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TOURS, DEFASCISM
FEB. - APR. 1945

HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

RVIII/200A/292.

26 Apr 45.

30 APR 1945

SUBJECT : Fascist Text Books in Schools.

TO : HQ, AC.

1. Reference your DF/3.36/CA dated 22 March 45.
2. Paras 1 to 5 have been dealt with in this HQ letter RVIII/200A/245 dated 5 Apr 45, addressed to all PC's in this Region copy to you. Para 6 has also been dealt with.
3. With regard to para 7, and further to this HQ letter RVIII/200A/226 dated 2 Apr 45. A very thorough investigation has been made as to the extent to which fascist text books are in use in the schools in TOSCANA Region. It is difficult to understand the source of the information as it would appear that the question was only discussed with PC, GROSSETO who understood during his conversation with Lt-Col. WHITE that old fascist books were still in use in PISTOLA Province. PC, PISTOLA states however that he has been unable to find anyone who gave Lt-Col. WHITE such information.
4. As a result of the investigation it is difficult to reconcile the actual situation with the remarks contained in the AREZZO section of Lt-Col. WHITE's reports as follows:-

" Schools are still being taught from old fascist books. (Other Provinces made the same comment)"

The actual situation is that whilst old books are in use in a few schools in certain of the Provinces this is only due to non delivery of the new series. In all cases however such old books have been "epurated" in accordance with the instructions of the Sub-Commission.

For the Regional Commissioner:

G.T. JORDON,
Colonel,
Deputy Regional Commissioner.

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For the Regional Administrator:

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C. J. TIPPON,
Colonel,
Security Regional Commissioner.

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From : Lt Col S.R. WHITE
CA Section HQ/AC

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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29 Mar 45

Dear Dott. Ambrogio,

Very many thanks for your letter. I found the journey not only useful but enjoyable. I was glad of the opportunity of seeing some of the beauties of the country in such pleasant company. I only hope you found the journey as useful as we did.

Yours sincerely,

Dott. Elenio AMBROGIO
Alto Commissariato per le Sanzioni
contro il Fascismo
Palazzo del Viminale
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TRANSLATION No. 621

High Commissioner for Sanctions against fascism

Assistant High Commissioner for Espionage

Rome, 25 March 1945

Dear Colonel,

I have given the High Commissioner for sanctions against fascism a report on the trip to Tuscany during which I had the pleasure of working with you.

He expressed his satisfaction with the results obtained. I feel it my duty to thank you for your kind and useful contribution to the mission.

Please accept, dear Colonel, my most esteemed regards.

Cordially Yours,
/s/ Elenio Ambrogio

Colonel WHITE
Civil Affairs Section
Allied Commission
ROME

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ALTO COMMISSARIATO
PER LE SANZIONI CONTRO IL FASCISMO

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO AGGIUNTO
PER L'EDUCAZIONE

27 MAR 1945
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Roma, 25 Marzo 1945

Egregio Signor Colonnello

Ho presentato all'Alto Commissario Aggiunto una relazione sul viaggio in Toscana nel quale ho avuto il piacere di lavorare insieme con la S.V.

Egli si è mostrato compiaciuto dei risultati raggiunti; ritengo quindi doveroso ringraziare la S.V. per il gentile e valido contributo recato al buon esito della missione.

La prego - Signor Colonnello - di voler gradire i miei più distinti saluti.

Devotissimo,

Dr. Elenio Ambrogi

Elenio Ambrogi

Colonnello WHITE
Civil Affairs Section
Commissione Alleata
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From: Lt. Col. C. F. White,
S O I, C & Sec - HQ A C

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AND
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

DE/3.36/CA.

25 March 1945.

Your Excellency,

I desire to express my appreciation of your kind letter of
22 March 1945.

I found the tour with both Dr. Ambrosi and Dr. Franceschelli both
useful and interesting. I greatly appreciate their help and their
pleasant companionship.

Believe me Your Excellency,
Yours truly,

H E R. GRISCO,
Alto Commissariato
Per le Sanzioni Control il Fascismo,
R O M E.

