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MONTHLY REPORTS, LOCAL GOV'T, SUB/COMM
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City for info.

65.

Local Govt. report to Federal is at 64. Passages of interest have been marked.

MS 17/3

MS 15/13

66.

Handwritten note

Mostly page 2 especially about cancer. Perfects for

A.C. monthly report.

MS 31/3

A/C.

68.

CSO. Local Government SPC report for March, at 67. Passages of interest have been marked.

S. M. J. 17/4 MS 17/4

73.

MS 17/4

CSO. Local Government SPC Report for April is at 69-72. Passages of interest have been marked.

S. M. J. 17/3 MS 18/5 MS 17/6

Ex Comm. 77.

CSO. Local Govt. SPC monthly report for May. This makes rather still reading hard.

S. M. J. 25/4 MS 26/5

MS 27

MS 19/7

80.

Local Govt. SPC report

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Passages of interest have been marked.
S.M.C.M. 17/14 H.S. 17/14

73.
CLO. Local Government SPC Report for April
is at 69-72. Passages of interest
have been marked.
S.M.C.M. 17/15 H.S. 13/15 M/16

77.
CLO. Local Govt. SPC monthly report for May.
This makes rather state reading now.
S.M.C.M. 25/16 H.S. 26/16

M/17

80.
CLO. 78-79 is Local Govt. SPC monthly report
for June. Passages of interest have been
marked.
S.M.C.M. 19/17

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58
 Please see local Govt. SEC report at 57.
 Paragraphs of interest have been marked
 A useful summary on the 68 187
 preparation of electoral lists is at para 2.
 See by the 1/2.
 61.
 local Govt. SEC report to Treasury is at 59.
 Paragraphs of interest have been marked
 19/2. H.S. 2012

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C.S.O.

3. We shall discuss the duties of C.O.s as observed of
 election of my meeting on Tuesday (28/2). Please
 have directive of C.O.s produced & this ref. ✓

4. Have I seen this correspondence?

6. What has happened on the British side?

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63.

Ref. in 63. Correspondence referred to in para
 4 has been seen by E.A.C. It is attached
 herewith. Flapped at A. (see in 32 - L.C. file)

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 about 8 weeks ago at the invitation of the
 Quaker Mission at ...

C.S.O.

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Reply to Comm 2

63.

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An unofficial delegation went to England about 8 weeks ago at the invitation of the Anglo-Italian Club, to study electoral procedure. As neither the Ministry of the Interior nor local Govt S/C knew anything about this, it was never mentioned & did not achieve much. ~~The~~ A delegation was then sent to America, this time sponsored by local Govt, S/C.

63 28/2 H.A. 1/13

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46.
C.S.O. Please see how Govt S.C.'s report for June at 45.
Box 347

47/7

48.

Executive Commissioners

Local Govt. Monthly Report for July is at 47. Passages
of interest have been marked.

23/8/45

DL

23/8 Nov. 7. 175/26/8.

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Executive Commissioners

Local Govt. Monthly report is at 49. Passages
of interest have been marked.

23/8/45

175/26/8. also.

52.

Executive Commissioners

Local Govt. Monthly report is at 51. Passages of
interest have been marked.

175/26/8.

23/8/45

DL

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22/8 noted. 7.

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50.

Executive Commission

Local Govt. Monthly report is at 49. Paragraphs of interest have been marked.

22/2/48
Fried BO also
410.

Ex. Commission

Local Govt. Monthly report is at 57. Paragraphs of interest have been marked.

BO 19/10. Fried 20/10.

22/2/48
Ex. Com.

54.

Local Govt. Monthly report for October at 53, 33, 33. Paragraphs of interest are marked.

22/2/48
Fried 19/11.

22/2/48

Ex. Com.

Local Govt. report for November is at 55. Paragraphs of interest are marked. V. interesting.

22/2/48

C.S.O.

32

Local Fort S.C. report for Dec is at 30 + 31.
It contains little of interest.

23 Jan 45

Sp 2/2

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Ex.C.

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Please see Folio 34. I have no comments to make.

Office of Ex.C.

27-2-45

W/4/3

C.S.O.

39

Local Government S.C. report for February is at 38. Passages of interest have been marked.

24/3

Sp 24/3

C.S.O.

41

Please see Local Fort S.C. Report for March at 40.

Sp 21/4

Sp 21/4

Please see folio 34. I have no comments to make.

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C.S.O.

39.

Local Government S.C. Report for February is at 38. Passages of interest have been marked.

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C.S.O.

41

Please see Local Govt. S.C. Report for March at 40.

21/4.

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43.

Executive Commission

Please see Local Govt. S.C. Report at 42. A good report.

Good.

18/5/45

MM/413

C.S.O.

Please see Weekly Report at 20 & 21.
Reference para. 3 (i). I expect the opinion of
the Fed Govt. S.C. is asked when hand-
over to the Italian Govt. ~~it~~ are being considered?
They should be able to give useful advice.

WWR
19/10

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The Hopman Review

Undoubtedly there are being
in 'C.A. Section' who will
and handle all handovers
of permits.

28/10 WWR
26/10

C.S.O.

Local Government S.C.'s C.A. report is submitted
'opposite'.
Paras. 2 & 7 (marked passages) are interesting.

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J/c Hopkins Return

Undoubtedly they are being
in C.A. Section who will write
and handle all handovers
of items.

28/10 1968

26.

C.S.O.

Local Government S.C.'s Obita report is submitted

opposite.

Paras. 2 & 7 (worked passage) are interesting.
Reference para. 4 "Interviews" Capt. Temple does not
say the result of the interview except in the case
of the last one.

14/11/68

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Col.

A very short report - Paras 7 & 10 are interesting.

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26/11

C.O.S.

28 is a short report, not well written. Para 3
is interesting.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
420 794
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

A4/27/3/15

Tel. 319

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for June 1946

3 July 1946

TO : Civil Affairs Section

JUL 18 1946

1. National Elections
On 2 and 3 June Italy held its general election of Deputies to the Constituent Assembly. The following figures summarise the results:-
- | | | |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|
| Total Population in the 31 Election Districts: | 44,242,096 | |
| Total Registered Electors | : 28,021,141 | |
| Total votes cast | : 24,883,035 | = 88.8% of electorate |
| Valid votes | : 22,952,880 | = 92% of votes cast |
| Void votes | : 1,930,155 | = 7.8% " " |

Number of votes gained by the following parties:Seats won:

Demochristians	8,085,208	207
Socialists	4,744,749	115
Communists	4,342,722	104
National Democratic Union	1,559,417	41
Front of the "Common Man"		
(Vero Qualunque)		
Republican Party	1,209,918	30
National Bloc of Liberty	997,590	25
Action Party	636,493	16
Democratic Republican	353,758	7
Concentration		
Italian Unionist Movement	97,260	2
Christian Social Party	70,957	1
Five minor parties won 9 seats.	50,220	1

2. Institutional Referendum
On 2 and 3 June the Referendum on the institutional form of the State was also held. On 10 June the Supreme Court of Cassation in Rome announced the following interim results:

Republic	12,672,757
Monarchy	10,688,562

Republican majority 1,984,195

The Court's Declaration stated that:-
(a) results had not yet been received from 118 polling stations;
(b) judgment had yet to be passed upon the objections lodged;
(c) the Court would therefore issue a final announcement later.

On the 18 June the Supreme Court of Cassation declared the following final results:-

Republic
Total of valid votes 12,747,923 = 54.2%

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 207
 115
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Institutional Referendum

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Republic
 Monarchy

Total votes
 Total votes

12,672,767
 10,683,362

Republican majority
 1,903,352

The Court's Declaration stated that:-

(a) results had not yet been received from 118 polling stations;
 (b) judgment had yet to be passed upon the objections lodged;
 (c) the Court would therefore issue a final announcement later.

On the 13 June the Supreme Court of Cassation declared the following final

results:-

Republic
 Monarchy

Total of valid votes 12,717,923 = 54.25
 Total of valid votes 10,719,284 = 45.75

Republican majority 1,998,659 = 8.5%

The Court's final Declaration shows that:-
 (a) the results from the missing 118 polling stations were as follows:-
 additional votes for the Republic 45,442
 " " Monarchy 30,684

addition to the majority for the Republic 14,758;
 (b) that all objections lodged had been decided and that by virtue of such decisions a net 14 votes had been added to the Republican figure and a net 5 votes deducted from the Monarchist figure;

(c) that therefore the interim Republican majority declared on 10 June had been increased by 14,777 votes or a trifle over 0.1%.

See M-90.

See M-90.

1-EC
 5-Pr. Bu. and Am. Lab.
 1-M. B. and Am. Lab.
 1-Pr. Rep.

(See M-90)

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3. Analysis of the Institutional results by Regions
 The results by regions disclose some interesting facts. The Region giving the highest Republican majority is the Province of Trento (70%). Next in order of size Liguria (38,2%). The three northernmost regions showing a distinct drop in the Republican majority - Lombardia (28%), Veneto (18,6%) and Piemonte (44,4%) - distances by Puglia (34,4%) and Sicily (29,6%). The majority then drops in Sardinia (21,6%), Calabria (20,4%) and Lucania (18,6%), tailing off sharply to Abruzzi (15,0%) and the border-line region of Lazio (3%).

4. Observations of the Elections.
 A close technical study of the procedure was made by officers of the Sub-Commission in Rome, Naples and Milan. AS Liaison Officers likewise observed the elections in typical parts of their districts. Full analyses and studies of the figures have since been made by the Sub-Commission.

The reports submitted by the Liaison Officers and by officers of the Sub-Commission, and the analyses and studies above-mentioned show that, in general:-

- (a) public order was good;
- (b) the numbers voting were remarkably high;
- (c) the procedure prescribed by law was properly followed.

In view of the allegations made prior to the elections that electoral certificates were being deliberately withheld from voters (see para 6 of Report for May last) particular attention was paid to this point. The number of certificates remaining undelivered at the close of the polls was 1,453,847 equivalent to 5.2% of the registered electorate. This figure affords no justification for the allegation of deliberate withholding of certificates. In view of the great practical difficulties inherent to the present circumstances of Italy (such as destruction of population records, movements of refugees, POWs etc., and misapprehensions on the part of the public) it is considered that non-delivery of 10% of the electoral certificates could reasonably have been expected. The figure of 5.2% is therefore quite good.

5. Complaints as to Elections.
 Immediately after the elections persons of rightist or monarchist sympathies made complaints to this HQ alleging that the elections had been irregularly or fraudulently conducted and requesting that AS should intervene with the Italian Government or even itself investigate the matter in which the elections had been held. The policy adopted by this HQ was to refuse to receive such complaints and refer the complainants to the remedies under Italian law which are considered adequate. The officers of this HQ were warned in a directive dated 8 June not to receive or encourage such approaches. Later in the month it became evident that similar approaches were being made to AS Liaison Officers in the field and on 20 June a circular letter was issued to them to the same effect. Almost all of the complaints or allegations of this nature which came before this Sub-Commission bore their refutation on the face of them. The Chief Commissioner called upon the Italian Prime Minister on 24 June and expressed in the manner of the United States and British Governments their congratulations upon the orderly manner in which the elections had been carried out.

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The principal functions of the Local Government (formerly Interior) Sub-Commission group themselves under two main headings:

- (a) to secure the establishment of democratic forms of local government **5351** in Italy. The local elections held in March and April of this year whereby General Councils were established by universal suffrage in over three quarters of the Communes of Italy, may be considered to mark the culminating point in the history of this part of the mission assigned.

- (b) to watch over the establishment of a democratic electoral system both national as well as local. The national elections held on 2 and 3 June likewise mark the completion of this second part of the Sub-Commission's functions.

C. G. R. WILLIAMS
Major
Local Government Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMED COMMISSION

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1. GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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CABINET : Monthly report for May 1946.

12 June 1946.

TO : Civil Affairs Sections.

JUN 18 1946

1. Institutional Referendum. The decree describing the procedure for voting upon the Institutional Referendum was published on 3 May. The Referendum ballots and those for the election of Deputies to the Constituent Assembly which differ in colour will be delivered to the elector simultaneously. The referendum ballot contains two badges or symbols. That for the Monarchy consists of the arms of the House of Savoy surmounted by a royal crown. That for the Republic consists of a female head wearing a mural crown and surrounded by a wreath. Both symbols are printed over an outline map of Italy. The voter expresses his choice by making a pencil mark against or upon the symbol for the Monarchy or for the Republic.

The Decree makes detailed provision for integrating the voting and counting of votes for the Referendum with the corresponding procedure for the election of Deputies to the Constituent Assembly. The number of officials at the polling station is increased and the period of voting extended to 1200 hours on Monday 3 June to allow adequate time for dealing with the two ballots.

2. Nomination of candidates. The list of candidates for the National College (see paragraph 3 of Report for April) was published in the Official Gazette on 20 May. The following parties nominated 270 candidates:-

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| x Communist | x Republican Party |
| Demo-Christian | Italian Unionist Movement |
| x Socialist | Front of the Common Man |
| National Democratic Union | (<i>"Unione Quiliana"</i>) |
| x National Block of Liberty | Democratic Republican Concentration |
| Party of Action | Christian Social Party |

Those marked "x" nominated the maximum permitted number of candidates, i.e. 31; the others lesser numbers.

The list of candidates nominated in the 31 election districts or Colleges was published later in the month. There are 4756 nominations for 573 seats; leading men have however been nominated in 2 or sometimes 3 districts. The number of competing parties varies from two in the Val d'Aosta up to 23 in the Naples-Caserta district and 27 in the district of Rome-Frosinone-Latina-Viterbo.

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4.

Observation of the elections. On 21 May a directive was issued to all Liaison Officers as to their conduct in observing the elections on 2 and 3 June. As in the case of the local elections (see paragraph 4 of Report for February) Liaison Officers were instructed to behave as inconspicuously as possible and not to enter polling stations or places where votes were counted. Officers of the Sub-Commission are to make a closer technical study of the elections in Rome, Milan, and Naples.

See M 77
1-EC
6-PA. B.
1-Millett
1-FM Rep
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6-PA. B.
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6-PA. B.
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1-FM Rep

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5. Preparation of electoral lists. At the beginning of the month a few communes had not yet completed their lists, including the city of Naples. By the middle of the month, however, all were ready. Certain special difficulties arose, however, and were investigated and reported by the Sub-Commission. The principal matters so investigated are:

(a) Sectional lists in Rome. There were a large number of complaints that electors had been placed to vote in sections far distant from their homes. The Italian Government dealt with the matter by granting extra time to apply to be placed in a different section and opening a special office to deal with such matters. The difficulty was mainly due to the failure of the electors themselves to take action at the proper time and to notify the authorities of such matters as change of address.

(b) Registration of troops. During the month it appeared that between 12,000 and 13,000 troops stationed in Rome had not been able to vote. The main reason was that they had been so long with the colors that their original registration in their communes of origin had disappeared. The Italian Government arranged for additional lists to be opened for the registration of such cases in Rome upon a certificate from the CO that application had been made to the commune of origin and that that commune had confirmed non-registration in its own lists. The same difficulty arose in Naples, where the same proceeding was adopted and over 3,000 troops so registered.

6. Delivery of electoral certificates. The last day for the delivery to the electors of their certificates of registration was 2 May. Shortly thereafter it appeared that large numbers of certificates remained undelivered, especially in the city of Rome. An investigation showed that this was partly due to inherent practical difficulties such as changes of address without notification to the authorities, movement of refugees and war damage to public records, and partly due to inaccurate work by junior officials. In all communes however the appropriate office remains open daily up to and including the election days, and electors can apply personally for their certificates.

