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POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN ARMY AREAS
JAN. 1945 - MAR. 1946

Executive Commissioner.

1. At p.4 is Mr. Stewart's report which you asked for at p.9. It is a copy which the Chief Commissioner had and it is a pity that I had not seen this before as otherwise I might have been able to put up a more accurate letter to AFHQ instead of the one at p.7.
2. Major Leacacos arrived at the figure of 800,000 as being that which has gained general credence and quoted in several newspaper reports.
3. After you have seen, I will forward a corrected circulation figure to G-5 if that is what is desired.

2 Mar 46.

CSO.

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CSA

CSO Capt B.

1. Yes - send the correct figure - which I think is represented by 175,000.
2. Col. C.C.'s staff to send out another of this kind to the proper file. *CS/43*

Major Leachman arrived at the figure of 90,000 as being that which has gained general credence and quoted in several newspaper reports.

3. After you have seen, I will forward a corrected circulation figure to G-5 if that is what is desired.

2 Mar 46.

CSO.

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CSO.

C-80 Capt B.

1. Yes - send the correct figure - which 90,000 is represented by Division.
2. Col. C.C.'s staff is send out another of this kind to the proper files. *BB 155/43*

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dec. diaison with act. 8/10/12.

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Examine

M See 56

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Chief Commissioner

Attached is submitted for your signature/information/approval. Campaigned is rather an overstatement.

178/257 JUL 28 1940

Noted by CC

CC instructed PM at 1100hrs 31 July 1940

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Executive Commissioner

Ref p.61. Why the Region asks our permission for Nenni and Togliatti to make speeches in Turin I cannot conceive. It would not have occurred to me as a Provincial Commissioner or (I hope) to any of my CIOs, to have asked the Region, let alone HQ. However, I suggest for your consideration that we reply "This HQ has no objection, but matter of course entirely one for your discretion."

Anthony. 13/10/40

12 Oct. 45.

C.S.O.

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Then asked C.A. Hancock to telephone (by telephone) no objection subject to usual security criteria. Plan confirmed by signal. (see 64) 11/8/45

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Chief Commissioner.

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Jul 28 1963

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Authy. 18/10/63

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C.S.O.

CSO

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Then asked Callaghan to talk to Menni (by Tel. phone)
no objection subject to usual security criteria. Alan

cc-fm by signal. (see 64) 18/10/63

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CSO

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As requested by CC at 31 report on
henni affair is at 45. But it is
rather ancient history now.

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i

16/6/45

Executive Commissioner.

Ref. 45 above.
Chief Commissioner

Perhaps you may still think it worth passing this to the
brother. I believe to think like we have
June 17th.

18 June 15.

H.O.1

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No action necessary. P.S.

Σ 18/6.

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Executive Commissioner

Foris 57 for information

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CSO

TW (25/7)

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16/6/45

Executive Commissioner.

~~Est. 1 above.~~

Perhaps you may still think it worth passing this to the

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June 17th

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Edo. 1

No action necessary. P.G.

9/18/1876.

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Excelsior. Commodore

2015-16 for implementation

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Please see 53. A.C. signal at 51 refers.

27 Feb 45
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Political Section

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C.S.O.

3 more new signals on VERNI: easy but they contain nothing
we do not already know.

7/28/45

24 24/45

39.

I do not agree that there was an excess of

Dec. 4/6

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CSO

33 arises from last para of CC's signal re Nenni
(folio 28). No action required by this HQ.

8/6/45

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Spl. Luni.

Pl. see 33. An answer

will be anticipated.

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27/8/6.

24/6/6

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A/Ex Cur

I think you should read this
file. Men Big Up John Show

See 13. 5/30/3.

34/3 Noted. 2

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Ben Hewitt

Show to CTS heat house
he are up there. Don't send

File. 5/31/3.

2/4

Show to Col. Cripps 2/4. Show.

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18
VP, CA Section.

With ref. to minutes no. 13 above, please see
was the attached with 17 from your villa. The field -
the "commission" appointed at - since - for 300 are acceptable
to the National Directory of the Federation - that the National
Directory's appointee for Pisa was selected by the Report -
C.N.

Will this info. be sufficient for your purposes?

W. H. H.

10/10/41

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Vile. Men Bay Upjden Show

See 13.