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TRANSLATION NO. 615

HIGH COMMISSION FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST FASCISM

ROME, 22 March 1945

TO: COL. WHITE
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ALLIED COMMISSION
R O M E

Dr. Ambrogi has made a detailed report to me on his tour in Toscana.

I have found that your work has been useful once more and have learned with great pleasure of the feeling of cooperation shown by the Provincial Commissioners of the cities visited.

The trip has been very profitable, and this is largely due to you.

Accept therefore, dear Colonel, my thanks together with my esteemed regards.

/s/ R. Grieco

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AUTO COMMISSARIATO
PER LE SANZIONI CONTRO IL FASCISMO

ALTO COMMISSARIO AGGIUNTO
PER L'ERUBAZIONE

24 MAR 1945

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Roma, 22 Marzo 1945

Il Dr. Ambrogi mi ha fatto una dettagliata relazione sulla sua missione in Toscana.

Ho potuto constatare come l'opera della S.V. sia stata ancora una volta particolarmente utile ed ho preso atto con grande piacere dei sentimenti di cooperazione che animano i vari Commissari Provinciali delle città visitate.

Il viaggio è stato quindi molto proficuo ed il merito di ciò spetta in gran parte alla S.V.

La prego quindi Signor Colonnello di voler gradire i miei ringraziamenti unitamente ai sensi della mia alta stima.

R. Grillo

Colonnello WHITE
Civil Affairs Section
Commissione Alleata
ROMA

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016From: Lt Col S.H. WHITE
CA Section HQ ACHEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref DE/3.36/CA

23 Mar 45

Dear Col Kirkwood,

May I thank you for the arrangements which were made for my comfort during my recent tour. They were excellent. I enjoyed the tour and I hope that it was as useful to Provincial Commissioners as it was to this HQ and to the Italian Govt.

Brig. Upjohn has asked me to inform you apropos the retention of the Provveditore in Grosseto that, in another region in which a notorious fascist was retained because of his ability, a protest demonstration was staged which resulted in loss of life. The man in question had to be removed which gave the demonstrators every justification for concluding that they had achieved their end. Brig. Upjohn feels therefore that unless you see grounds for his retention the Provveditore in question should, unless he can immediately be brought before a commission, be suspended at once. The decision is left in your hands.

Col R.G. KIRKWOOD
RC Toscana Region

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel : 48908
Ext : 469

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22 Mar 45

SUBJECT : Taura - Defascism

TO : EC Toscana Region
SCAO 5 Army

- 1 Enclosed for your information is a copy of Lt Col WHITE's report on his recent tour in Toscana.
- 2 As a coincidence the enclosed copy of a letter from the Assistant High Commissioner was received in this Office to-day for censorship before transmission and is forwarded (with sufficient copies for distribution - Toscana 7, 5 Army 5) for such action as you think desirable. It not only confirms Lt Col WHITE's view that some delegates have been acting irregularly in their sequestrations but shows that the Italian Government does not approve of these irregularities.
- 3 In sequestrating the proper action would appear to be for the delegates to investigate; for the EC to take action under Art 36 of DL 159, for the commission mentioned in Art 30 to adjudicate, and that Art 3 should only be used where there is some real risk of the assets being done away with; the power referred to being one to conserve property "in jeopardy". A directive on this matter will be issued shortly.
- 4 It is the western provinces in which the question has been mentioned (Pistoia, Lucca, Livorno and Grosseto in particular) but it is likely that the irregularity may in fact exist elsewhere.
- 5 With regard to arrests under part I of DL 159 I think you will agree that arrests should only be made either if the charge is serious with a death or a long sentence as a possible result or there is some real danger of the accused absconding.
- 6 No action is being taken at this HQ with regard to EC Arezzo's comment re Lt Col COUSINS as that is a matter for the EC.
- 7 Can you please report as to the extent to which fascist books are in use in schools in various provinces.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

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G.R. URJOHN Brig.
VP CA Section

