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LOCAL GOV'T & NATIONAL ELECTIONS
MAR. - JUNE 1946

Excluding Commission (454)
CA Section

27 May.

Ref. EC's in the 453 & VP's memo at 2-455.

Letter dispatched accordingly as at p. 465. herewith,
with copy for CC's files. File returned herewith for
transmission to EC.

EC's in the 453
for Director to G.S. in P.K.
P.K. 17/5

VPCAS

~~453~~ 474

472.

Please thank Raja Temple for, as usual, a very

clear explanation which I should like to be sent

to both Embassies & G.S. (with the newspapers

article).

175/3014

E.C. N.S. 46

475

Action taken on line 474. File returned.

P.K. 17/5

cc. to Ex Comm.

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Please see report at 492.

transmitted to P.K. 17/5

cc. to N.S. 516.
17/5

the lucid explanation which I should like to be sent
to the Embassy & GS (with the newspaper
article).

178/3014

E.C. N.S. 316

415

Action taken in line with file submitted.
P.K. , June 66.

esp. H. de Com. 4931

Please see report at 492.

transferred to file N.S. 316/EC
2806/EC/492
R.L. N.S. 316
3/6

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③ 424

To CAS

NSA MO.

Item with

seems to be the only thing of interest
the rest deals with organizational matters
13 May 46

425

10h. 5. 5. 5. 5.

V.P. has seen.

14 May 46.

Photo. May
C.G. Section?

Ex Comm.

431

To 428-123

for info. 11. 17. 46

do. You have already seen - any action please?

see note. 9/8/6/5
for file 429.

11/5

Go home

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John 436-444 are copies from C.O.s to folio 426
he lobbying. There appears to be no evidence
of this taking place in any of the regions.

(2) 451 for info.

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V.P. CAS.

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2's 428- for info JH. 176

h. You have already seen - any action please?

for info

see 428. JH 16/5
for file 428.

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482.

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428-444 are copies from CROs to folio 426
re lobbying. There appears to be no evidence
of this taking place in any of the regions.

D. M. C. 22/5

(2) 451 for info.

H. 245

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V.P. C.A.S.

P. 451.

I should like LOS to arrange whatever possible
for each provincial capital to be visited in June

2' & for a telegraphic report to be sent on

June 3.

175/214.

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CSO. Ex Comm

Folio 414 for info, please.

MS 4/5 HS 4/5

415 A

Copy to all CLOS & GS AFHQ.

PRO for Bulletin.

MS 6/5

HS 7/5 416

CSO. Ref. min 415. A condensed version of folio 414 appeared in the Weekly Bulletin of May 4. Copies of this are sent to GS AFHQ and to all CLOS so presumably they've all seen article on referendum.

L. M. C. M. 7/5

CSO. Ex Comm

Folio 419 for info please

MS 10/5 HS 11/5

MS 14/5

422 *83*
To: C.A. Section for Local Govt S/C.

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The enclosed report on the Greek Elections is forwarded for your information and return.

VP. has not seen. You may wish to make dinner for my personal P.B. 3/5. J.D. Smith. by R.A.

2nd May 46.

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Director, Local Govt. S/C

10 May.

I have read this report. I do not find anything to which the attention of VP CAS should be called. The report deals with the organization of the Ministry; it does not give either the Greek election law or the results of the election.

W. J. Smith
Mayin

404

Ex. Comm

You may be interested to know that letters have to day been posted in Rome telling Volas how and where to appeal.

Also in a press note a day or so ago on the subject the authorities stated that the instructions issued to certain residents in PARROT that they must visit the CIA (amb) was due to an error - in summary (a case book error) on certain forms and that this has been adjusted without any appeal being necessary.

McCartney
U.P.C. 25

1/3/64

Ex Comm
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Min 404 for 1-40, please Folio 389 - Min 402 for

Ex Comm
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Folio 407 and report at 406 for info, please

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CSO & Comm. ⁴⁰¹
Please see Brig Carr's memo at 399 ref 398

HS 29/4 ~~29/4~~

I agree. ^{402.} DW 28/4.

V.P.E.A.S.

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Ref your memo at 399. Please see min 402

Alan H. H. ~~29/4~~
30/4

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JUNE 051700Z

FROM: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER ALCON ROSE

TO : SCAD AND XIII CORPS, PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER UNIT,
ALL CHIEF LIAISON OFFICERS

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CONFIDENTIAL

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS ISSUING COMMUNIQUE GIVING UNOFFICIAL
RESULTS OF REFERENDUM THIS EVENING, JUNE 5th. OFFICIAL
PROCLAMATION AS RESULTS WILL BE MADE JUNE 8. FURTHER
PROCLAMATION/ TODAY CALLS ON ALL PARTIES TO ABSTAIN FROM
DEMONSTRATIONS UNTIL AFTER JUNE 8.

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copy to: 6 Com.
6A Sec.

IMMEDIATE PRIORITY

EXEC COMMISSIONER

343 (Sgt) H.K. HARRISON,
Major,
for Brig. LHM.

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ALCOM LO PALERMO . ALCOM LO TURIN . ALCOM LO TRIESTE . ALCOM LO VERONA
ALCOM LO VENEZIA . ALCOM LO BOLOGNA . ALCOM LO LONDRA .
ALCOM LO BARI . ALCOM LO MILAN . ALCOM LO NAPLES . ALCOM LO GENOA
AND UDINE

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ON NO ACCOUNT WILL LIAISON OFFICERS EXPOSE ANY CRIME TO LOCAL ITALIAN
AUTHORITIES REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE VOTATIONS ID

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CA Section for Local Govt. 3/8
Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner

PRIORITY

Executive Commissioner

Alan W. Knisely
Captain

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ELECTIONAL RESULTS ZERO EIGHT ZERO ZERO HOURS TODAY OF APPROXIMATELY
NINE FIVE PERCENT VOTERS GIVE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS SEVEN AND HALF
MILLION CMA SOCIALISTS FOUR AND HALF MILLION CMA COMMUNISTS
FOUR MILLION CMA NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION PARTISAN RIGHT PARTY PARTISAN
ONE AND QUARTER MILLION CMA USMC QUALIFIDE ONE MILLION CMA OTHER
PARTIES ALL BELOW MILLION

Copy to: CA Section
US + Ex Embassies

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QPS PRIORITY

EX COMMISSIONER

M. S. LUSH

M. S. LUSH, BRIGADIER

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HQ ALCOM

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APRQ FOR G-5

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SECRET

PARA ONE PD REFERENDUM RESULTS KERO EIGHT ZERO ZERO HOURS TODAY FROM
NINE SIX PERCENT OF POLLING STATIONS PD

PARA TWO PD REPUBLIC TWELVE MILLION CIN MONARCHISTS TEN AND ONE
QUARTER MILLION PD REMAINING VOTES CANNOT ALTER RESULT PD

PARA THREE PD PLEASE ENSURE NO PUBLICITY UNTIL ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
MAKES OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH NOW UNDER DISCUSSION

NOT FOR HQ FLOAT FILE

Copy to: CA Section
UK + IR EMB
C.COM.

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OPS PRIORITY

EXEC. COMMISSIONER M. S. LUSH

M. S. LUSH, BRIGADIER.

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THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT.

IMMEDIATE, TAAC SIGS SERIAL 7963.

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FROM

HQ ALCOM

OS0500B

TO (FOR ACTION) AFHQ CITE STONE.

REF NO 3499. SECRET.

SUBJECT IS RESULTS OF REFERENDUM PD.

Confidential

PARA ONE PD AT TWO TWO ZERO ZERO HOURS FOUR JUNE FOR SEVEN NINE PERCENT
OF POLLING STATIONS SHOW ONE ZERO COMMA ZERO SIX SIX COMMA FOUR EIGHT
SEVEN VOTES FOR REPUBLIC AND EIGHT COMMA ONE THREE FOUR COMMA THREE
SIX FOUR VOTES FOR MONARCHY PD

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OP/PRIORITY

FROM HQ ALCON
 TO (FOR ACTION) AMER SITE STONE.
 REF No 3498

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SUBJECT IS ELECTION RESULTS PD

PARA ONE GENERAL DEBANTE TELEPHONED ME ~~RESCOMEX~~ ZERO THREE ZERO ZERO HOURS TO
 SAY PRIME MINISTER HAD JUST ~~RESCOMEX~~ BEEN INFORMED KING THAT RESULT OF COUNT
 OF ABOUT EIGHT ZERO PERCENT OF VOTES GAVE FIVE TWO PERCENT IN FAVOUR OF REPUBLIC PD
 PARA TWO KING REPORTS PRIME MINISTER AT ZERO FIVE ZERO ZERO HOURS WITH MORE FINAL
 RESULTS ~~RESCOMEX~~ PD

PARA THREE PD MEANTIME PALACE LEARN THAT REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPERS IN NORTH AND
 POSSIBLY SOME MAY CARRY NEWS REPUBLICAN VICTORY AND ASKED BY ASSISTANCE PD

PARA FOUR PD I INFORMED DEBANTE THAT THIS MUST BE MATTER FOR ITALIAN GOVT AND
 THAT I COULD NOT INTERVIEW

PARA FIVE PD WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED

(Signature)
 Capt

Daily 1700
 6 Dec 40
 15-16 Dec 5910

Ad overf.

MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO
SERVIZIO ELETTORALE

File
~~Secret~~
Foglio N.