Instructions were therefore issued to the Liaison Officers to report from time to time information as to electoral certificates remained undistributed in their areas. Arrangements were also made with the Ministry of the Interior to obtain similar information from their Inspectors General stationed throughout Italy. The information so obtained showed that by the end of the month the certificates remained undelivered was in the overwhelming majority of provinces less than 5% of the number entitled to receive them. This was reported as satisfactory, inasmuch as it is to be expected that a certain quantity of certificates will be deliverable on account of the factors referred to in paragraph 5 above.

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8. Move to postpone elections. An increasing number of representations were made to this HQ during the month by persons and organisations of Rightist views urging that the elections be postponed. Among the grounds advanced for such a postponement it was stated that the lists had not been properly prepared and that a large number would not be able to vote, i.e. prisoners of war, those residing in the colonies, the province of Bolzano and in Venezia Giulia and in foreign countries. An investigation and analysis of the probable figures in each of these categories was made and submitted.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/E/L2

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for April 1946

TO : Civil Affairs Section

Tel. 319
11 May 1946
MAY 17 1946

1. Results of Local Elections.

a. Official figures became available during the month for those Communes which held their local elections in March and April according to the proportional representation system. These are:-

(1) Communes over 50,000 in population.....
(2) Communes of less population but which are provincial capitals.....
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A summary of the results is as follows:-

Total Registered Electors	M. 2,367,959	7,273,198
Total Electors Voting	F. 2,696,191	5,064,150
	M. 1,926,228	
	F. 2,146,994	4,073,222

Result of Voting:-

Party	Votes	Seats
<u>Left Concentration</u>	209,056	358
Communists	981,729	1,063
Socialists	917,995	804
Action	30,228	29
Republican	178,117	235
<u>Non-Christian</u>	1,251,665	1,588
<u>Centre Concentration</u>	72,304	154
<u>Right Concentration</u>		

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<u>Centre Concentration</u>	72,304	154
<u>Right Concentration</u>	47,328	97
Liberal	136,556	119
Labour Democrat	35,202	56
Unsu. Quinquage	28,253	48
Ital. Democrat	1,577	1
Independents	24,212	26
Local Parties	34,451	63
Veterans	11,215	24
	<u>EC Dist 1-17-MAY</u>	
	1- EC.	
	6- PR GR	
	1- M.L. old Can. Ind.	
	1- French Rep.	
	1- Agave.	

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Party	Votes	Seats
Other Groups	3,026	5
Total Valid Ballot Votes	3,961,919	Total Seats } 4,750

1. Official details of actual votes cast for each party are not yet available for the smaller communes--5608 in number. Owing to the comparative inexperience and lack of technical training on the part of their officials, many of the returns from these communes have been wrongly made out and have had to be returned for revision. Complete and reliable figures are not expected until a later date. In the meantime, only the seats won by the various parties in these small communes are known.

a. The seats won by each party or group in all 5725 communes are as follows:-

<u>Left Concentration</u>	<u>36,207 seats</u>
Communist	3,286 "
Socialist	3,698 "
Republican	961 "
Action	279 "
Christian Democrat	<u>36,683</u> "
<u>Centre Concentration</u>	6,078 "
<u>Right Concentration</u>	2,576 "
Liberal	1,916 "
Labour Democrat	1,424 "
Uomo Qualunque	425 "
Italian Democrat	77 "
Independents	8,576 "
Local Parties	2,341 "
Veterans	1,096 "

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Communist.....	3,206
Socialist	3,698
Republican	961
Action	279
Christian Democrat	<u>36,683</u>
Centre Concentration	6,073
Right Concentration	2,576
Liberal	1,918
Labour Democrat	1,424
Uomo Qualunque	495
Italian Democrat	77
Independents	8,576
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3. Elections for the Constituent Assembly. The following is a very brief survey of the system adopted for these elections:-

The total number of Deputies to be elected is 573. They are divided among 32 Colleges (= constituencies or election districts). One of these, Venezia Giulia, will not participate in the elections, and another, Bolzano - Trento, only partly, as the Province of Bolzano is not ready. A third, Val d'Aosta, is a single member district electing one Deputy. The remaining 30 Colleges (including the Province of Trento) vary in population from 1 million to 2½ million and return from 7 to 36 Deputies.

The parties have to nominate their lists of candidates for each election district by 18 April. With each list must be deposited the symbol which the party intends to use.

These lists are printed on the ballot papers with the appropriate symbol at the head of each. The elector votes for the list by putting in an X against the symbol. He may also put an X against not more than 3 names to indicate those candidates he wishes to be preferred before the others on the list.

Voting is by proportional representation. In each election district the seats are distributed among the various lists in proportion to the votes given to each. The seats thus won by each list are filled by the candidates obtaining the greatest number of preferential votes. Failing such votes, candidates are chosen to fill the seats in the order in which they appear on the lists.

In the distribution of seats proportionally to votes obtained, a number of votes are frequently left over as remainders and are unused. It is similarly happens that some of the seats are not filled by this method. To make use of these remainders and to fill the unfilled seats, a "national election district" has been created.

Parties which have nominated candidates for any of the aforementioned election districts may also, by 3 May, nominate candidates for the national election district. The unused votes given to each party in the aforementioned 30 election districts are added up. The unfilled seats are then distributed among the candidates for the national election district in proportion to the totals of these unused votes.

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National Block of Liberty (a group of monarchist parties)	" 19 "
Democratic Republican Concentration	" 9 "

Of the remaining 47 parties, 34 are of a purely local character.

5. National Elections in Bolzano.

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The Italian Government has not yet appointed the Special Commission which has to decide on the cases of German-speaking inhabitants as to their right to be registered as electors.

The Chief Commissioner in a letter addressed to the Prime Minister on 26 March expressed regret at the fact that, according to the press and to information received from other sources, it would not be possible to hold national elections in the Province of Bolzano on June 2, because the electoral lists would not

be approved in time. He was confident that the Prime Minister was fully alive to the desirability of holding such elections in Polzano at the earliest possible date and that he would take all the necessary measures to that end.

6. Autonomy of the Alto Adige.

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has sent to the Chief Commissioner copies of two communiqués issued by the Italian Government on 5 and 6 March as to its policy with regard to the Alto Adige. These communiqués referred to the Decree passed by the Italian Government prescribing the use of German as well as Italian in schools, courts, public offices and so on, and described certain steps taken to carry out this Decree. The communiqués also stated the Government's intention to proceed with local discussions for working out a scheme of autonomy notwithstanding that the South Tyrol Peoples Party had refused to take part.

The Acting Chief Commissioner has informed the Ministry that copies of these communiqués have been forwarded to the British and United States Ambassadors, who in turn have informed their Governments.

7. Prefect of Udine.

The Provincial Commissioner had requested a career Prefect to replace the original non-career CIM nominee who has tendered his resignation.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/3/LG.

Tel: 475190

SUBJECT : Monthly Report for March 1946

9 April 1946

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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1. Law for National Elections.

The Council of Ministers has approved and published the final version of the Law for the elections to the Constituent Assembly. It is Legislative Decree No. 74 of the 10 March 1946 published in a supplement to the Official Gazette No. 60 of 12 March.

All criticism of and suggestions as to earlier drafts of this Law which have been made by AC have been met in the Law as enacted.

The Lieutenantcy Legislative Decree No. 99 of the 16 March 1946 published in the Official Gazette No. 69 of the 23 March has fixed the 2nd of June as the date for the elections of the Deputation to the Constituent Assembly and for the Referendum on the institutional form of the State.

The afore mentioned Law has postponed the elections in Veneto, Giulia and in Bolzano Provinces indefinitely and provided that in the Electoral College of Trento-Bolzano, returning 9 deputies, only 5 deputies should be elected on the 2 June by direct suffrage, leaving 4 to be elected by Bolzano at a later date to be arranged by subsequent provision.

2. Administrative elections.a) Communes which held elections in March and April

A total of 5,709 Communes held their elections for Communal Councils on the dates hereafter indicated :-

Sunday, 10 March	424
" 17 "	1,066
" 24 "	1,466
" 31 "	1,183
" 7 April	1,570

The elections were observed by AC Liaison Officers and in particular by officers of this Sub Commission in selected specimen communes. The officers of this Sub Commission were accompanied by Inspectors-General of the Ministry of the Interior and covered the following provinces :-

N. Italy : Genoa, Alessandria, Cune, Milan, Venice.
Central Italy : Perugia, Terni, Rome.
S. Italy : Salerno, Bari, Brindisi, Trapani.

The results of these observations are :-

- (i) public order has been excellent : one or two minor incidents have been noticed but they do not affect the general picture;
- (ii) public interest has been great;
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- (iv) the procedure prescribed by Law has been properly followed;
- (v) there was little difficulty by voters in understanding the ballot.

B) Communes which will hold administrative elections after the 2nd of June
A total of 1,709 communes will hold their municipal elections on the date to be fixed after the municipal elections 2nd of June. Of these 1,376 communes have both male and female lists approved and are therefore eligible to hold elections ; 128 communes have their male and female lists compiled, but not yet approved by the Electoral Commission.

C) Elections in Bolzano

The last fortnightly report of the Acting Prefect of Bolzano states that:

- a) all the 91 communes of the Province have compiled their male and female lists ;
- b) no list has yet been approved by the Electoral Commission ;
- c) the Electoral Commission are proceeding by :-

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- i) first examining the regularity of the Sindaco's proceedings ;
 - ii) then deciding the cases of those registered electors who are Italian-speaking and whose citizenship is not in doubt ;
 - iii) postponing cases of all German-speaking registered electors until after the Special Commission on citizenship has been appointed and has made its decisions.
- As a result of this report of Bolzano Province will participate in the elections for the Constituent Assembly, but the Italian Government have made provision for Bolzano to have such election at a later date - see para. 1 above.

3. Preparation of Electoral Lists in Verona, Giulio.
No progress has been reported in the preparation of the electoral lists in Verona, Giulio since the last visit of Lt. Etheridge from the Legal Section AMG. Lt. Etheridge was attached to this Sub Commission. Capt. Port (who has succeeded study the procedure followed in the preparation of the electoral lists in the rest of Italy.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AIO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/B/LG

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for February 1946.

9 March 1946

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. Draft Law for National Elections
The Consulta after five days debate has approved the draft Law for elections to the Constituent Assembly. Numerous amendments (some of them substantial) were made in the Ministerial Draft. Compulsory voting was approved by a small majority. A different system of proportional representation and a reduction in the size of the Constituencies were also approved. Officers of the Sub Commission were present as observers during parts of the debates. The Law as passed by the Consulta is now before the Council of Ministers.

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3. Preparation of Electoral Lists
The figures given below are an analysis of Progress of Electoral work for February 1946:

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Total No. of Communes	3585
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No. of Communes whose female lists have been approved	3,052

The corresponding figures for male and female lists approved last month were:

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Female 1,595
b) Northern Italy (including AMG Udine)
Total No. of Communes 3,629
No. of Communes whose male lists
have been approved 2,623
No. of Communes whose female lists
have been approved 2,513
The corresponding figures for male and female lists approved last month were:

Male 225
Female 372

A total of 10,923 lists (male and female) have now been approved. This is 75% of the total lists required. The corresponding figure for the end of January was 25%.

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4. Electoral film Feb 5
 With the object of assisting the Italian Government in the preparation of their proposed educational films on voting procedures, the Sub Commission (in collaboration with US Information Services) arranged for a film describing US election procedures to be shown on 5 Feb to a number of high officials of the Ministries of the Constituent Assembly and of the Interior. The Minister of the Interior was present and expressed his appreciation of the value of the exhibition.
5. Electoral operations - Inspectors-General
 The Ministry of the Interior has assigned 27 Inspectors-General to supervise the activities of the Italian provincial officials in the preparation of electoral lists in the various Communes.
6. Observation of elections of Communal Councils
 In view of the imminence of Municipal elections to be held in most of the Communes in Italy, a directive has been issued to all AC Liaison Officers stating that the policy of the Allied Commission is that the conduct of elections is strictly a matter for the Italians to settle. They should therefore on no account enter polling stations, or any place where votes were being counted. Within the aforementioned policy it is left to the discretion of the Liaison Officers to determine how they should inform themselves about the elections.
 For the purpose of making a closer technical survey of the elections, the officers of the Local Government Sub Commission will go on tour visiting various Communes on the dates fixed for Communal elections. Their visits will be as casual and inconspicuous as possible. They will be accompanied by inspectors-general of the Ministry of the Interior.
7. Local Government problem in the Alto Adige
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8. Appointments of Prefects

The new policy agreed upon by the Ministry of the Interior with regard to future appointments of Prefects, is to put, whenever possible, career officials at the head of the Prefectures, but to retain non-career Prefects actually in office, if their record has proved them to be capable officials. Non-career Prefects so retained in office, must however agree to become career officials, which some of them may not be willing to do because, among other things, this involves a change of locality where assigned.

The Council of Ministers has approved since January 1st, 1948 the replacement of 28 Prefects.

Of these, 13 are in the Regions most recently under AMG (Emilia, Liguria, Lombardia, Piemonte and Venezia) and involve the replacement of AMG appointed non-career Prefects-Regent by career-officials. In a fourteenth case (Milan) the substitute for AMG's non-career Prefect-Regent is also a non-career man, but he is being placed on the rolls as a career Prefect.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/B/AC.

SUBJECT : Monthly Report for January 1946.

Tel. 474190

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

10 February 1946

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1.

Draft Laws for National and Local Elections
a) National Elections
The Special Commission of the Consulta that had been studying the draft Law has completed its work. A full debate of the Law will take place at the plenary session of the Consulta on the 11th of February.

b) Local Elections
The Council of Ministers has approved the draft Law for the reconstitution of the communal councils and for elections to them. It has been published in Supplement No. 8 of the Gazzetta Ufficiale dated 10 January 1946 as D.L. 7 January 1946 n.1. The amendments suggested in the Chief Commissioner's letter to the Prime Minister on the 3th November 1945 have been inserted in the new Law. Provision for the election of similar elective provincial bodies will be made in later legislation.

c) Communes to hold elections on the 10th, 17th and 24th of March
The Italian Government have decided to hold elections for communal Councils (in those Communes that are ready) on Sunday the 10th, 17th and 24th March. It has been announced to the 41 Communes will hold elections on the 10th and 17th on the 17th of March respectively. They are mostly small towns or villages and include five provincial capitals and none of the larger centres of population. The Communes ready in Northern Italy number 9. It is worth noting that the preparation of the election lists in the North is not complete until 15 July 1945. Permission has been granted to the Italian Government by the Allied Commission for the holding of communal elections in all Communes in all Italy ready for such.

2. Preparation of Electoral Lists
The figures given below indicate the state of preparedness as at 15 January 1946.

a) <u>Southern and Central Italy</u>	
Total No. of Communes	3586
No. of Communes whose male lists have been approved	1397
No. of Communes whose female lists have been approved	1695
The corresponding figures for lists approved last month were :-	
male	670
female	1014
b) <u>Northern Italy (including AMG Villes)</u>	
Total No. of Communes	3623
No. of Communes whose male lists have been approved	225
No. of Communes whose female lists have been approved	372
The corresponding figures for lists approved last month were :-	
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c) Communes to hold elections on the 10th, 17th and 24th of March.

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c) A total of 1456 Communes, constituting about 20% of all Communes in Italy excepting Venezia Giulia, have both male and female lists approved.

d) General

In the preparation of electoral lists great delay has been caused in the past by the system of reference to the National Records Offices. A new D.L. has been published allowing certificates of conviction qualifying for voting to be obtained through the local Police Stations (instead of the Judicial Records Offices) in the cases of men, as has already been done in the cases of women. This should result in a speeding-up of the work.

3. Electoral elections - Inspector-General.

In order to liaise with provincial officials on the progress of electoral work an Inspector-General has been assigned by the Ministry of Interior the task of inspecting and supervising the activities of Italian officials in connection with the preparation for elections in the Communes of the Provinces of Udine, Belluno and Treviso. He was given by the Allied Commission letters of introduction to all Italian officers and to the Provincial Commissioner of Udine.