TRANSLATION No 592

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SANCTIONS
AGAINST FASCISM

Ref : 2992

Pore, March 1945

SUBJECT : Sequestration of property belonging to De Micheli Giuseppe

TO : Intendente of Finance - LUCCA

and for Information:

H E the Prefect of LUCCA

the President of the Tribunale of LUCCA

Capt. Pietro MORI - Provincial Delegate of the

Assistant High Commissioner for Epuration-LUCCA

I am informed that following the request of Capt. Pietro MORI, Provincial Delegate of the High Commissioner for Epuration, the President of the Tribunal of Lucca has ordered the sequestration of all the property owned by DE MICHELI Giuseppe, in pursuance of Art. 35 of LL 159 of 27 July 44. Avv. Corrado CROMBI of Viareggio was appointed as trustee.

I wish to call your attention to the gravity of this act which constitutes evidently a violation of Art. 35 of the law of 27 Jul 44.

In fact, since the Special Section of the Provincial Commission of Direct Imposts has not yet been formed in Lucca, the President of the Tribunal may order the sequestration of the property belonging to those persons referred to in Art 36 only by request of the High Commissioner or of the Finance Department.

There exists no provision of law nor any interpretative regulation conferring to the Provincial Delegates of the Assistant High Commissioner for Epuration the power to apply sanctions of an economic nature. From the entire text of the law it is clearly seen, on the contrary, that the initiative for the investigations and for the subsequent requests for the forfeiture to the State of the profits derived from the regime, rests, as already said, exclusively with the Assistant High Commissioner or with the Intendente of Finance after the State Advocate has been consulted. When the Commissions are formed the power to order the sequestration is automatically given also to the President of such Commissions.

Therefore, since the sequestration effect against DE MICHELI has been ordered upon the request made by a person who, like the Provincial Delegate for Epuration, has not the legal authority to make it, the measure must be considered as annulled, since it was issued in violation of the regulations contained in Art.

Assistant High Commissioner for Epuration-LUCCA

I am informed that following the request of Capt. Pietro MORI, Provincial Delegate of the High Commissioner for Epuration, the President of the Tribunal of Lucca has ordered the sequestration of all the property owned by LE MICHELI Giuseppe, in pursuance of Art. 35 of ILL 159 of 27 July 44. Art. Corrado CIGNARI of Via-reggio was appointed as trustee.

I wish to call your attention to the gravity of this act which constitutes evidently a violation of Art. 35 of the law of 27 Jul 44.

In fact, since the Special Section of the Provincial Commission of Direct Imposts has not yet been formed in Lucca, the President of the Tribunal may order the sequestration of the property belonging to those persons referred to in Art 26 only by request of the High Commissioner or of the Finance Department.

There exists no provision of law nor any interpretive regulation conferring to the Provincial Delegate of the Assistant High Commissioner for Epuration the power to apply sanctions of an economic nature. From the entire text of the law it is clearly seen, on the contrary, that the initiative for the investigations and for the subsequent requests for the forfeiture to the State of the profits derived from the regime, rests, as already said, exclusively with the Assistant High Commissioner or with the Intendente of Finance after the State Advocature has been consulted. When the Commissions are formed the power to order the sequestration is automatically given also to the President of such Commissions.

Therefore, since the sequestration effect against LE MICHELI has been ordered upon the request made by a person who, like the Provincial Delegate for Epuration, has not the legal authority to make it, the measure must be considered as annulled, since it was issued in violation of the regulations contained in Art. 35 of the above mentioned law, and as such may be repealed by the President of the Tribunal upon a request made by your Incassenza.

You are, therefore, asked to give the law a correct interpretation. 4033
This is to be done diligently, particularly to clarify to the Provincial Delegate for Epuration the limit of his powers so that regrettable interference among the various bodies having the noble aim of applying the sanctions against fascism may be avoided in the future, and also to obtain from the President of the Tribunal the repeal of the sequestration order. After this is done, you will kindly begin investigations on the property of LE MICHELI Giuseppe to ascertain whether it constitutes profits derived from the regime. For these investigations you will avail yourself of the tributary police or of the judicial police.