REFERENDUM ISTITUZIONALE - 2 giugno 1946

Risultati provvisori alle ore 8
come da comunicazione dei Prefetti

del giorno 5 giugno 1946

95%

COMPARTIMENTI NEI QUALI SI E VOTATO	Sezioni elettorali		Voti conferiti alla	
	in complesso	scrutinate	REPUBBLICA	MONARCHIA
1. Piemonte	3.323	3.472	1.217.756	919.011
2. Liguria	1.470	1.467	632.249	284.238
3. Lombardia	5.241	4.713	1.975.906	1.145.758
4. Venezia Tridentina (esclusa Bolzano)	463	463	193.450	33.728
5. Veneto	3.636	3.511	1.347.008	927.582
6. Emilia	2.928	2.927	1.526.838	454.589
7. Toscana	2.781	2.781	1.280.624	506.358
8. Marche	1.126	1.126	498.607	213.621
9. Umbria	631	621	101.209	117.753
10. Lazio	2.212	1.857	629.715	677.201
11. Abruzzi e Molise	1.264	1.264	347.378	432.478
12. Campania	2.776	2.668	427.562	1.384.342
13. Puglia	1.850	1.841	463.420	954.754
14. Lucania				

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(Istituto Roma, 1961 - Istituto Poligrafico dello Stato - D. C. (Costo 1960)

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3. Lombardia	5.241	4.713	1.975.906	1.145.758
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5. Veneto	1.636	3.311	1.347.006	927.582
6. Emilia	2.928	2.927	1.526.838	454.589
7. Toscana	2.781	1.781	1.260.624	506.358
8. Marche	1.126	1.120	496.607	213.621
9. Umbria	631	621	301.893	117.753
10. Lazio	2.212	1.857	615.215	677.261
11. Abruzzi e Molise	1.264	1.264	347.376	495.478
12. Campania	2.770	2.663	427.982	1.384.328
13. Puglia	1.890	1.841	465.620	954.754
14. Lucania	334	353	106.278	193.826
15. Calabria	1.117	1.254	314.881	462.998
16. Sicilia	2.827	1.806	705.343	1.292.100
17. Sardegna	859	858	207.624	311.080
TOTALE	15.320	33.993	12.160.153	10.300.614

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GIORNALE D'ITALIA of this afternoon says that according to rumours circulating at the Viminale, the Allies would ask the Italian Government to get also the votes of those persons who did not vote because they were not included in the lists or because they did not get their electoral certificate. Answering to questions, the paper adds, Minister Ciano replied that he was unable to confirm this rumour, but that it was probably just a "rumour".

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RAI (Italian Radio Network) *Bris, look*

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Newsreel broadcast on June 5, 1946.

Today the Rome Radio Station, on giving the text of a communiqué by the Ministry for the Interior cautioning the people not to give any consideration to deceitful and alarming rumors being spread by irresponsible elements, comments as follows:

"It results to us that among the false news being spread there is that of an intervention of the Allies and particularly of the reopening of the voting procedure with the invitation to all concerned to meet in fixed localities. Such news is absolutely false."

Signor Neri, of the staff of the "Giornale Radio" stated by telephone to the PRO today that the above comment was given to him by a "capo di gabinetto" (bureau director) of the Ministry for the Interior.

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Telephone message from Brigadier DUNLOP - 0850 hours,
Monday, 3rd June.

From: Brigadier DUNLOP, AC CLO LOMBARDIA.

To ; HQ AC for Brigadier LUSH, rptd Brigadier CARR.

Following reports compiled from all available sources including Area and Consulates represent situation LOMBARDIA 2400 hours Sunday, 2 June. General position completely tranquil Election machinery functioning well. Dull unsettled weather over whole region with rain in northern provinces contributed to general quiet. Heavy polls expected, in some communes 75% by mid-day Sunday, and evidence in MILAN that many voters are waiting until Monday morning. No incidents affecting Allied troops reported. In comparison with municipal elections notable absence of party vehicles. Percentage of undelivered certificates about 4% MILAN, under 2% other Provinces.

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Message from AVM BRODIE:

AMALFI to VIETRI is quiet and pro-Monarchist. He has not visited SALERNO but is of the opinion that conditions are the same in that town.

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REPORTS FROM LIAISON OFFICERS IN REGIONS CONFIRM ITALIAN OFFICIAL
INFORMATION THAT POLLING YESTERDAY AND TODAY ^{THROUGHOUT ITALY} TOOK PLACE ALMOST
WITHOUT INCIDENT PD HEAVY POLLING IS REPORTED

Copy to: Social Inst.

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ROUTINE

EX. COMMISSIONER.

M. S. LUSH

U.S. LIEUT. BRIGADIER,
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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CABLE L14/98
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6686 RAILHEAD CITE ACLOT FROM MAJOR WILLIAMS NAPLES LIAISON GROUP AL-
LIED COMMISSION
HQ ALCOM FOR TEMPLE.

ROUTINE

JUN 4 1946

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Subject is Naples elections. Electoral lists in reasonably good order considering exceptional difficulties. Good arrangements for obtaining electoral certificates and duplicates. Electoral certificates remaining undelivered at close poll estimated at 10% of electorate of which 4% due to electors own fault. Consider this figure reasonable. Appeal against legality of inscription soldiers in additional lists rejected by court appeal on first June. Public order excellent. No incidents in city. One trifling one province. Police very scarce. No crowds in streets. No breach of law as to political meetings and propaganda. Monarchist propaganda prevails. Arrangement of polling station good large crowds waiting to vote since 0500 hours Sunday. Falls of several hours at some sections due to excessive business of judicial officials acting as president heavy voting till close of polls Sunday. Very light voting today vote by 220.

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ACTION AC DIST
INFO LOCAL GOVT
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EX COMM
P. SAFETY
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ALCOM I.O BOLOGNA
HQ ALCOM FOR LOCAL GOVT SUB COMMISSION

JUN 4 1946

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Reference signal 3335 dated 28 May 46.

Elections in Emilia Region passed without incident. Behavior of population on polling days exemplary. No meetings in public places. Extensive propaganda by means of posters by all parties. No evidence of intimidation, bribery etc. All provinces visited by officers of this group. Prior to 2 June only incidents were

(A) Bombs thrown against Camera del Lavoro Bologna on 2 occasions also against Casa del Popolo Bologna.

(B) Bombs thrown at Anpi building Ravenna

(C) On 30 May attempt to hold Monarchist meeting in Bologna shouted down.

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INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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C L O PIEMONTE
ALCOM FOR LOCAL SUB-COMMISSION

ROUTINE

JUN 4 1946

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~~Propaganda~~

1. Ref your signal CHMT signal 3395 dated 30th May.
2. Poles closed Piemonte Region. All extremely quiet no incidents of any kind. Pole has been heavy and conducted in an admirable fashion everywhere in Region.

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ACTION - LOCAL GOVT

INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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IMPORTANT
JUN 4 1946

HQ ANG UDINE PROVINCE

HQ ALCON LOCAL GOVT SUB COMMISSIONER, INFO: HQ 13 CORPS OAIN -

HQ 1 ARMY GROUP RA

UNCLASSIFIED.

In confirmation telephone conversation 3.15 PM today.
Elections passed off very quietly with no incidents to report.
Written report follows.

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ACTION LOCAL GOVT 2
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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IMPORTANT

CLO VENEZIE

EX ALCON LOCAL GOVT SUB COMMISSION

JUN 3 1946

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Voting quiet and orderly throughout region on Sunday.
No unusual incidents or violations reported. Voting believed
heavier than in previous elections.

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ACTION: LOCAL GOVTT 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

31 May, 1946

SUBJECT : Lobbying for postponing of elections.
REF. : PR/CLO/014.2
TO : ALCOM - Local Government Sub/Commission
Alcom - Office of the Executive Commissioner. ✓

Further to my letter of 24th instant, I have
to inform you that the number of voting certificates unde-
livered on the 28th May, in this Region, were as follows:-

Torino	50,000
Novara	5,000
Vercelli	4,000
Aosta	4,000
Cuneo	11,000
Alessandria	9,000
Asti	5,000

P.G. Green
P.G. GREEN
Lt. Colonel - GL
Chief Liaison Officer.

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(CM K)

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AFHQ GHQ CMT FROM CIVIL AFFAIRS.
TROOPERS LONDON INFO ALCON ROMM

MAY 31 1946

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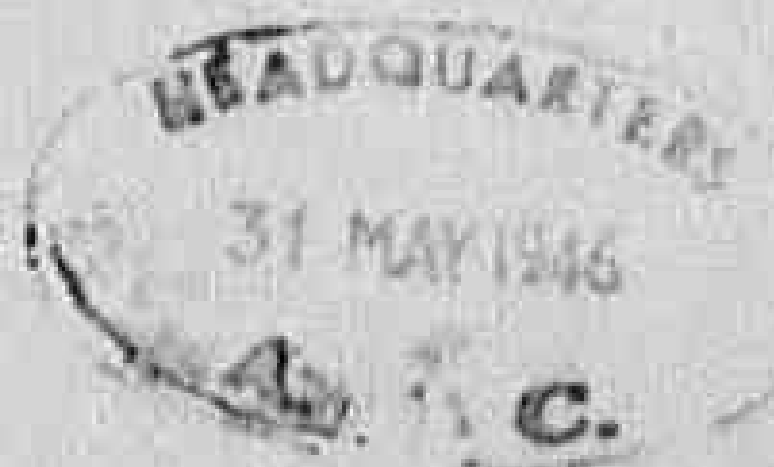
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1. Italian Prime Minister has recorded a speech to Italian POW overseas on subject of coming elections which it is understood is to be broadcast on 1 or 2 June by B B C under arrangements made by Italian Embassy, London.
2. Prime Minister has asked that all inmates of I POW Camps may be alerted as to date time and wavelength, which can be obtained from Italian Embassy.

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INFO ACTION	LOCAL GOVT
INFO	CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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PROLE LB/97
DATE 30 MAY 46

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

LOME/CLG/29

27 May 1946

MAY 31 1946

Subject: Political Elections - Lombardia

TO : Civil Affairs Section, Allied Commission, A.P.O. 794.

1. All provinces of this Region have now been visited and the local "Uffici Elettorali" contacted in order to ascertain the progress in the national election preparations.
2. The four "collegi elettorali" into which the nine provinces are divided are:

1. Milan and Pavia
2. Cremona and Mantova
3. Como - Varese - Sondrio
4. Bergamo and Brescia

3. From a technical point of view preparations can be considered satisfactory. The percentage of undelivered certificates up to May 25th is as follows:

Milano - Pavia (excluding Milan City)	5%
Como - Varese - Sondrio	4%
Bergamo - Brescia	6%
Cremona - Mantova	7%

and it is anticipated that the above figures will decrease during this week. As far as Milan City is concerned, the number of undelivered certificates up to 18 May was about 80,000. A special office has been established to expedite delivery of such certificates and it is expected that this figure will be reduced to half.

4. From a political point of view the election campaign has not yet reached a vehement stage. Many meetings are being held by the various parties but they are not very crowded. In general preparations in Milan as well as in the provinces are proceeding quietly and the authorities do not foresee any disorder prior to the elections.

