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ADMISSION INTO ITALY, REPRESENTATIVES OF  
COMMERCIAL INTERESTS  
DEC. 1945 - FEB. 1946



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CAG Newcomb Letter ab 126.

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<sup>106</sup>  
cso. Perhaps 101-105 will be of interest if you know  
any civilians willing to visit Italy  
sheet  
12/12/65

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101-105 for info. I will see

that copies are distributed.

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Embassy for Contacts W/Colin. — See folio 109  
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~~Ex. low~~

No action of force to be taken

~~101-105~~ See winter 82-83

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P.A. Reply sending copy of 195 in 101 I  
Dms. see 102

10/24/65

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Embassies for Consuls. <sup>108</sup> ~~118/12~~ - See folios 109 & 110

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~~Geo.~~ <sup>pro</sup>

No action appears to have been taken

~~182 in VDI. See entries 82 & 83~~

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P.A. Reply sending copy of 195 in VDI  
Dms. see 112  
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Cpt. Please see 113-115 for report of British Trade Officer  
Delegates activities  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 4044/132/103

28 February 1946

SUBJECT: Visits of Sponsored Civilian Visitors to Italy.

TO : American Embassy, Rome.  
British Embassy, Rome.

Reference this office memo 4044/109/23 dated 22 December 1945, a further letter on the above subject has been received from G.H.Q. and a copy is forwarded herewith for your information.

For the Chief Commissioner,

/s/ N.W. HIND SMITH  
MAT

Brigadier  
Executive Commissioner

Incl  
4044/2/2-2, dtd 20 Feb 46.

Copy to: Polad (A)  
Polad (B)

(See additional  
List on F. 131)

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 Subject: Visits of Sponsored Civilian  
Visitors to Italy

S.M.O. J.M.V.

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20 Feb 45

Rear HQ 13 Corps  
 HQ 2 District  
 HQ 3 District  
 Dep Comd Res Area Allied Command (20)

REF 25 1948

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Further to this Headquarters letter 6283/Q(Maint.)  
 dated 14 Dec 45.

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J.B. ROBERTSON, Colonel,  
For Major General,  
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FOR INFORMATION

HQ Allied Command Italy (10)  
HQ PTA  
HQ Land Forces GPODE  
HQ BTM

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin: JAN 29 1329 A

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Message Centre No:

Date Time Rec'd: JAN 29 1620 A

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ

TO : ALCEM

JAN 30 1946

UNCLASSIFIED.

Air travel Paris and Geturn authorised W B Thompson. Your  
621 of 26 January refers. By RAF TC only.

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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29 JAN 1946



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Ref: 4044/126/20

23 January 1946

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Following our conversation on 8 January concerning the proposed visit of Mr. Catchpool to Italy, I signalled GHRQ informing them of the gist of your letter.

On 19 January GHRQ sent us a copy of a telegram despatched to the War Office, in which they state that they have no objection to Mr. Catchpool's entry into Italy and ask the War Office to inform him at the Y.M.A. address and to ensure that he is in possession of an Italian visa. As he is being sponsored by the Allied Commission he is of course entitled to facilities from military sources.

I trust this will do the trick and that we will see Mr. Catchpool out here early in February.

Yours very truly,

F. H. McCLARY

Chief Staff Officer  
to Executive Commissioner

W. B. Thompson Esq.,  
I. V. S. P.  
at Albergo Mediterraneo,  
Rome.

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AFHQ GHQ GME

JAN 19 1946

TROOPERS LONDON INFO: HQ ALCOM

UNCLASSIFIED:

119 ref

No objection entry Mr CATCHPOOL International President of Federation of youth hostels from 4 to 14 February. Request you ensure in possession Italian visa. May be granted facilities from Military sources period of stay. Request you inform CATCHPOOL at youth hostels Association National Office. Howardsgate Welwyn Garden City Herts.

AC DIST

INFO ACTION - <sup>9a. Commission</sup> P-SAFETY (T.C.)

INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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*Handwritten* BRITISH EMBASSY.  
ROME.

14th January, 1946.

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With the compliments of  
His Majesty's Ambassador

Brigadier M. Lush,  
Executive Commissioner,  
Allied Commissioner H.Q.,  
ROME.

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*Q*  
*See M. 122*



(Last Circular No. 86)

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American Embassy,

Rome.

Circular No. 1  
409/15/46 GB.

14th January, 1946.

JAN 17 1946

To Consulates (General):

|        |                         |
|--------|-------------------------|
| Naples | Florence                |
| Genoa  | Ferentino               |
| Milan  | Bari                    |
| Venice | Palermo                 |
| Turin  | Consular Section, Rome. |

Dear Consulate (General),

A.F.M.A. informed the Office of the Minister Resident at Caserta in October that they were prepared to offer the following facilities to civilian visitors, both official and commercial, provided their visits were sponsored by the appropriate British or American Government Department. In making this offer, however, A.F.M.A. made it clear that there could be no guarantee and that provision of these facilities must in all cases depend on availability. All services will be on a basis of repayment.

(a) Visitors will be regarded as of officer status and if they require it, may be provided with accommodation and rations.

(b) They will be offered travelling facilities on military aircraft, courier services and trains to visit all parts of Italy.

(c) Whenever possible they will be allowed local use of U.S. transport to assist them in their duties. It will not however be possible to provide U.S. cars for sole use of individual civilian visitors. This service can therefore only extend to occasional loan by a military U.S. of a car held by that U.S.



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3. A.F.M.Q. regret that it will not be possible to allow civilian visitors to make purchases of clothing from the officers shops. If therefore visitors are to be of any duration they should be advised to bring with them ample supplies of clothing from the United Kingdom suitable for both summer and winter wear.

4. In order that the necessary arrangements might be made with subordinate commands, A.F.M.Q. desire that details of all such visitors should be supplied to them in advance of their arrival.

5. Civilian visitors will not be subject to any travel restrictions within Italy, except in Venetia Giulia.

6. No facilities can be granted to civilians visiting Italy.



Italy for compensation reasons or to those who come to Italy to manage their properties.

4. Please take steps to verify that instructions in the foregoing memo have been received from A.P.A.A. by your local military H.Q.

Yours ever,

CHANCERY.

Copies (for Inf.) to:

Brigadier H. East,  
Executive Commissioner,  
Allied Commission H.Q.,  
Rome.

Representative of U.K. Political Advisor,  
Trieste.



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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REFERENCE YOUR SIX TWO EIGHT THREE SLANT QUEEN PAREN MAINT PAREN OF ONE FOUR  
DECEMBER FOUR FIVE PD MISTER CATCHPOOL CMA INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF  
FEDERATION OF YOUTH HOSTELS CMA WISHES VISIT ITALY APPROXIMATELY FOUR TO  
ONE FOUR FEBRUARY PD THIS HEADQUARTERS ANXIOUS TO GIVE ALL ASSISTANCE PD  
GRATEFUL YOU APPROVE VISIT AND IF SO YOU REQUEST TROOPERS NOTIFY MISTER  
CATCHPOOL AT YOUTH HOSTELS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL OFFICE CMA HOWARDSGATE CMA  
WELWYN GARDEN CITY CMA HERTS PD SPONSORED BY ALLIED COMMISSION SO PRESUME  
ENTITLED FACILITIES FROM MILITARY SOURCES PD PLEASE CONFIRM