After you have completed the investigations and requested the opinion of the State Advocature, you will kindly inform me of your decisions before you forward the relative papers to the President of the Tribunal.

Sd/ Dr. Mario CIGNARANI,
Asst. High Commissioner

REPORT ON WORK OF TOUGH

LT. COL. J.E. WHITE

10 - 17 Mar 45

MEMPHIS - 10 Mar

The Provincial Commissioner reported that all suspensions had already been judged and that everything was proceeding smoothly between the Allies and Italian officials, with which statement the Provincial Delegate agreed. All appointments of delegates and to commissions had been made.

LT. COL. WHITE

Speakers in the

MEMPHIS - 11 Mar

LT. COL. WHITE, COMBAT, & LT. COL. WHITE (P.D.)
An Education Commission was still in existence and in addition, in the Italian side, there was an Italian advisory commission. Instructions were given for both to cease functioning. No provision had been made for funds and it was arranged for advances to be made. There were a large number of suspensions - 166 - and instructions were given that these should be dealt with with priority. All appointments of delegates and to commissions had been made.

MEMPHIS - 12 Mar

LT. COL. WHITE

The delegates had been appointed but there had been delay because of the death of the first appointed and senior delegate. Work has now started. The Commission had not yet been appointed and names were obtained. Apart from this, there were no difficulties and the delegates had got to work. The PC pointed out the great difficulties under which he was working as the whole of his Provincial officers with the exception of 1, were on 24 hrs notice. He desired to train suitable Italians as assistants to undertake the work of officers and was leaving and to induct them before these officers left. He was quite confident of being able to obtain suitable officials and to be able to run the Province with their assistance but as he did not know what the policies to the future of the Province was, he did not know whether it was desirable to start training such officials. He asked that he might be informed as to the policy for the future of the Province so that he could plan. (Other provided made the same point.)

He also pointed out that he had given permission for Lt. Col. WHITE to go to Rome. He returned and informed him that arrangements had been made for him to leave the Province. He did not think that his subordinate should be permitted to go to Rome and make arrangements for their future employment without his being consulted or informed.

Schools are still being taught from old Fascist books. (Other provided made the same comment.)

APR 22 - 12 Mar

11. Col. QUIN-SMITH.

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He also pointed out that he had given permission for Lt. Col. GOWING to go to Rome; he returned and informed him that arrangements had been made for him to leave the Province. He did not think that his subordinates should be permitted to go to Rome and make arrangements for their future employment without his being consulted or informed.

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FLORANCE - 12 Mar 45.

12. Col. RADICE

The Commissions and Delegates were completed. An Education Commission had existed but was now no longer functioning. The Provincial Commissioner desired an authority for the handover of schools and also precise instructions from the Ministry of the Interior authorising the provisions of funds for separation and living costs. The procedure to be followed in connection therewith. He also asked that it might be confirmed that the Italian Railway and Education Sub-Commissions which were sitting in Florence were regularly appointed as he had received no official information on that point.

He considered that it was desirable that there should be a power to separate private concerns. There were important concerns in Florence from the management of which he considered it desirable that fascists should be removed.

13. AIR CARRY - 12 Mar

14. Commander DICKIS required whether it would be possible for arrangements to be made for him to go to Australia.

DISPATCH - 14 Mar.

An Education Sub-Commission had been functioning. The question is whether the PC was right in laying upon the Prefect the onus of dismissing state employees and related. He was informed that the proper person to order the dismissal of state employees was himself but that the Prefect should dismiss Provincial employees.