7 30/3.

31/3 Noted. 2

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Ben Howells

Show to CAs best time
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File. 31/3.

2/4

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the 'commission' appointed at Sierra & Frostos are unacceptable
& the National Directory of the Federation to the National
Directory's appointment for Pica was objected by the Project -
CLN.

With this info. is sufficient for your purposes?

R. Halford
(ex. S. HALFORD)
Asst. Political Adviser

10/10/46

TO: VP, CA Sec.

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1. The Associazione Nazionale Combattenti is a body controlled by a Statuto which the direction is vested in a National Directory of 7 members, appointed by the Head of the Government (Art 10). The Provincial Federations are directed by a President and a Federal Directory of 4 members, appointed by the National Directory (Art. 19).

2. In the Statuto itself no provision exists for the Prefect to make any appointment within the Provincial Federation.

3. The powers and duties of the Prefect therefore on this subject are those conferred upon him in general, by the ordinary law. The only relevant provisions are those of Art. 19, Legge Comunale e Provinciale and Art. 2 Legge di P.S. which provide that "in case of urgency or grave public necessity he has power to adopt the provisions which are indispensable for the maintenance of good order and public safety."

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LEGAL S/C
24 March 45
WEB/rfp.

W. A. BEHRNS

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Colonel,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

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W. A. Hopkinson

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24 Mar 45.

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C. L. E. will at no time about it.

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DATE	(Minute No. 9)	PAGE
20 March	<u>CA Section:</u> 1. You spoke to us this morning (Col. Cripps - Major Williams) and directed us to advise on the proposal at end of para. 2 of minute 8 insofar as it affects the Prefect. 2. I see no objection to the proposal, from the point of view of this S/C. I have noted from para 1 of minute 8 Sgr. Viola's statement that the Prefect <u>already has</u> (in the inability of the central body to act) the power to appoint provincial and local heads of the Associazione Combattenti. <i>R. R. Temple</i> RALPH R. TEMPLE, Major for Director Local Government S/C 10 <u>Legal</u> Please advise whether Sig Viola is correct in stating that the Prefect has the duty of appointing heads of local branches when the central body are unable to act. Also what is sufficient to constitute an inability to act. whereas <i>Specimen</i>	

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Local Government S/C

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W. H. S. J.

24/11/45

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Brigadier Upjohn

Signor Viola whom I met with Marchese Cittadini the other day, told me that during his first visit to the North he had discovered the following difficulty in ~~relation to~~ regard to the appointment of the Heads of the local Combattente Organisation in regional and provincial areas on their liberation. It appears that the Combattente are a para-statal organisation of ex-servicemen of the Great War and as such receive financial assistance from the Italian Government. The Heads of local branches are normally nominated by the central committee but in the absence of means of communication with the central body immediately following liberation, it falls to the Prefect, as in the case of other ~~antes~~, to nominate a Head. Signor Viola asserts that under pressure from the Communists a number of instances have occurred in which a man of extreme left-wing views has been appointed Head of the local body. This has been done against the wishes of the large majority of the members of the organisation which is in any case meant to be strictly non-political (Signor Viola assures me that in fact 90% of the members are not inscribed in any party). He tells me that the largest membership of the Combattente in liberated Italy is some 350,000 and that by the time the whole of the North has been liberated he expects this figure to have risen to as much as a million. The problem, therefore, is one of some importance.

2. Signor Viola asked whether it would not be possible to meet the difficulty by allowing himself or some other member of the Council of the central body of the Combattente to go in immediately after occupation and appoint the heads of the local organisation. I said that from a practical point of view it would be quite out of the question for civilians to be admitted in the forward areas for a purpose of this sort and suggested as an alternative that a temporary appointment should be made by the Prefect and names could be submitted to the central body for definite appointment. Signor Viola said that there would be difficulty in unseating even a temporary appointee, but liked the idea of submission of names and thought that it might be possible to leave any appointment over until a decision had been taken by the central committee. I mentioned the matter to the Executive Commissioner this afternoon and he agreed that it might be possible to work something out on the following lines: ~~If~~ in fact it is immediately necessary to appoint a Head, Civil Affairs Officers or ~~Provincial~~ Regional Commissioners should make it clear that the appointment is only temporary and bear in mind the need for avoiding any political pressure on the Prefect. In cases where the appointment can stand over names would be submitted by the Prefect after consultation with members of the local organisation and in consultation with Provincial Commissioners and should then be sent to the central body in Rome for confirmation.