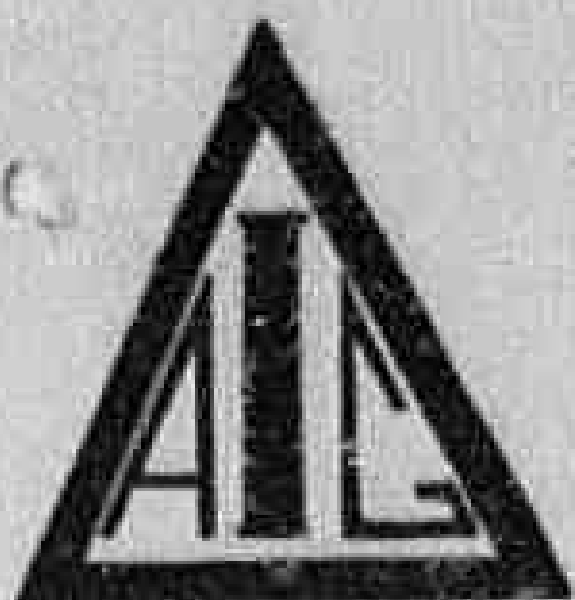
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Office of the Executive Commissioner  
F. H. McCLEARY

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Please file somewhere. 118

alberghi italiani per la gioventù.

at Albergo Mediterraneo,  
Via Cavour, Roma.

To Brig. M.S. Lush,  
Allied Commission H.Q., Rome.  
(for attention: Col. McCleary)

8-1-46.

Dear Sir,-

Visit of International President of Federation of Youth Hostels.

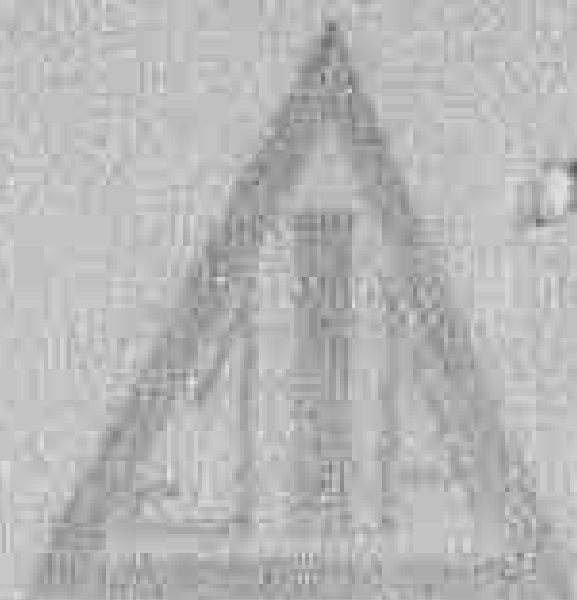
St. Col. Washburne has suggested that I should make this application to you in view of the imminent closing down of the Education Sub-Commission.

Mr. E. Stj. Catchpool, the International President of the Youth Hostels Federation had hoped to come to Italy in the first week of February under the sponsorship of the Education S/C who have already afforded me certain facilities to prepare the ground for this visit.

Following my recent tour of NW Italy there are now four promoting committees in being in this country besides the Central Committee in Rome. Mr. Catchpool can of course give advice from his experience which I am not able to and I should add that the Council of Ministers had asked that he should visit Italy & that Mr. Catchpool has already visited all the Baltic & Western European Associations since the close of hostilities.

Mr. Catchpool has to be present in Paris <sup>see 119</sup> on Feb. 2nd & 3rd. for the International Committee there & proposes to come on here immediately. I think that a week should be sufficient time to enable him to do the work required provided that





air travel is available & road transport at his disposal in the cities.

I trust that accommodation & messing facilities can be provided as I believe was the case for the International Representatives of Scouting & Guiding.

I should appreciate as early a reply as may be possible: and I should be very grateful if this could be communicated also direct to Headquarters in England (Mr. E. A. John Catchpool, Y.H.A. National Office, Howardsgate, Welwyn Garden City, Herts.) as I expect to be away from Rome for some days & this is a matter of urgency for him.

Yours truly,

William B. Thompson Junr. I.V.S.P.

(at Albergo Mediterraneo, Roma.)