There had been a large number of suggestions for alleged improper enrichment. It appeared that these suggestions had been investigated by the Delegate and that the procedure employed was not that contemplated by IL 159 but action was being taken under a general law by which the Tribunal could "block" property in jeopardy as to which there was a dispute. Under IL 159, blocking was for 60 days and became void if a final order for forfeiture had not been made within that time. Under the civil law under which procedure was being taken (by the PC on request of the Delegate) there was the time limit as a large number of occupants had been blocked with obvious difficulty and hardship (in cases of businesses and farms). Further, under IL 159 it was held down that action should be by the High Commissioner whereas it appeared that the action was conceived locally. The PC said that he would supply a list of properties sequestered. It seems that the Delegate is not confining himself to informing the High Commissioner of conditions in the Province so as to enable the High Commissioner to take suitable action, but was taking or instigating the PC to take executive action. Further, from the number of references to the CIL it appeared possible that the Delegate was really controlled by this body and not independently exercising the functions entrusted to them.

It was stated that the Commissions had not yet been constituted but that the persons nominated were already engaged in preliminary work so that work would get under way quickly as soon as the appointments were officially made.

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The PC here had also, at the instigation of the Delegate, been active sequestering in cases of alleged improper enrichment.

The same procedure under the ordinary civil code was being followed. The PC was told to discourage further suggestions pending instructions. He could supply a list of properties sequestered.

The Education Operating Sub-Commission had been active.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - 14 Mar

I visited COL. HINDSON who asked my impressions as to how defascism was progressing in the provinces already visited.

WORK - 14 Mar

The PC here had also, at the invitation of the delegate, been active requisitioning in case of alleged improper enrichment.

The same procedure under the ordinary civil code was being followed. The PC was told to discourage further requisitioning pending instructions. He will supply a list of properties requisitioned.

The Education Department has been active.

Suspensions had been heavy - 320 persons - and it had been proposed to publish in the newspapers a list of the persons suspended. Then informed of the conditions which should be observed before persons were suspended, the PC decided whether all persons already suspended in fact fulfilled such conditions and he decided to recover from the upper the list of suspended persons which had already been sent to them and to go through the list again with a view to cancelling suspensions of persons whose cases did not fulfil the conditions. It was finally decided, however, merely to remove the names of persons who perhaps should not have been suspended from the list to be published and not to cancel their suspension but to bring them speedily before the Commission so as to avoid any chance of a re-instatement being shortly followed by dismissal.

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The delegate had not only been active in requisitioning but also had ordered a large number of arrests for fascist crimes. Such arrests appeared to be ordered irrespective of whether the accused was likely to abscond. Persons were being unnecessarily crowded and persons were being held for considerable periods awaiting trial. In no case had charges yet been formulated. From AC's point of view, because of the insufficiency of prison accommodation, it is desirable to require that arrests should not be made unless there is a real probability of the accused absconding and

secondly, they should not, except for particularly serious cases (e.g. involving a possible sentence to death), be made until the charges were ready. It appeared possible that the Delegate was unduly influenced by the CML.

The PC had received information, which he had as yet been unable to corroborate, that the Delegate had suggested sequestration of the property of a certain alleged fascist and that within a few days thereafter, the owner had been approached by a third party, suggesting that prevention of the sequestration could be arranged. The PC had been unable to obtain any corroboration because the threatened person would not speak but his information indicated that the UDCOA Delegate had been threatening persons resident in HISSOLA Province with sequestration and he contemplated the possibility that reciprocal threats were being made to alleged fascists in UDCOA.

UICOA - 15 Mar

Lt. Col. WALTERS.

The PC said that there was only one Delegate, but Mr. Ambroggi gave up the names of the other two Delegates who had been appointed and they, in fact, arrived at the conference almost immediately thereafter. One of them was the Medico Provincial who had been appointed to that post by the PC and was, therefore, quite respectable.

An Education Corporation Commission had been active but was not now functioning. There had been a number of sequestrations and a number of arrests. Delegates and commissions were functioning and the work was practically concluded. No difficulties existed.

A reference was made to the dismissal of professors under the machinery of 7 M 76. It was considered by the delegates that certain professors who should have been dismissed had not been and that the dismissals of other professors which had been made were quite unjustified on grounds of fascism. Instructions were given that the decisions made must stand, the Rectorial elections which were to take place on Saturday, 17 Mar 47 would proceed on the basis of the dismissals as ordered but the cases of all persons who had been dismissed should be given priority before the appropriate commission and if cleared they should be re-instated. The Delegates would be entitled to have the cases of any undiminished fascist professors investigated.