3. I do not know whether the above proposals are practical having regard to the rights and duties of Prefects in such matters. Perhaps you will be good enough to look into the matter and let me have your views. Signor Viola, as you will see from the file, is proposing to go North again ~~shortly~~ and it will be useful to be able to give him a general indication of our views before his departure.

J. H. Upjohn

Political Adviser (BR)

19.3.45

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Sig V has returned to the North, and
when more detailed information will be obtained
from him.

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To see min 3. Feb 1 Mar.

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When is Viola expected to return? *W. B. 3 Mar.*

HH. I understand sign
b/ Visa is now in Rome again. Perhaps
you would see him some day. Mr. Citradini can post you in
touch with him.

I am arranging to meet some friends
to see them before (?) going up in a week)

W. H. H. H.

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Ex Comm.

Sig V has returned to the North, on his return more detailed information will be obtained from him.

Off 28/2. Delay in reply is regretted.

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Ex. Com

To see min 3. Feb, Mar.

11/8/2/3

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Political Section

When is Viola expected to return? Feb 3 Mar.

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HH. I understand signor Viola is now in Rome again. Perhaps you will see him some day. R. Citadini can put you in touch with him.

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Ex Com

I am arranging to meet some prominent people in the future (3 days up in a week)

11/8/2/3
20/2/3
11/8/2/3

Mr. Marshall

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 6520/30/EC

6 March 1946.

SUBJECT: L'UOMO QUALUNQUE Party

TO : G 5 AFHQ

1. Ref 6520/EC dated 23 Feb 46 and telephone conversation of 4 March 46 Lt/Cpl White - Major Hind-Smith.

2. It is confirmed that the figure of circulation of the paper L'UOMO QUALUNQUE which is now considered more correct is 450,000 not 800,000.

For the Chief Commissioner

M. H. S.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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C.S.O.

Show me Mr Stewart's refat please.

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E.G. Personal ⑤

Mr. Stewart's
report to The
Bel Ambassador
showed max
circulation of
"DQ" did not
exceed
450,000. In
showing the center
to AFHQ my

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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CONFIDENTIAL

Ref: 6520/EC.

23 February 1946.

SUBJECT: L'Uomo Qualunque Party.

TO : G-5, AFHQ.

Reference Troopers signal 96525 CA2 dated 22 February 46 and telephone conversation (Brigadier Carr - Lt. Col. White) the following brief comments are made.

The L'Uomo Qualunque Party and the Italian Democratic Party (Monarchists) joined forces for the coming election campaign. Giannini, the leader of the L'Uomo Qualunque Party, and Salvaggi, the leader of the Democratic Party, said in a statement announcing their merger, but not their fusion, that they had done so for the good of the reconstruction of the country.

The L'Uomo Qualunque Party, which is reported strongest in Southern ITALY, has held its first congress in ROME, which concluded its session on the 18th of February.

The new party issued a brief but somewhat general statement of aims as follows:-

1. The dead of the country should be revered no matter when they died.
 2. The clergy were praised and Catholicism should be the State religion.
 3. The Four Freedoms should be enforced.
- See 7-71*

As a result of the creation of the L'Uomo Qualunque Front, there are now hardly any small independent parties of the Right who have not joined this movement.

The Front's press organs are the weekly "L'Uomo Qualunque," 800,000 and a new Roman daily "Paesano." Less than 1,000 persons attended the ROME Congress. Giannini was elected President of the Front, and has claimed a Party membership of one and a half million.

It is considered that to refer to the party as a "Fascist organization" is rather too sweeping, but it is appreciated that the beginnings of the movement have shown some similarity to the birth of fascism.

It might be said that the success of the party has been based on destructive criticism and up to date has shown little that is constructive. Its programme, for instance, is couched in very general terms and few specific details are available.

For the Chief Commissioner:

cc: Polads(A) and (R)
VP, CA Section

Dir, Pub. Rel. Br. *both m 6521/EC*

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1/s/ N. W. HIND-SMITH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner:

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Ly. Comm.
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AMG 13 CORPS FROM BOWMAN

HQ ALCOM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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IMMEDIATE

DEC 15 1945

SECRET.

