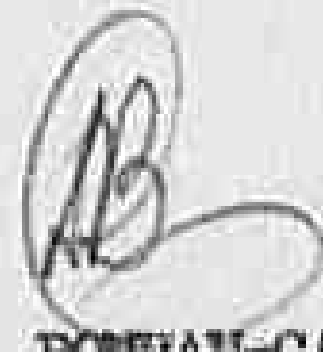
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3 June 45

SUBJECT : Weekly Bulletin - Odds and Ends

TO : HRO

- 1 The VP directs ^{me} to request that you publish a note concerning two items in the Weekly Bulletin Vol II No 9 dated 2 June 45.
- 2 The items are both in Odds and Ends and are
 - a) All promotions have been suspended
 - b) The AC Awards and Decorations Board has been meeting.
- 3 Would you kindly point out that both paragraphs refer to the American side only. Complications are liable to arise if this is not clear.


A.D. BONHAM-CARTER
Lt Colonel
for VP CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

4/16.B/CA

23rd May 1945.

SUBJECT: USIS Request for Speakers.

TO: Public Relations Branch.

Reference your 223/ITB dated 16 May 45.

It is regretted that there are no officers available in
The Civil Affairs Section as speakers for the United States
Information Service.

A. D. Bonham-Carter, Lt. Col.
OSO Civil Affairs Section.

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DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

4/16/45 ✓
DFR/2-3/A

Tel. 478607

23 May 1945

SUBJECT : U.S.I.S. Request for Speakers.

TO : C.A. Section.

1. Reference your 4/16E/CA dated 18 May 1945.
2. A "Nil" return is submitted for this Sub-Commission.

For the Director:

K.C. Brown
K.C. BROWN
Major
O.i/c ADM.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 502

21 May 1945.

22 MAY 1945

AC/14057/PS

SUBJECT : U.S.I.S. Requests for Speakers.

TO : J.C. Harvey J/Cdr.,
PA to VP CA Section.

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1. Reference is made to 4/16/E/CA 15 May 45.
2. This Sub-Commission submits a nil report on available American Speakers to talk before Italian Groups on their professional or technical field.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

LJP/G.

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APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

PH/GMF/mtc
21 May, 1945

AC/3191/PH

SUBJECT: - U.S.I.S. Requests for Speakers.

TO : - CA Section.

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(13A)
Reference L/16 B/CA dated 18 May, there are no officers from this Sub-Commission available for speaking engagements in connection with the above.

For Brigadier G. S. PARKINSON:

G. M. Frizelle
G. M. FRIZELLE, Lt. Colonel,
Chief, Public Health Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ref. 11/PAT

Subject : U.S.I.S. Requests for Speakers.

To : C.A. Section

Ext. 321

21 May 45

21 MAY 1945

Reference your L/16 B/CA of 18 May 45. (13A)

Patriots Branch furnishes a nil return.

M. Pishy
F. CRAIG
Lt. Col.,
D/Director,
Local Government Sub Com.

(6232)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 398
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: A/16 E/CA. ✓

18 May 45

SUBJECT: U.S.I.S. Requests for Speakers.

TO: See Distribution below. *11a*

- 1 A letter has been received from Public Relations Branch stating that the newly organized United States Information Service is receiving a number of requests to provide American speakers to appear before Italian organizations to talk on their particular technical or professional subject.
- 2 The U.S.I.S. have asked Public Relations Branch if they can give them a list of Italian speaking Americans in AC who might be available to talk before Italian Groups on their professional or technical fields. They are particularly interested in speakers who will outline current American developments in the expert's particular field.
- 3 It would be appreciated if Sub-Commissions could let this Section have, by Wednesday 23 May 45, a list of those who might be available in their Section for such speaking engagements.

J.C. HARVEY, J'Car.,
cc to VP of Section.

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✓ Public Safety S/C, NCL

B/F 23 May

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Brigade 14/10/45
Vice President, Committee on Surplus Profits

18 May 1945

18 MAY 1945

4/16/45

A veto of the Allies on the law on surplus-profits

Yesterday, preoccupying rumours were being circulated in the government milieu, about the fate reserved to the law on fascist profits. As it is well known, this law which was prepared by the On. Berlinguer, was studied for a long time by a ministerial commission. After this, it was discussed in two meetings of the Council of Ministers, and when it had been approved on general principles, it was discussed with the representatives of North Italy who particularly insist that it should soon be published to bring to an end the lack of equilibrium existing between the situations created on this subject in the North and in the South.

However, it seems now that the Allied Commission has intervened or is to intervene with the On. Bonomi to oppose a veto to the publication of this law.

The Government milieu point out that this intervention would be a violation of the pledges assumed by the Allied Nations in the well-known and solemn statements of Mr. de Millan, and particularly of para 4 of these statements, which says that no allied intervention will take place any longer in non-military matters, which are of the exclusive competence of the Italian Government. It has also been observed that a regrettable situation might be created in our Country and in the Government, in case the Allied Commission should insist about a question which might lead to believe that it is acting after the aspirations or urgings of the concerned parties.

c/o.