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5. Most provincial authorities fear that the forces of law and order are inadequate and barely enough to assure two men per polling station. Troops are to be held in reserve but they are said to be untrained recruits who cannot be depended upon. In spite of these fears there is a growing feeling of confidence that the elections will be conducted in an orderly manner and, whatever the result, that any acts of violence will be only sporadic.

(CAPT K)

William C. Coe
Col. A. N. HANCOCK, C.B.E.
Chief Liaison Officer

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CABLE ACBC/47

Date 29 May 46

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DATE 28 May 46

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Comment on Digest of Article
in Diensenso of 26 May 1946

FILE NO. 28 MAY 1946
10/15/43/CA

TO
Executive Commissioner.

29th May 1946

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With reference to the article in Diensenso on 26th May
1946, the comments of the Local Government Sub-Commission
are attached.

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M. CARR, Brigadier.
VP. CA. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

28 MAY 1946

Tel: 495

28 May 1946

AC/45/41/LG

SUBJECT: Comment on Digest of Article
in BUONSENSO of 26 May 1946

TO : VP Civil Affairs Section

1. The accusations and imputations contained in the article published in the BUONSENSO of 26 May appear vague and baseless. However, ~~since~~ two of the charges, namely, the tearing out of pages of electors' names from the registers and the secret printing of electoral certificates and forms at the Poligrafico, seem to me serious enough to warrant conversation with Dr. Strano, Head of the Electoral Office of the Ministry of Interior. As to the tearing of pages Dr. Strano said he had no knowledge of any cases where entire pages containing names of electors had been torn from registers, nor can he imagine just what registers they could be. All sectional lists are kept in custody, and their pages are numbered. Dr. Strano believes that it would be very difficult for anything like the allegation of BUONSENSO to happen. In any event, he is going to make an investigation and let me know the results.

2. As to the alleged clandestine printing of ballot papers and certificates by the Poligrafico dello Stato, Dr. Strano pointed out that the Poligrafico does not print ballot papers but only certificates. The ballot papers are printed by private firms. In any event the ballot must bear the official stamp of the polling station and the signature of one of the official scrutatori of the polling station. This is done on the day of voting. There would seem to be no point therefore in secret printing of ballots.

3. As to the printing of the certificates, it should be pointed out that the personnel of the Poligrafico are all trusted employees and furthermore that their work is supervised at all times by guardie di finanza. It is very unlikely therefore that any of the alleged irregularities should take place at the Poligrafico dello Stato.

4. As to the existence of a black market in electoral certificates, Dr. Strano said he had no positive information. There have been rumors on this point, however, and the electoral office of the Ministry has already asked the police authorities to investigate and suppress it. (In today's TEMPO there appeared an item that the Questore has given strict instructions to the police to be on guard for this type of activity.) It might be pointed out that the presentation of an electoral certificate in itself does not give a person the right to vote. Article 43 of the Election Law provides that the elector must present his identification card or other document of identification issued by a public authority provided it bears a photograph. Lacking a suitable document of identification, one of the members of the polling station personally ascertains



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with the elector must vouch for his identification, placing his signature on the column of identification. Lacking that, another elector who is known to some member of the polling station may testify as to the identity of the elector. The president warns the elector that if he makes an untrue statement he is punished in accordance with the Criminal Code. Doubtful cases concerning the identity of electors are decided by the president of the polling station, who makes a minute of proceedings, final judgment on which is reserved for the Constituent Assembly. Furthermore, I have been assured by Dr. Strano that the Ministry has already sent out a circular to all prefects asking them to warn the presidents of polling stations to be very careful about the matter of electors being identified in order to prevent the misuse of electoral certificates.

5. All of the other allegations of the article are vague and inconsistent and in most cases untrue. All persons including redeployed veterans, displaced persons, evacuees, and refugees, if inscribed in the lists of their original residence or changed residence, have the right to vote. All cases of alleged injustice may be appealed furthermore.

R. R. Temple

RALEIGH R. TEMPLE
Major
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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EXTRACT FROM DAILY DIGEST OF ROME PRESS DATED 26 MAY 1946.

BUONSENZO (Uomo Qualunque)

1. Under the heading "Ignoble trade in our right to vote", E. prints: "The scandal of the electoral intrigues has now reached alarm proportions. Italy is full of electoral intriguers, forgers and speculators. Hundreds of protests arrive daily at our offices from people who have been deceived, defrauded of the right to vote. There is in Piazza Vittorio a market where anyone can buy electoral certificates at 500 and 1000 lire each.....Whole pages of elector's names have been torn out of the registers. Hundreds of electoral certificates and forms are secretly printed at the Poligrafico dello Stato every day. There are many Socialists and Communists who have received several certificates each. Thousands of undesirable electors are arrested under vague charges of "neo-fascism"..... The redeployed veterans are unable to vote..... Displaced persons, evacuees and refugees are not allowed to vote and cannot appeal..... Many University students sitting for exams in different cities on 2 June would also be unable to vote... Such is the very dangerous situation in which the Italian people will be called to decide their destin. The Allied Authorities to whom thousands of citizens have pointed out this intolerable state of affairs, have refused any responsibilities. We therefore ask that a strict and searching enquiry be opened, conducted by magistrates and without any sectarian influence, to probe this scandal which involves the whole electoral system...".

2. E. says that a crowd of 10,000 listened to Giannini's speech at Foggia yesterday.

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ALCOM LO VENEZIA

ALCOM HQ ROME FOR CARR CITE ACPBH

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Total estimate certificates undelivered today is 905900.

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ACTION: LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2

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ALLIED COMMISSION
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To: HQ AC, attention Local Govt Sub-Commission
Subject: Lobbying for elections, etc
Date: 27 May 1946

MAY 28 1946

Ref your secret signal 3071, dated 14 May 1946, from CARR cite ACPBH.

1. No reply has yet been made because there was no Liaison Officer here during the period 17-24 May 1946.
2. It has proved impossible during the last two days to obtain the information desired as the High Commissioners Office has no official dealing with the matter and even the Provincial authorities appear very vague. Arrangements have therefore been made for direct approach to Provinces to obtain an estimate of the situation as regards the issuing of election certificates, and it is hoped to send you a signal within the next three days with a fairly accurate picture.
3. No case has been detected so far of an Allied officer being approached to use his influence for the postponement of the elections.

Copy to HQ AC, attention Executive Commissioner

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Lt. Col., G.L.,
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LOCAL GOVT SUB COM AC ROME

INFO: HQ AC (REED COMMR)

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FURTHER REFERENCE YOUR 3071 DATED 14 MAY. ELECTORS CERTIFICATES REMAINING UNDELIVERED ON 28 MAY ESTIMATED TO BE 22120. ESTIMATE OF CERTIFICATES REMAINING UNDELIVERED ON JUNE 2 IS 12,000. FIGURES UPON WHICH OUR WIRE OF 18 MAY WAS BASED WERE SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED BY PREFETTURA UDINE.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

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25 May 1946.

SUBJECT : Lobbying for postponing of elections.
REF. : PR/CLO/014.2
TO : ALCOM - Local Government Sub/Commission
Alcom - Office of the Executive Commissioner. ✓

MAY 28 1946

Reference your telegram 3071 regarding elections, etc., following are details requested by you as affecting this Region:-

Province	No. of Electors	Certificates undelivered 2nd May.	Certificates undelivered 17th May.	Certificates likely to be undelivered 2 June.
Alessandria	370.000	Impossible to	11.000	7.500
Aosta	61.000	obtain infor-	5.000	2.000
Asti	180.000	mation as no	6.000	6.000
Cuneo	417.000	records kept.	11.000	11.000
Novara	448.000	"	5.000	} — 8.000
Torino	986.000	"	83.000	
Vercelli	277.000	"	5.000	

From the above, it will be seen that the distribution of certificates has been accomplished fairly satisfactorily.

The certificates not delivered are mainly in respect of persons who cannot be traced, displaced persons etc., and it will be noticed that, generally speaking, it is thought that Certificates now undelivered will remain undelivered on the 2nd June/ A further report will, however, be forwarded, as requested, on the position on the 28th May.

There is some talk of duplicate sets of papers having been received in some instances, and the press reports that there has been one arrest in Turin of a person charged with buying three certificates, but such incidents are exceptional as far as can be judged there is no organised attempt to sabotage a fair and honest ballot.

L. Green

F.G. GREEN
Lt. Colonel - CL
Chief Liaison Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

AC/45/8/14

27 May 1946

SUBJECT : Observation of National Elections.

MAY 28 1946

TO : AC CLO Liguria
Lombardia
Piemonte
Venetia.

1. Reference is made to this Section's directive of 21 May on this subject.
2. The CLOs indicated above may wish to consider arranging the tours of officers observing the elections so that each provincial capital is visited during the period 2-3 June.
3. The desirability of this will depend upon knowledge of local conditions and the number of officers available and the matter is left entirely to your discretion.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE

M. Carr
M. CARR, Brigadier
VP CA Section.

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ALLIED ~~SECRET~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Observation of Elections.

FILE No.

TO Local Government Sub-Commission.

25th May,

1946

MAY 28 1946

We discussed this matter and the Executive Commissioner would like the Liaison Officers to visit Provincial capitals, but this to be a matter entirely for their discretion.

I do not think any harm can be done if we issue a supplementary letter which should go only to the CLO Genoa, Turin, Milan and Treviso to the following effect. You may wish to consider arranging the tours of officers observing the elections so that each provincial capital is visited during the period June 2/3rd.

The desirability for this will depend upon knowledge of local conditions and the number of officers available. The matter is one which is left entirely to your discretion.

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VP. CA. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
APO 394.
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

TO: Executive Commissioner.
25th May, 1946
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At his last meeting on May 22nd, the Chief Commissioner raised the question as to whether Prisoners of War who are currently arriving in this country would be able to vote at the forthcoming national elections.

During the compilation of the electoral rolls, Provinces and Communes were instructed on several occasions by the Italian Government to ensure that persons normally resident in an area, but who were absent for various reasons, should be inscribed on the electoral rolls. This applied particularly to Prisoners of War.