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4. Local Government problems in Bolzano
in connection with the problem of citizenship in Bolzano and the proposed decree from the Italian Government, the Presidency of the Council of Ministers submitted to the Allied Commission a memorandum for its consideration. Meanwhile a high Italian Official from the Central Administration has been designated by the Italian Government to draw up a report on the Bolzano situation and also to act as a Prefect there.

5. Preparation of Electoral Lists in Venezia Giulia
a draft of a proposed General Order on the compilation of electoral lists in Venezia Giulia was sent to this Sub-Commission for perusal and comments. The draft General Order was examined by Officers of this Section in consultation with Italian technical experts and returned to Venezia Giulia with certain small suggested alterations. The draft was in effect a consolidation of the following Italian laws :-
a) D.L.L. 28 Sept. 1944 No. 247 - Compilation of electoral lists.
b) D.L.L. 24 Oct. 1944.
c) D.L.L. 1 Febr. 1945 No. 25 - Extension of suffrage to women.
d) D.L.L. 8 Febr. 1945 No. 55 - Expenses for the compilation of the electoral lists to be charged to the State.
e) D.L.L. 12 April 1945 No. 206 - Division of the Communes into electoral sections and formation of sectional lists.
f) D.L.L. 22 April 1945 No. 214 - ditto
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6. Italian Electoral Mission to the United States
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10 January 1946

20 : Civil Affairs Section

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1. Draft Bill for National and Local Elections.
(a) General: because of their anxiety to do so, local elections at the earliest possible date, the Italian Government have asked to deal first with the draft Decree on local elections. It should be noted that the local election can be held in any commune when the lists of that commune have been prepared and approved, whereas the national elections must wait the completion and approval of all the lists in all communes in Italy.

(b) National Elections: The draft decree has still to be considered by the Consulta.

(c) Local Elections: The revised Draft D.L.L. was handed to this 3/1 on 28 December last. The main points of difference from the previous Draft D.L.L. are as follows:- (i) All references to provincial elections have been omitted, covering letters addressed to the Council of Ministers explains that this subject will be dealt with "separately", presumably in a new D.L.L. (b) Changes have been made providing for the publication of the official list of candidates 15 days before the election, and also for the use of an official ballot-paper -- both of these amendments were suggested in the Chief Commissioner's letter to the Prime Minister of 8 November last. This revised Draft D.L.L. is now being considered by the Council of Ministers.

2. Preparation of Electoral Lists. The figures given below indicate the state of preparedness as at 14 December 1945. In Italian Government Territory preparation commenced on 1 January 1945 and in Military Government Territory on 15 July 1945.

(a) Italian Government Territory
Total No. of Communes in Italian Government Territory 3555
No. of Communes whose male lists have been approved 570 = 24%
No. of Communes whose female lists have been approved 1044 = 29%
The corresponding figures for lists approved last month are 591 male and 704 female, or 17% and 20% respectively.

(b) Military Government Territory
Total No. of Communes in Military Government Territory 3633
No. of Communes whose male lists have been approved 28 = 1%
No. of Communes whose female lists have been approved 72 = 2%
The corresponding figures for lists approved last month were 1 male and 1 female only.

(c) Summary
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2. Preparation of Electoral Lists: The figures given below indicate the state of preparedness as at 12 December 1945. In Italian Government territory preparation commenced on 1 February 1945 and in Military Government territory on 15 July 1945.

(a) Italian Government territory

Total No. of Communes in territory 3555
No. of Communes whose male lists have been approved 376 = 24%
No. of Communes whose female lists have been approved 1844 = 79%
(b) Military Government territory

Total No. of Communes in territory 3633
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The system of reference to the Judicial Record Offices, for checking possible irregularities, remains the principal handicap to progress in the preparation of electoral lists. To eliminate further delay the Italian Government have decided to dispense with the proposed registration of Italian nationals resident outside Italy who would have exercised this right. It was estimated that not more than 100 would

3. Electoral Operations - Inspectors-General: The Allied Commission has given approval to the Ministry of Interior's proposal to organize an inspection service to liaise with provincial officials on the progress of electoral work; the need for such a service had already been visualized, and the service has been approved by all Regional Commissioners, before the Ministry's proposal was received.

4. Documentary Films, etc. - Constituent Assembly: The Ministry of the Interior are considering making a documentary film dealing with the Constituent Assembly. The Ministry have also been responsible for the publication of: (a) a book on the deliberations of the Commission on Political Electoral Law and (b) a bulletin of information on electoral matters in Italy and elsewhere to be issued every 10 days.

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5. Local Government Problems in Bolzano
Problems of citizenship have to the fore in Bolzano during December,
primarily in connection with the registration of voters. Registration
commenced on 13 November, and on 21 December a directive was issued by Civil Affairs
directing the citizenship problem created by the Italian-German Accords of
1938. This directive ruled that all citizens should be registered who were or
had been residing according to existing Italian law, with the proviso that any doubt-
ful cases could be examined after registration by a special commission which could
direct cancellation from the register if necessary.

The Italian Government is considering the appointment of a High Delegate of the Government for South Tyrol. It will be the function of this official to examine the special problems of the area and to make recommendations for setting up new legislation.

Going to the above complications, only 8 communes out of the total of 92 have compiled their own electoral list and the other 8 have compiled the family list. No lists have so far been approved.

6. Changes in the Italian Government
The end of the December crisis saw the appointment of a new Minister of the
Interior, Donat. Romita, who recently 24. Parri, was formerly Minister of Public Works
and is a member of the Socialist Party. Under-Secretary Donat. Romita, a Christian
Democrat, remains in office.

7. Vacancies in Northern Prefectures
Elects are required for Milan and Savona, and the Italian Government have
been asked to nominate officials for these two Prefectures.

8. Vacancies in Aosta Valley
The Allied Commission has formally approved the 25 names submitted by the
Italian authorities for the new Council of the Val d'Aoste.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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11 December 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for NOVEMBER 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section

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1. Draft Laws for National and Local Elections.

General:

(a) The requisite study of the Italian Government's draft Decrees was completed in the early days of the month and reports prepared, pointing out where the drafts departed from fundamental democratic principles. The Chief Commissioner wrote accordingly to the Italian Prime Minister on 4 November drawing attention to these defects. Conference followed between the Sub Commission and the Italian Government's legislative draftsmen.

(b) National Elections: In the proposals as to these (i.e. elections to the Constituent Assembly) it was noted that (1) no provision had been made for the prohibition of candidature in the vicinity of polling booths.

(2) the draft prescribed no date for the official publication of the names of duly nominated candidates. (20 days advance notice was suggested).

The Italian Government have accepted the two criticisms described above. Adequate provision has been made for them in the point of the draft Decree that is about to be considered by the Consulta.

(c) Local Elections: Most of the criticism of 4 November the proposals of the BONOMI Government having been met, it was only necessary to comment upon the absence from this draft of provision for:-

(a) the official publication of particulars of the duly nominated candidates;

(b) a ballot paper provided by government authority.

The first comment has been accepted in principle and the Italian Government's technical officials are reporting further upon the second. The fall of the BONOMI Government has prevented further progress.

2. Preparation of Electoral Lists.

(a) Provincial Commissions for the disfranchisement of Fascists have now been set up in all provinces of Military Government Territory.

(b) The Italian Government have consulted the Sub Commission upon a draft decree for enabling Italian citizens residing abroad to apply to be registered as voters. In order actually to vote however, such citizens would have to present themselves at the proper place in Italy. The draft decree is free from objection and the Ministry of Interior had best be informed.

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(d) Progress: The following figures show the position in Italian Government Territory as of 15 November:

Total No. of Communes in Italian Government Territory:	3555
No. of Communes where lists have been approved:	593 = 17%
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Preparation of the lists was started on 1 February 1945. In Military Government Territory, the preparation of the lists began on 15 July. Figures so far received are too fragmentary to furnish a picture. The progress made in Italian Government Territory is painfully slow. At the rate maintained hitherto, it is unlikely that there will be more than a small portion of the lists ready before the end of 1945. A stepping-up in the work will be necessary to insure the holding of elections for the Constituent Assembly by April taking into consideration that for national elections the voters' registers must be ready in very commens.

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The principal cause of the lack of progress lies in the Central and Provincial Judicial Record Offices to which each court has to refer for certification stating whether those prima facie qualified to vote have been convicted of one of the numerous disenfranchising crimes specified in the law.

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(a) Provisional instructions have not been given for the registration of the classes more obviously likely to be qualified amongst those who voted for Italian or German nationality under the "Mussolini Accords" of 1939. In the meantime the Italian Government are preparing a draft Decree to regulate the situation which they have promised to forward very soon.

2. Preparation of Electoral Lists in Venezia Giulia.

3240 Venezia Giulia has been instructed to commence preparations for the compilation of election registers as early as possible.

3. Local Government in Military Government Territory.

It is becoming virtually impossible to obtain information as to the state of Military Government Territory of which matters is the preparation of the electoral lists, transfers of important officials, and the establishing of local government bodies. The reason is that almost all other factors have remained the officers available in the former Regions to an entirely inadequate number. In the result such extra work is being assigned to them and to this which is also heavily depleted. In fact, on the electoral lists, the Italian Government's information is often more up to date than that of AMG.

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APO 594
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel: 478706
13 November 1945
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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for October 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Prefects and other officials in Military Government Territory.

New Prefects have been appointed in the Provinces of Rovigo (Venetia Region) and Varese (Lombardia Region). In both cases, the AG requested a career official to replace the original non-career INA nominee. The non-career Prefect Regent of Alessandria Province (Piemonte Region) has also been replaced. In this case the RC decided to appoint a local man recommended by the GIL.

2. An excessive number of officials has been discovered at the Prefectures of Turin, Como and Venice. Directions have been given for the surplus to be used to fill vacancies in other Prefectures in the North. The surplus officials are, however, reluctant to move.

3. Autonomy for the Valley of Aosta.

The Italian Government have issued DIL 7 September 1945 No. 545, abolishing the Province of Aosta and constituting the Valley of Aosta an autonomous area to be governed by a Council. The President of the Council will exercise the powers of a Prefect. The Sub Commission has arranged with the Italian Government to continue the existing administration until the new Council is formed. Subject to this, the Decree has been given immediate implementation. A summary of its provisions has been supplied to the RC and the RCs concerned.

4. Italian communications to Military Government Territory.

Complaints have been received that Italian Ministries are communicating by telegrams direct with Prefects in Military Government Territory. Instructions have been issued that no action shall be taken to prevent this but that Prefects are to be directed to report to the RC any orders received in this way which are inconsistent with AG practice.

5. Italian communications to Venezia-Giulia.

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6. Preparation of Electoral Lists--Progress.

Arrangements have been made for copies of the periodical progress reports submitted to the Prime Minister by the Ministry of the Interior to be supplied to this Sub Commission. These reports cover Italian Government Territory and one or two provinces in Military Government Territory. Analysis of the reports thus far received disclose very slow progress; out of 3,200 communes in Italian Government Territory reported on, only 314 male and 127 female lists have been approved.

The fortnightly progress reports of Prefects in Military Government Territory continue to be received irregularly by the Sub Commissioner and passed to the Italian Government.

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7. Preparation of Electoral Lists--Provincial Commissions for Disfranchisement of Fascists.

Arrangements for the appointment of these Commissions in Military Government Territory have been made with the Italian Government and communicated to AMG. With a few exceptions, these Commissions have not been established throughout Military Government Territory.

8. Preparation of Electoral Lists--Electoral Commissions.

From the reports referred to in para 6 above, it appears likely that these bodies (which have to approve the lists prepared by the Commissions) may be a cause of delay in completing electoral registers. Instructions have therefore been issued to Military Government Territory for the immediate appointment of these bodies and for the Prefects' reports to include in the future figures as to the number appointed.

9. Additional material for the preparation of electoral lists has continued to be distributed to Military Government Territory from time to time.

10. Preparation of Electoral Lists--Bolshevik Province.

No reply has yet been received from the Prime Minister to the Chief Commissioner's letter of 20 August. That letter agreed to the establishment of a Special Commission to inquire into doubtful cases of Italian citizenship among the German-speaking population of Bolshevo and neighbouring areas but on the understanding that the Commission should be a fact-finding body and not have discretionary powers. In the meantime, the preparation of the electoral lists in Bolshevo has virtually ceased due to the absence of instructions as to how to deal with the German-speaking population.

11. Preparation of Electoral Lists--Venezia-Giulia.

Approval of AMG has been obtained for the compilation of electoral lists in Venezia-Giulia by AMG order based on the system in effect in the rest of Italy.

12. Consultative Assembly ("Consulta")

This body held its first meeting in October. Representatives of all parts of Italy including Venezia-Giulia were present. 10 Commissioners or Standing Committees have been appointed. The Decree establishing the "Consulta" requires the Italian Government to obtain its advice before enacting electoral laws.

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14. A short Memorandum upon proportional representation has been prepared for the use of the Chief Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for September 1945

TO: Civil Affairs Section

Tel: 478190

13 October 1945

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1. VENETIA GIULIA

The plan evolved for the re-organization of local government in the VENETIA GIULIA Region has been adopted and set-up under General Order No. 11. The System has excited considerable opposition from organizations with Yugoslav sympathies, some of whom are refusing to co-operate. The order, however, is being put into operation and it is considered that the demonstrated intention of Allied Military Government to proceed with the demonstration in time, induce these elements to modify their attitude.

During September the Director and Deputy Director visited VENETIA GIULIA in order to make a survey of the distribution of population, local feeling, and other special features in the area under Allied Military Government. A joint report on their findings has been presented to the Chief Commissioner.

2. PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL LISTS

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Figures supplied by the Italian Government as to progress of the Electoral Lists in Italian Government Territory up to 31 August 1945 indicate that only 6% of the lists have been finished. For this reason alone the holding of elections, both local and national, may be considerably delayed.

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3. THE CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY (CONSULENZA)

The Consultative Assembly held its first meeting on 25 September 45 in Rome. Representatives of VENEZIA GIULIA have been admitted to the Consultative Assembly with the agreement of the AGO.

4. "CONSTITUENTE" CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY

The question has arisen as to the powers of the Constituent Assembly elected. Whilst Italian jurists are of the opinion that the Assembly will be completely sovereign and not confined to writing a new constitution. Enquiry has accordingly been made of the Italian Government as to what their

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powers and machinery will be after the establishment of the Constituent.
The Prime Minister has stated that the legal powers of the present Government will cease at such time and a new Government will have to be formed in accordance with the results of the elections.

5. THE ELECTIONS:

Prime Minister Barbi has not yet replied to the several letters addressed to him by the Chief Commissioner on the question of the reform of the present electoral laws. Requests for a reply were sent to Sig. Barbi on 27 July and 29 August 1945 and a statement by the Government on the policy to be adopted in the forthcoming elections is awaited.

On 28 September 1945 a paper entitled "Background and Present Status of Plans for the Holding of Local and National Elections in Italy" was presented to the Advisory Council for Italy. This paper covered a wide field including "The Present System of Government", "The Franchise", "Preparation of Electoral Lists", "Voting Procedure", and "The Revision of Local Government".

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for August 1945.

14 September 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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1. Provincial Commissions for Disfranchisement of Fascists.

(a) After considerable discussion with the Italian Government, the method to be followed in appointing the Provincial Commissions for Disfranchisement of Fascists has been defined in a Directive issued by this Sub Commission on 3 September 1945 (reference AD/45/A/LC).