This from Unita, 17 May.
You will probably hear about
it and may find this translation
useful.
J.G. Begin

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from: PRB.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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16 May 1945

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SUBJECT: U.S.I.S. Request for Speakers

TO : Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section
Establishments Section
Communications Sub-Commission
WMD & IPOW Sub-Commission
Land Forces Sub-Commission
Navy Sub-Commission

1. The newly organized United States Information Service is receiving a number of requests to provide American speakers to appear before Italian organizations to talk on their particular technical or professional subject. They have asked us if we can give them a list of Italian-speaking Americans in AC who might be available to talk before Italian groups on their professional or technical field. They are particularly interested in speakers who will outline current American developments in the expert's particular field.

2. It would be appreciated if your section could let the Public Relations Branch have a list of those who might be available for such speaking engagements.

GEB
G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

4/16A/CA

30 March 1945

SUBJECT: Pictures for AG/AMF Activities.

TO: Public Relations Branch.

1. Reference 100/FBS dated 22 March 1945.
2. Sub-Commissions of Civil Affairs Section have compiled lists of "picture possibilities" which are sent you herewith :

a) Education Sub-Commission	Reference ED/20/2.0/AG
b) Local Government Sub-Comm.	" ACC/6/5/INF
c) Displaced Pers. & Repat S/C.	" IEP/27/1/G-II (IF)
d) Public Health Sub-Commission	" AG/3042/5/PH
e) Public Safety Sub-Commission	" AG/14171/PS
f) Monuments and Fine Arts S/C.	" 20380/MFAA

3. Legal Sub-Commission have submitted a nil return.
4. Patriots Sub-Commission are of the opinion that their publicity is already well taken care of.
5. It is suggested that you contact Sub-Commissions concerned with regard to the actual photographing, when no doubt they will be able to furnish further information which you may require.

R. P. GRIFFS
R. P. GRIFFS, Col.
CSO CA SECTION.

Encl: (a) to (f)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

14/16A/CA

24 Mar 45

SUBJECT: Pictures for AO/AME Activities

TO: All Sub-Commissions, CA Section.

1. The attached letter from Public Relations Branch is forwarded for your information. It is requested that you forward to this Section the recommendations and the information requested in para 4 thereof.
2. Returns are to be made by 1800 hours, 28 Mar 45, to this Section.

R.P.C.
R. P. GRIPPS, Col.
CWO CA Section.

Distribution:

- ✓ Public Health Sub-Commission
- ✓ Public Safety Sub-Commission
- ✓ Patriots Branch
- ✓ Displaced Persons & Repat. S/O
- ✓ Local Government Sub-Commission
- ✓ Legal Sub-Commission
- ✓ Education Sub-Commission
- ✓ Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission

Copy to : Public Relations Branch.

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23 MAR 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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22 March 1945

SUBJECT: Pictures for AC/AMC Activities

TO : Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section
Communications Sub-Commission
War Materials Disposal & IPOW Sub-Commission

1. The Public Relations Branch is anxious to get pictures of AC/AMC activities to send to various publications in Great Britain and the United States and to accompany stories which will be prepared by this branch for newspapers or magazines, including technical and professional publications.

2. Each sub-commission is invited to suggest picture possibilities as regards activities with which it is concerned. This may be an activity which was put out of operation by war damage but which will be rehabilitated in the near future. Or, it may be of work being done on some activity which will start functioning at some later date. It may be an activity which has just gone into operation.

3. One of the things we are looking for is "before and after" pictures. A picture taken now of work in progress coupled with another picture taken three or five months hence of the same activity in operation makes possible an interesting story which might well warrant attention.

4. To this end it is suggested that each sub-commission compile a list of activities which are believed to warrant pictures. The list should indicate the nature of the operation, its current status, its location, and when would be the best time to photograph it.

5. Your cooperation will be appreciated and will greatly facilitate our job of representing AC/AMC activities accurately. We may have some difficulty in arranging to take pictures of all the subjects suggested, but will do our best.

G. STEWART BROWN, Director
Public Relations Branch

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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17 March 45

17 MAR 1945

SUBJECT: Attached List of British and American Documentaries

TO : Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Col. W. E. Fiske, Est Sec
Brig. G. R. Upjohn, CA Sec
Mr. A. G. Antolini, Econ Sec
Admiral G. L. Warren, Navy S/C
Maj. Gen. L. Browning, Land Forces S/C
Col. J. L. Henderson, Communications S/C
Mr. H. Hopkinson

FROM : G. Stewart Brown
Director, Public Relations Branch

1. The Film Section of P.W.B. has a large number of British and American documentary films which might be of interest to members of the Allied Commission. These films can be shown in the evening by specific request at the small studio of P.W.B., 62 Via Veneto. The room will hold approximately 80 people.

2. If any of the officers receiving a copy of this memorandum wish to arrange for the showing of the listed films please communicate with Lt. G. M. Robbins on AC extension 591, and he will make the necessary arrangements.