If, therefore, the local authorities, or the relatives of the absent individuals took proper action, Prisoners of War who return to Italy prior to June 2nd should be able to vote. Electoral certificates can be obtained right up to the actual date of the elections.

The Chief Commissioner also raised the question as to what statistics we had or should have available as regards undelivered voting certificates. The Italian Government have called for returns from all Provinces and have undertaken to keep us informed. As soon as the information is available it will be circulated to all those interested.

Will you please inform the Chief Commissioner.

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M. CARR, Brigadier.
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M. GARR, Brigadier.
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MAY 23 1946

INFO: ALCOM AFHQ ROME 87 US DIV

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SUBJECT ITALIAN ELECTIONS SUNDAY 2 JUNE 46.

IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT ALL ITALIAN CITELES EMPLOYED BY ALLIED FORCES ARE
AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY OF VOTING ON SUNDAY 2 JUNE 46 ANY CIVILIAN NECESSARILY
WORKING ON THAT DATE WILL BE GIVEN TIME OFF DURING VOTING HOURS TO RECORD HIS/HER
VOTE.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
CMF - APO 394

SECRET.

18th May, 1946.

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MAY 23 1946

REFERENCE: AQ/58

SUBJECT : Election Data.

TO : Local Govt. Sub Commission,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

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1. Attached herewith copy of report as called for in
your telegram 3071 of 14.5.46, supplementing our telegram 1896
of 17.5.46.

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W. Turner-Coles

W. TURNER-COLES.
Lt-Col.
Chief Liaison Officer.

Copy to:- Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission. ✓

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
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REF : LOP. 560 18th May 46
SUBJECT : Telegram n. 3071 of the 14/5/46 A.L.C.O.M.
TO : Chief Liaison Officer
Liguria Region.

1. Reference the above quoted telegram, and our reply cable n. 1898 of the 17th/5/46, it is impossible to give the figures demanded under "A" "D" of your telegram, because the Ufficio Elettorale of each of the 4 Provinces of this Region are not in possession of the necessary data, and to obtain the figures with any degree of accuracy would entail either circulating each commune Ufficio Elettorale and awaiting the reply, or personally visiting each commune.

2. The position for the 4 Provinces is at present : -

PROVINCES	" A "	" B "	" C "	" D "
GENOA	662.000	To date 79,540 certificates are undelivered. No other information		
LA SPEZIA	165.000	52.000	35.000	Approx. 7.000
SAVONA	163.738	To 10th May 46, some 7.500 certificates undelivered. Possibly some 6.000 will be undelivered by 2/6/46.		
IMPERIA	118.000	Data not complete, but delivery satisfactory		3.000

3. The Italian officials state difficulty is to obtain the information from the distant communes, which in many instances are without telephone communication etc.

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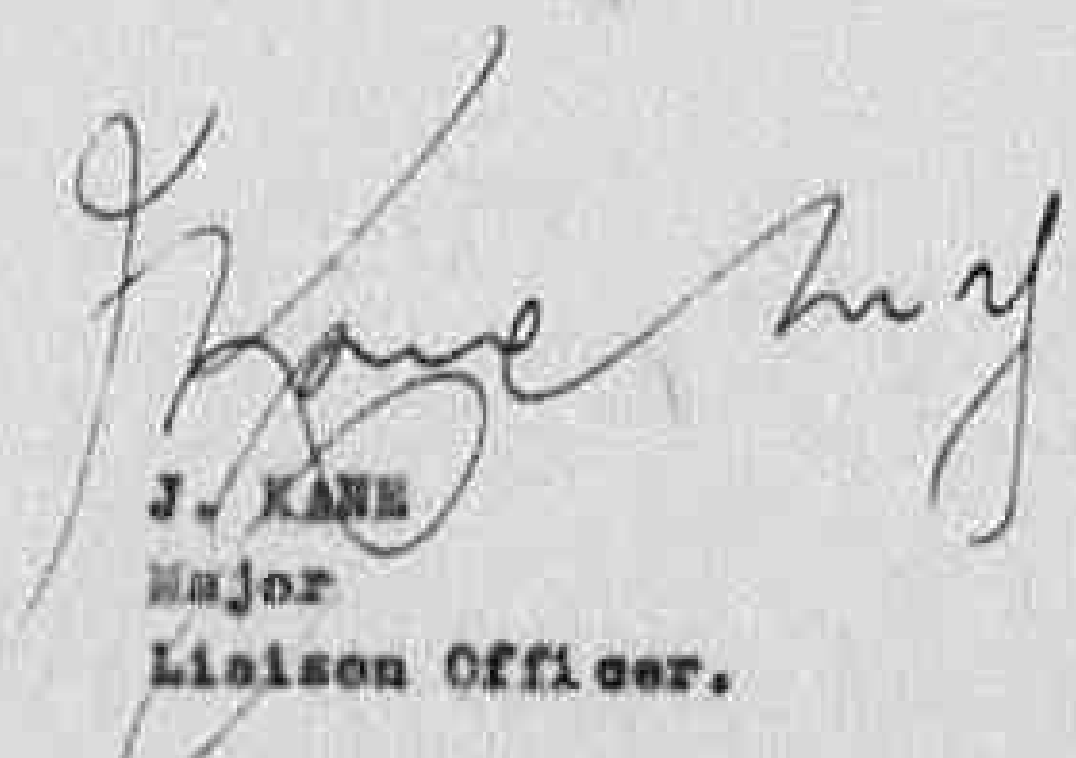
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LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
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Arrangements are in hand to have the information required for the signal demanded by you on the 28/5/46.

4. The general opinion is that the delivery of certificates is proceeding satisfactorily.
5. No approaches have been made to Allied officials to have the elections delayed, nor have direct approach being made to Prefetto on the subject. It is rumoured the parties of the "right" desire a delay, and have an underground movement in being to achieve that end, but there is no concrete evidence to support this theory.
6. Submitted for your information.


J. KANE
Major
Liaison Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMI. ON
APO 794
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DPR/1/ADM

Tel. 489081 Ext. 414

21 May 1946

MAY 23 1946

SUBJECT : Discipline - D.Ps.

TO : H.Q. UNRRA.

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1. Reference attached copy of my even number and date circulated to all D.P.R.S.C. Camps and Groups.

2. The Executive Commissioner Allied Commission is desirous that D.Ps in UNRRA Camps shall be similarly restricted during the period of the General Elections.

3. May appropriate instructions be issued.

For the Director:

B. Woodcock

B. WOODCOCK
Major,
O. 1/c ADM.

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Copy to : Executive Commissioner
Public Safety.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DPR/1/ADM

Tel. 489081 Ext. 414

21 May 1946

SUBJECT : Discipline - D.Ps.

TO : Distribution List "B" D.P.R.S.C.

1. Throughout Italy General Elections will take place
on 1/2 June 1946.

2. In order that there may be no interference and in
the general interest of public order, all D.Ps will be confined
to camps during the period of the Elections.

For the Director:

B. Woodcock

B. WOODCOCK
Major
O. i/c ADM.

May

Copy to : Executive Commissioner
Public safety.

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 ALLIED COMMISSION
 -OFFICE OF CHIEF LIAISON-
 VENEZUELA
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Villa Taverna
 Pregonziol
 Near Treviso

21 May 1946

TO : HQ Allied Commission
 Local Government Sub-Commission APC 354 MAY 23 1946
 SUBJECT : Delivery of Election Certificates
 FILE NO : CLO/V/SL/29

1. With reference to your Secret Signal N° 3071 dated 14 May I have to confirm that the following reply was sent on 15 May.

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FROM : ALCON VENEZUELA
 TO : ALCON HQ ROMA

ORIGINATORS N° 304 SECRET (.) FOR CARR CITE ACPE H REFERENCE YOUR 3071 (.) ALLIED OF ICERS NOT RPT NOT APPROACHED (.) DELIVERY OF CERTIFICATES SATISFACTORY ONLY LIMITED BY ASSIGNMENT OF POW AND ESPECIALLY IN TRACING DISPLACED PERSONS PARTICULARLY IN WAR DAMAGED AREAS (.) REPORT FOLLOWS BY LETTER SHORTLY

2. To amplify this reply, I have to report that without exception we have found that the machinery for delivery of certificates is well organized, and working to schedule without being pressed for time.

The delivery of certificates is carried out street by street. In cases where no addressee can be found the certificate comes back to the electoral office with a note of the circumstances on the back. There it is kept in the hope that the addressee - should he not be a POW or known to have left the Province, will call for it.

Two examples of various reasons for the non delivery of certificates may be cited. At CORPITA 45 persons did not wish to vote, and in the Commune of LAMON (Prov. Belluno) 700 have left for the mountain pastures.

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19 May.

FROM : ALCOM VENTRE

TO : ⁴²⁶ALCOM HQ ROMA

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3. Though there is no evidence of lobbying to defer the election date, it is reported that opinions have been given in conversation to this effect in certain quarters. In this is quite intangible and does not amount to more than free discussion.

4. At App ⁴³⁵MA is attached a table showing progress of delivery of Election Certificates as requested in your signal above mentioned.

Copy to :

Executive Commissioner. ✓

for

W. M. Harrison
W. M. HARRISON, Major,
Chief Liaison Officer.

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21 May 1946

ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON GROUP
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TABLE SHOWING PROGRESS IN DELIVERY OF ELECTION CERTIFICATES

PROVINCES	BELLUNO	PADOVA	ROVIGO	TRENTO	TREVISO	VENICE
(A) Number of Registered Electors	155.000	403.000	195.000	270.000	372.000	400.000
(B) Total Certs. Undelivered 2 May	7.000	32.000	15.600	7.000	74.000	100.000
(C) Total certs undelivered 14 May	6.000	24.000	11.700	3.000	19.000	50.000
(D) Certs likely remain undelivered on Election Day	4.000	16.000	9.000	2.000	6.000	10.000

- N O T E S - (1) All figures are given to the nearest thousand.
(2) The majority of the figures under item 'D' are accounted for by POW or involuntary. A proportion of those who have not yet received certs personally to obtain them.
(3) The province of VENICE is exceptional, in that all certificates were returned and those returned were again sent out after a short time. The small number of undelivered certificates shows that the majority of the addresses are no longer valid.