(b) The presiding officer of the Commission (by virtue of Article 3 of MIL 199 of 27 July 1944, as modified by Article 2 of MIL 2 of 4 January 1945, both of which have been duly implemented and are in effect in ALL Territory), in a magistrate appointed by the President of the Council of Ministers after consultation with the Minister of Grace and Justice and the High Commissioner for Sanctions Against Fascism. The Italian Government is at present selecting the Presidents of the said Commissions for each province, whose names will be published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale and duly implemented so that they are to be effective in ALL Territory.

(c) Inasmuch as it is not specifically indicated who should actually appoint the other 2 members of the Provincial Commissions, it has been agreed that the Provincial Commissioner should request the Chief President of the Court of Appeals to nominate the members; the appointment of such members to be made legal by formal order of the Provincial Commissioner.

2. Cassellario Giudiziale Centrale

On 23 August 1945, Major Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, visited the Cassellario Giudiziale Centrale in Rome. Major Temple has reported the conditions there to be chaotic and the system employed archaic. The alphabetical index, which provides a ready means of ascertaining the name of an individual convicted and the nature of his crime, has not been kept up since 1930, so that information from judicial records of convictions for the last 15 years must be drawn from box-files and bundles of documents tied up in paper and string. The Cassellario Giudiziale of several Provinces have suffered damage as a result of the war and since electoral lists of such Provinces must therefore be checked carefully in Rome, and several hundreds of thousands of names are involved, it is evident that the inefficient functioning of the Cassellario Giudiziale Centrale may ultimately affect the date on which elections can be held. Major Temple has prepared a Memorandum for the Chief Commissioner and the matter is to be taken up with Sir. Present at an early date.

(b) The presiding officer of the Commission (by virtue of Article 3 of L. 129 of 27 July 1944, as modified by Article 2 of L. 2 of 4 January 1945, both of which have been duly implemented and are in effect in ALC Territory), in a magistrate appointed by the President of the Council of Ministers after consultation with the Minister of Grace and Justice and the High Commissioner for Sanctions Against Fascism. The Italian Government is at present selecting the Presidents of the said Commissions for each province, whose names will be published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale and duly implemented so that they are to be effective in ALC Territory.

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3. Extensions of the Time Limit.

The following extensions of the time limit set for the Preparation of Electoral Lists have been granted in ALC Territory:

REGION	PROVINCE	NUMBER OF CONSTITUENTS	PERIOD OF EXTENSION
LIGURIA	Imperia	21	30 days
PIEMONTE	Alessandria	11	20 "
	Asti	4	12 "
	Cuneo	18	10 "
	Novara	1	30 "
VENETIA	Padova	10	30 "
	Verona	1	30 "
LOMBARDIA	Ravenna	1	30 "
TOTAL		67 Constituents	

Adviso has been received that no further extensions are required in Liguria and Piemonte Regions; the final position in Veneto and Lombardia Regions is not yet known.

4. National Consultative Assembly ("Consulta")

(a) The Italian Government have completed the appointments of the great majority of the members of this body. It is stated in the Rome Press that it will hold its first meeting on 25 September.

(b) The relevant Decrees of the Italian Government include provisions for the appointment of 6 "Consultors" to represent Venezia-Giulia. These Decrees have not been implemented in Venezia-Giulia; but there is nothing to prevent A.G. sanctioning the making of such appointments as an administrative act. The U. S. and British Ambassadors have expressed of such sanction being given. It is not necessary for the Italian Government to hold any consultations for the selection of Consultors with the Local Party organizations of OLI in Venezia-Giulia. The Italian Government have recently passed a Decree (which is about to be published) disposing with these requirements.

5. Constituent Assembly ("Costituente")

The Minister for the Costituente has appointed a Commission to study the electoral law to be adopted for the election of the Constituent Assembly. The Ministry anticipates that the Commission will finish its labours by the end of October.

6. Venezia-Giulia

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/B/LG

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for July 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

Tel: 478190

11 August 1945

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1. Preparation of electoral lists.

(a) Of the 40 provinces which constitute AMG Territory in Northern Italy, all, with the exception of Asti, Aosta and Cuneo, have now been surveyed by officers of the Local Government Sub-Commission. These tours were undertaken to ensure that all local government organization required for the compilation of electoral lists had been set up. The plan to visit the provinces proved very successful and the officers of the Sub-Commission were able to make a first-hand survey of conditions and offer advice where it was most needed. The general state of local government was found to be satisfactory, the organs for the preparation of the lists are, with few exceptions, functioning, and considerable interest is being shown by Italian officials in matters concerning electoral lists.

(b) Some requests for the extension of the 100 days' time limit have already been received but, in agreement with the Italian Government, it has been decided that extensions will be granted only to those Communes where population records have suffered war damage. The maximum extension will be a period of 30 days.

(c) The Sub-Commission, during July, moved to the Northern Regions a further 73 tons of material required for the preparation of the electoral lists.

(d) The Ministry has approved a Decree which will give the right to vote to those Italians who attain their majority (21 years) during 1945.

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On 7 July 1945 the Chief Commissioner addressed a letter to Signore PARELLI, President of the Council of Ministers, in a renewed attempt to persuade the Government to revise the present Electoral Laws which were passed in 1915 and are considered by the United States and British Government in many respects to be un-democratic. It was hoped that the reaction of the New Government would prove more responsive than that of R. E. BONOMI's Government, but, in spite of a further letter from the Chief Commissioner to Signore PARELLI requesting a reply, no indication of the New Government's attitude, nor, in fact, any acknowledgment, had been received up to the end of the month.

4. Formation of the National Consultative Assembly.

Liaison has been established between officers of this Sub-Commission and a representative of the Ministry for the National Consultative Assembly of the Italian Government. The proposed Decree providing, among other things, for

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political party representation for the Regions recently liberated was submitted for our examination. The question regarding representation for Venetia Giulia Region is now under discussion. The National Consultative Assembly is divided into 10 Commissions and meets also in plenary assembly for the consideration of matters submitted to it for advice by the Government. On matters involving expenditure and budget, as well as electoral law, its advice must be sought by the Government. Membership, which includes representation of political parties, cultural and veteran organizations, as well as economic and industrial interests, is expected to reach over 400. On 21 July 1945, a circular was issued to Regional Commissions calling upon AHC officers to assist in facilitating communication between local organs of the six political parties and the Italian Government through Allied Military channels.

5. Formation of the Constituent Assembly.

On 8 July 1945 a letter was addressed by the Chief Commissioner to Signore PARRI concerning the early formation of the Constituent Assembly. The letter stated that the matter was of the highest interest to the Allies and one concerning which there should be the closest possible exchange of information and collaboration between the Italian Government and the Allied Commission. A reply was received on 19 July from Signore PARRI which stated that the offer of AHC to collaborate with the Government in the study of the question of the election of the Constituent Assembly was greatly appreciated. The question has arisen as to whether the form of Government the Italian people will have shall be decided by the Constituent Assembly or by means of a direct referendum to the people. The question is now under discussion by the British and American Governments.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ALL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/3/LG

SUBJECT: Monthly report for June 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

TEL: 478190

11 July 1945

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PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL LISTS

1. Directives. A directive on the preparation of electoral lists was issued to ACs and PCs on 13 June. On 1 July a schedule giving a brief description of the procedure for the preparation of electoral lists was issued under cover of Executive Memorandum No. 5.
2. Commencement Date - 25 July. At the Regional Commissioner's Conference held at AC HQ on 27 and 28 June the date for the commencement of the compilation of electoral registers in the Northern provinces under Allied Military Government, excluding Venezia Giulia, was fixed by OGAO as of 15 July 1945. Under Italian law, 100 days are required, from the date of commencement, for the completion of these electoral lists. An extension of this time-limit will be granted to communes which show proof that, because of war damage and disruption, they are absolutely unable to complete their lists within the time-limit set. It was calculated that preparation of the registers would not be completed until December; and, because of winter conditions, this meant that the actual elections, both local and national, might not take place until the Spring of 1946.
3. Printed Forms. Printed forms and stationery prepared by the Italian Government for the compilation of electoral lists have been delivered to Regional Headquarters in AMG territory; distribution to provinces and thence to communes is in progress.
4. Appointment of local government bodies. The importance of the setting up of local government bodies, such as the Delegations Provinciale, and the adequate staffing of Prefectural and Communal offices is stressed in a directive dated 30 June (AC/27/A/LG). The compilation of electoral lists is dependent on the efficient functioning of these bodies, e.g. an Electoral Commission must be established for each judicial district, and of its 4 members 1 is appointed by the Prefect and 3 by the Deputazione Provinciale.
5. Local government surveys. Officers of the Local Government Sub Commission are at present visiting the Provincial HQ of the five Northern Regions to consult and advise on local government organization and electoral list procedure. Captain W. I. Cunningham, during the period 11 - 13 June, visited the Provincial HQ of Bologna, Ferrara, Modena and Reggio Emilia. In these provinces Sindaco have been appointed in most communes and Giunta Comunale are functioning, although in some cases they have not yet been confirmed. Deputazione Provinciale have been appointed in Bologna, Ferrara and Reggio Emilia; a Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa for Reggio Emilia has also been appointed. Major Ralph R. Munnle, Deputy Director, completed surveys on 25 June of Piemonte, Lombardia and Liguria Regions, visiting

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EMPIRICAL LAWS IN ITALY

6. A letter to Signore PARELLI. A draft letter which AGIC prepared the Italian Government for a revision of the existing electoral laws, which were passed in 1915, is being prepared in the Headquarters and will shortly be addressed to Signore PARELLI. The efforts of the Allied Commission previously in this direction resulted in a reply from the Late President of the Council, R. E. ROMANO, to the effect that no reform was required since, in his personal opinion, the law was "adequate".

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: Monthly report for May 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

Tel: 478190

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1. Preparation of electoral lists. The printed forms and documents for this purpose have been distributed to the provinces of Toscana Region residing under Military Government. The Italian Government are printing the material for the five Northern Regions, in readiness for the time when it may be decided to commence the preparation of electoral lists there.

2. Elections. The Prime Minister replied at the end of May to the Chief Commissioner's recommendation that the provisions of the Decree of 1915 (which the Italian Government propose to revive) as to voting, etc., at local elections be amended so as to ensure a free and independent ballot. The Prime Minister states that in his personal opinion the system is adequate and requires no amendment. This reply is under examination.

3. Prefects. Some information has been received as to the appointment of Prefects in Northern Italy. Out of 37 provinces (excluding Venezia Giulia) liberated during April and May, in 12 only are Prefects reported to have been formally appointed. These are all in Emilia and Venetia Regions. In 13 others, individuals are acting as Prefects, with the consent of the Regional Commissioner (in his capacity as IGSAO) but formal confirmation by the SGAO has not yet been given. In all these cases, the Prefects or those acting as such are nominees of the GNA. No case has been reported of the appointment of any of the career officials nominated by the Italian Government in Rome. The position in the remaining 12 provinces is unknown.

4. Vice Prefects. Requests have been received for seven Vice Prefects to be supplied for the provinces of Ferrara, Bologna, Piacenza, Modena and Imperia. Delay is being experienced in obtaining nominations from the Italian Government.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: Monthly report for the month of April 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

Tel: 470190

14 May 1945

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1. The Sub Commission has studied the Italian Government's plans for the holding of municipal elections which are precluded on the pre-Fascist law of 1915. This revealed that the proposed system was antiquated, cumbersome and contained many substantial defects which, it was considered, might lead towards the corruption of voters and electoral officials, misuse of the ballot by voters, and political party pressure. There was accordingly reason to doubt the possibility of an independent, free and secret vote being conducted under the proposed system. Some of the principal defects were: (a) no formal nomination of candidates prior to voting; (b) no official ballot paper; no control of electioneering at the polling places. The Italian Government was currently recommending that the law proposed to be used should be amended prior to the holding of elections in territory under the control of the Government. The Government were also informed that the Allied Commission could not countenance the holding of elections in any territory under the 1915 system and that substantial improvements and amendments themselves tending to establish more truly democratic procedures would first have to be made as far as any Territory was concerned.

2. Shortly before the advance to the North, the Government again raised the subject of the appointment of Prefects and other senior officials in the North of Italy presumably or account of the possibility of the CMV deciding to fill such offices exclusively by their own nominees. Conversations took place and it was agreed that whilst such appointments were ultimately for AMV to decide, it was, having regard to present conditions, proper for the Government to have an opportunity to express their views thereon. It was, therefore, arranged that the Government should submit the names of persons they suggested for appointment as Prefects and questori in the northern provinces and that these could be considered by AMV, together with any nominees proposed by the CMV or from any other source. Such names have been conveyed to senior AMV officers to whom also a directive has been issued containing the policy to be followed and the attitude to be adopted by AMV towards the CMV. The Director of the Sub Commission visited 3240s and certain ICs to discuss the necessary arrangements involved.

3. Conversations have taken place with the Ministry of Interior regarding the ex-amen made by senior Italian officials to being transferred to other Prefectures where a shortage of staff had been reported by AMV. In the period 1 December 1944 to 31 March 1945, 13 officials nominated by the Ministry to arrangements with AMV failed to move to new positions where their services were urgently required. For of these provided health grounds and three family reasons. The last officials were beginning to be sent by certain Vice Prefects to have been included in the 5000

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4. An Aide-Memoire containing the functions, duties and work of this S/O was prepared and handed to Mr. Mario Filiale, representative of the United States Bureau of the Budget, during his recent tour in this theatre.

5. An officer of the S/O visited the provinces of Pavia and Bergamo to conduct a survey of local government conditions in those areas. They were found to be satisfactory.

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6. Contact has been maintained with the appropriate departments of the Ministry of the Interior with regard to routine matters concerning the appointment, transfer and removal of officials. These included arrangements for the temporary appointment of a new Prefect for Siena. The final appointment was left to the Ministry, in view of the importance of the restoration of that province to the Italian administration. A vacancy of Vice Prefect was also filled at Siena. Similar subordinate offices were dealt with in respect of other provinces.

7. While the Ministry of Interior has completed the investigation of the cases of all its officials in connection with corruption, and has initiated proceedings against some 115 officials, the actual trial of the cases has proceeded slowly. Only twelve cases were concluded in the month of April, leaving 177 to be concluded before 15th July next. This unsatisfactory position has been pointed out to the Minister of Interior and he has been asked to give an assurance that the outstanding cases will be concluded in time.

8. At the request of the Ministry of Interior, AMO was requested to endeavor to locate and protect the files and records of the majority of officials of the Italian administration which were removed by the Republican Fascists on their departure from Rome and which were now thought to be in Verona.

9. Answers to questions on matters of present and future policy regarding subjects within the interests of this Sub Commission were provided for Civil Affairs Section's report to AMO.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: Monthly report for the month of March 1945.

April 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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1. The Ministry of the Interior asked for an interview to clarify the application of the new policy announced in the Act. President's Aide-Memoire. This took place on 7 March when the Chief of Cabinet, Dott. HERBERT, stated that in connection with promotions to the rank of Prefects and Vice-Prefects, it was proposed first to inquire whether the official would be acceptable to the Allied Commission in case the officials concerned should become liable for service in the North. It was agreed that the proposal was a sound one.

2. (a) The Italian Government have informed the Allied Commission of their plans for the conduct of local elections. It is intended to revive the pre-Fascist law. This is being studied in the light of its possible implementation in AMG Territory.

(b) On the suggestion of the Allied Commission, provision is being made authorizing the compilation of electoral lists in AMG Territory without waiting for these areas to be returned to the control of the Italian Government.

3. (a) An interview took place at the Ministry of Interior, in connection with the desirability of a circular being issued to Prefects giving precise instructions as to the effect of the "New Deal" Memorandum presented to the Prime Minister by the Acting President of the Allied Commission on 24 February.

(b) The Ministry have submitted a draft of the circular, and this has been approved by the Allied Commission, subject to certain suggestions that might usefully be included concerning the Liaison Officers who will remain in the areas referred to in the Memoire.