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WHY WE FIGHT - Series No 1 : Prelude to War
No 2 : Nazi Strike
No 3 : Devide and Conquer
No 4 : Battle of Britain
No 5 : Battle of Russia

ATTACCO (Battle for New Britain)
LA MENPHIS BELLE
TARAWA
✓ AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A JEEP
ITALIAN PRISONERS IN U.S.A.
PARATROOPS
FIREPOWER
✓ TOSCANINI
TENNESSEE VALLEY

✓ V.I
WORDS FOR BATTLE
LONDON CAN TAKE IT
LISTEN TO BRITAIN
START IN LIFE
NAPLES IS A BATTLEFIELD
LAND OF INVENTION
✓ MINEFIELD
LAMBETH WALK
MALTA G.C.
LONDON 1942
DOWNFALL OF MUSSOLINI
FALL OF PARIS
TUNISIAN VICTORY
MARTYRDOM OF FLORENCE.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Civil Affairs Section
V. B. B. O. P. A.
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Ref. R5c/PRB

20 February 1945

22 FEB 1945

SUBJECT: Interviews with Italian Journalists

TO : Distribution 'A'

1. As various responsibilities are handed over to the Italian Government, the Italian press tends to get more and more information from Italian sources, and such information may not always coincide with the views of the Allied Commission. Unless the Allied Commission is willing to extend to Italian press correspondents as much patience, explanation, and information as they obtain from other sources, the Allied Commission is bound to be ignored or misrepresented by the Italian press. It is therefore felt that responsible AC officers should now make it a part of their business to interview Italian journalists when this is requested by PRO. Such interviews will no doubt occasion some misunderstandings and possibly misinterpretations, but these must be regarded as offset by the increased goodwill and understanding which should result from a better knowledge of AC subcommissions and their work by the Italian press. With a view to avoiding difficulties as far as possible, the following procedure is laid down.

2. Journalists will first approach the Public Relations Branch for permission to obtain an interview, and will submit to the PRO a list of the questions they propose to ask.

3. Subjects to be discussed will be carefully screened by the Public Relations Branch and will be kept within the strict purview of the relevant subcommission. In their interviews officers will be careful to confine themselves to factual statements as to what has been done and what is being done, but will not deal with future policy.

4. Articles written by journalists on the basis of the interviews granted will be submitted to the officer interviewed and to the PRO for review before publication.

5. Public Relations Representative who will be regularly assigned to the task of arranging interviews of Italian journalists with subcommissions and of ensuring that the written articles are submitted for review in accordance with paragraph 4 above, will be Mrs. DOLITA OXILIA, Italian civilian. The location is Room 22, 3rd floor, tel. ext. 591.

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Brigadier

Executive Commissioner

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Ran Press

Seeing a reference in Daily Digest 14 Feb
para 19 making cable heading General that

A member of A.C. has declared to A.P. that
the Commission for War Crimes (London) will examine
the case of Gen Orlando whom Yugoslavia is
asking for

I thought I would inquire who made
this unauthorized disclosure.

See answer of P. R. O opposite.

This is most unsatisfactory but I don't know
what we can do much about it; however I
thought you should be informed.

17 Feb. Translation of
Avanti article
is at pz.

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J. P. S.

V. P. C. A. S.

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One cannot but admire the cooperative
spirit of Mr. Brie. No action can be taken

with J. P. S.

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The story appears in the QUOTIDIANO of
the 14th and ~~xxx~~ in AVANTI and ~~XXXXXXXX~~ RISOR-
GIMENTO LIBERALE of the 13th.

Mr. George Bris, A.F., who wrote the story says
the version given in QUOTIDIANO is slightly inaccurate.
That in AVANTI is correct.

However in both stories the "funzionario " of
AC is referred to. Mr. Bris will not say who it is.

T. C. B., Maj. DDPB

16 Feb, 45

T.C.B.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Gen Orlando
TO: P.R.O.

FILE No.

16 Feb 1945

Ref Digest of Daily Press dated
14 Feb para 19 re Gen Orlando.

Can you please inform me who & in
what circumstances gave the information to A.P.
re Gen Orlando.

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G. R. H. P. 942
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Avanti, Feb. 15th, 1945

The Orlando Case.

The Commission for War Crimes will decide.

A correspondent of 'Associated Press' communicated that a functionary of the Allied Commission stated today that it is for the London Commission for War Crimes to decide about the request of Yugoslavia for General Radu Orlando to be handed over. General Orlando is at present commander of the Italian Carabinieri Corps, and probably the only man to fulfill a charge in a part of Europe under Allied occupation, while being at the same time claimed by one of the United Nations as a war criminal.

The name of Orlando stands, together with that of Roatta, on the list of the Italian officers who, according to what the Yugo Slav Radio stated on Saturday, are being claimed to be judged as war criminals.

The appointment of Orlando as commander of the Carabinieri, decided by the Italian Government last summer, had to be approved by the Allied Commission. The functionary of the Allied Commission stated that it appeared Orlando hadn't been involved in Fascist activities, but on the other hand, his military precedents in Yugoslavia, where he was commanding a Division, hadn't been taken in consideration when his appointment was approved.

The functionary added that it isn't certain that the Yugoslav request will necessarily be granted by the Commission for war crimes which is formed by the representatives of the various United Nations. Should the Commission decide to grant the request, the Italian Government will probably be asked to hand over Orlando.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 9258/35/COS.

25 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Interviews with Italians Journalists.

TO : DCOS, CA Sec
DCOS, Econ Sec
VP, Pol Sec

I am directed by the Chief of Staff to forward you copy of the attached paper by PRO which will be brought up for discussion at the next Chief of Staff's Meeting.

P. Russell

/JG.

PA to COS.

Copy to: PRO.