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VENEZIA

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TABLE SHOWING PROGRESS IN DELIVERY OF ELECTION CERTIFICATES

PADOVA	ROVIGO	TRENTO	TREVISO	VENICE	VERONA	VICENZA
403.000	195.000	270.000	372.000	406.000	404.000	361.000
32.000	15.600	7.000	74.000	10.000	38.000	10.000
24.000	11.700	3.000	19.000	9.000	23.000	4.000
16.000	9.000	2.000	6.000	8.000	12.000	3.000

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W. J. ...

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 794

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

AC/45/8/10

SUBJECT: Observation of National Elections

TO : See Distribution below

21 May 1946

MAY 21 1946

1. Allied Commission Liaison Officers will observe the national elections in their respective areas on 2 and 3 June in accordance with the instructions contained in this directive.
2. Reference is made to Civil Affairs Section directive AC/45/8/23 of 28 February as to the observation of the elections of Criminal Councils. The principles laid down in that directive (and particularly in paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 8 thereof) are equally applicable to the observation of the national elections, and Allied Commission Liaison Officers and officers of AMG Saine will act accordingly.
3. Appendix A is a revised list of the Italian Government's Inspectors General. Liaison Officers should make contact wherever possible with the appropriate Inspector General.
4. Appendix B is a very brief statement of the election procedure restricted to the main points likely to be of interest to Liaison Officers.
5. Appendix C is a list of the constituencies or election districts (the Italian term is "Collegi") with the name of the capital town of each district at which the votes are counted.
6. Reports are required from Liaison Officers on this subject. They will be addressed to the Local Government Sub Commission at this Headquarters. Liaison Officers will state in such reports very briefly what they have observed and draw attention to any special or unusual features. Such reports will be submitted in two parts, i.e.:
 - (a) Immediately after the closing of the poll a report will be submitted on the proceedings up to and including the actual day of voting. This report is required as quickly as possible. If any special or unusual feature is observed it should be reported by signal.
 - (b) A further report will be submitted on the subsequent proceedings after the closing of the poll down to the conclusion of counting of the votes and proclamation of the results at the capital cities of the various election districts within each Liaison Officer's area.

2. Reference is made to Civil Affairs Section directive AG/45/8/25 of 26 February as to the observation of the elections of Communal Councils. The principles laid down in that directive (and particularly in paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 8 thereof) are equally applicable to the observation of the national elections, and Allied Commission LOs and officers of AMR Units will act accordingly.

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7. Among points which LOs should note are:- behavior of the population, state of public order - whether any elections apply personally to the Municipality on election day for their electoral certificates or for duplicates - any electioneering within 200 meters of a polling station - any election meetings in public places on election days - nature and extent of propaganda by posters, leaflets, etc. - any other type of political activity - any intimidation, bribery or other attempts to influence voting - steps taken to guard polling stations from closed shops taken to guard ballots and other election documents while in transit - any of interest taken in the counting - how results were received by the population. These points are mentioned as examples only: they are not a complete or exclusive list.

8. Officers of Local Government Sub Commission will make a special study of the elections at Rome, Milan and Naples, but such visits are not in substitution

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APPENDIX "A"

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S INSPECTORS-GENERAL FOR ELECTIONS

PROVINCE	PROVINCES	TOSCANA - LAZIO	PROVINCES
DE DOMINICIS Dr. Alfredo (Prefetto)	{ Torino { Novara { Aosta { Verone	GIGLI Dr. Gino (Vice prefetto)	{ Firenze { Lucca { Pistoia
LAURA Dr. Giovan Battista (Prefetto)	{ Alessandria { Asti { Cuneo	CANTILLERI Adolfo (Vice prefetto)	{ Viterbo { Anagni { Grosseto
LEONE Dr. Aurelio (Vice prefetto)	{ Genova { Imperia { La Spezia { Savona	BARRACALLO Dr. Gaetano (Vice prefetto ispettore)	{ Pisa { Livorno { Ancona { Siena
LOMBARDIA		LAZIO - UMBRIA	
ALLES Dr. Silvestro (Prefetto)	{ Milano { Bergamo	CARILE Dr. Alfredo (Vice prefetto)	{ Rieti { Perugia { Terni
REVA Dr. Carlo (Vice prefetto)	{ Cremona { Mantova { Pavia	LAZIO	
ROSSI Dr. Ugo (Vice prefetto ispettore)	{ Como { Sondrio { Varese	LONGO Dr. Pasquale (Vice prefetto)	{ Roma { Frosinone { Latina
VERONE E VERCELLI UMBERTINA		MARCHE - ABRUZZI	
MARCHINI Dr. Giuseppe (Vice prefetto)	{ Venezia { Padova { Vicenza	LANDISIO Dr. Francesco (Vice prefetto)	{ Ascoli Piceno { Teramo { Ancona
DEGLIANT Dr. Paolo (Vice prefetto ispettore)	{ Udine { Belluno { Treviso	ABRUZZI E MOLISE	
PROVVISORATO Dr. Paolo (Vice prefetto)	{ Verona { Bolzano { Trento { Brescia	CALI' Dr. Ettore (Vice prefetto ispettore)	{ L'Aquila { Pescara { Chieti
		CAMPANIA - MOLISE - LUCANIA	
		DELLI SANTI CINCIGLIA GONZAGA Dr. Luigi (Prefetto)	{ Benevento { Avellino { Campobasso { Potenza
		CAMPANIA	
		FUSCO Dr. Umberto	{ Salerno { Napoli
		ESTER E VIETNO	

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LEONE Dr Aurelio
(Vice prefetto)

LAZIO - UMBRIA

CARLE Dr Alfredo
(Vice prefetto)

LAZIO

LONGO Dr Eusebio
(Vice prefetto)

MARCHE - ABRUZZI

LAUDISIO Dr Francesco
(Vice prefetto)

ABRUZZI E MOLISE

CALLI Dr Ettore
(Vice prefetto impettore)

CAMPANIA - MOLISE - LUCANIA

DELLI SANTI CINCILLA
GONZAGA Dr Luigi
(Prefetto)

CAMPANIA

FUSCO Dr Umberto
(Vice prefetto)

ANGIUS Dr Giovanni
Battista
(Vice prefetto)

PUGLIA E LUCANIA

NIOGLY Dr Giuseppe
(Vice prefetto)

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LAZIO - UMBRIA

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PROVINCES

{ Reggio Calabria
{ Catanzaro
{ Cosenza

{ Palermo
{ Trapani
{ Agrigento

{ Ragusa
{ Siracusa
{ Caltanissetta

{ Siracusa
{ Catania
{ Messina

CALABRIA

JACINTO DE SANTI
(Vice prefetto)

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D'ANTONI DE CARLO
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VACIRCA DE VINCENZO
(Vice prefetto)

GERALDO DE ANTONIO
(Vice prefetto)

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APPENDIX "B"

PROCEDURE AT THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS- 2 and 3 JUNE 1946

1. Voting takes place simultaneously for the election of deputies to the Constituent Assembly and also upon the Referendum, but separate ballot papers and boxes are used. The same polling districts and polling stations are used as were provided for the Communal elections.
2. The officials meet in the polling station at 1600 hrs on Saturday 1 June to prepare the ballot papers for voting. The polling station is then placed under guard overnight. The officials meet again in the polling station at 0600 hrs on Sunday June 2 to stamp the ballot papers. Voting commences at 0800 hrs.
3. The elector must first produce his identity card or otherwise identify himself as the person registered. He must also present his certificate of registration in the electoral list for that polling station. Soldiers, sailors and airman on active service, however, may vote at any polling station in the Commune where they happen to be stationed. Their names are added to the electoral list for the polling district where they actually vote.
4. The Sindaco distributes the electoral certificates to the electors by May 2. To meet cases of undelivered or lost certificates or to make corrections, the Municipio remains open daily until at least 1900 hrs on June 2 so that electors can apply personally for them.
5. The presiding official tears off and preserves a detachable slip from the certificate of registration. He hands to the electors the ballot for the constituent assembly, that for the Referendum, and a pencil. The elector goes in to one of the curtained polling booths, marks his ballots, folds them, and returns them separately with the pencil to the President. The latter places each ballot in the appropriate urn or ballot box.
6. The official notice containing the lists of the candidates duly nominated for the Constituent Assembly is affixed in the polling station. At the head of each list appears the symbol officially adopted by the party. The ballot paper for the Constituent Assembly contains merely these symbols. The elector votes for a particular list by placing a mark against the appropriate symbol. He cannot alter the list by cancelling or substituting names. He may, however, indicate on the ballot his preference for 2 or 3 of the candidates he wishes to see preferred in his chosen list, depending on the size of the constituency or election district.
7. A notice is also affixed in the polling station showing the symbols officially adopted to signify Monarchy or Republic. The ballot for the Referendum shows these symbols, and the elector votes by placing a mark against the appropriate one.
8. In polling districts containing 250 electors or less the poll closes at 2000hrs on Sunday 2 June, but electors remaining in the polling station at that time are permitted to vote. In polling stations with more than 500 electors the poll remains open until 2200 hrs on June 2, and it is reopened from 0700 hrs to 1200 hrs on Monday June 3.
9. During the nights of 1/2 and 2/3 June the polling station is placed under police guards, and no one may approach it except the authorized representatives of the partition.
10. All kinds of electioneering within a radius of 200 meters of the polling station and all elections meetings in public places on the election days are forbidden.
11. No one is admitted to the polling station except the officials and electors entitled to vote there. The police may not enter unless requested by the presiding official or in case of disorder.