## ECONOMIC SECTION

Date 24/12-45

| Fr                       | To | Fr                     | To |
|--------------------------|----|------------------------|----|
| ✓ Acting Vice President  |    | Finance S/C            |    |
| Deputy Vice President    |    | Commerce (PT) S/C      |    |
| Price Branch             |    | Labor S/C              |    |
| Chief Staff Officer      |    |                        |    |
| Staff Officer            |    | Chief Commissioner     |    |
| Administrative Asst.     |    | Exec. Commissioner     | ✓  |
| Adm. & Pers. Br.         |    | Civil Affairs Sec.     |    |
| Adm. Officer FEA         |    | Establishments Sec.    |    |
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|                          |    | G-1 (B)                |    |
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| Prog. Coordination Br.   |    |                        |    |
| Requisition Branch       |    |                        |    |
| Surplus & Sp. Mat. Br.   |    |                        |    |
| Captured Equip. Mat. Br. |    |                        |    |
| Food & Agr. S/C          |    | ATTENTION OF:          |    |
| Ind. & Ut. S/C           |    |                        |    |
| Tr. & Shipping S/C       |    |                        |    |
| For appropriate action   |    | ✓ Information          |    |
| Please see re            |    | Investigation & Report |    |
| Dispatch                 |    | Note & Retain          |    |
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HEAD  
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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14.06  
WHB/TBW

20 December 1945

DEC 27 1945

TEL : Ext. 204

REF : LSC/928

SUBJECT: British Trade Union Delegation - Visit to Northern Italy from 9 December to 13 December 1945.

TO : Acting Vice President  
Economic Section

1. Attached is a brief report of the visit of the British Trade Union delegation to Northern Italy in December 1945. I met the delegation on their arrival in Italy and accompanied them throughout the tour. As I state in the report, every care was taken to recognize that the British delegates were present at the invitation of the CGIL and to avoid detracting from the latter's position as official hosts. Accordingly, military officers in uniform were not in evidence at any of the general meetings, although they were present by invitation at the lunches and functions. I should, however, like to pay a tribute to the assistance rendered by the Military Authorities and the Regional Commissioners in each Region without whose aid the tour could not have been completed so successfully.

2. The invitation to visit Italy was extended by the CGIL to the British Trade Union delegation at the World Trade Union Conference held in Paris in September 1945 when the American and Soviet Trade Union representatives were also invited to visit Italy. Some American trade unionists are at present in Rome, but it is understood that they are not an official delegation from the American Trade Union movements.

W. H. Braine  
W. H. BRAINE  
Director  
Labour Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION ITALY  
APO 394  
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

WHB/rmw

REF : LSC/928

20 December 1945

DEC 27 1945

SUBJECT: BRITISH TRADE UNION DELEGATION - Visit to Northern Italy from 9 December to 13 December 1945.

1. At the invitation of the Italian General Confederation of Labour five representatives of British Trade Unions visited the North of Italy from 9 December to 13 December 1945. The delegates were Mr. Will Lawther, Mr. Jack Tanner, Mr. H. L. Bullock, Mr. E. P. Harries, and Mr. A. E. Carthy. They arrived in Italy on Sunday, 9 December, from Austria, having visited Germany, Czechoslovakia and Austria to examine the development of the trade union movement in those countries. An Anglo-American delegation, of which Mr. Will Lawther had formed part, had also visited liberated Italy south of Florence in September 1944.

2. AFHQ arranged transport, accommodation and other facilities for the delegation, but the programme was arranged by the Italian General Confederation of Labour as hosts of the delegation. The delegation was received at Udine and visited Padova, Milan, Genova, and Turin. In each city the Italian General Confederation of Labour had arranged a meeting with the local trade union executives and a public meeting, together with a reception by the local civic head, and official luncheons and dinners. On these occasions the British delegates addressed the gatherings, and speeches were also made by the representatives of the Italian General Confederation of Labour who accompanied the party as well as by local representatives.

3. The British delegates emphasized on all occasions the necessity of avoiding party politics in trade union organization. They recognized the progress that had been made in the past twelve months in rebuilding the democratic trade union movement in Italy and referred to the general influence which the trade union movement could bring to bear on national policy, as in the case of the establishment of a labor government in Great Britain. They drew attention to the destruction of material assets resulting from six years of world warfare, and reminded their Italian listeners of the difficulties confronting the population of Great Britain and other countries who suffer, like the Italians, from lack of coal and raw materials. They offered comradeship and moral support to the Italian trade unionists who they hoped would take their place with trade unionists of other nations in the labour movement.