Information received that a delegate from the Rome Republican Party is visiting Trieste to deliver speech on 20 December. Please refuse application for permit when requested.

AC DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: LIAISON DIV

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EXEC COMMISSIONER
PUBLIC SAFETY (TRAVEL CONTROL)
FILE (SKELETON)

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AMG PIEMONTE REGION rptd AMG LOMBARDIA REGION

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PEREN TO AMG PIEMONTE REGION REFD AMG LOMBARDIA REGION FROM HQ ALCOM

CITE ACERS PARK

CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF TODAY LESH HANCOCK THIS HEADQUARTERS

HAS NO OBJECTION BUT MATTER OF COURSE ENTIRELY ONE FOR YOUR DISCRETION

Office of Exec Commr

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/s/ F.H. McCLEARY

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 2041

Message Centre No: G/655

Date/Time of Origin: OCT 111000

Date Time Rec'd: OCT 111430A

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: COL THOMAS RC PIEMONTE REGION FOR HANCOCK SIGNED HATCHER

TO : ALCOM ROME LOCAL GOVT S/C

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RESTRICTED.

NENNI and TOGLIATTI scheduled for speeches this weekend in TURIN.
Request confirmation of AC permission.

DIST

ACTION LOCAL GOVT
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
FILE 2
FLOAT

RESTRICTED



See Ms 62.63
also files 64

NOTION
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EXTRACT from the Minutes of SACRED's
Conference (2nd Meeting) - 2.Aug.1945.

MINUTE No.5.

5. ITALIAN INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION - SPEECH BY SIGNOR MENNI. 56

(Previous reference SAC 45, 1st Meeting, Minute 3).

REAR ADMIRAL STONE reported that, in accordance with the directions given at the last conference, he had called on the Italian Prime Minister, and informed him that Signor Menni's recent speech in MILAN was a violation of his oath as an Italian Minister, and such conduct was not likely to induce confidence in the Italian Government on the part of the United States and British Governments. The Prime Minister had readily agreed and had undertaken to express this view to Signor Menni. The Chief Commissioner added that he had taken the opportunity at the same time of expressing similar concern regarding an unconfirmed report of a speech along the same lines made by Signor Togliatti, the Minister of Justice.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note, with approval, of the above report.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 28252

Message Centre No: F/1458

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 261210B

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 271000B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ALEXANDER CITE FHDSC

JUL 27 1945

TO : AGWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF AND TO AMSSO FOR BRITISH CHIEFS
OF STAFF INFO ALCOM

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SECRET

Pursuant to policy permitting political meetings in AMG territory NENNI, Italian vice Premier and minister responsible for preparation of the Constituent Assembly, was allowed to address large meeting in MILAN 22 July purpose of which was announced as Treasury bond campaign and wheat amassing. This is ~~not~~ 1048. In fact NENNI ^{NAF} campaigned for a Republic.

Such action contravenes the oath taken by NENNI on taking office.

I instructed the Chief Commissioner Allied Commission to protest to the Italian Prime Minister emphasising that Signor NENNI has violated his oath and that such action by an Italian minister is not likely to induce confidence in the Italian Govt on the part of the UNITED STATES and BRITISH Govts.

Above reported for your information.

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Info - Chief Commissioner

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POLAD B

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27 JUL 1945

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Copy passed to CA Section

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF SACRED'S
CONFERENCE (1st Meeting) held on 26
July 1945.

MINUTE No. 8.

8. ITALIAN INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION - SPEECH BY SIGNOR MENNI.

(Paper No. SAC (45) 6) - (54)