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7. A notice is also affixed in the polling station showing the symbols officially adopted to signify Monarchy or Republic. The ballot for the referendum shows these symbols, and the elector votes by placing a mark against the appropriate one.
8. In polling districts containing 200 electors or less the poll closes at 2000 hrs on Sunday 2 June, but electors remaining in the polling station at that time are permitted to vote. In polling stations with more than 500 electors the poll remains open until 2200 hrs on June 2, and it is reopened from 0700 hrs to 1200 hrs on Monday June 3.
9. During the nights of 1/2 and 2/3 June the polling station is placed under police guards, and no one may approach it except the authorized representatives of the parties.
10. All kinds of electioneering within a radius of 200 meters of the polling station and all elections meetings in public places on the election days are forbidden.
11. No one is admitted to the polling station except the officials and clerks entitled to vote there. The police may not enter unless requested by the presiding official or in case of disorder.
12. At 1200 hrs on Monday 3 June in all sections (whether containing more or less than 500 electors) the votes are counted and recorded and the results for the section are publicly proclaimed. The ballots for the Constituent Assembly are dealt with first. These operations must be finished by 1200 hrs on Tuesday 4 June. Separate reports giving the figures of the voting for the Constituent Assembly and for the Referendum, together with the relative ballots, are then sent immediately to the Court of First Instance ("Tribunale") within whose jurisdiction the Comune lies.
13. The Court of First Instance immediately forwards these documents to the Central Office. The central office is the Court of Appeal or Court of First Instance having its seat at the capital city of the constituency or election district. For these capital cities, see Appendix C.
14. The central office immediately proceeds to count the votes from all polling districts within the constituency, as they come in. The number of Deputies to be elected by a constituency are distributed between the various lists of candidates in proportion to the total votes cast for each list. To determine which candidates in proportion to the seats so allotted to a list, regard is had to the number of preference votes given to each candidate or, failing these, to the order in which the names are printed in the list.
15. The central office proclaims the results for the whole constituency of the

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APPENDIX "C"

List of Colleges (i.e. Election Districts or Constituencies)

College and Provinces comprised in each	No. of		Seats of Con- stituent Offices
	Deputies	Senators	
I. Torino - Novara-Vercelli	28	1	Torino
II. Cuneo - Alessandria-Asti	18	1	Cuneo
III. Genova - Imperia-La Spezia-Savona	20	1	Genova
IV. Milano - Pavia	36	1	Milano
V. Como - Sondrio-Varese	14	1	Como
VI. Brescia - Bergamo	18	1	Brescia
VII. Mantova - Cremona	10	1	Mantova
VIII. Trento - Bolzano	9	1	Trento
IX. Verona - Padova-Vicenza-Rovigo	29	1	Verona
X. Venezia - Treviso	16	1	Venezia
XI. Udine - Belluno	12	1	Udine
XII. Trieste e Venezia Giulia-Sara	13	1	Trieste
XIII. Bologna - Ferrara-Parma-Forli	24	1	Bologna
XIV. Parma - Modena-Piacenza-Reggio Emilia	20	1	Parma
XV. Firenze - Pistoia	14	1	Firenze
XVI. Pisa - Livorno-Lucca-Apuania	15	1	Pisa
XVII. Siena - Arezzo-Grosseto	10	1	Siena
XVIII. Ancona - Pesaro-Macerata-Asscoli Piceno	17	1	Ancona
XIX. Perugia - Terni-Rieti	12	1	Perugia
XX. Roma - Viterbo-Latina-Frosinone	33	1	Roma
XI. L'Aquila - Pescara-Chieti-Teramo	16	1	L'Aquila

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V. Como - Sondrio-Varese
 VI. Brescia - Bergamo
 VII. Mantova - Cremona
 + VIII. Trento - Bolzano
 IX. Verona - Padova-Vicenza-Rovigo
 X. Venezia - Treviso
 XI. Udine - Belluno
 + XII. Trieste e Venezia Giulia-Sara
 XIII. Bologna - Ferrara-Ravenna-Porta
 XIV. Parma - Modena-Piacenza-Reggio Emilia
 XV. Firenze - Pistoia
 XVI. Pisa - Livorno-Lucca-Apuania
 XVII. Siena - Arezzo-Grosseto
 XVIII. Ancona - Pesaro-Macerata-Ascoli Piceno
 XIX. Perugia - Terni-Rieti
 XX. Roma - Viterbo-Latina-Frosinone
 XXI. L'Aquila - Pescara-Chieti-Teramo
 XXII. Benevento - Campobasso
 XXIII. Napoli - Caserta
 XXIV. Salerno - Avellino
 XXV. Bari - Foggia
 XXVI. Lecce - Brindisi-Taranto
 XXVII. Potenza - Matera
 XXVIII. Catanzaro - Cosenza-Reggio Calabria

24 Como
 13 Brescia
 10 Mantova
 9 Trento
 29 Verona
 16 Venezia
 12 Udine
 13 Trieste
 24 Bologna
 20 Parma
 14 Firenze
 15 Pisa
 10 Siena
 17 Ancona
 12 Perugia
 33 Roma
 16 L'Aquila
 9 Benevento
 30 Napoli
 15 Salerno
 21 Bari
 15 Lecce
 7 Potenza
 24 Catanzaro

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Colleges

and Provinces comprised in each.

Number of
Deputies
2

Seats of Con-
stitutional Offices
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XXIX. Catania - Messina-Siracusa-Ragusa-Enna	27	Catania
XXX. Palermo - Trapani-Agrigento-Caltanissetta	26	Palermo
XXXI. Cagliari - Sassari-Nuoro	24	Cagliari
+ XXXII. Val d'Aosta	2	Aosta

Totale 573

Note on College VIII: Only the Province of Tranto will vote on 2/3 June and for 5 Deputies, instead of 9.

Note on College XII: No part of this College will vote on 2/3 June.

Note on College XIII: --- Proportional representation does not apply in this College. The candidate obtaining the highest number of votes is elected.

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HAVE NOT DETECTED ANY ~~SEX~~ LOBBYING FOR ELECTION POSTPONEMENT IN THIS REGION
EXCEPTING AMONGST CERTAIN FLORENCE CARABINIERI WHO HAVE APPROACHED ALLIED
PERSONNEL COMPLAINING THAT THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATE AND WILL
BE DENIED THEIR VOTES. REQUESTED STATISTICAL REPORT FOLLOWS.

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REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL 3071 (CAPR CITE ACPR) RECEIVED 17 MAY. NO EVIDENCE OF LOBBYING IN THIS AREA FOR POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OR REFERENDUM. NO OFFICER THIS GROUP APPROACHED ON MATTER. MANY PEOPLE HAVE STATED THEIR OPINION THAT REFERENDUM SHOULD BE HELD LATER AND SEPARATELY FROM THE VOTING FOR THE CONSTITUENT ALSO THAT ELECTIONS FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE POSTPONED BECAUSE (A) THEIR POLITICAL PARTY WOULD STAND BETTER CHANCE VICTORY AT LATER DATE AND (B) WOULD ENABLE MORE RETURNED POW TO VOTE. NO ALLEGATION THAT LARGE NUMBER OF VOTERS NOT RECEIVED ELECTORAL CERTIFICATED BUT POSITION WITH REGARD TO CERTIFICATES ARE BEING INVESTIGATED.

AC DIST

ACTION: LOCAL GOVT

INFO : CHIEF COMR

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YOUR 15327 FIGURES FOR PROVINCES HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR BUT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE
BEFORE 23 MAY POSTPONEMENT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED FROM ONE UNIMPORTANT PERSON ONLY
AND ACTION WAS TAKEN AS DIRECTED BY YOU BEFORE RECEIPT OF YOUR TELEGRAM.

AC DIST

ACTN: LOCAL GOVT SC
INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PITOMITE REGION

12 May, 1946.

Ref: PR/CLO/501 ^{2806/EC} ^{581/EC}
Subjects: Elections. - Frontier Passes.
To: Brigadier M. Lush; Executive Commissioner, A.C. HQ.

Enclosed herewith reports from Colonel A. H. Gardner,
Liaison Officer, Tenda, for your information.

For the Acting Chief Liaison Officer:

/s/ ROY E. BARONZ
Captain - PA
Administrative Offr.

In cl: 2
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See M. 426 & 434.

EC DIST. 20 May
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ACTION - CA Sec
INFO - EC

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Chief Liaison Officer, A.C. PISCHKE
PAC/CO/15.

13th May, 1948.

Subject: ELECTIONS.

1. The forthcoming elections are causing worry to the authorities of CHHO Provinces.
2. There will be 643 electoral sections (polling stations) in the Province.
3. The strength of CC.BA is approximately 650.
4. Polling stations will require manning continuously from 1 - 4 June, 48, as the CC.BA will have custody of electoral lists and in addition will have to hold results of the poll.
5. Of the CC.BA, 150 are engaged on border work and 50% 1/2 of or stationed at CC.BA stations.
6. A minimum of 6 CC.BA per electoral station is required.
7. The Major of the CC.BA estimates his requirements of additional CC.BA as 900 - this application has been made to the Prefect - but the Prefect in turn, does not have an answer.
8. Are the Italian Government aware of the position?

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Atkinson

Subject: ELECTIONS.

1. The forthcoming elections are causing worry to the authorities of OHNEO Province.

2. There will be 443 electoral sections (polling stations) in the Province.

3. The strength of CO.22 is approximately 450.

4. Polling stations will require manning continuously from 1 - 4 June, 45, as the CO.22 will have custody of electoral lists and in addition will have to hold results of the poll.

5. Of the CO.22, 160 are engaged on border work and are i/c of or stationed at CO.22 stations.

6. A minimum of 8 CO.22 per electoral station is required.

7. The Mayor of the CO.22 estimates his requirement of additional CO.22 as 900 - this application has been made to the Prefect - but the Prefect in turn, does not have an answer.

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8. Are the Italian Government aware of the position?

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A. B. GIBSON,
Lt. Colonel, R.A.,
Liaison Officer.

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Copy to:- (1) Chief Police Liaison Officer, S.O. PIERCE,
(2) C.O. 215 F.S.S.

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NOTE for file on Folios 418-419:

My own view regarding these figures and the alleged number of veterans who will not be able to participate is as follows:

Population:

BOLZANO.....	277,770
VENEZIA GIULIA.....	490,000
X LIBYA, CYRENACIA, TRIPOLITANIA.....	40,000
Y EUTREA.....	70,000
Z SOMALIA.....	19,000
Total.....	896,720
70%.....	627,704
Prisoners of War..	232,000
Total.....	859,704

X CYRENACIA was and remains completely evacuated of Italians.
Y+Z Neither EUTREA nor SOMALIA are part of Metropolitan ITALY
and therefore presumably would not vote.

W. Lang Lt.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commission.

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Z	SOMALIA.....	19,000
	Total.....	896,720
	70%.....	627,704
	Prisoners of War..	232,000
	Total.....	859,704

X CUBANICA was and remains completely evacuated of Italians.

Y+Z Neither ERITREA nor SOMALIA are part of Metropolitan ITALY
and therefore presumably would not vote.