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Interviews with Italian Journalists

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- if they approach Sub-commission direct*
- Journalists will first approach the Public Relations Branch for permission to obtain an interview.
 - Interviews will be given only by directors and deputy directors of sub-commissions.
 - Journalists will submit a list of questions in order to show the general trend of their enquiry. Officers are not bound to answer any or all of such questions.
 - Subjects to be discussed must be within the strict purview of the relevant sub-commission approached. Officers interviewed should be careful to ensure that none of their statements conflict with stated official policies of the Commission.
 - Articles written by the journalists on the basis of interviews granted will be submitted to the officer interviewed for review before publication.

Public Relations Branch personnel who will be regularly assigned to the task of arranging interviews of Italian journalists with sub-commissions and of ensuring that the written articles are submitted for review will be Junior Commander H.M. MASON, ATS, and Mrs. DOLETTA OXILIA, Italian civilian. They are located in Room 22, 3d Floor, Telephone Extension 691.

unless an official policy for the future is laid down, statements should not deal with policy but with facts confirmed by official statements as to what has been done & is being done.

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*Passed by telephone to Maj Talbot
30 Jan 45
P.R. Cripps*

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COS. [unclear]

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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24 January 1945. *File*
Mr. [unclear]
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SUBJECT: Agencies

TO : Brigadier G.R. Upjohn, Civil Affairs Section.

I should like to plead for a reconsideration of your demand for another Basic News Service from the Agencies or PRO. As far as we know, the demand is from you only. I have approached Reuters who wondered, rather naturally, I thought, why they should employ extra men and materials for this purpose. The Stars and Stripes of to-day, besides carrying all operational communiques, including the Italian, has good articles on the Roatta trial, Epuration, the 15th Army Group celebration of the Anzio anniversary, and the first Rome-Naples passenger train trip. I doubt whether Basic News would have carried any more. The Union Jack is about to increase its Italian services. Could we not return to newspaper reading?

Lionel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Incidentally we now have a regular supply of British newspapers in the library - about 5-7 days old.

It occurs to me that if you want Italian news especially you might like the SI service, a specimen copy of which I attach

SI

SERVIZIO INFORMAZIONI PER LA STAMPA

VIA SAN BASILIO, 45 - ROMA - TELEFONO 41746 - 43380

Sono abbonati al "SI":

New York Times
New York Herald Tribune
Time and Life
Chicago Sun
Stars and Stripes
Daily Telegraph
Daily Mail
Daily Express
News Chronicle
Kemsley News
Tass
United Press
Exchange Telegraph
Avanti!
Italia Nuova
Risorgimento
Tempo

Stars and Stripes N° 618

PAGE N° 1.

January 23, 1945.
2000 h.

A DISCUSSION OVER THE ITALO-YUGOSLAV
FRONTIER CANNOT BE ACCEPTED, SAYS SENATOR
PITACCO.

"The fundamental error of Salvemini is, that the question of the frontier between Italy and Yugoslavia is put under discussion, which was settled by the Treaty of Rapallo and recognised by all powers," Senator Pitacco said. "For many years deputy for Trieste, one of the most representative persons of the Julian Venetia region, replying to Senator Salvemini's opinion on Italy's frontier published in 'Foreign Affairs'."

"Regarding the Treaty of Rapallo", Senator Pitacco continued, except for Fiume, the Allied representatives at Paris never questioned the frontier fixed in it. President Wilson himself, if he did propose a change in the Italian project for the last part of that frontier, he accepted the whole length of it from the North to behind Trieste, admitting in his message to the Italian people on the 23rd April 1919, that the line of the Julian Alps was the natural Italian frontier. Previously, in 1915 Pasie had explicitly admitted that the whole of the Julian Venetia should go to Italy. Even what Salvemini says about ethnographic conditions is not exact, since in the eastern part of the region, there is not only a large Italian group of Fiume, but also the townships of the Liburnia, Albena, Fienona, Laurana, Apriano and Meschiene districts and others which have always remained Italian. I repeat, however, that the principle error is the opening of a question by which international public opinion was disturbed to much, after the last war, and was only too pleased that a peaceful solution have been found. The frontiers fixed by the Treaty of Rapallo are the only ones in Europe, which after 1918, were fixed by common agreement between the two peoples interested. This fact has importance."

- But the Treaty of Rapallo left a Yugoslav minority inside Italy.

" - Yes, it is true, replied Senator Pitacco - but it was

New York Times
New York Herald Tribune
Time and Life
Chicago Sun
Stars and Stripes
Daily Telegraph
Daily Mail
Daily Express
News Chronicle
Kemsley News
Tass
United Press
Exchange Telegraph
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" - Yes, it is true, replied Senator Pitacco - but it was not possible to do otherwise, because, as Tito's representative in Rome Mr. Snodlake, stated recently the Julian Venetia is

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- And before the present war?

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" The desire of the Trieste people, an old desire, is that their city, strengthened in its Italianity, may become a valuable tie between Italy and the peoples of Danubian Europe."

THE FIRST FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO
THE HOLY SEE
CATHOLIC PHILOSOPHER JACQUES MARITAIN APPOINTED
FIRST FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO THE HOLY SEE.

