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QUOTE STARS AND STRIPES UNQUOTE OF TEN AND ELEVEN FEBRUARY TO THE ALLEGED
STATEMENTS OF MR MARCANTONIO IN CONGRESS CAN DO NO GOOD AND IS DEPLORED
BY BOTH AMERICAN AND BRITISH OFFICERS IN THIS COMMISSION PD
PAPER TO APRIL FOR SACRED FROM ALCOH FROM STONE CITE ACSCC PAREN
I SHOULD BE GLAD IF THE EDITORS OF THE PAPERS COULD BE INSTRUCTED BY
THEIR SERVICE CHIEFS TO REFRAIN FROM GIVING PUBLICITY TO SUCH MALICIOUS
AND INACCURATE STATEMENTS AFFECTING THE ALLIED COMMISSION PARTICULARLY
SINCE IT IS A FORMATION OPERATING UNDER YOUR COMMAND PD IT IS ALSO
RECOMMENDED THAT WAR DEPARTMENT OR CHARLIE CHARLIE SUGAR BE REQUESTED
TO CORRECT MARCANTONIO'S STATEMENT THAT ABE CHARLIE HAS RECEIVED CMA
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ELERY W. STONE
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10th February 1945.

Chief Commissioner.

1. I drew your attention this morning to the report in the "Stars and Stripes" on the statement alleged to be made in Congress damaging to the Allied war effort.

2. Since then I have had representations made by senior British officers and also by Mr. Wilkinson speaking for the British Embassy, asking that action should be taken to stop the publication of such malicious reports.

3. I submit draft letter to A.E.H.C.

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MSL 2386

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

See message 5 *see file 14*

DRAFT LETTER TO SACMED. (1)

1. My attention has been drawn to an article in the "Stars and Stripes" which reports a statement alleged to have been made in the United States Congress to the effect that

"Leftwing Rep. Marcantonio asserted he knew the War Department had a report from the American chiefs of staff saying food shipments were available to send to Italy last October but had not been sent because the British, holding the top posts in the Allied Commission, had rejected the idea."

2. The statement is untrue. The reporting of it in an Allied newspaper published in Italy and read by Italians, is unwise and damaging to Allied interests in this country.

3. I should be glad if instructions could be issued to the editorial staff of the "Stars and Stripes" to omit inclusion of such mischievous reports in their columns and if the attention of the CCS could be drawn to the total inaccuracy of the statement alleged to have been made by Mr. Marcantonio.

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ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Mr. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (UPI) — Rep. Vito Marcantonio, (A.L.P., N.Y.), challenging Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew's statements regarding the Italian armistice terms, revealed today that he was the "Congressional source" of the reported Italian armistice terms.

Marcantonio declared, "Pantelleria already has been taken by Britain and will be kept by her unless the terms can be changed."

"Time will prove that I am right and that all colonies will be kept too."

Marcantonio went on, "How is it if the U. S. is doing all it can that the President's directive of giving 300 grams of bread daily to the Italian people has not been carried out?"

"I think the people of the U. S. are entitled to a forthright statement from the State Department on the Italian situation."

"The Grew statement does not agree with the facts."

Leftwing Rep. Marcantonio asserted he knew the War Department had a report from the American chiefs of staff saying food shipments were available to send to Italy last October but had not been sent because the British, holding the top posts in the Allied Commission, had rejected the idea.

He said he plans to ask the Army on the House of Representatives floor today to invoke the "disease and unrest formula" for Rome and adjacent areas so they can receive 300 grams of bread daily.

The formula, he said, had already been invoked in the Naples area with good results and he saw no reason why it could not be used to help the Italian capital.

Marcantonio said he will also offer a resolution to make Italy a full ally and to extend lend-lease