4. (a) The Italian Government has been informed that in view of the Macmillan Memorandum, it is considered by the Allied Commission that persons who have been dismissed by ASF and whose employment the Italian Government contemplate in territory under their control should be subject to examination proceedings as quickly as possible.

(b) The Italian Government has also been informed that while every endeavor will be made to forward lists of personnel found by ASF in the various Prefectures on liberation, and to indicate those retained and those dismissed, it may not be possible to state the reasons for dismissal, nor can it be considered the responsibility of the Allied Commission to decide whether a person has been

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5. (a) Interviews were held with the Personnel Director of the Ministry of Interior to ensure that they realized the necessity of completing the investigation of the cases of all officials to determine their liability to epuration before 31 March.

(b) The Ministry's latest report shows that this has in fact been done. The cases of all 797 officials of Grades I to IX in Italian Government territory have been examined and epuration proceedings have been initiated in 225 of these cases. An interview was held with officials of the Epuration Commission to ensure that these cases were heard as quickly as possible. To date, 126 cases have been disposed of.

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6. A memorandum has been submitted to Civil Affairs Section setting forth the interests of this Sub Commission in planning arrangements for March West Italy. The memorandum dealt with the system of local government (RML III) to be established, the filling of prefectural positions, arrangements for transportation of Italian officials and the attachment temporarily of an officer of this Sub Commission to the IV Corps to give advice and assistance on local government matters.

7. (a) The Deputy Director visited Grosseto Province on 21/22 March when he interviewed the PC and the Prefect with the view of ascertaining the progress which had been made in local government organization, and to advise on any outstanding local government problems.

(b) The question of appointing a Vice Prefect Vicario had given some concern, but this has been settled by the acceptance of the Italian Government nominee.

(c) The provincial administration was stated to be in good shape, the Deputazioni Provinciali operating well, the officials satisfactory and citizens feral in all Communes.

8. (a) With the view of exploring all avenues to meet demands that may arise for officials for northern provinces, the Italian Government was requested to furnish the names of any Italian officials who had been interned or were prisoners of war.

(b) A list of such names and information has been received and action taken with the appropriate Sub Commission to have their release examined.

9. A list of officials thought to be anti-Fascist who are likely to be found in Italian territory not yet liberated have been furnished by the Italian Government and passed to SOAO's 5th and 6th Areas and to PC's of Piemonte and Venezia with the request that if any be discovered, full particulars be reported to this Sub Commission as early as possible.

10. The question of officials having left their posts as a result of anti-Fascist views and having fled to Switzerland was taken up with the Ministry of Interior. Certain names have been supplied and appropriate action has been taken.

11. At the request of the Italian Government approval has been given for steps to be taken in connection with the preparation of electoral lists for the Comune of Lampedusa.

12. Consistent on the withdrawal of 40 personnel from Italian Government Territory and at the request of ARS, a short memorandum for the use of military commanders was prepared, containing an outline of the Italian administration and indicating the various officials with whom they should deal.

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(c) The provincial administration was stated to be in good shape, the Deputazioni Provinciali operating well, the officials satisfactory and Giunte formed in all Comuni.

8. (a) With the view of exploring all avenues to meet demands that may arise for officials for northern provinces, the Italian Government was requested to furnish the names of any Italian officials who had been interviewed or were prisoners of war.

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13. (a) By Executive Order No. 28 dated 29 March the Patriotic Branch and Local Government Sub Commission were amalgamated and are now known as the Local Government Sub Commission. The new Sub Commission has been divided into two branches, i.e. Local Government Branch and Patriotic Branch, and will carry out the functions and activities previously performed.

(b) Colonel R. R. Cripps (TD) has been appointed Director, Local Government Sub Commission, vice Colonel R. G. R. Spicer (CMG ED) relieved.

(c) Major Ralph R. Temple has been appointed Deputy Director, Local Government Sub Commission (Local Government Branch).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Tel: 478197

SUBJECT: Monthly report for the month of February 1945.

10 March 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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1. With the issuance of the "New Italy" for Italy, a number of questions which have been engaging the attention of the Sub Commission have solved themselves, such as the promotion of certain officials at the Prefecture of Palermo. In informing the Italian Government that this latter matter was not one for them to dispose of, opportunity was taken to bring to their notice that consideration be given to those employees who worked so efficiently and loyally with the Allies in the administration of Italian local government.

2. Similarly, a number of appointments of Prefects and Vice Prefects in Italian Government Territory, the approval of which was pending in this Sub Commission, have become entirely matters for the Government.

3. A step forward in the demarcation of Italy has been taken by the Government, under a Decree published on 20 February, extending the right to vote to those over 21 years of age.

4. (a) An instruction has been issued to RC's in all territory advising them as to the status of the compilation of electoral lists and directing them to see to it that the Italian local Government authorities began the preparation of one of the necessary preliminary, namely, the drawing up of population registers.

(b) The RC's have been asked to furnish, should the Prefects so request, such assistance as is at their disposal in the distribution of the material to be used in compiling the lists.

5. As a result of a recent survey in Puglia by an Italian Inspector General, the Italian Government has issued a circular to Prefects increasing upon them the duty to have Giunta Comunale constituted and Sindaco appointed to replace Carabinieri Prefettini.

6. (a) In connection with the planning for further provinces, lists of officials submitted by the Italian Government for the various Prefectures have been examined and the necessary steps taken from a security and suitability point of view.

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- (b) Arrangements have been made for transporting these officials; the question of accommodating them en route is under consideration.
- (c) It is planned to have an officer of this Sub Commission attached to the Fifth Army. He will be permanently attached, but Regional Commissioners or problems in their specific areas. The officer in this instance will be the GLAO Fifth Army; this Sub Commission, however, to be informed.
7. An agreement to Executive Memorandum No. 30 has been issued which has the effect of empowering the Prefects of Emilia, Liguria, Lombardia, Piemonte and Veneto Regions to appoint and remove Prefects without first obtaining the approval of the GLAO, provided such actions be reported to the GLAO as soon as possible, with full particulars of the persons appointed, or the reasons for the removal.

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8. (a) Questions of status and promotion of Italian Government officials in Allied Military Government territory have been under consideration. As a result the Ministry of Interior has issued a circular to Prefects setting forth the position, and the position has been clarified in a covering circular to RO's from this HQ.

(b) appointments and promotions by JLG are to be treated as temporary and have no effect upon the permanent rank or status of the appointee in the Italian civil service. Permanent promotions in grade will be dealt with by the Italian Government when responsibility is resumed for administration of liberated provinces.

9. (a) As usual, a number of interviews have taken place with the Ministry of Interior officials, and approval has been given to movement of Prefects as follows:--

- (i) VOLPES, Giovanni - to Chieti in substitution for FERRILLA, Gaetano
- (ii) PALANCA, Giovanni - to Poggia, in substitution for COTRONI, Cor. Ettore
- (iii) VILLASALVA, Carlo - to Kuero, in substitution for RILICIA, Giovanni.

(b) The Prefetto Reggente at Pescara has been recalled. He will be employed at the Ministry with inspective functions until the judgment of the Separation Commission is known.

10. The question of Italian local government officials pleading illness as an excuse to avoid taking up appointments because so acute that the Director interviewed the Under Secretary of the Ministry. As a result the Government has issued a circular to Prefects directing that in the event of illness it will be necessary for the official concerned to produce a certificate from a military doctor of the Italian Army. Disciplinary action is to be taken in cases not genuine.

11. The Ministry of Interior has been urged to furnish particulars of local government officials held as prisoners of war or as civilian internees in Africa, so that the question of release may be raised with the appropriate military authorities. The object is to make sure officials as can be released, available to the Italian Government, and thus to some extent relieve the present grave shortage.

12. A Decree has been issued by the Italian Government fixing the rules for holding examinations for the "petate" of colonial secretary. As the Decree prescribes the holding of the examinations only in those provinces which on 11 June have passed to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government, it has been suggested to the Italian Government that steps might be taken to ensure the Decree to be altered so as to make it applicable to provinces under Allied Military Government.

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13. (a) Periodical reports showing the progress of examination of civilian administrative employees of the Ministry of Interior have been compiled and rendered to Civil Affairs Section. Generally, the reports indicate that "fair" progress has been made.

(b) A Commission of Examination has been constituted to deal with Colonial and Provincial Secretaries. The preliminary inquiries are made by the Prefects who forward cases to the High Commissioner's office.

14. Pursuant to directions by the Chief Commissioner, the Chief Executive Officer of the Sub-Commission visited the Southern Region and conferred with the Regional Commissioner, members of his staff, and the PC of Naples alone on Italian local government matters. There were no outstanding problems.

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15. The Director visited Toscana and Emilia Headquarters and conferred with the IC's and a few Italian Government officials on local governmental problems. Appropriate action has been taken to resolve a number of the questions raised.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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Ref: 478107

SUBJECT: Monthly report for the month of January 1945.

7 February 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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1. During the month, the Sub Commission has been largely engaged in efforts to supply Italian officials for the needs of Prefectures in Military Government Territory. Delays and difficulties have been encountered in meeting such demands due partly to the growing shortage of officials but mainly to persistent attempts of many of them to evade transfer for personal reasons. So serious has this evasion become that the Director personally interviewed the Under Secretary in this connection.

2. The Ministry of Interior submitted the name of Dott. Umberto PARISI as Vice Prefect Vicario of Florence. On 29 January, PARISI was interviewed at this Headquarters. He stated that he did not wish to go to Florence; one of the reasons advanced by him being that he did not think he would make a good Vice Prefect Vicario, as his functions had been mostly of an inspective nature. It has been decided to ask the Ministry to submit another nomination. This is presented as by no means one of the most flagrant cases but as typical of the lack of proper spirit in the Italian administration. As a result here in this Sub Commission, we are liable to get the boomerang of gray and Regional dissatisfaction.

3. With regard to the delegation of greater powers to RCs, it has been recommended that the RCs Lombardina, Piemonte and Liguria be authorized to appoint and remove Prefects without prior approval of Allied Commission, provided such action be reported immediately thereafter to AC HQ.

4. Arrangements are being made to have available a number of Prefects, Vice Prefects, "Pools" are being created from which will be drawn the senior officials for the purpose of filling gaps among junior officials, the Director of the Interior himself has suggested local recruiting, on a temporary basis.

5. The disposition of the personnel to form pools will be that one-half will be held here in Rome and employed at the Ministry until their services are required in the North, and that the other half will be spread over Prefectures and called to Rome to take the places of those who go forward.

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7. The Province of Florence was visited on 6 January. Attacks were still being made upon the Prefect, but he continued to work well and to the satisfaction of the PC. Giunta Comunale had been formed in all the communes, and the Deputazione Provinciale and Giunta Provinciale Administrative were functioning.

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8. Reference para 16 of the Monthly Report for December, attacks are still being made against the Prefect of Palermo. Reporting upon the latest one, the PC states that according to information the allegations are nothing but local gossip.
9. The Chief Executive Officer interviewed the Headquarters Staff of Lazio-Umbria and discussed local government matters generally. The state of local government in the Region was good. The formation of Giunta Comunale had been slow, but this was expected to improve soon.
10. A representative of the Comitato Centrale di Liberazione called for the Director on 11th January, for the purpose of discussing the position of the OLI in the Province of Arezzo. He was informed that the only authority with which this Sub Commissioner could deal was the Ministry of the Interior.
11. The Ministry of Interior communicated that the Prefect of Florence had requested that permission be granted for the institution of Internal Commissions in State offices and in the offices of bodies which are under the control of the State. This is under review in cooperation with the Labour and Legal Sub Commissions.
12. In the monthly report of Tuscany Region for December it was stated that delay in making the Italian Decree providing increases of salaries to provincial and communal employees was causing a regrettable discrimination against ASF. On investigation it was ascertained that it was necessary for each province, by specific order, to adopt the Decree giving effect to the increases. This has now been done.
13. The Italian Government have now finally promulgated Decree No. 426 in the Official Gazette of 20 January relative to the re-organization of the administration of Rome. The consent of the Allied Commissioner was given to the draft Decree several months ago.
14. A memorandum has been prepared for the information of the Acting President on the present position of the question of holding local elections. A letter to the Prime Minister, Italian Government, requesting information as to the Government's plans with regard to local elections and the bodies to be elected, has also been prepared for the signature of the Chief Commissioner. The Commission has agreed to provide transport for the distribution of the forms and other material for the preparation of electoral registers to provinces under Regional control in Military Government Territory.
15. The Director visited Sicily (22-31 January) for the purpose of ascertaining generally the position of local government in the island. He interviewed the IC and members of his staff, and also the following officials: the Prefect of Palermo; the Sindaco of Palermo; the Secretary General for the High Commissioner; the Director of Personnel; the Prefect of Messina and the High Commissioner. Suffice to say in this report that it is the considered opinion of the Director that

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16. Progress reports for the period ending 15 December covering activities of the Epuration Committee in the Ministry of the Interior, which includes Public Safety, Public Health and this Sub Commission, have been rendered.

As progress in appointing Provincial Epuration Commissions has been slow, attention has been drawn to this fact and a request made for the number of Provincial Commissions already appointed, and also for an indication of the date by which it is expected that these necessary for the remainder of the territory to which IML 159 applies will be appointed.

All the cases of Grade III and IV officials have been examined by the Ministry of Interior and so reported to the Deputy High Commissioner for Epuration, who in turn has sent the appropriate cases for formal hearing to the Epuration Commission in the Ministry of Interior.

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2. During the month the average number of appointments and transfers of Italian officials took place.

3. The routine work of the Sub Commission in relation to the Ministry of Interior was not unduly affected by the recent political situation, and regular contacts with the Chief of Cabinet and subordinate officials continued.

4. In Sicilia Region (Palermo Province) the Ministry of Interior has recalled Prefect D'ANTONI by Dr. BATTALII, a career official. The Ministry in intimating the change stated that it had been urgently necessary to take this step owing to recent disturbances, and apologized for not having first obtained the approval of the Allied Commission. In all the circumstances, it was decided to raise no objection.

5. Following upon incidents which had happened in Catania on 14 December, the Ministry of Interior intimated that it had been necessary to provide for the substitution of Prefect CHIAFFOLELLI who had proved incapable of meeting the situation. The Ministry in the first instance sent Prefect VITELLI to take over the functions temporarily, but have since made formal application to have VITELLI appointed Prefect of Catania. The views of the Regional Commissioner are awaited before VITELLI's definitive appointment is agreed.

6. The question of holding municipal elections in Italy was raised at the Deputy Chief of Staff's meeting of Heads of Sub Commissioners of the Civil Affairs Section. A memorandum on the desirability and possibility of holding such elections has been prepared by this Sub Commission and circulated for information and observation to Legal, Public Safety, Public Health, Home, and Education, Patriots and Displaced Persons Sub Commissioners. The memorandum has also been sent to the Political Section.

As the Decree No. 247 of 28 September 1944 limited the time within which the electoral lists had to be completed by the Communes, the Italian Government, being short of transport, approached the Allied Commission for help and this has been granted.

7. In view of the possibility of a shortage of senior officials, who might be required for the administration of northern provinces, the Ministry of Interior had agreed to promote a certain number of younger officials. There has also been outlined to the Ministry fresh proposals to constitute a "pool" of junior officials for service in the northern provinces, with the object of ensuring a sufficient number of the required officials available in Rome to answer the first demands in newly liberated provinces.

8. On 9 October 1944, the Ministry of Interior submitted proposals for reducing to their former rank some 25 AMG promoted officials at Palermo Prefecture. The matter was raised at a Vice President's meeting when it was agreed that no action be taken until clarification of the policy of the Allied Commission was obtained.