The French government has appointed Jacques Maritain, a catholic philosopher, as its first Ambassador to the Holy See. Maritain, who was born in Paris 62 years ago, is the better known student of the neo-Thomistic philosophy in France, and one of the better known writers of the leftest Catholic group. Some of his works, including "Primaute du Spirituel", are widely known in Italy. He taught philosophy at the Institut Catholique of Paris from 1914 until 1940, when he went to the United States, where he became the director of a publishing house and actively collaborated with the "Free French Movement".

EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF OLIVE OIL.

The olive oil being collected in the current harvest will be distributed equitably to both General and Specials Cards holders in a plan just devised by the Food Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission. It was announced today.

The plan, which presupposes a successful collection of 80,771 tons, envisages the following distribution in Southern and Central Italy: general issue - 37,560 tons; special issues - 8,400 t.; Italian Army - 4,139 t.; devastated areas - 1,200 t.

The special issues cover cases such as hospitals, etc.

The remaining 29,472 tons are to be stockpiled for Northern Italy (A.C.-P.R.O.)

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ITALIAN RED CROSS MEDALS
OFFERED TO VARIOUS OFFICIALS.

The Italian Red Cross has offered two silver medals to Monsignor Giovanni Battista Montini, substitute of the Secretariate of State of His Holiness, and to Alessandro Arvinkoff, Director of the Information Bureau, for the work they displayed in the name of the Holy See to alleviate the sufferings of the Italian Prisoners of War and for the help granted to the Red Cross.

BAPTIZATION OF COUNTESS LEDOCOWSKA
BY THE CONGREGATION OF RITES.

This morning the Congregation of Rites decided to introduce the case for the beatification of the Countess Maria-Teresa Ledowska, belonging to the illustrious Polish family which gave to the Church Cardinal Ledochowski during the Pontificate of Leo XIII and Father Wladimir Ledochowski, General of the Jesuits, who died three years ago.

Maria-Teresa Ledochowska, who was born in 1863 and died in Rome in 1920, founded the Society of Saint Peter Claver, with the object of assisting the missions among coloured people.

RECENT DISORDERS IN SARDINIA.
CONNECTED WITH THE CAMP UP.

"The recent disorders which occurred in Sardinia - said today Armando Roscini, Chief of the Premier's Press Bureau during the Press Conference - must be connected with the entry to the colours. But the situation is now returning to normal. The recruiting operations in the Army District of Rome are being carried out in an absolutely regular way, and day by day an increase of the service men is being noticed.

"Only in the country the recruiting proceeds slowly. But it is necessary to take account of the transport difficulties which hamper the journeys, while the government measures in favour of the soldiers called back to the colours are not known yet by the rural population.

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PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
JOINTLY DISCUSSED BY ALLIED AND ITALIAN
EXPERTS.

The problem of the prices of agricultural products was discussed to-day during the first sitting of the second Italo-Allied Conference for studying the agricultural, forestal and fishing situation of Liberated Italy.

The meeting, held at the Ministry of Agriculture, was attended by Fausto Gallo, Minister of Agriculture, Antonio Segni, Under-Secretary of Agriculture, the members of the Allied Agriculture Sub-Commission, headed by I.G. Albough, and by several agricultural inspectors from the various liberated regions, and also by representatives of land-owners and land-tillers.

Two reports were examined and discussed to-day: one by Dr. Henry H. Bakken, of the Economic Section of the Allied Commission, about the coordination and the control of prices; the second one by Dr. Luigi Ginnini, an official of the Ministry of Agriculture, concerning the results of an investigation carried out in various provinces about the causes and the factors which exert an influence on the prices of some agricultural products.

LIST OF ITALIAN REQUIREMENTS
TIN TINS THE VALUE OF CREDIT IN
U.S.A.

The Interministerial Committee for Reconstruction will complete the list of Italian requirements for a partial economic recovery within the next week, SI learned to-day from good sources. It is not yet known what is the total value of the raw materials and goods required, but a rough estimate fixes it at ten times more than the credit that Italy possesses in the U.S.A. as a counterpart of the AM-lira, that is 35 billion lire.

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BOATTE - SUVICH TRIAL. (continued)

JACCONONI DEFENCE OBJECTION OVERULED.

THE TRIAL POSTPONED TO JANUARY 29.

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2) The disjoining of the Suvich-Jaccononi trial from the Boatte and his accomplices trial.

3) The jurisdiction of the High Court of Justice in Boatte case which the lawyers contend, should be referred to the Military Court.

At 13.40 the High Court counters the room and the President reads the decision relating to the aforesaid question. The plea put in by Jaccononi defense for the immunity of the defendant is rejected on the ground that when Jaccononi was Minister of Albania he was acting as representative of the Fascist Government and was dependent from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In regard to the nomination of a general regarding himself for General Boatte, the Court takes note of the appointment of Ferruccio Mazzai and orders to postpone the trial for 5 days to allow the lawyer to study the case. The trial will be resumed next Monday, January 29 at 10.00 hours.

THE TRIAL INVOLVED THE HOLY SEE.
BOATTE TRIAL IN ROME: JACCONONI DEFENSE.

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The French Ambassador to the Holy See will be appointed shortly. It is learnt from subject that Italian circles believe that...

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ROSETTA - SUVICH TRIAL.

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THE TRIAL DEFERRED TO THE NEXT DAY.
NOT SET IN ROMAN: JACQUEL MARITAIN.