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LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN said that it appeared from the press reports of Signor Menni's speech that the undertaking not to raise the institutional question had been violated. It seemed desirable, therefore, that the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, should approach the Italian Prime Minister and register a strong protest, especially as Signor Menni was the Italian Minister charged with the responsibility for preparing impartially the Constituent Assembly which was to decide between a republic and a monarchy.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE said that he had now been able to obtain confirmation of the exact words used by Signor Menni, which he read to the Conference. While these words were undoubtedly most improper the Associated Press report had clearly exaggerated his actual statement. It was incorrect to state that Signor Menni had campaigned vigorously for a Republic, and he (Rear Admiral Stone) did not consider this statement could be construed as a violation of the undertaking of the Italian Government. It was, however, a violation of his oath by an individual Minister. He doubted whether, under the current directive of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, the Allied Commission had a right to caution the government in the manner indicated in the paper. Moreover, the legal situation was complicated by the fact that the speech had taken place in AMT territory. He suggested, therefore, that his representations to the Italian Prime Minister should take the line of suggesting that such violations of his oath by an Italian Minister were not likely to induce confidence in the Italian Government on the part of the United States and British Governments.

MR. KIRK agreed that this speech by one Minister did not constitute a violation of its undertaking by the entire Italian Government. He did not consider it advisable to stress the fact that the speech took place in AMT territory, as this would only invite the making of similar speeches in territory which had been handed back to the Italian Government.

MR. BROAD, agreeing with the remarks of the United States Political Adviser, considered that the form of protest suggested by the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, would be preferable.

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(b) Instructed the Chief of Staff to revise the draft telegram circulated under Paper No. SAC (45) 6 to conform with this direction at (a) above and subsequently to despatch it.

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE

ITALIAN INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION - SPEECH BY
SIGMUND NEHRU.

Note by Chief of Staff.

1. It is reported by Associated Press that Signor Nehru, the Italian Vice Premier and the Minister responsible for preparing Constituent Assembly and for anti-fascist sanctions, in an address to a large political meeting in MILAN on 22nd July 1945, campaigned vigorously for a republic. Such action contravenes the undertaking not to raise the institutional question, signed by the Prime Minister on behalf of the Italian government as a whole and the oath which was taken by Signor Nehru on assuming office.

2. If the report by Associated Press is confirmed, the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, should be instructed to protest strongly, on behalf of the Supreme Allied Commander, to the Italian Prime Minister. He should emphasize that Signor Nehru has violated his oath and that any repetition of such action would be viewed with the utmost gravity by the Allied Governments.

3. The Supreme Allied Commander is requested:

- (a) To approve the course of action recommended in paragraph 2 above.
- (b) To authorize the despatch of the signal at Appendix "A" reporting to the Combined Chiefs of Staff the incident and the action taken in regard to it.

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APPENDIX "A"

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TO : ACTAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff.
AMSSO for British Chiefs of Staff.

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1. Pursuant to policy permitting political meetings in AMG territory, MENNI, Italian Vice Premier and Minister responsible for preparation of the Constituent Assembly, was allowed to address large meeting in MILAN 22 July purpose of which was announced as treasury bond campaign and wheat amassing. In fact MENNI campaigned vigorously for a republic.
2. Such action contravenes the undertaking not to raise institutional question signed on behalf of Italian government as whole and the oath taken by MENNI on taking office.
3. I have instructed Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, to protest strongly to the Italian Prime Minister, emphasizing that Signor MENNI has violated his oath and that any repetition would be viewed with the utmost gravity by the Allied Governments.
4. Above reported for your information.

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OUTGOING MESSAGE 6579

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

TO: AFHQ FOR G-5, US POLAD, BRITISH RESMIN

REF. No: 2358

23 JULY 1945

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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PURSUANT TO POLICY PERMITTING POLITICAL MEETINGS IN AMG TERRITORY CMA NERNI
ADDRESSED LARGE MEETING IN MILAN TWENTY SECOND IN WHICH IT IS REPORTED BY
ABLE PETER THAT HE CAMPAIGNED VIGOROUSLY FOR A REPUBLIC ALTHOUGH ANNOUNCED
PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TREASURY BOND CAMPAIGN AND WHEAT AMASSING PD
PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE CMA UNCLE SUGAR POLAD CMA BRITISH RESMIN
FROM HQ ALCON FROM ADMIRAL STONE CITE ACSCC PAREN