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9. On 28 September 1944, the Ministry of Interior requested that an inquiry be conducted with the view of examining the position of Vice Prefect Cino GIGLI at the Prefettura of Florence. Dr. MASCOLO, one of the Ministry's Inspectors carried out an inquiry with the result that he recommended that GIGLI be transferred to another Prefettura. Action is being taken accordingly.
10. The RC of Lazio-Umbria Region inquired on behalf of local Italian officials whether it was the intention of the Italian Government to renew the practice of holding examinations for communal secretaries. The matter was taken up with the Ministry who have replied that it is not the intention means to conduct such examinations, but that the question would probably come up for consideration next February or March.
11. Periodical reports of the activities of the Munition Commission which cover activities in connection with officials for which the Public Safety, Public Health and this Sub Commission are concerned have been received and dealt with.
12. It has been necessary to draw the attention of the Ministry to the slowness in appointing Provincial Munition Commissions. A request has also been made for the number of Provincial Commissions already appointed, and for an indication of the date by which it is expected that those necessary for the remainder of the territory to which ML 15 applies will be appointed.
13. A draft Decree setting out the powers and organization of the new Ministry for occupied Italy has been received from the Presidency of the Council of Ministers. The Ministry desired an expression of the Allied Commission's opinion by the 29th of December as it was proposed to present the draft to the Council of Ministers the following day. As the draft required careful study for military reasons the Ministry was asked to defer its presentation. A fresh draft has since been received, and circulated to appropriate Sections, Sub Commissions and Branches for report.
14. On 26 May 1944, the RC of Lazio-Umbria Region suggested the appointment of a Commissari Speciali to assist the Prefect in dealing with the devastated areas of Cassino in Frosinone Province. Signore ROZZI was appointed by AN and later the Italian Government appointed Signore DUMAS in addition. ~~Since it has never been reported that the employment of these officials is no longer needed,~~ the Italian Government has been notified that the Allied Commission has no objection to the termination of Sig. ROZZI's appointment, but that as DUMAS's appointment was made by the Prefect, the question of terminating it was one for them to decide.
15. On 25 December, the Secretary to General FIBB, Prefetto Regente of Ancona called at this Headquarters and inter alia stated that agreement had been reached between the Prefetto Regente and the Provincial Commissioner to change the present Vice Prefect Vicario ASDI, a non-career official nominated by the CM of which he was a member. The basis for the change was that ASDI was a

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12. It has been necessary to draw the attention of the Ministry to the slowness in appointing Provincial Education Commissions. A request has also been made for the number of Provincial Commissions already appointed, and for an indication of the date by which it is expected that those necessary for the remainder of the territory to which the 159 applies will be appointed.

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16. The Ministry of Interior have passed to this Sub Commission reports which they have received in connection with the administration of the Prefettura at Terni, and particularly directed at the Prefetto Regente, Giovanni LORRECHINI.

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The Ministry stated that they deemed it necessary to have an inquiry made by the Prefect Inspector, and inquired whether a joint inquiry with an officer of the Allied Commission could be carried out. The Ministry had also asked that LORAZINI be released. The Ministry have been informed that the Allied Commission cannot agree to LORAZINI's removal, and that while they have no observations to make on the proposal to hold an inquiry regarding the Provincial Administration they do not desire to take part in the proceedings.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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SUBJECT: Monthly Reports for month of November 1944.

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TO : Vice President, Civil Affairs Section:

1. Reports from Prefects visiting Rome show that good progress continues to be made in establishing local government in the Abruzzi-Marche Region. Clunio Comandoli have been set up and Sindaci appointed throughout all provinces with the exception of a few communes requiring special treatment. In the same Region a minor disturbance took place at Macerata which resulted in the Prefect leaving his post. He was immediately replaced by General ZUCCHETTI and no more complaints have been heard. Irregularities of food distribution were given as the reasons for the disturbance. An enquiry into the incident is being conducted.

2. A survey of local government in the provinces of Livorno, Pisa, Pistoia and Lucca has been made and reports are now being prepared.

3. A letter was received from the Ministry of the Interior stating that a People's Court has been set up at Montecatini Terme in the Province of Pistoia. Enquiries from SCAO 5 Army elicited the information that the Court had been promptly dissolved and that a Comissario Prefettorio had been appointed in place of the Sindaco. The outcome will be to under prefectural rule until such time as a new Sindaco and a Giunta Comunale can be appointed.

4. In addition to the appointment of General SABBINI as Prefetto Reggente of Macerata, the transfer of several Vice Prefetti and many junior officials have been arranged during the month. Symptoms of reluctance to serve north of Rome began to be shown: officials appear to be taking advantage of the Government crisis. A request made to the Ministry to send firmly with any such cases has already, however, produced a good effect.

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6. The Sub Commissioner has advised the Vice President, C. A. Section that the supervision formerly exercised by this Sub Commission over the appointment of Italian Government officials in Italian Government territory could not properly be discontinued. The Sub Commissioner would, however, still require to be notified of appointments of Prefetti and that officials appointed by AMG would not be removed without the consent of the Allied Commission.

7. In Military Government Territory Italian government officials will be moved with this Sub Commission's approval and assistance on grounds of security.

have been heard. Irregularities of food distribution were given as the reasons for the disturbance. An enquiry into the incident is being conducted.

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7. In Military Government Territory Italian government officials will be moved with this Sub Commission's approval and assistance on grounds of administrative necessity, but requests for leave for reasons of the personal nature cannot be considered. A few cases have been put forward lately on these latter grounds but the shortage of both suitable officials and of transport render it impossible to consider them.

8. Some confusion and delay in filling vacant administrative posts has been caused by the "Personale" Division of the Ministry of the Interior nominating for such posts officials upon whom reports in our possession indicate the unsuitability of their employment for security reasons. It is hoped that the strong representations addressed by the Prime Minister himself to the department responsible will result in their exercising greater care.

9. Reports were called for and received from all provinces under AF control as to the difficulty of obtaining unpaid Sindaco and the desirability of paying such officials in forward areas. Although the general feeling seemed to be that payment should be made in particular instances the difficulty of obtaining unpaid Sindaco arise in only 8 percent of all communes and the case for payment was therefore considered non-proven.

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10. The question of recognizing promotions of Italian officials made by AIS was raised by the Italian Government. At an interview with H. R. BURDET, it was agreed that such promotions do not make any alteration in the officials' permanent rank and grade in the Italian Civil Service and that they are to be regarded as temporary appointments only, enabling the officials concerned to use the title, exercise the functions and draw the pay of a higher rank while holding such temporary appointments.

11. It was of course agreed by BURDET that none of these officials could be removed from the posts to which they had been appointed without the consent of the Allied Commission.

12. The Control Committee for Southern Italy has confirmed its work and has now considered the cases of fifty officials of perfect rank in Grades 3 and 4. Seven sentences of liquidation were recorded in the first seventeen cases which were decided.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for month of October 1944

TO : Vice President, Civil Affairs Section

Ref: 489081 Ext. 600

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1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

(I) ABRUZZO-MARCHE REGION. Two officers have surveyed local government organization in the provinces of Pesaro, Ancona, Macerata, Ancona, and Pesaro. Considering the comparatively short time in which these provinces have been liberated, and the difficulties in the way of organizations that have had to be encountered, good progress has been made with the reorganization of local government. Where necessary, matters requiring the attention of the Italian Government have been brought to the notice of the Ministry of the Interior.

(II) LIGURIA PROVINCE. It has been ascertained that the Italian Government are making preliminary studies with a view to abolishing the fascist-created Province of Liguria and to re-constitute the Provinces of Genoa and La Spezia. This will probably involve the abolition of Province Province and alterations in the boundaries of at least three others. As all the provinces affected are likely to be have been returned to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government, the Allied Commission could only advise that so extensive a re-creating of provincial administrative machinery is bound to divert the Administration from more pressing problems connected with the war effort.

2. SUPERVISION OF ADMINISTRATION BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

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3. WORK

Progress continues with the drafting of the new decree as to the local government of Italy. It is now before the Council of Ministers for examination.

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(b) On 10 October the Director interviewed Dr. CAMERA and Dr. BERRUTI of the Ministry of Interior in connection with the incidents in Florence, and the existence of the Committee Generale di liberazione. Dr. BERRUTI stated that he had captured of the Prime Minister who said that the central organization had ceased to exist as a political body since the formation of the present Government. It continued to exist, however, as an administrative body dealing exclusively with matters concerning Partigiani.

(c) During the month the Director and Staff Officers have interviewed a number of the Prefects who have been selected to take over northern Provinces as are now liberated.

(d) H.E. BENNETT was also interviewed regarding the Prefect of Lugano.

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who was originally nominated by the Italian Government and appointed in July by ASG. He has proved unsatisfactory and in the interests of the Provincial Administration with the Ministry and the successor was approved.

5.

HISTORY OF SUB COMMISSION

In response to a request from P.R.B. a brief history of the activities of the Sub Commission has been submitted to them.

6.

DEPASCIOTIZATION

The officer representing this Sub Commission on Depasciotization attended the conference on 14 October to discuss an order which had been prepared for the handling of operation in the northern regions, and advice on the class of officials that should be appointed first.

7.

PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL LISTS

In connection with this matter an analysis was made by this Sub Commission of a Family Questionnaire issued with the Census of National Reconstruction to ascertain whether there was sufficient information for the proper preparation of an electoral roll. It was ascertained that only a population list could be compiled from the information and not a true electoral list. Sufficient data, however, was recorded to enable censuses to establish the beginnings of a proper election Register.

The Italian Government have since published a decree providing for the preparation of electoral register. There was no previous consultation with the Sub Commission and it has been requested that the decree be not implemented in Military Government Territory at present, in order to give an opportunity for study.

8.

DIRECTOR'S VISIT TO FLORENCE

The Director at the request of the VP Civil Affairs Section visited Florence on 11 October and had conferences with the ASG and other ASG officials as well as the Prefect and the President and Secretary of the Committee of Liberation on the problem of the relationship between the Committee and the Prefect and ASG.

9.

PRESENTING MEMBERS OF THE ASG

A political attack on the character, capacity and antecedents of Capt. Giovanni LORENZINI, Prefetto Regione di Torino, was investigated and found baseless. As the document containing the attack was received through the Italian Government, they were informed accordingly. They were also informed that their request to have Capt. LORENZINI removed from office could not be agreed to, but on the contrary that he should receive all possible support.

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10. SIRACUSO OF NAPLES

It became necessary to appoint a new Sindaco of Naples, the former holder of the office having accepted an important post under the Italian Government. Although Naples remains under Military Government, the Committee of National Liberation was consulted. They failed to find a satisfactory candidate themselves and demurred to AG's suggestion. It is quite clear the Committee were only concerned to secure a new Sindaco through whom they could dominate the city. The Zone Coordinator has accordingly appointed a Commissario Prefettizio.

The Regional Commissioner has been asked to submit periodical reports showing (a) the activities of the Committee of Liberation; (b) activities of the Commissario Prefettizio in rectifying administrative matters; and (c) the names of any possible Sindaco to replace the Commissario.

11. ORGANIZATION OF SUB COMMISSION

(a) In the absence of Col. Spicer who will be away for several weeks on a

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Special mission, Capt. Ralph R. Temple has been named Acting Director of the Sub Commission.

(b) The Director of this Sub Commission by Executive Order No. 5 dated 29 October has been appointed Director of Patriots Branch, effective from 26 October. The Director's duties as Director of Patriots Branch will be in addition to those as Director of this Sub Commission. The two Sub Commissions continue to function as separate entities for the present.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for month of September 1944

TO : Vice President, Civil Affairs Section

13 October 1944

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1.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

EC and his staff, and also with the Prefect and Vice-Prefect, on Local Government problems. He also met the President and members of the Benicasone Provincial re-organizing their re-organization and functions. He accompanied the EC with senior Prefectural officials in a survey tour of certain of the communes, advising on Local Government matters.

(II) Leiria, Pinar, and Pistoia. At the request of 7th Army, an officer visited these provinces for the purpose of investigating the status and condition of the Italian Civil Administration and to advise the respective ECs. A number of Italian officials were also interviewed. The position at Pistoia was difficult in that the Provincial administration had not functioned as such since June and the bulk of officials had left the town. The result of the interviews was never reported to AMG 7th Army and consequential arrangements fully made, where necessary, in conjunction with the Italian Government.

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(IV) EC's Conference at Siena. The Chief Executive Officer represented this Sub-Commission and reported upon the position regarding provisions for movement of Prefects and other provincial officials to northern areas.

2.

PREFECTS AND CIVIL ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS

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(II) Owing to the shortage of suitable Prefects, the Ministry have recommended the necessity of appointing outstanding non-career men to Prefectural positions in accordance with Italian law (e.g. General Penco, Prefect of Ancona).

(III) The Ministry have acted upon the suggestions of the Sub-Commission to promote certain of their best Vice-Prefects (as current in last month's report) and appointments have been made by the Council of Ministers (including the new Prefect

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(IV) The Minister of Interior Board was interviewed by the Director following discussions with the High Commissioner of Sicily upon the wish of the latter to name certain Prefectural charges. The Prefects concerned were AGS appointments, and AGS's consent for their removal was accordingly necessary. In the result, a proposal was given for two changes out of the three proposed. It was suggested that the rotation should be given by the Italian Government to the same undertaking by the two mentioned during their period to office.

(V) The Ministry have now supplied the names and biographical particulars of some 27 Prefects resident in non-allocated provinces, and believed to have been suspended from office by or in hiding from the enemy. Certain of these have already been reported upon by Security to have concerned themselves politically. The remaining 24 names and particulars are being forwarded to the appropriate branches of AGS. If and when contacted, careful screening will be essential before they could be employed.

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(VI) Following requests from Regional Commissioners and information obtained by Sub-Commission Officers when on tour of LG provinces, a number of changes and transfers of Vice-Prefects and other subordinate officials have been made by arrangements with the Ministry, in an endeavour to strengthen the administration of a number of provincial capitals. In many cases, their actual movements have been effected under transport arrangements made from this Headquarters, and where necessary, an Italian Liaison Officer attached to this staff has conducted them. Their conveyance is frequently difficult on account of transport shortages.

(VII) The view has been expressed that certain Prefects in western provinces were not sufficiently in contact with and receiving adequate direction from the central government. The Ministry have accordingly appointed as Inspectors General whose duties will include touring the Southern provinces interviewing Prefects, advising and reporting upon matters affecting the administration and local government organization.

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3. ~~FORES~~ - The following tours have been undertaken:

(I) Terni and Rieti Provinces. An officer surveyed the Provinces with a view to ascertaining the position of local government there. The LG and Prefects were interviewed. Copy reports were forwarded to the RG and relevant information conveyed to the Ministry.

(II) Perugia. An officer visited this Province on 26 September and conferred with the PG, Prefect, and other provincial officials. A report on the visit has been made and certain recommendations sent to the RG. Good progress has been made in local government, but a little strengthening in the Prefecture by the addition of a Vice-Prefect (Viceario) was needed. This has been taken up with the Ministry of Interior.

4. Almost daily contact has been maintained with officials of the Ministry regarding the detailed and routine arrangements involved in the subject matter of this report.

5. REGIONAL MONTHLY REPORTS. The majority of the reports received from the Regions with regard to the state and conditions of local government have been excellently prepared and contain a clear and concise picture of local arrangements over a large part of AMG areas and the Southern Region. These reports are of the utmost assistance to this Sub-Commission in its dealing with the Italian Government. Reports from the Southern Region indicated that insufficient progress was being made in Sardinia and Corsica. The latter was brought to the notice of the Minister of Interior who has stated that he has given instructions to the respective Prefects to deal with the subject adequately and without delay.

3. TOURS - The following tours have been undertaken: -

(I) Territorial Provinces. An officer surveyed the Provinces with a view to ascertaining the position of Local Government there. The Prefects were interviewed. Copy reports were rendered to the IC and relevant information conveyed to the Ministry.