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Executive Commissioner.

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RE: ALGERIA ACCORD FROM AIRMAIL STAGE

151415Z MAY 1946

MAY 16 1946

AFHQ FOR DASHED GEORGE FIVE UNCLE SUSAN POLAR MONTANA RUMBLE

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TOP SECRET

FOLLOWING TO HAS INSTRUCTIONS AND WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF MY WITNESS AND UNCLE SUSAN
POLAR I CALLED ON THE KING YESTERDAY MORNING AND HAD A LONG AND FRANK TALK WITH HIM
ON THE EFFORTS OF CERTAIN MONARCHISTS TO ENDEAVOR BY CABLE TELEGRAMS LETTERS AND
PETITIONS TO ME TO HAVE THE ALLIED INTERVIEW TO POSTPONE THE DATE OF THE REFERENCE
BEING JUNE SECOND PD

PARA TWO PD I INFORMED THE KING THAT I HAD REFUSED TO RECEIVE ANY SUCH PETITIONS
AND HAD MADE NO REPLY TO LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS RECEIVED THROUGH USUAL CHANNELS BUT
TO THOSE PERSONS WHO HAD CALLED ON ME CMA MANY OF WHOM HAD SIGNET LETTERS AND
PETITIONS CMA I HAVE STATED MY POSITION AS FOLLOWS COLON PARKER ARLE PARKER THE
DATE OF JUNE SECOND WAS SET BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND CMA BY HER SIGNATURE ON
THE DECREE CMA WAS CONFIRMED BY THE KING WHEN HE WAS LOCATED PD SINCE THE
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WITH THE KING'S APPROVAL HAD SET THE DATE CMA IT WAS NOT CORRECT
TO ADDRESS ME ON THE SUBJECT AND I MUST REFUSE TO RECEIVE CMA THEREFORE CMA ANY
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 THIS IT COMPLETELY PD HE DEPICTED THE ACTIVITIES OF SOME OF HIS SUPPORTERS PD I
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 ON BOTH SIDES AND I AM PERSONALLY CONVINCED THAT THE KING HIMSELF IS NOT INVOLVED IN
 THESE MANEUVERS AND IN FACT IS CONVINCED THAT THEY ARE HURTING THE MONARCHICAL CAUSE PD

PARA FIVE PD I HAD INFORMED THE PRIME MINISTER ON MAY ELEVENTH OF THE POSITION WHICH
 I HAD BEEN TAKING WITH THE VARIOUS MONARCHISTS WHO HAD APPROACHED ME AND HE EXPRESSED
 HIS COMPLETE AGREEMENT PD

PARA SIX PD IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM TWO AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS YESTERDAY AND
 ONE BRITISH CORRESPONDENT TODAY AND WITH THE CONFORMANCE OF POLICE I HAVE STATED MY
 POSITION TO THEM AS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPHS THREE AND PARAGRAPH THREE ABOVE

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COMMISSION 428

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Italians not Participating in Elections.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

File No. AG/45/B/16

15th May, 1946
MAY 16 1946

You asked for information as to the approximate number of Italian subjects who, by reason of being in certain areas, would be precluded from taking part in the National Elections of June 2/3rd.

The information is given in the attached paper. It will be observed that in making the estimate, the population of both zones "A" and "B" of Venezia Giulia have been included.

M. Carr, Brigadier.
VP. CA. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AEO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/45/B/LG.

Tel: 314

SUBJECT: Italians not Participating in Elections.

14 May 1946

TO : CA Section.

1. The following information was requested by the Executive Commissioner yesterday.

2. BOLZANO

The latest figures available are those of the 1936 census. There seems no reason to suppose any great change of population since immigration under the Hitler-Mussolini agreements will have been at least partly counterbalanced by an influx of Italians from the South. The population is therefore put at 277,720. Many however might be excluded from voting because they opted for Germany.

3. VENEZIA GIULIA

(a) Again the latest figures available are those of the 1936 census - 977,257. Some allowance must be made for refugees who have gone to other parts of Italy, particularly from Zone B. To be on the safe side, present population may be put at 870,000
(b) According to the estimate made by Col. Grips and me in our report on Venezia Giulia in September 1945, the population in Zone A (Italian & Slovene) was 490,000.

4. ITALIAN COLONIES

The Italian population of Libya, Eritrea and Somalia of 1940 is stated by the Ministry of Italian Africa (Statistical Dept.) as follows:

Libia	(census of 31 December 1940)	126,835
Eritrea	(estimate of 1 January 1940)	70,000
Somalia	" " "	19,000
		<u>215,835</u>

The Executive Commissioner estimates that about $\frac{1}{2}$ the Libya population have returned to Italy. The present figure may therefore be estimated at 152,500.

5. ELECTORATE

Figures for the administrative elections in the larger Italian cities show that the electorate may be taken at 70% of the population. In the summary given below, this percentage will be applied to the above mentioned population figures to give an estimate of the number of potential Italian voters resident in those areas.

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Both IFW Branch of this HQ and the Italian Ministry of War (POW Repatriation Dept.) estimate the number of POWs remaining to be repatriated, at 232,000. It is estimated that another 57,000 will be repatriated in May.

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7. SUMMARY

Bolzano		277,720 population
Venezia Giulia (Zone A & B)	..	870,000
Colonies		152,500
		<u>1,300,220</u>
Electorate (at 70%)		910,154
Prisoners of War		<u>232,000</u>
		1,142,154

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Ref : 2806/103

14 May 1946.

SUBJECT: Greek Elections - Report.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

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With reference to your letter G-5: Greek Political dated 4 May 1946, I am returning herewith the report on the Greek Elections as requested.

The report was of great interest to both myself and my Local Government Sub-Commission.

For the Chief Commissioner,

A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 3/7.3/CA

6 May 46

SUBJECT : Broadcasting of Political Parties.

MAY 9 1946

TO : The Secretary
The Presidency of the Council of Ministers
ROME

The enclosed communications which have been received at this HQ. addressed personally to the Chief Commissioner are transmitted to you for such action as you may consider appropriate.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

M. CAMR, Brig.
VP CA Section.

Enclosures:
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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Ref: 314

SUBJECT: Results of Communal Elections

4 MAY 1946
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TO : (See Distribution below)

1. Detailed figures giving the votes cast for each party are now available in respect of all Communes which voted by proportional representation in the recent local elections. Such Communes are those with a population exceeding 30,000 and those of less population which are provincial capitals. These figures have been analyzed by this Sub Commission and the analyses are set forth in the Appendices.

2. Sixty-six provincial capitals voted and 49 other Communes with populations exceeding 30,000. The gross totals for all these 115 Communes are set forth in Appendix A.

3. In Appendix B the figures have been analyzed according to the "College" (= constituency or election district) for the Constituent Assembly elections, i.e. in each College the Communes which have voted by proportional representation have been isolated and the figures for these have been added up and are separately stated in Appendix B.

4. Italy is divided into 32 Colleges. Only 28 of them are listed in Appendix B. The 4 Colleges omitted are:-

- a. College XII (Verona-Gallia)
- b. College VIII (Trento - Bolzano)
- c. College XXIV (Salerno - Avellino)
- d. College XXIII (Val d'Aosta)

In which no elections took place of the type illustrated in this report. The total population of the 28 Colleges listed in Appendix B is 40,112,172. The population of all 32 Colleges is 42,993,602.

5. The main interest of these figures lies probably in their value as an indication of the possible behavior of the electorate at the political elections. In examining the Appendices from this point of view the following considerations should be borne in mind.

6. The first column of Appendix B sets forth the total population of each College. In the third column of the same Appendix is stated only the total population of those Communes which have voted. The figures for the total population of those Communes which have not voted are given in the fourth column.

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7. Although the smaller provincial capitals and other towns have largely rural interests, yet the figures are preponderantly an analysis of an urban vote. The small country towns and villages, however, outnumber the larger urban centers both in number and in population in Italy.

8. On the other hand, the system of proportional representation adopted for the communal elections in those centers which are the subject of this report is

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in its essentials the same as that which will be used for the Constituent Assembly election. The figures now submitted are for this reason possibly a rather better indication of general political trends than they would be if they had been more comprehensive. If figures for all the Communes under 30,000 which have voted had been included, the resulting picture would be possibly less representative because:-

a. These smaller Communes voted by the majority system. This system is quite unlike that which will be used at the political elections and has led to some of the strangest party groupings (e.g., Demo-Christians + Communists), thereby obscuring the general lines of the party battle.

b. Moreover, under the majority system there is no correspondence between seats won and votes obtained, because a party gaining a majority of only a few votes over another can thereby obtain $\frac{4}{5}$ ths of the seats on the town council. This has actually happened.

c. In the small Communes local politics and personalities have had more weight, to that extent lessening the value of the results of the local elections in such Communes as an indication of feeling on national issues.

9. As regards these smaller Communes voting by the majority system, only partial figures are available, and it is anticipated that complete figures will not be had until late this month and possibly not until after the political elections. The Ministry of Interior have had great difficulty in obtaining accurate returns from the inexperienced and comparatively unqualified municipal officials of the small towns.

10. Apart from the use of these figures as a forecast for the political elections, there are two other important facts which emerge from a study of them.

11. Firstly, the figures fully bear out what all previous reports have shown, namely, the very high poll. The total poll is 80% of the electorate, and in no individual College on the Mainland is it lower than 65%. In Eastern Sicily, the lowest of all, the poll is 60%.

12. Secondly, a comparison between the number of electors voting (the 9th column from the left in Appendix B) and the total valid votes cast (the last column on the right of Appendix B) is interesting. The difference between these two figures gives the number of spoiled ballots and this is an indication of the extent to which the electors have understood what they were doing. The number of spoiled ballots is surprisingly low and bears out the indications of previous reports. A mere 2.6% of the voters spoiled their ballots, a figure which compares favorably with any election in the United States or Great Britain.