PARA TWO PD YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH FORM OF OBLIGATION ON INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION
SIGNED BY PARRI ON BEHALF OF QUOTE THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT UNQUOTE PD IN
ADDITION CMA PURSUANT TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT DECREE DOG LOVE LOVE ONE FIVE
ONE OF TWO FIVE JUNE ONE NINE FOUR FOUR ON THE INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION CMA EACH
MINISTER TAKES THE OATH SET FORTH IN ARTICLE THREE THEREOF WHICH WAS QUOTED
IN MY FOUR FIVE FOUR OF THIRTEEN JULY ONE NINE FOUR FOUR TO GEORGE FIVE IN
REPLY TO FOX XRAY SEVEN ZERO SEVEN SIX THREE OF TEN JULY ONE NINE FOUR FOUR PD
FOLLOWING OUR GENERAL PRACTICE CMA THIS DECREE HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED CMA OR
GIVEN THE FORCE OF LAW CMA IN ALL AMG TERRITORY PD
PARA THREE PD IF ABLE PETER DISPATCH IS CONFIRMED CMA REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS

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 IN CAMPAIGNING FOR A REPUBLIC IS CONSIDERED A VIOLATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S
 OBLIGATION TO THE ALLIES AND IF SO WHETHER THE COMMISSION SHOULD PROTEST FD
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION)

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1. The Allied Commission and the Army have given to this Region the authority to permit public meetings.
2. Request for public meetings should be made through the Questura of each province. The Questore can submit to Public Safety Officer of the province any request that it approves. The final decision should be made by AMG.
3. Where possible, parades prior to the public meetings should be discouraged. No open air meetings should be held in places which would interfere with regular traffic. Above all, a pledge must be obtained from those holding the meeting that law and order will be respected.

CHARLES FOLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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To: RC PIEMONTE REGION, AMG; RC LIGURIA REGION, AMG; RC LOMBARDIA
REGION, AMG FOR ACTION, HQ ALCOM FOR INFORMATION.

19 JUN 1945

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Ref NR 150.

Subject: Meetings and Assemblies.

HQ IV CORPS has no objection to meetings and assemblies so long as conducted in conformance with Article 4 Proclamation 3 of the Allied Military Government.

2. This pertains to residents of northern ITALY as well as to residents of southern ITALY who may come to northern ITALY.

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS, Civil Affairs Section, APO
U.S. Army. 3 June 1945.

TO: S.C.A.O., A.M.G., 5th Army, APO 464, U.S. Army

Herewith a complete report of the NENNI incident.

FOR THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER:

John 39-115
Santo W. Crupe
SANTO W. CRUPE,
Capt. INF.
Exec. Officer

Incl. 4.

- 1 Report D.S.C.A.O. Piemonte Region
- 1 Report F.P.S.O.-Vercelli Prov.
- 1 Charge Sheet & Summons
- 1 Letter - Nenni

Recd 10 June 1945

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY, G-5 SECTION, APO 464 US ARMY

12 June 1945

TO: H.Q. Allied Commission.

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1. Report called for by Allied Commission is herewith transmitted.

Edgar Erskine Hule
EDGAR ERSKINE HULE,
Brigadier General, GSC.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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29 May 1945.

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SUBJECT : Nenni Arrest.

TO : Commanding General IV Corps.
(Attn. S.C.A.O. A.M.G. IV Corps)

1. The following message was received at this Hq. addressed to undersigned from S.C.A.O. A.M.G. IV Corps:

"Repeating wire received from G-5 Fifth Army from Alcom 1. In view of political repercussion request fully documented report on Nenni arrest."

2. Complying with such request the following report is submitted.

3. On 25 May 1945, at the Palazzo Verga, City of Vercelli, Pietro NENNI addressed a meeting called by the local Socialist Party leader, SAVOIA Giovanni, after Savoia had been warned by the P.P.S.O., that such a meeting would be a violation of the orders of the Military Governor, as made in Proclamation 3, and that any party leaders attending such meeting would be arrested.

4. Both Nenni and Savoia were taken in custody after such meeting by the P.P.S.O. Savoia remained in custody at Vercelli and Nenni was conducted by the P.P.S.O. to Piemonte Regional Hq. at Torino, where he was charged and arraigned for violation of Proclamation 3, Art. IV. Sec. 1.

(Attention is here invited to Exhibits 1 and 2 attached, which are respectively the report of P.P.S.O. and the charge sheet and summons against Nenni).