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6. DEPORTATION. Personal contact has been made with the members of the Deportation Commission. Detailed instructions for the compilation of Reports and the work and progress have been given to it. Public Safety and Public Health Sub-Commissions, whose operation activities are co-ordinated by this Sub-Commission have also been instructed accordingly.

The Committee in the Ministry of Interior dealing with the personnel in which this Sub-Commission is interested has been proceeding as rapidly as conditions permit. A total of 74 cases have been presented for the month. Of these, however, more than half involved persons north of Rome who are not available and consequently charges cannot be sent to the accused. Twelve cases have been taken away from the Committee by the High Commissioner for the formal presentation of charges. This

meanwhile that 36 cases to date are available for handling by the Committee. Of these, 23 hearings have been completed and 13 judgments pronounced. Of the 12, six resulted in removals, and 12 in retention in service with disciplinary action being taken. Two cases have been appealed. The majority of the cases presented involved high ranking officials of the Prefect and the Vice-Prefect class.

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9 September 1944

SUBJECT: Report of activities for the month of August 1944

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TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. PREFECTS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS

A number of discussions have taken place with officials of the Ministry of Interior regarding arrangements for maintaining the supply of Prefects and subordinate government officials available for forward provinces. In collaboration with the Ministry and at the request of AMG, new Prefects have, after screening, been sent to the provinces of ASCOLI and ANCONA and a Prefect and Consiglieri to LIVORNO. They were personally interviewed by the Director.

The above arrangements are not confined to the immediately liberated Provinces, but have included plans to meet the necessity of providing suitable senior officials in the near future for the 45 Provinces still in enemy hands in north Italy. Their liberation may bring to light a number of reliable officials who have been dismissed by or who have been in hiding from the Germans, but failing this, the required personnel will have to be sent forward.

To meet the existing shortage of satisfactory Prefects at the disposal of the Italian Government, it has been strongly suggested to the Ministry of Interior that they should promote efficient Vice-Prefects and also transfer from the south Prefects who are capable of working in Provinces close to the line. Arrangements for the purpose are in hand.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(i) To overcome difficulties which had arisen regarding the number of members of the Deputazione Provinciale, the Italian Government have passed a Decree slightly amending the constitution.

(ii) A short summary of the steps to be taken for the temporary reorganization of local government in newly conquered territory on the abolition of the previously existing Fascist institutions has been prepared and distributed to AMG, 5th and 8th Armies.

(iii) The Italian plan for the reorganization of the Rome City Administration (referred to in last month's report) following the abolition of the Fascist created Governatorato, has raised certain financial and administrative points which are being considered by the appropriate Sub-Commissions.

(iv) Following interviews with Bonomi and other representatives of the Ministry of Interior, the Director of the Sub-Commission visited FLORENCE in connection with the appointment of a Prefect and Sindaco by AMG. Arrangements have since been completed for these appointments. Contact throughout all stages has been maintained with the Government.

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(v) Special arrangements were necessary for the Island of Elba which, in normal times, is included in the administration of the Province of LIVORNO. In view of present conditions, it was decided that the presence on the Island was required of an official to take charge of the Italian organs of administration there. The Government have nominated an official of the Ministry of Interior and arrangements for his appointment as Vice-Prefect Inspector are in hand.

(vi) A staff officer gave a short series of lectures on Italian local government and administration to new officers of Region Z.

3. TOURS

(i) The Director and a Staff Officer visited General Hume, SCAO 5th Army and Colonel Mayne at LIVORNO, in connection with Prefectural appointments and other matters affecting local administration in Army areas. The Staff Officer remained with 5th Army HQ for some days during which he visited AMG spearhead officers to assist and advise on local government reorganization in various places in LIVORNO and PISA Provinces including VOLTERRA and SIENNA. A number of Italian officials, Sindaci and representatives of the Committee of National Liberation were interviewed.

(ii) FLORENCE. See 2(iv)

(iii) Staff officers surveyed the state of local administration in the Provinces of AQUILA and CHIETI (Region V) and RIETI and VITERBO (Region IV). Various matters arising therefrom were, by arrangement with the Regions, taken up with the Ministry of Interior. In addition, an officer has spent some days at GROSSETO assisting the Provincial Commissioner in connection with the same subject in that newly liberated district.

4. INTERVIEWS

(i) Aldisio, previously Minister of Interior and now High Commissioner for Sicily, called upon the Director and discussed Prefectural appointments throughout the Island. He explained his desire to effect a number of changes of office. The proposals require the consent of ACC.

(ii) A number of meetings have taken place with Berruti, Capo di Gabinetto to the Minister of Interior, and other officials on routine matters and other detailed arrangements affecting appointments, removals and transfers of personnel, salary, and service arrangements, etc.

/s/ R. G. B. Spicer
/t/ R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
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10 August 1944

SUBJECT: Report of activities for the month of July 1944

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TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

a. In accordance with the Badoglio-Mason MacFarlane arrangements (which the Ministry have regularly observed) a large number of proposed senior appointments and transfers agreed by the Council of Ministers was submitted for ACC's approval. These included the following positions affecting this Sub-Commission:

Secretary General to the High Commissioner for Sardinia
6 Effective Members and 1 substitute of the Giunta Consultiva for Sardinia

The following Directors-General of the departments of the Ministry of the Interior named hereunder:

Director-General for General Affairs and Personnel
Director-General for Civil Administration
Director-General for Religious Affairs
Director-General for the Fund for Religion

New Prefects for Agrigenti, Trapani, Siracusa, Ragusa, Caltanissetta, Bari, Sassari, Cagliari, Nuoro, and Cosenza.

The above arrangements necessitated the screening of each nominee by Security Branch. Having regard to the experience gained of certain Vice-Prefects who were proposed for promotion and transfer, it was necessary to draw the attention of the Italian Government to the record of the officials in question whilst working under AMG. As a result, alternative proposals were made.

Approval was eventually given to all the above positions.

b. An initial plan on general lines has been received from the Government showing their intention regarding future arrangements for the administrative and local government reorganization of Rome, necessitated by and consequent upon the abolition of the Governatorato established for the city's management under the Fascist regime. Interviews have taken place with Region IV, the Secretary General and the Vice Sindaco of Rome City, and also the Chief of Cabinet to the Ministry of the Interior.

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c. Executive Memorandum No. 39 dealing with local government organization and administration has been revised. This document summarizes the position of and the arrangements connected with local government organization, made since the Sicilian landing and its revision was necessary to give effect to developments which has occurred and experience gained since its original production. It has been issued by RC & MG Section.

2. PREFECTS AND OFFICIALS

a. Following his visit to Sardinia some time ago, the Director conveyed to the Ministry the unsatisfactory reports which had been received regarding the Prefect of Sassari and drew attention to his Fascist associations and record. The Minister subsequently removed him from office and the position has been filled under the arrangements contained in 1 (a) above.

b. As mentioned in previous reports, experience has shown that AMG with 5th and 8th Armies have at times found no administrative officials in newly liberated provinces. To cater for these circumstances, arrangements were made in collaboration with the Italian Government for the provision of a small team containing the minimum number of officials (including a Prefect) which would be necessary to restart the administration. Such teams had been prepared and were ready to proceed to Perugia, Siena, Arezzo, Pescara, Teramo, and Ascoli.

In the provinces mentioned, however, it was discovered that sufficient satisfactory officials had remained at their posts and the personnel who were ready to go at short notice were not called forward.

A Prefect however, was provided and sent to Macerata.

Similar preparations are being made to cover the following provinces should the need arise, viz: Pisa, Livorno, Florence, Pistoia, Lucca, Apuania, and Ancona.

3. TOURS

The Director attended a conference at AAI regarding ACC/AMG activities and later visited Region VIII and 5th Army HQ. Discussion took place with 5th Army regarding probable requirements of administrative officials in the northern provinces, as and when they are taken, together with improved methods for speedily securing their presence when required having regard to AMG's past experiences, transport difficulties, communications, etc. Plans are being made accordingly in collaboration with the Ministry.

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As in past instances the Director personally found the contact with 5th Army most helpful and instructive.

Executive Officers of the Sub-Commission have made surveys of local government conditions in Naples, Benevento, Avellino, Salerno, Litteria, and Prosinoro. Suggestions have been conveyed to RCs and contact made with the Ministry particularly regarding personnel shortages, etc.

4. PATRIOTS

The Sub-Commission was requested to provide a plan of arrangements for dealing with patriots after the area in which they have been operating is taken by the Allies. This has been done and is now contained in an Appendix to the General Instructions recently issued. Shortly, it provides for the formation of a small committee headed by the Sindaco of any commune concerned, together with representatives of the patriots and local inhabitants. Their function is, firstly to determine whether a man is in fact a patriot and then to classify the genuine patriots in the following groups:

- (i) Those who previously resided in the commune and who wish to stay therein and obtain local employment.
- (ii) Those who wish to return to their homes elsewhere.
- (iii) Those who want to join the Army immediately.
- (iv) Those who want to continue serving as Patriots.
- (v) Jugo-Slavs.

The Ministry of the Interior were contacted in relation to the assistance required from Prefects in connection with the detailed arrangements under the plan.

5. INTERVIEWS

The Director has seen His Excellency Bonomi in his capacity of Minister of the Interior on frequent occasions. In addition, interviews have taken place with the Under-Secretary of State Canevari, Sorrentino, the Chief of Cabinet and his successor, Berruti. The subjects concerned have included nominations for Prefect and Sindaco of Florence (each of whom was also seen) refugees going north and their interference with military movement, teams of officials, and other senior appointments.

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6. MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

The work of the Sub-Commission during the past month as instanced by some of the items of work mentioned above has necessitated almost daily contact with the Ministry of Interior and its various senior officials and has included the usual routine and other matters affecting the administration in ACC/NE areas.

7. PERSONNEL

Lieut. G. Hammond has now joined the staff of this Sub-Commission, the personnel of which is now as follows:

(i) Military - Officers:

Colonel R. G. B. Spicer	Director	(B)
Captain R. R. Temple	Executive Officer	(A)
Captain C. G. R. Williams	Ass't Exec. Officer	(B)
Captain T. C. Shanks	Adjutant	(B)
Lt W. V. M. Lewis	Staff Officer	(B)
Lt G. Hammond	Staff Officer	(B)

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S/Sgt P. G. Wright	Chief Clerk	(B)
T/Sgt J. G. Trigony	Stenographer	(A)

(iii) Civilians

Signorina Conti, Giuliana	Typist (Italian)
Signorina Cori, Maria	Typist (Italian)
Signore Chimanti, Carlo	Messenger (Italian)

/s/ R. G. B. Spicer
/t/ R. G. B. SPICER
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5 June 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Activities for Month of May, 1944.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(a) Surveys - Region II. Captain R. R. Temple of this Sub-Commission made a tour of Bari and Brindisi (15-23 May) for the purpose of surveying local government organization and administration, securing data of local officials and consulting with Regional and Provincial staffs.

A report has been completed and matters in which action and supervision is advised are being forwarded to the R. C.

Captain C. G. R. Williams visited the Provinces of Matera and Potenza (5-11 May) for a similar purpose; a report having been made and the necessary observations sent to the R.C. for his attention.

Information regarding Italian Officials was obtained and this has been "Carded".

(b) Royal Decree Reconstituting Local Government. The Provisions of this Decree have been applied to Military Government Territory, but progress is slow in many Provinces.

2. ROME

(a) Italian Liaison Officials. The Ministry of Interior, Italian Government, has suggested that so soon as the Capital is liberated it would be advisable to send a limited number of trustworthy officials who have a knowledge of the personnel that may be found there, and of the Services. The Ministry has been informed that their proposals has been approved and have been asked to supply names. The proper channels were duly observed in this connection.

(b) City Administration. Following upon a request by the SCAO 5th Army, information in connection with the Chief Administrative Officials expected to be found in Rome has been collected; names have been supplied of officials who might be considered for the senior appointments. The comments of the Italian Government were (also) obtained and supplied in regard to all senior present incumbents. Much relevant information has also been supplied.

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3. Provinces in the Forward Areas. In view of the occupation of Littoria and Grosinone, arrangements have been made for the provision and organization of the necessary Italian Provincial Administration by arranging teams of senior officials.

The same arrangements are being made for Rome Province.

4. Pool of Sindaci. Experience having shown that at times the Sindaci of certain communes in the forward areas have proved incapable of dealing adequately with the problems of local administration under War conditions, the Italian Government have been approached with the view of forming a small pool of men who would be available at short notice to take over the duties of Sindaco under the control of A.M.G.

The Ministry of Interior has supplied the first six names and these are being "screened".

5. Church Affairs. The question has been raised of increasing the subsidy paid to the Clergy by the same percentages as have been applied to wages and salaries. A Royal Decree of 24 January 1944 granted temporary increases in Italian Government Territory, with effect from 1 November 1943. Steps are being taken to have the Decree implemented in Military Government Territory.

6. Prefect of Campobasso. After considerable correspondence and meetings with the Minister of Interior, a Prefect was appointed for Campobasso on 16 May 1944.

7. Italian Mail. It has been necessary to remind the Italian Government of the arrangement for effecting delivery of Mail in Military Government Territory, and also for the issuing of Orders direct to Prefect in Region I, instead of "through" the High Commissioner, there. As a consequence the Minister of Interior has addressed a further circular to all Ministries impressing upon them the necessity for conforming to the arrangement originally made.

8. Salary of Sindaci. The question as to whether Sindaci should be paid a salary, irrespective of financial position or location is at present the subject of correspondence with the Minister of Interior. While he agrees as to Commissari Prefettisi, he does not in regard to Sindaci, and in the matter he is, in my opinion, correct.

9. Arms and Explosives Under Italian Law. Instructions have been issued by the Chief Commissioner that the law relating to the carrying of firearms by Italian civilians in Italian Government Territory is to be strictly enforced, and that full use is to be made of the existing powers in this respect. An Order has been made and the Minister of Interior has been asked that all Prefects be directed to publish it. The Order draws attention to the provisions of the Italian Penal Code.

10. Accommodation of Refugees. The Italian Government asked that the ban on certain Areas be lifted. As the restriction on the Areas designated is for the time being enforced by the Army for Army purposes, the Minister has been so informed.

11. Local Government Course. The third course took place between 2 and 9 May. Officers from Regions I, II, IV, V, VI, and VII, and from 8th Army attended; eleven in all. The class was in the Director's opinion, the most intelligent of any yet assembled.

All the preparatory work for the fourth course had been completed; it has had to be cancelled; a revised date will be notified, if and when circumstances permit.

12. Giunta Consultiva, Sicily. This problem is still under discussion by the Italian Government.

13. Conferences. In addition to routine Conferences the Director attended the Regional Commissioner's Conference at Naples (30/31 May).

14. Transfers and Promotions of Prefects and Vice-Prefects. There have been many appointments, promotions, and transfers. The Minister of Interior interviewed the Director on more than one occasion in this connection. All Regions concerned were consulted and the Vice-President's decisions were conveyed to the Minister who showed throughout a most co-operative spirit.

15. PERSONNEL

The following is the personnel as at 31 May 1944:-

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Director

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16. GENERAL.

The foregoing incorporates the main items of the work done by this Sub-Commission during the month, and it would be redundancy to add to it.

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PEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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APO 394

9th May, 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Activities for Month of April, 1944.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section.

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(a) Region VI. - Captain R.R. Temple of this Sub-Commission toured this Region (1st to 9th April) for the purpose of surveying local government organization and administration, securing data of local officials and consulting with the RC, PCs and their staffs on matters relating to local government.

A comprehensive report has been made and a note of the matters requiring action and supervision will be forwarded to the RC.

The "background" data relative to Italian Officials has been "carded".

(b) Region VII. - This Region (now comprising the Provinces of Cosenza, Catanzaro, and Reggio) was visited by Captain C.G.R. Williams (18th to 27th April). He had meetings with the RC., PCs and their respective staffs at which all phases of local government were discussed. A full report has been made of the tour and the necessary steps thereon will be taken with the RC.