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APPENDIX "A"

SUMMARY OF CENSUSAL MATION RESULTS

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- (1) Provincial Capitals that have voted : 66 &
- (2) Other Communes over 30,000 population : $\frac{142}{113}$

Total Population	
Total Registered Electors	M. 2,367,959
	F. <u>2,626,191</u>
Total Electors Voting	M. 1,926,228
	F. <u>2,146,998</u>
	7,273,198
	5,064,190
	4,073,222

Result of Voting -

Party	Votes	Seats
<u>Left Concentration</u>	209,036	358
Communists	981,729	1,063
Socialists	917,995	884
Action	30,228	29
Republican	178,117	235
<u>Dem-Christian</u>	1,251,663	1,388
<u>Centre Concentration</u>	72,304	154
<u>Right Concentration</u>	47,328	97
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Local Parties	34,451	63
Veterans	11,215	24
Other Groups	3,026	5
Total Valid Last Votes	3,961,919	Total Seats } 4,750

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: Procedure in Voting the Referendum

TO : (See Distribution below)

Ref: 314

2 May 1946

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1. The Sub Commission is informed that the decree describing the procedure to be followed for voting the referendum has now been signed and will be published shortly. The advance copy of the decree has been obtained. It is therefore possible to give an idea of what the procedure will be.

2. The ballot paper for the referendum will be of the same design and color throughout the country. The decree describes these symbols to be used to signify Monarchy or Republic. A sample of the ballot paper has previously been circulated.

3. Voting for the elections of Deputies to the Constituent Assembly and voting on the institutional referendum will take place simultaneously. The ballot papers will be deposited in two large boxes appropriately labelled, and there will be separate urns or ballot boxes also distinctively labelled to receive the two respective types of ballot. The president of the polling station delivers both types of ballot paper to the elector together, instructs him how to vote, and warns him that both ballot papers must be returned separately but at the same time.

4. To cope with the increased complication of the vote: - (a) the number of scrutineers at each polling station has been raised from 5 to 8, making with the president and the secretary a total of 10 officials; (b) the voting hours have been extended in the larger voting districts. In polling districts where there are 500 electors or less the poll opens at 0800 hours and closes at 2000 hours, as before. In polling districts where there are more than 500 electors, however, the poll will close at 2200 hours and will reopen at 0700 hours on Monday 3 June; it will be finally closed at 1200 hours on that day.

5. The counting of the votes may be briefly described as follows: -

a. The opening of the ballot papers and the counting of the votes is to begin at 1200 hours on 3 June in all polling districts whether containing more or less than 500 electors. The election ballots are counted first and then the referendum ballots. The officials of the polling station must complete these operations and announce the results for their voting district by 1200 hours on Tuesday 4 June.

b. The papers are then sent to the Tribunal which forwards them immediately to the Central Office of the college (constituency or election district).

c. The Central Office

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c. The Central Office sums up first the results from all the polling districts of the college for the election of Deputies and then proceeds to do the same for the referendum. The Central Office then forwards the papers to the Court of Cassation at Rome by special courier.

d. The Court of Cassation sums up figures from all the colleges and proclaims the result of the referendum.

6. No accurate estimate of the time required to complete these operations can be given. It seems improbable, however, that the central offices of all the 32 colleges will have finished their part of the count by Friday 7 June, bearing in mind the difficulties bound to be encountered in finding transportation from polling station to Tribunal and from Tribunal to Central Office. Similar difficulties will no doubt be encountered in transporting the papers from the Central Offices of the colleges to the Court of Cassation in spite of the direction to use special couriers. It is also to be borne in mind that the counting of the votes for the election of Deputies at every stage takes precedence over the counting of

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the votes for the referendum and that the papers for the election of Deputies and the referendum have to be sent up together from one level to another.

7. Another factor to be borne in mind is that objections to the manner of conducting the election may be made to the Central Offices by Friday 7 June and are sent up to the Court of Cassation for determination. The Court of Cassation has the final determination of all objections to the conduct of the referendum and must allow time for these to reach it.

8. The decree also provides that the Court of Cassation must give its final decision on the referendum not later than the 15th day after the election, i.e. not later than 17 June. Although this is an extreme time limit, it gives some indication of the length of time the court is expected to take.

9. It is considered, however, that a sufficient indication of the results of the referendum will be obtainable from the Italian press by Wednesday or Thursday 5 or 6 June.

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TO: Admiral Stone,
Allied Military Command,
Rome.

FROM: Ettore P. Randina
Via Regina Elena,
Rome.

Rome, 26 April 1946.

MAY 2 1946

In the interests of our unhappy country, we earnestly beg you to postpone the political elections and the constitutional referendum. You alone can do it.

You will easily understand the motives: the Italian people are frightened by the shameful propaganda of the subversive parties who, when all is said and done, act in the interests of bolshevik Russia, that country which claims 500 million dollars from us in our present condition and supports that criminal Tito in wresting from us Trieste and Fiume. The Italian people are disconcerted and incapable of choosing the form of government which can save Italy. Today it is senseless to talk about a republic (Admiral do not trust the Christian Democrats who are acting hypocritically); a republic can be successful in the United States where the people are much more advanced and less fastidious than here, but it is not suitable for this land of poets and artists and people who for well known reasons have lived for so many years in ignorance. Italy needs a monarchy now as in the past, and if a king has committed the serious mistake of signing the declaration of war, that is no reason for putting the whole blame on the monarchist regime who in its reigning house boasts traditions of honour and heroism.

Therefore illustrious Admiral do that which so many honest men are expecting of you - postpone the elections. Many will not like it, but it will be to the advantage of our country who has great faith in the American people and above loves them.

May God protect you and your family always,
With high esteem for your Excellency,

Ettore P. Randina

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TO: Admiral Torre, Allied Commission, Rome.

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MILITARY COUNCIL OF PRISONERS.

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TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Attn: Executive Commissioner)
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Reference telephone conversation Brigadier LUSH - Colonel
PARSONS.

1. You will no doubt be interested in the enclosed report on the supervision of the Greek Elections.
2. The folder headed "Appendices J and K" contains copies of the instructions issued and the Forms used.
3. Please return the report in due course.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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Rome, 25 March 1946.

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Dear Admiral Stone,

The former President of the Free State of Fiume, the On. ZANELLA, has asked me to forward to you a report underlining the anti-democratic procedure which prevailed in the so-called administrative elections promoted by the Yugoslav occupation authorities and held at Fiume on March 3rd inst. The report denounces such elections as being unlawful and absolutely deprived of juridical authority.

I beg to enclose herewith the above mentioned report, and I cannot refrain, on this occasion, to point out again that the promotion by the Yugoslavs of elections having a definite political meaning is contrary to the powers conferred upon an occupying State by international law. All the more so because, while thousands of Italians from Fiume are necessarily absent from the city as refugees in some other part of Italy, countless Slavs who entered Fiume during the last few months have been granted right out admission to the ballot.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours

/s/ De Gasperi

(Matter referred by Italian Government directly to the American and British Embassies as suggested by Chief Commissioner. This copy for files and record only.

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To : Admiral Ellery W. STONE
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To : The Hon. Alcide DE GASPERI
President of the Council of Ministries
and Minister for Foreign Affairs

Excellency,

The undersigned begs to call the attention of Y.E. to the procedure which prevailed in the so-called administrative elections recently held in Fiume by the Yugoslav occupation authorities and to denounce them as illegal and juridically irrelevant.

Such elections, preceded by an intensive campaign, were held on March 3rd. The town was divided into various sections, and each section into a number of "Street Committees" grouping several streets, every single building being put under the supervision of a householder. In order to check voters, every building had an electoral seat (106 altogether) where a list of all tenants being admitted to the ballot was kept.

The lists of candidates were announced during section meetings by the heads of the town sections, who are in fact nothing but OZNA emissaries, and carried by acclaim. Among the candidates were included several recently immigrated Slavs, who have no right to Fiume citizenship and are actually foreigners. Citizens of the self-government tendency were included among the candidates, in spite of their refusal.

The citizens were invited, through an intensive propaganda and press campaign, not to desert the ballot in order to give the elections a plebiscitary character. People who abstained from voting were considered "reactionaries" and "enemies of the people's welfare"; Slav leaders threatened those who would not vote with dismissal from their work, withdrawal of ration cards and even imprisonment.

In connection with the elections and with the promised visit of the Commission of Allied Experts, a huge farce was framed. Two arches of triumph were raised in honour of Tito, buildings were literally covered with propaganda signs and writings up to the third floor. Great flags and portraits of Tito were distributed to be displayed on windows (each portrait being charged 60 lire).

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Several public meetings were held, and employees as well as workers had to attend them under threats of being dismissed, while scores of Slavs were motored into the town on such occasions.

On March 2nd, which was the day preceding the elections, a sort of general rehearsal took place. Following a number of speeches, two trucks were driven in the square where the meeting was held. In the first truck were two hanged puppets, representing Hitler and Mussolini, in the second was a coffin with the name of the undersigned on it, meaning that the idea of self-government in Fiume was to be considered completely discarded. The puppets and the coffin were then burned up "amongst the frenzied excitement of the people while rockets were brightening the night" (quoted from No. 60 of 2 March 1946 issue of the "Voce del Popolo").

On the day of the elections, in order to obtain the maximum of votes, squads of OZNA men were sent all over town at eleven o'clock in order to drag to the ballot reluctant people, compelling even elder and sick persons. The latter, when absolutely unable to get up, were to fill their ticket and have it brought to the ballot-boxes by some relative. To several people who refused to vote, ration cards were withdrawn. Although a compulsory election has thus been obtained, the rumor has it that on quite a number of tickets all names of candidates were penned out while insults addressed to Tito and Yugoslavia and sentences advocating self-government of Fiume appeared on them.

In order to have a clear idea as to the illegality of these elections, it must be borne in mind that approximately 10,000 citizens of Fiume are now refugees in Italy. They have been substituted by Slavs intentionally driven into town. Furthermore, all civil servants, military and Slav partisans, who are positively foreign citizens, were admitted to the ballot. These elections are therefore the expression of the will of foreign people and not of the original citizens of Fiume.

The undersigned seems to be his duty to denounce to Your Excellency such monstrous mystification of the will of the people and to confute the juridical authority as well as the political meaning of this alleged expression of the city's opinion, and begs Y.E. to draw the attention of the Allied Powers to the necessary defence of common law principles, which have been openly infringed, and to represent once more the imperative need of putting an end to the many misdeeds perpetrated as well as to the outrageous denationalization policy carried on, by means of an Allied occupation of the entire territory of the Free State of Fiume.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully

/s/ Zanella

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