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and in this connection they referred to the readmission of Italy to membership of the ILO and to the part taken by Italian trade unionists in the newly formed World Federation of Trade Unions. They brought home to the Italians the fact that their country was a member of the Axis in the early part of the war, and that the Fascist movement, which had been allowed to develop in Italy bore its share of responsibility for the war. They referred also to Italian activity in Abyssinia and in Spain and suggested that the memory of these activities had still to be expunged.

4. In each centre visited the Italians took the opportunity of recounting their need for material assistance, viz., coal and raw materials, and drew attention to the miserable condition of the workers which threatened to worsen during the winter with lack of employment, and shortage of fuel and food. These representations did not over-impress the British delegates who in Germany and Austria had seen devastation and misery, and in Czechoslovakia had seen evidence of vigorous approach to national problems. In Turin particularly the Italian speakers admitted the fault of the Italian people in allowing Fascism to develop and of the workers in not opposing its growth from the earliest days; they recognized their moral debt towards the countries which had suffered from Italian Fascist aggression; but they invited attention to the support which Fascism had received from other countries and to the fact that Italians such as Turati, who had spoken in foreign countries against Fascism, had been informed that it was a phenomenon of internal interest only. The Communist Secretary, Di Vittorio, took the opportunity of attacking land owners in general, and industrialists whom he accused of opposing workers' just demands for political and not economic reasons, as well as elements in the Liberal Party whom he accused of causing the recent political crisis in the interests of reactionary Neo-Fascists. His speech was repeated in each centre, but in Turin the response was mixed.

5. The British Trade Union delegation received a hearty welcome throughout the North. Posters were displayed expressing, both in English and Italian, greetings to the delegates; the attendance at the meetings of local trade union leaders varied from 200 to 600, and at the public meetings the accommodation was packed, except at the final meeting in Milan where a raid on the SEPRAL organization by the bakkers proved, for some time, a rival attraction. The Prefects and Mayors of the respective cities received the delegation with appropriate expressions of welcome, and the Camere del Lavoro arranged lunches, dinners and entertainment, including places at the opera or special



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concerts, with the obvious desire of discharging to the best of their ability their liabilities as hosts of the delegation. AMO Officers, and particularly the Regional Commissioners and their Officers, gave every assistance without, however, detracting from the position of the Italian General Confederation of Labour as the official hosts in their own country. It is considered that the delegation made, in this brief and hurried visit, ample contacts with organized labour in Northern Italy and obtained an adequate idea of the desire of the Italian workers in the North of Italy to organize themselves efficiently and to cooperate for the furtherance of the ideals of the trade union movement. Delegates were able to compare the Italian trade union movement and its members with the German and Austrian workers, and although they may have been inclined to class them together at the beginning of their tour, it is probable that they eventually appreciated the sincerity and self-reliance in the North of Italy, which had maintained a resistance movement and collaborated with the Allies. Despite the plain speaking of the British delegates on several occasions, the visit served to bring closer together the workers of the two countries and there is a strong desire on the part of Italian trade unionists that they, in turn, may be allowed in due course to visit Great Britain.

W. H. Brainin  
W. H. BRAININ  
Director  
Labour Sub-Commission

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Ref: 4044/112/EC.

28 December 1945.

HC

In reply to your letter of 20th December on the subject of Dr. Balkocklis, attached is copy of a letter addressed to your Personal Assistant by my Chief Staff Officer on 6th December which gives the information you require.

M. S. LUSH

Major-General Frank Theron, CBE, DSO, MC,  
Minister Plenipotentiary in charge of  
the South African Legation,  
c/o British Embassy,  
R O M E.

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Officiele Representative of the Government of the Union of South Africa.