LIVERED - 15 Mar

Col. AMBROGI.

75 persons were under arrest for alleged fascist crimes. Most of these had been arrested in the last few days and the PC was anxious in case this was merely the beginning of a larger number. As far as he knew the arrests were made merely because the persons were fascists. No charges had been preferred. As prisons were over-crowded, he could not take more and strongly objected to the arrests. From the point of view

FILE - 15 Mar

St. Col. TALBOT

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LIVORNO - 15 Mar

Col. PIRELLI

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GRASSANO - 16 Mar

Lt. Col. HARTMAN

There had been some arrests for fascist crimes but he had ordered the release of all those except those in which the charges seemed to be more serious. Some of the cases were 20 years old. Persons had recently been sentenced to 10 and 5 years imprisonment for political murders committed 20 years ago, and to 8 and 9 years for extortion, also committed many years ago. Other persons had been sentenced for forcing persons to drink caustic oil and sentenced in one such case totalled about 60 years. It was expected that the cases of all persons now under arrest would be completed by May.

There were many cases of sequestration. These had been originated by the Intendente di Pinerolo. No information from the INL. Action was under the ordinary civil code and the Commission referred to in Art. 30 of UL 159 had not yet been set up.

The Regional Education Officer had objected to the removal of the Provveditori agli Studi who were a notorious fascist on the grounds of indisposability. The P.C. had ordered his retention and the delegates objected.

I informed the P.C. that the policy with regard to such questions was the removal would only be refused in the interest of the Allied war effort and not if the only interests affected were Italian. In the order had already been made. It would stand, and the best course was for him to see that the Provveditori were brought before the separation commission at the earliest possible moment.

GENUALLY

At two provinces (Piemonte and Liguria) at which the arrangements for the care of the two Italian officials was delegated to the Prefect the latter failed to make reasonable or any arrangements for meals. There is no suggestion that any meal should have been provided but arrangements should have been made as to where they should feed and to ensure that the charge was reasonable. Instead they were left as strangers to find their own meals. At Pinerolo they were charged 225 lire each for meals; at UNOCA they were asked 950 each for a meal and when they protested and asked for the bill to be put in writing they were informed that a mistake had been made and that the charge was 150 each. Italian officials on tour cannot be expected to pay such prices.

DETAILS

At two provinces (FLORENCE and UDINE) at which the arrangements for the care of the two Italian officials was delegated to the Prefect the latter failed to make reasonable or any arrangements for meals. There is no suggestion that any meal should have been provided but arrangements should have been made as to where they should feed and to ensure that the charge was reasonable. Instead they were left as strangers to find their own meals. At FLORENCE they were charged 200 lire each for meals; at UDINE they were asked 950 each for a meal and when they protested and asked for the bill to be put in writing they were informed that a mistake had been made and that the charge was 450 each. Italian officials on tour cannot be expected to pay such prices.

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REPORT ON TOUR - LT COL WHITE 11-16 Feb

SUNDAY 12 Feb 45

RIETIMAJ CRIMEN (A)

No AME Expiration Commission existed. The Delegate expressed himself as well satisfied with the situation in this province, everything was in order, he had no questions or complaints.

The High Commissioner's representative made a special mention of satisfaction.

MONDAY 13 Feb 45

TREVILT COL FLICKER (B)

The Education Expiration Commission was still acting in an advisory capacity. Suspensions had recently been made. The position was explained and it was arranged that suspensions should receive priority of hearing. The suspensions would be regularised by the Delegate and the Prefect.

MONDAY 13 Feb 45

PERUGIACapt FALK (B)

The PC did not attend but left the conference to his Legal officer. An Education Commission had existed but had been abolished, but apparently still acted in some sort of advisory capacity. The 900 Suspendees would receive priority of hearing. There was a difficulty over pay. The Prefect had ordered that all persons suspended should be paid under Art 22 whereas over 100 such persons were avventisti and it was thought that they were not entitled to be paid and the Provincial Commissioner desired to know what was correct.