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The French Ambassador to the Holy See will be appointed shortly. It is learnt from authentic Vatican circles today. Three leftist Catholic authors of international renown are mentioned among the candidates to the high office. They are Bernanos, Glade and Maritain. The best bet in Paris French circles is Maritain. Other possible candidates are the Minister of Justice De Meuron, and also the Secretary of the Bishop of Montauban in his recent trip to Rome to confer with his H. H. H. H. H.

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JANUARY 23, 1945.
1600 h.60,000 ITALIAN RESIDENTS IN LYBIA
DISPLACED FROM THEIR HOMES.

Refugees from Libya number about 60,000 it was estimated by Government officials today. 40,000 out of 60,000 are believed to be in the provinces still occupied by Nazi-Fascists and no detailed information about their present conditions are available in Rome. Those residing in liberated Italy are in great straits despite the relief work carried out by a special department of the ex-Ministry of Italian Africa which does out subsidies for all refugees and their families.

A large number of children that came to Italy for the summer camping and were prevented by war events from getting back to their homes is also waiting for repatriation. Some of them are sheltered in the summer camps of liberated Italy, others are in Northern Italy.

The ex-Ministry of Italian Africa and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are negotiating with the Allied Authorities for the earliest repatriation at the earliest possible date of the Italian refugees from the colonies that are undergoing severe hardships and are all anxious to get back where they came from and reunite their dismembered families.

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SUBJECT: - "Public Relations" and Information to the Press.

Dear V.P.,

I do not know if this is what you call in legal terminology
"Stating a Case."

My contention is that when "Public Relations" approaches a
Sub-Commission for material to release to the press, the Sub-Commission
is only responsible for the technical accuracy of the statement and is
not responsible for its clearance before publication. For example, if
this Sub-Commission is asked for some information which it obtains from
a text book which is copyright, my contention is that it is not for this
Sub-Commission to obtain the permission of the publishers, but rather
for "Public Relations."

In the case in point some verbal information was given over
the telephone and a type-script copy of the statement was then produced
for verification. As this project was sponsored by the Italian Red
Cross, it would appear to me that it was necessary to obtain their
sanction before any information was released to the press or broadcast.
I am not certain that it would not be wiser to avoid telephonic commu-
nications in matters of this nature and that everything should be done
by interview so that all details can be supplied.

I consider it would be a great help to Sub-Commissions if a
directive could be issued, pointing out the responsibilities of Sub-
Commissions in matters of this nature. I feel that the Public Relations
Sub-Commission acted in all good faith, but they were not in possession
of all the facts.

E. S. P.

Rt. Hon. Harold Macmillan's Press Conference - 3rd JANUARY, 1945.

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I feel I owe some apologies to the Press for a certain elusiveness during recent months. When I was in Algiers I had direct authority as the sole British diplomatic and political representative in French North Africa. In my present field, covering the Central Mediterranean as a whole, my duty is to advise SACMED from the British angle. But of course in Rome the British Ambassador, Sir Noel Charles, and in Athens the British Ambassador, Mr. Leeper, have a direct responsibility. As regards executive action, the President of the Commission and the Chief Commissioner have been the officers to whom you would naturally look for information. Since I do not like interfering with other people, I have therefore not seen as much as I should have liked of my Press friends. I offer this as an explanation if not as an apology.

On November 10th the announcement of my appointment as Acting President of the Allied Commission was made in London and Washington. This of course gives me new and executive responsibilities. On that date I was actually in Greece. I returned to Italy on November 12th and at once began a series of detailed discussions with the officers at A.F.H.Q. and at A.C. on many of the problems of Italy, and especially having regard to the "New Deal" for Italy contained in the recent statements of the President and Mr. Churchill.

On November 22nd I left for London. Basing myself on the discussions which I had held in Naples and in Rome, I was able to submit a fairly comprehensive plan to my colleagues. Unfortunately I was delayed in my journey home by a forced descent at Dijon. Nevertheless, by Friday night, December 8th, after prolonged departmental discussions, I had obtained the consent of my colleagues in the British Cabinet to the proposals which I intended to put forward in Washington. It was my intention to leave by aeroplane for America on Saturday, December 9th, and all was ready for the journey. As already stated in the press, in addition to the political and supply questions affecting Italy, I was charged with the duty of discussing general questions of supply to the liberated countries of Europe, especially France, Belgium and Holland.

Late on the night of December 8th Mr. Churchill asked me to change my plans and leave immediately for Athens. This, of course, I readily assented to do, and it certainly sounded an interesting and even exciting assignment. Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander and I left London on the following day.

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I was naturally very disappointed at having to put off my trip to Washington. I was anxious to pay this visit not merely to carry through this important business, but to make and renew contacts with many American friends. Like the Supreme Allied Commander, as Acting President of the Commission I regard myself as holding an Allied post. Although it may seem rather a strange thing for a British Cabinet Minister to become on one side of his functions an Allied Officer while on the other filling the position of British Political Adviser at A.F.H.Q., remaining a purely British figure, yet this war has made possible so close a co-operation and so complete an interpenetration

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The European supply problem is being handled by the Minister of State, Mr. Law, in my place, and this has of course included discussions on supply questions for Italy in general.