SOUTH AFRICAN  
LEGATION, ROME



SUID-AFRIKAANSE  
GESANTSKAP, ROME

c/o British Embassy.  
Rome.

December 20th.

DEC 21 1945

My dear Maurice.

Further to my letter of November 15th

I shall be grateful if you can give me any information concerning the signal from the Union's Department of External Affairs requesting permission for Dr. M. D. Falkoekhie to enter Italy.

I have had a further enquiry from the Director of Housing in the Union who is sponsoring Dr. Falkoekhie's visit to Europe and America.

I shall be grateful if you can give me an early reply so that I can let the Director in the Union arrange the Doctor's forthcoming tour.

Kind regards  
yours sincerely

*Paul Mearns*

Trig. M. S. Iush, C. E. OPE. MC.  
Allied Commission.  
Rome.

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*Fred Mearns*

Brig.M.S.Lush,C.B. CIE.MC.  
Allied Commission.  
Rome.

*See Mr. Lush*

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

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109

Ref: 1044/109/10.

22 December 1945.

SUBJECT: Visas of Sponsored Civilian Visitors to Italy.

TO : American Embassy, Rome.  
British Embassy, Rome.

101/105

The attached copy of memorandum on the provision of facilities from military sources for sponsored civilian visitors to Italy is forwarded for information of the Consuls.

For the Chief Commissioner:

*[Signature]*

Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

Ined: 105  
6013/1 (initialed) dtd 14 Dec 45  
and memorandum.

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Copy to: Ruled (4)  
Ruled (3)

See 131

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Copies for  
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(Liaison)  
GAS (PS) Please

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See folio  
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*[Signature]*  
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G.H.Q., C.M.F.

6283/Q(Maint)

14 Dec 45

DEC 18 1945

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SUBJECT:- Visits of Sponsored Civilian  
Visitors to Italy.

Rear HQ 13 Corps  
HQ 2 District  
HQ 3 District  
Dep Comd Rome Area Allied Command

1. Attached are copies (as indicated) of a memorandum on the provision of facilities from military sources for sponsored civilian visitors to ITALY.
2. A copy of this memorandum has been sent to the War Office with a request that a copy be handed to each visitor as and when his visit to ITALY is authorized.
3. This memorandum is issued for your guidance as to the extent to which visitors may expect assistance from military sources. As far as possible you will be notified beforehand of any visit to your area.
4. The present wording of para.8 is subject to Foreign Office approval and may be amended.

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# INSTRUCTIONS TO CIVILIANS VISITING ITALY ON OFFICIAL OR COMMERCIAL

## BUSINESS, SPONSORED BY A GOVT DEPARTMENT

### 1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CONDITIONS IN ITALY

ITALY is still suffering from the effects of the war although conditions in the northern provinces are easier than in the centre and south. The cost of living and wages are high and the prices of foodstuffs and consumer goods are prohibitive. The present rate of exchange acts adversely against visitors wishing to make purchases in the open market.

The peacetime population is swollen by the presence of the Allied Forces and by large numbers of displaced persons. Furthermore in many areas domestic property has been damaged as a result of operations. This has resulted in the civilian population of the majority of towns which escaped the war being increased by the presence of refugees from war damaged areas. Thus houses and flats are extremely difficult to obtain and rents asked are higher than in the United Kingdom.

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- (i) When accommodated in British Army Transit Hotels and Camps
- (ii) When visitors provide their own accommodation they may draw rations in kind at authorised scales. Such authorities will be valid for periods of 30 days only and in no case will they be renewed beyond a maximum period of 90 days without reference to this HQ.

(c) Canteen facilities. Civilians will be permitted to deal with KPI at the scales applicable to officers. They will be permitted to use officers clubs but not ORs clubs.

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3. (d) Postal. Civilians will be permitted to post mail through Army Post Offices. Subject to local arrangements and the use of a suitable Military address they will be able to receive mail through the same channels.

(e) Hospitals and Medical Treatment. Army medical facilities of each locality will be available to visiting civilians. Information will be obtainable from the local AIMS. Treatment in hospital will require authorisation through the usual Medical channels.