Information regarding local officials was obtained and has been "carded".

(c) Tour. - The Director and Lieut. Vernon Lewis on 21st to 24th April visited 8th Army H.Q. and a number of Communes in the forward area. Among other matters discussed were the filling of vacancies in the position of Sindaco of forward communes, and payment of salary to them. As a result the Italian Government have agreed to establish a pool of young and energetic men suitably qualified who will be available at short notice to proceed to a commune when required by SCAO 8th Army. The question of payment to Sindaco is under discussion with the Italian Government.

(d) Aide-Memoire for Reporting upon Provinces. - An Aide-Memoire to be used for reporting upon the state of local government in the Provinces and assisting towards uniformity has been drawn up.

(e) Royal Decree reconstituting Local Government. - Reference 1(b) of the Monthly Report for March, 1944, this Decree has now been published. Its effect is to continue the arrangements in regard to local administration introduced in AMG areas before the restoration. Steps are being taken to secure uniformity by applying the provisions of the Decree to occupied territory, when practicable.

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(b) With Lt. Colonel I.S. Munro, Public Relations Branch, and the Chief Legal Officer on 1st May concerning the constitution of Allied Publications Boards.

3. INTERVIEWS

The following interviews took place :-

(a) 17th April - Brigadier Carr - Subject: High Commissioner and Giunta Consultiva, Sardinia.

(b) 18th April - Late Minister of Interior, Italian Officials and Lt. Col. L.R. Hulls - Subject: Refugees. A long interview, Lt. Colonel Hulls putting forcibly the position of matters and the responsibility that rests upon the Italian Government.

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(c) 25th April - New Minister of Interior (H.E. Dott. S. Aldisio). The subjects discussed included: (i) Prefect of Bari, who the Minister was requested and has since agreed to remove, on account of his Fascist record and Anti-Allied behaviour. (ii) Giunta Consultiva, Sicily, and the announcement of its composition before previous approval of the A.C.C.

(d) 25th April - H.E. Francesco Muscolto, High Commissioner for Sicily, and the V.P. Administrative Section. Subject: Giunta Consultiva.

(e) 29th April - Brigadier Lush - Subject: Sardinian Fascist Officials.

4. RETURNS

The usual Routine Returns were rendered.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT COURSE

The second Course was held between 6th to 17th April, 1944. Officers from Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII; from the 5th and 8th Army, and from H.Q. Nucleus attended, 13 in all. Considerable work has since been undertaken for the third course.

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There is no reason whatever why Regional and Provincial Commissioners should not, whether in ACC or AMG territory, press for the institution of these local bodies which must, by virtue of their very being, make the tasks confronting the Allied Control Commission more easy and more effective.

There is a strange apathy in regard to the institution of local government which this Sub-Commission finds hard to understand. The position may be remedied by the issue of the Royal Decree and by the issue of the Administrative Instructions now promulgated in the ACC manual.

There was a hiatus in the change of Ministries, owing to the change of members of the cabinet - but suffice to say we have already established a good working liaison with the new Minister, H.E. Salvatore Aldisio, who strikes me as being a sincere man.

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The multifarious matters affecting refugees, civilian internees and the changes in regard to the various appointments, have, been dealt with successfully. There is no question of doubt that the idea of forming a pool of Italian officers ready and trained to go forward where they may be required, will produce far more effective and better results than the present haphazard system.

R. G. E. Spicer Lt. Col.
R. G. E. SPICER,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
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ACC/18/Int

4 April 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Activities for Month of March 1944

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. Local Government -

- (a) Development in Regions - Region III has issued its Regional Order, and will, it is hoped, be comparable with Region I in a short space of time. Regions II, V, and VI have not progressed so rapidly.
- (b) Re-constitution of Local Government - The Royal Decree in regard to this matter is still under discussion with the Minister of Interior. The Legal Sub-Commission has been consulted and has advised certain amendments. The matter is in hand, and the publication of this Royal Decree should give the whole question of Local Government considerable impetus.
- (c) Region III - Local Government on lines approved by the Chief Commissioner has been resuscitated in this Region. The first meeting of the Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa in Salerno Province was attended by officers of the Sub-Commission and officers of the first course on Local Government (after referred to) as guests.
- (d) Region VI (Sardinia) - Arrangements have been made for Capt. R. R. Temple, Executive Officer, proceeding on temporary duty to this Region for the purpose of making a Survey on Local Government Organization and Administration. Such a survey has been long overdue, but could not be undertaken before, owing to shortage of staff.

2. Conferences - In addition to the periodical Conferences convened by the Vice-President, the Director has attended the following conferences;

- (a) Regional Commissioner's Conference at Naples on 3 and 4 March 1944.
- (b) Conference on Local Government Course - Naples 13 March 1944 - Brig. M. Lush.

3. Interviews - Among other interviews, the following took place;

- (a) Dr. Gallengo at Salerno on 6 March 1944.
- (b) With the Minister of Interior, Italian Government;
 - (i) on 8th March 1944 - Subjects: Administration Of Provinces; Padula Camp; Passes to Naples; Prefect of Chieti Province.
 - (ii) On 10 March 1944-Subject: Refugee Problem. This was a long interview and the seriousness and importance of the job being carried out in a proper and expeditious manner was emphasized.
 - (iii) On 15 March 1944 - Subjects: Civilian Internees (Camp at Padula) Prefects of Catanzaro and Cosenza; and Cruelty to Animals.
 - (iv) On 28 March 1944 with Col Fiske at Naples, when a report was made of the Tour (after referred to) and the results obtained.

(v) C. R. R. Temple, Executive Officer, has had several interviews with Lt Col Robertson, PC, Salerno, in connection with 1(b) and with the Prefect of Salerno.

4. Returns - The following returns have been rendered to Administrative Section:
- (a) Quarterly Return of Officers recommended for advancement.
 - (b) Quarterly Return of EM/ORs recommended for advancement.
 - (c) Monthly Return of Personnel
 - (d) Weekly Returns of Officers' Field Trips.

5. Local Government Course -

- (a) The Course referred to in para 11 of the Monthly Report for February 1944 (Ref: ACC/18/Int d. 9 March 1944) was held between 16 and 22 March 1944.
- (b) Much of the time of the Director and his staff was taken up in the early part of the month arranging lecturers, and also preparing lectures which were delivered by the Director and staff, and making the other necessary arrangements.
- (c) Officers, although disappointing in numbers, attended from Headquarters ACC, and Regions I, II, III, and IV, and 5th Army group.
- (d) The interest shown by the officers attending was gratifying and the Interior Staff benefited much by the contacts made.
- (e) The Director desires to place on record his thanks to the lecturers who so willingly and ably co-operated in making the school a success.
- (f) Pursuant to the instructions of the Chief Commissioner, a 2nd Course has been arranged for the period 6 - 15 April 1944.

6. Officers on Temporary Duty - Lt. T. C. Shanks of this Sub-Commission, and Capt. W. J. Sampson and F/Lt Gilbert-Green (who had been attending the Local Government Course) were detailed to proceed to Resina on 22 March 1944 in connection with Refugee Work arising out of the activity of Mount Vesuvius. Their periods of duty terminated on 27 March 1944.

7. Tour of Regions - The Director and Staff Officer, Lt. Lewis, made a tour (24 - 29 March 1944) covering Benevento, Avellino, Campobasso, Caserta, San Vittore, and AMG (N.Z.) Corps Main Headquarters. In each place the Senior Officers were interviewed and where possible, the Prefects.

8. Personnel - the following is the personnel as at 31 March 1944:

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Note: 294932 Capt C. G. R. Williams has been assigned to this Sub-Commission.

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(d) General - Reference is made to para 12(d) of the Report for February 1944. The importance of having additional officers assigned to this Sub-Commission is again stressed.

9. Although I have made reference to the Minister of Interior before, I propose to do so again in this report.

Signor Reale has as his first desire, the wish to maintain his career officials in the senior appointments, and when this is not possible, to be quite certain that, insofar as he can arrange, such appointments are held by which I most usefully term "King's men".

He has little wish to introduce vigorous drive into an inert administration. His latest maneuver, first to nominate the Vice-Prefect of Campobasso by office, to fill the Prefecturship and when that had been refused, to nominate that Vice-Prefect by name, as though he were an entirely different person, was even too obvious for the Interior Sub-Commission.

It is my considered opinion that his secretary, Dr. Gallengo, has an unfortunate influence on him, and I cannot believe this secretary's advice to him is either healthy or sound.

As soon as the Royal Decree is published (which I hope will be an accomplished fact before my next report is submitted), local government should make considerable strides.

I would conclude this report by stating that I have a much better picture in my mind of the whole situation since I have been in the forward areas of the 5th Army. It was indeed refreshing to encounter the atmosphere that prevailed, and in particular regard to a PC, Major Simpson, whose Giunta Comunale are actually functioning in a large part of the area, despite the destruction that prevails. It is more than ever my firm opinion that local government in a democratic form will possibly do more to revive the interest of these defeated and inert people in the rehabilitation of their country, than anything else.



R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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9 March 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Activities for Month of February, 1944

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. Local Government -

(a) Reorganization in Regions

This is being continued, but the shortage of staff has, to a certain extent, retarded further development.

(b) Survey Report on a Province

A pro-forma "Outline" of a Survey Report on the local governments within a Province has been prepared to facilitate uniformity by "Contact" Officers carrying out his work.

(c) Survey Reports on Salerno Province

Survey Reports, including Communes, covering background data, governmental structure and administration, names of officials and other pertinent data concerning them, have been made. Notes have also been made on the problems connected therewith. A copy has been forwarded to Region II.

(d) Statistical Tables

Statistical Tables on Provinces and the respective Civil Servants in various Regions have been prepared.

(e) Schedules of Salaries of Officials

These have been prepared and circulated to those interested.

(f) Financial and Budgetary System

A report on this subject has been prepared and circulated.

(g) Scheda Personale

A Glossary of Terms contained in this Scheda has been prepared and circulated to those concerned.

(h) Information Questionnaires

These have been issued to Regions with the view of obtaining information concerning certain Officials, viz: (i) those at present in office and engaged in Provincial and Communal administration, and (ii) those who have held office previously, and have been removed for certain reasons, or who left their posts after invasion, but before occupation. This information together with information from any other source, is "carded" and forms a valuable link in the organization.

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- (a) With Brigadier Lush and Lieut-General ^{Sir Noel} Mason MacFarlane at ⁵³³⁴ Salerno on 3 Feb 44.
- (b) With R.C.'s, Chiefs of Staff, Economic Director at Main Headquarters on 5 Feb 44 - Lieut-General MacFarlane presided.
- (c) With Liaison Officer Italian Government, Deputy Commissioner and Executive Commissioner at Salerno on 25 Feb 44.
- (d) Periodical conferences convened by the Vice President.

3. Interviews

- (a) On 19 Feb 44, the Chief Commissioner, Lieut-General Mason MacFarlane interviewed the Acting Director at Salerno.
- (b) At Salerno on 22 Feb 44, Colonel Pennycuik, R.C. designate, Region VIII.
- (c) On 4 - 8 Feb 44, Captain R.R. Temple of this Sub-commission interviewed at Salerno, the Prefect, Vice-Prefect, Head of Cabinet, and

other prefectural provincial officials regarding local government officials in Salerno Province, and other matters, by permission of P.C.

(e) Lt. Col. Robertson, R.C. of Salerno Province was interviewed by Captain Temple regarding the carrying out of local government instructions and Order on reorganization of local government in Salerno. Reports on these matters were prepared by Captain Temple. The work was in the nature of requests for information.

4. Meetings with the Minister of Interior of Italian Government - The Minister of Interior (Signor Reale) called on the Director at his office here on the dates mentioned, viz:

- (a) On 11 Feb 44, when, among other things, was discussed the question of replacing the Prefect of Campobasso.
- (b) On 16 Feb 44, when the Prefects of Matera and Campobasso were discussed.
- (c) On Feb 18, '44 when there was conveyed to him the views of ACC regarding the Prefect of Matera, and Comm. Dr. Rovello, Francesco (Late Questore of Campobasso). The question of local government now existing in Italy was discussed also.

5. Prefects

(a) Change of - to effect uniformity in connection with the change of Prefect, instructions, together with a pro-forma of an Official Order has been issued to Regions concerned, AMG 5th Army and AMG 3th Army, for information and use as necessary.

6. Mayors - It having been observed that in different areas, Mayors had been styling themselves by various titles, the question was taken up with the Italian Minister of Interior. Pending the publication of a decree, instructions have been issued by the Italian Government to Prefects for Mayors to be called "Sindaci".

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13 Personnel

(a) Military - The following is the personnel of this Sub-Commission as at 29 Feb 44:

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(ii) Capt R. R. Temple	Executive Officer	(A)
(iii) Lt W. V. M. Lewis	Staff Officer	(B)
(iv) Lt T. C. Shanks	Adjutant	(B)
(v) S/Sgt P. G. Wright	Chief Clerk	(OR)
(vi) Tech/Sgt J. G. Trigony	Stenographer	(EM)
(b) <u>Civilian</u>		
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He is shrewd, and I have found him helpful in many matters, but in my judgment, he is not a difficult man to read. I am convinced, moreover, that he has begun to see the red light, and I do not think he will pursue his former course much further, although he was at the outset indubitably embarked on this policy.

His recent nominations for the Prefects of Campobasso and Chieti, who are not career men, would appear to me to indicate a change from his early policy. I feel certain, however, that he is politically minded in appointments, and would not, for example, appoint a Communist or a man of extreme left politics under any condition if he could avoid it. His first remark to me in endeavouring to remove Prefect Priolo of Reggio was "He is a Communist".

In my judgment, the citizen members (or Assessori) of the various local Giuntas should be truly democratic representatives of their areas in order that, in this limited respect, at any rate, the voice of the man-in-the-street in Italy may find some expression which has been denied him so long.

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It is, I feel sure, a matter of great importance that local government should be reconstructed wherever, and as soon as, possible throughout both unoccupied and occupied Italy, and thus give the people themselves an opportunity of rehabilitating their country.

I conclude this special report by saying that local government does not seem to me to be treated with sufficient enthusiasm in any region as yet, except Region I.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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FILE NO. 18

5 February 1944

SUBJECT: Report of activities for month of January, 1944.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

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Jan 22	Roggia	Lt Col C. M. Tamperley, SOAO, Roggia Prov.
Jan 22	Bovino	Gen. Ettore Cotronei, Prefect of Roggia

6. 26th-27th January the Sub-Commission moved to Salerno and the required administrative arrangements have been made here. Contact has been established with AMO, Salerno. A bibliography of books, treatises, etc., on local government available in Salerno, has been prepared, following meetings between AMO Librarian, the State Archivist, and the Librarian, Salerno Province.

7. The preparation of information sheets on local government personnel which started last month, has continued, and general correspondence has passed regarding appointments of officials in conjunction with the Scheda Personale or Security Intelligence.

8. A number of enquiries concerning the release of POW have been received. The bulk of them fell to be dealt with under the procedure prescribed by GO #10.

and the balance for which this Sub-Commission was responsible, was small.

9. I have attended conferences with the Chief Commissioner and the Vice President. (or which records exist), and have interviewed Major General Melodnevsk, Ussat, to whom the functions of this Sub-Commission were explained.

10. The abrupt transfer of Captain Elliott, and its. Wedleigh and Ziegler (the latter LC, Region II), and my inability, through shortage of personnel to have LCs with Region I and II, must have serious effect on the efficient working of this Sub-Commission. My letters and reports to the Vice President refer.

11. The present disposition of all remaining officer personnel is: at this headquarters:

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Lt T. C. Shanks

At Brindisi:

Maj J. MacSweeney

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