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The more detailed supply problems (and they are many and difficult) and the political questions are being handled on my behalf by General Spofford, United States Army, Head of G-5 at A.F.H.Q., and by the British representative on the Joint Staff Mission, to whom I telegraphed all the proposals in full before I left London. Colonel Bastion, Secretary General Staff, A.F.H.Q., who was to accompany me, has gone with all the necessary papers to Washington. I am happy to say that I can confidently look forward to a complete agreement. From the telegrams which have been passing from Washington through London to me on detailed points, I do not think that this will now take long to complete.

I hope that a suitable announcement may be made by the two Governments giving more precision to the President's various declarations regarding Italy and especially to the joint statement of the President and the Prime Minister.

Meanwhile, on returning from Athens last Friday, I have been addressing myself in Rome, with the help of my colleagues, to the study - and I hope towards the solution - of many urgent problems.

The work of the Chief Commissioner, whose promotion to the rank of Admiral in the United States Navy was so welcome to all Americans, British and Italians, is well known. When the full story is told of what he has done amidst immense difficulties, from those early days of Brindisi when he was a loyal adjutant to General Mason MacFarlane up till to-day, his work will be even more generously recognized. And in Brigadier Lush he has a Chief of Staff of outstanding quality. By such colleagues I feel buoyed up and sustained.

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SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

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31 December 1944

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SUBJECT: P.W.B. Report - Conditions and Developments in Naples

TO : Zone Commissioner, Naples Zone

Copy attached

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APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

2/PRB

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SUBJECT : Press Conferences

TO : Mr. George Edman, A.D.P.W.O. (Lib).

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I don't need to tell you that this is obviously handing horror-stories to German propaganda on a plate. Apart from that the A.C. has for some time been doing what lay in its power to alleviate the lot of the devastated areas, a fact which PWB omits. Thirdly I feel that some sort of consultation with this office would be valuable before such trips are arranged.

Of course one is in full sympathy with the idea of raising money for these people and so on. That is all to the good. But I am sure you will agree that such appeals need to be made with an eye on their repercussions and also with a full knowledge of the circumstances. What was needed in this case was coordination with A.C. so that steps could have been taken to avoid giving the people of Northern - and even Southern - Italy, and the rest of the world, the idea that the Allies were simply abandoning starving children to a hideous fate.

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Copy to: Brig. Upjohn.

Yours

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

20/PRB/

19 December 1944

SUBJECT : A.C. And Italian Press

TO : Chief of Staff, A.C.

This minute is put up at the request of D.C.O.S. Est. Sec. after the discussion which took place at the Chief of Staff's meeting on December 19.

Our relations with the Italian Press are not, in my view, nearly as close and cordial as they should be. There are three main causes for this, viz:

(1) I was warned off by Rayner of PWB when I wished to start Press Conferences here. Rayner stated that it was the right of PWB to contact and inform the Italian Press. Later, PWB started to hold Press Conferences which have not been a great success.

(2) The comparative rarity of Italian-speaking officers in the sub-commissions makes conferences extremely difficult and interviews very lengthy.

(3) There has been a general tendency to resist granting facilities to Italian journalists, chiefly for security reasons. For instance, when I asked Colonel Jenny to give Italian journalists exact facts about the destruction of the hydroelectric plants at Terni and Tivoli he strongly opposed the idea. (In fact it was done later by PWB). Colonel Denmore, at the C.O.S. meeting of December 19, said that we were "in too much confusion ourselves" to grant such interviews.

In my view the time has come - concurrent with our closer collaboration with the Italian Government and the proposed replacement of UNNS by News Agencies - for a better deal to be given to Italian Correspondents. There is much misapprehension still in the Italian Press about the functions, intentions and personnel of A.C. Press Conferences and Press Releases will not correct this, partly because Italian journalists, with their experience of the Fascist regime, view such things with suspicion, partly (in the first case) owing to the language difficulty, and partly because every journalist, whatever his nationality, wants personal interviews.

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This office is of course in close touch with the Press and it would be a very easy matter to start the arrangement of interviews for Italian Correspondents with the various sub-commissions. We should need to use interpreters but this I think could be arranged; we have two excellent ones in this Branch and could also call on the Italian Liaison Section. But the two following points must be emphasised :

(a) Publicity of this kind, whatever the control, will undoubtedly result in some indiscretions, because we cannot possibly rely on all Italian Correspondents being good boys always. In my view, however, a closer contact with and understanding of Sub-commissions would result in a very favourable balance of publicity.

(b) Heads of Sections and Sub-commissions must be prepared to give time, patience and facts to Italian Correspondents. Probably a directive from Heads of Sections or the Chief of Staff will be needed.

It seems to me that, even if risks are attached, it is very desirable to set some such procedure going now, so that Italian journalists may be encouraged to know A.C. personalities and understand their problems.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Copy to : Brigadier Parkinson
Colonel Fiske
Colonel Denmore.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I understand that at the meeting of the Council of Ministers on the 28th of this month Avv. Rossini was appointed "Director General of the Press". I should be grateful if you would enlighten me as to what responsibilities and functions this appointment will entail.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

cc: C of S Section
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VP, Civil Affairs Section ✓
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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31 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Director General of the Press.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

21 OCT 1944

The Council of Ministers at its meeting yesterday appointed Bossini "Director General of the Press". This, I understand, is a post which existed only under Fascism; it seems to me absolutely opposed to the idea of a free democratic press. I should like to know whether the Italian government can make such an appointment and how far we should, or can, oppose it.