(f) Money. Cash advances can be made available at Area and Field Cash Offices in ITALY provided War Office authority is held.

(g) Entertainment.

(i) Visitors will be welcome at the following types of entertainment throughout the theatre:-

ENSA live shows  
ENSA cinemas  
AKS cinemas  
CPA shows

(ii) Such entertainment will be free unless notified to the contrary.

(h) Movement.

(i) By Air. There are air transport services within the theatre between the main centres in ITALY and to AUSTRIA, GREECE, NORTH AFRICA and the Balkan countries. Air booking centres are located in the principal towns in ITALY and transport is arranged between these centres and the airfields. Applications for air travel should be made through the Embassy or consulates. Unless the cost is paid by a Government Dept, passengers pay their fare in sterling at the booking office.

(ii) By Rail. In cases where there is no convenient civil means of transportation it may be possible to arrange travel on military train services for officially sponsored civilians who are willing to accept the normal conditions and risks of military travel. Information on these services can be obtained from local Q(Movements) HQ in main communication centres, or from British Railway Traffic Officers at some main line stations.

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- (iv) By Road. WD transport is not available for use by civilian visitors.

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#### 4. PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING ASSISTANCE FROM THE ARMY

If assistance is required application will be made to the local Military HQ or Town Major. It must be stressed that the possibility of providing assistance in towns where there is neither a Military HQ nor a Town Major is very remote. Civilians whose visits are sponsored by a Govt Dept are advised to arrange for warning to be sent to GHQ CEF prior to their arrival in ITALY. On receipt of such warning all subordinate HQ will be advised of the visit.

#### 5. PAYMENT FOR ASSISTANCE SUPPLIED

Except as indicated in para. 3 above civilians will be charged for all assistance supplied. The Military HQ concerned will be responsible for raising the necessary charges.

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3. ASSISTANCE WHICH THE ARMY IS UNABLE TO SUPPLY.

(a) Clothing. Travellers are warned that no clothing or shoes will be available in ITALY from Military sources and the prices of such articles in local shops are high. See para. 9(a).

(b) Petrol, Oil and Lubricants. These must be obtained from Civilian sources. The local Military HQ will advise as to the action to be taken to obtain necessary authorities. *What will they advise? (c.p.)*

7. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY CIVILIANS TRAVELLING FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO ITALY

(a) A valid passport which authorises the holder to travel to ITALY and the countries which may be transitted en route - viz. FRANCE, SWITZERLAND. This authorisation appears on page 3 of a British Passport.

(b) Italian consular visa which can be applied for at any Italian Consulate. Visitors sponsored by the Foreign Office should present a letter from that office when requesting visa from Italian Consulate.

(c) Visas of the countries to be crossed en route to ITALY. These are transit visas and will as a rule be granted on application provided (a) and (b) above are in order. Transit visas are necessary even when travelling by air.

(d) Visitors to ITALY would be advised to register with the nearest British Consul on arrival.

8. LEGAL STATUS

Civilians officially sponsored on visits to ITALY will be subject to Military Law. They will be required to conform to the instructions issued by local commanders and to the general instructions and regulations governing the behaviour of British troops in ITALY.

9. ACTION TO BE TAKEN BEFORE LEAVING GREAT BRITAIN.

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(11) Subsequent protection will be necessary as follows:-

- A. Typhoid (T.P) at interval of not more than 1 year
- B. Typhus at interval of not more than 6 months.
- C. Successful Smallpox vaccination at interval of not more than 2 years.

#### 10. COMMUNICATIONS

(a) Internal. Civilians will use the normal civil telephone/telegraph services and are NOT authorised to use service facilities.

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10. (c) External. Italradio offer a first class service from ROME, NAPLES, MILAN, TURIN and GENOA to most parts of the world. Italradio maintain their own offices in the cities quoted and traffic may be filed in the normal way. In other parts of the country traffic for external delivery will be accepted at any ordinary telegraph office.



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