The Prefect asked that a Vice Prefetto Isottoro Consigliere and a Segretario might be sent to Perugia; also a Career Questore.

The general attitude with regard to defascising was that Perugia had made a very good job of it. There was no appreciation of the fact that it had been excessive or that it was undesirable that services should be disorganised.

TUESDAY 14 Feb 45

MACERATAMAJ DENNING (A)

No comments. The High Commissioner's Representative made a special mention of his satisfaction.

Everything seems to be under control and working well.

MAJ M. P. MARSHALL (B)

The Education Suspension Commission was still acting in an advisory capacity. Suspensions had recently been made. The position was explained and it was arranged that suspensions should receive priority of hearing. The suspensions would be regularized by the Delegate and the Prefect.

MONDAY 13 Feb 45

PERUGIA

Capt FAIX (B)

The PC did not attend but left the conference to his Legal officer. An Education Commission had existed but had been abolished, but apparently still acted in some sort of advisory capacity. The 900 Suspensees would receive priority of hearing. There was a difficulty over pay. The Prefect had ordered that all persons suspended should be paid under Art 22 whereas over 100 such persons were eventisti and it was thought that they were not entitled to be paid and the Provincial Commissioner desired to know what was correct.

The Prefect asked that a Vice Prefetto Isettore Consigliere and a Segretario might be sent to Perugia; also a Career Questore.

The general attitude with regard to defascising was that Perugia had made a very good job of it. There was no appreciation of the fact that it had been excessive or that it was undesirable that services should be disorganized.

TUESDAY 14 Feb 45

MACEIATA

Maj DENING (A)

No comments. The High Commissioner's Representative made a special mention of his satisfaction.

Everything seems to be under control and working well.

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ANCONA

Maj M.F. MARSHALL (B)

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PESARO

Maj KOORMAN, (A) 10

Lt Col Elwes was sick and I did not see him.

In both these Provinces Education Advisory Commissions exist and instructions were given for their disbandment. No other problems appeared to have arisen except that PESARO complained that Guglielmo Vincenzo was still under arrest at the request of the Italian Govt and that instructions for his disposal had not been received. He had been Italian Consul at San Marino and if released would probably escape to neutral territory and it be extremely difficult to re-apprehend him.

Maj Koorman was not clear as to whether DLL 150 had in fact been extended to his territory and if so, on what date. If it had not been extended he desired to have GO 35 put into operation.

ASCOLILt Col MUTTER (B)

Appointments to the Commission have not yet been completed but all necessary names have been submitted and the Commission will be completed shortly.

The Director of the Consorzio, one RIGHI, had been a very high fascist official and the head of the Federale. It was agreed that his retention from some angles was somewhat undesirable but he was said to be extremely efficient. The Delegate wanted him removed. The PC was most definitely averse to this being done. He was instructed that RIGHI should be suspended but that he might, if a breakdown of supplies was really to be feared, object, but that only the most exceptional circumstances would justify an exception. I gathered that RIGHI would be removed but there was certainly great reluctance to part with him.

The Delegate spoke otherwise with satisfaction of the position.

Note. The Head of the Federale was so senior a position that it is one of those who loses his franchise. I think he should certainly go.

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PEROV HQLt Col H.M. FIORE

No local AMG Coman existed. The Delegate had no queries, everything appeared to be under control and proceeding satisfactorily except that the dismissal of a Provveditore agli Studi is alleged to have been stopped by the Ed S/C. The PC will investigate, he was informed that the removal should be carried out.

FRIDAY 16 Feb

AQUILALt Col McPHEE (A)Regional Headquarters

We discussed the whole of the tour including the incident of the flag at TERAMO and the non-removal of officials of PESCARA, the policy with regard to priority of treatment of suspenses, and the closing down of all un-authorized AMG Commissions.

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