Lionel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Copy to: Chief of Staff
Political Section
Vice President, Civil Affairs Section
Director, Legal S/C

At Cripps

Bring up to C.A.S. meeting tomorrow.

23 Oct.

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*Action has been
taken by A/C.C.*

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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3 April 1944.

Subject: Public Relations Branch.

1. The reorganization of Public Relations Branch as a part of HQ ACC and the consequent abolition of Regional Public Relations Officers involve the following arrangements:
2. The present establishment of the Public Relations Branch is:-
 - Public Relations Director - Major Lionel Fielden (B)
 - Deputy Director of Public Relations - Major Theodore L. Bullock (Cdn)
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 - Captain C. Howard Owen (B)
 - Lieut Gene F. Caprio (A)
3. Location of the Public Relations Branch is Room 25, First Floor, Provincia Building, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, Naples. Telephone numbers during office hours are Naples 54208 and Vapor (10050) Extension 172. After office hours Major Fielden may be reached in Naples on 53507, Major Bullock on 52547, Major Berghin on 15506, Captain Leacacos on 18441 and Lieut Caprio on 52584.

4. The Public Relations Branch is responsible for ensuring as far as possible that an accurate and comprehensive picture of the work of the ACC and ACC is supplied to the world press and radio, either through accredited correspondents, or by direct release of news. This necessarily entails, on the one hand, a measure of control over all news issued, and, on the other, the cooperation of all personnel in keeping the Branch fully informed. The Branch has of course the responsibility for the collection and dissemination of news, but its success must derive largely from the readiness of Regional and Provincial Commissioners, SCAGOs, CAGOs and Heads of Sub-Commissions to communicate to the Branch all developments in their areas or spheres of activities which may add usefully to the general picture of the work of the ACC.

5. To illustrate this point, a memorandum issued by the Head of the Legal Sub-Commission is attached. Instructions of this kind are of the utmost value to the work of the Branch and of the greatest assistance in combating criticism and providing regular and accurate material for the Press.

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Occasions may arise, however, when correspondents visit Regions without having been to HQ, or when correspondents not generally accredited to AOC (e.g. war correspondents in operational areas) desire to obtain information of AOC or AIG activities. In such cases information should not be withheld by any red-tape considerations: Regional and Provincial Commissioners, SCAGs and GAGs must, however, ensure that the correspondent holds proper credentials, and they are asked in all such cases to inform PR Branch briefly but immediately of the interview and information given. This ensures (a) that the source of information is known (b) that the correspondent's release can be properly checked if censorship questions arise and (c) that no one correspondent is favoured to the exclusion of others.

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12. It will be generally agreed that it is essential to maintain the confidence, as well as the interest, of the Allied Nations in the work of the AGO, whose example is bound to be of great value in future operations of a similar kind. PR Branch will use every endeavour to ensure that the news issued and the record kept, are comprehensive, accurate, and well presented. In this endeavour it invites the cooperation of all concerned.

L. J. Fielden
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Major,

Director of Public Relations.

Distribution:

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For information: Mr George W. Edman, FWB, Naples (5)

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommittee
APO 394

ACC/4009/L

20 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Publicity and Propaganda.

TO : PLOs (thru MC) Regions 3, 4, 5.
SLOs (thru SCAC) 5th & 8th Armies.

1. The Legal Subcommittee is anxious to arrange for a systematic supply of information to the Public Relations Officer to form a basis on which the PRO can launch a campaign of deterrent publicity against black market activities through the newspapers and FWE. For this purpose the PRO asked for the following returns from all Regional legal divisions:

(a) Weekly summaries of the number of cases tried for black market violations, the number of convictions and the length of the average sentence and amount of goods confiscated;

(b) Particulars of outstanding cases of big violators whose crimes are more sensational and whose capture and subsequent conviction reflects credit on the law enforcement machinery of the Allied Control Commission.

2. While I am anxious to give all possible assistance to the PRO on this important matter, it is not my wish to add to the work of legal divisions by calling for additional returns, but I ask you to treat this matter as important and to make from time to time such returns as may be possible without placing an undue strain on your existing facilities and staff. If you cannot make the returns under (a.) please at any rate do so under (b.).

3. Please send the returns direct to Major L. Fielden, Public Relations Officer, ACC, Naples, as from the week ending 1 April 1944, who will arrange for their dissemination in Allied and Italian newspapers and through FWE.

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5. P.W.B. has at its disposal a mobile loudspeaking unit in addition of course to broadcast facilities and they are anxious to arrange for propaganda to combat crime and disorder in various parts of Italy. Will RLOs and SIOs Army please transmit to the PRO particulars of any special crime problems with which they are faced in any particular areas (e.g. Black Market in Naples, wire cutting in army areas, breach of permit regulations in Foggia) so that P.W.B. can arrange for suitable propaganda to combat the most prevalent crimes in particular localities. The P.R.O. will then arrange with P.W.B. for appropriate propaganda in the particular locality.

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6. Generally, in publicity matters, RIGs & SIOs Army will deal direct with the P.R.O., but on no account will cinematograph or sound recordings of actual court proceedings be permitted.

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