5. Nenni pleaded Not Guilty, the case was referred for trial before a Superior Court in Torino to be held on following Monday (May 28th), and was released upon

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his personal recognizance, conditioned only upon his written pledge to make no political addresses in the meanwhile.

6. The head of the C.L.N.A.I. and the head of C.L.N. Torino both called upon undersigned in behalf of Nenni. Each gratuitously admitted that Nenni had knowingly and deliberately violated the agreement under which he was permitted to visit Northern Italy. They also admitted that he had violated the provisions of Proclamation 3. They further admitted that the action taken in arresting him was proper, and expressed regret and concern for his actions.

7. The following morning Nenni in the presence of the head of the C.L.N.A.I. presented undersigned with his written regrets and promise that similar incidents would not be repeated. (Exhibit 3 attached.)

8. Thereupon, on the advice and with the concurrence of C.G.IV Corps, Nenni was released and departed for Rome. An order of nolle prosequi was entered in his case.

9. Savoia has been released upon like recognizance, upon entering into an engagement similar to that of Nenni, and the case referred to the Provincial Legal Officer of Vercelli to hear as a Superior Court at a time about one week from to-day.

Robert P. Marshall

Robert P. Marshall, Col., F.A.
D.S.C.A.O. A.M.G. IV Corps (Piemonte)

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EXHIBIT 1.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.
PROVINCE OF VERCELLI

DEPARTMENT PS:VP.

VERCELLI, 25th May 1945.

TO : RPSO AMG Piemonte Region.

SUBJECT : Meetings and demonstrations.

1. Reference my letters dated 23rd May on the same subject, I have to report that at 1000 hours, this day, I had information that a meeting of the Socialist Party was to be held at 1030 hours in Vercelli.
2. No prior permission for such a meeting having been given from this office, I ordered the Questore of Vercelli to bring to my office the local Socialist Party leader, and at 1015 hours, the Questore with SAVOIA Giovanni of Via Rodi 26, Vercelli, arrived.
3. Through my official interpreter, Antonio SEGAFREDO, I fully explained the limitations of Proc 3 art IV Sections 1 and 2, and am satisfied that he thoroughly understood that no public gathering would take place without arrests being made of the leaders of the Party.
4. Savoia stated that if there was a meeting it would be spontaneous (the same word used by TAGLIATI as an excuse for his meeting on the 23rd) and admitted that he was all prepared to receive the Socialist Party leader, Pietro NENNI, who at that time was enroute from Novara and Milan. Again Savoia was warned of the consequences if such a meeting should be held and the Questore was instructed in his presence to cause watch to be made in the town to prevent any meeting.
5. At 1100 hours I was informed that a meeting was taking place and with the Questore went at once to the Palazzo Verga, Vercelli, where in a large room on the first floor of the building I found a gathering of approx. 70 persons listening to a speech made by Pietro NENNI. Savoia was also present. There was no evidence of the necessity to obtain tickets of admission and no evidence of any system to prevent non party persons entering the room or the building.
6. I waited for five minutes until NENNI had finished his speech and then with the Questore told him I would require him and Savoia to accompany me to the Questura. I conveyed both men in my vehicle to the Questura where I then told both that in view of the warning previously given and the facts that the proclamation 3 made the meeting unlawful I would require them to remain in the custody of the Questore, pending instructions from

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7. I at once contacted Lt. Col. Briggs, RPSO Piemonte by telephone and acquainted him of the facts and then informed my Prov. Commissioner. I received the verbal support of both in the action taken.

8. At 1300 hours, in consultation with my Prov. Commissioner the question of confinement was discussed and it was decided that I should escort NENNI to Region HQ in Turin for consultation with higher authority, Savoia in the meantime to remain in custody at Vercelli, pending the result of NENNI's case.
9. At the Region HQ in Turin after discussion with the Legal section a Summary Court was convened under the direction of Liuet Sabatino of the Legal Section, and at 1700 hours, the Court sat, served charge sheets on the accused NENNI, took his plea of not guilty, and with the agreement of the prosecution, he was released on his recognizance and promise not to participate in any further talks before attending a further Summary Court to be held at 1000 hours, Monday 28th May at the Palace of Justice in Turin. NENNI signed a bail bond to this effect and was at once released.
10. It is my intention, with the consent of my P.C. to release the man Savoia on a similar recognizance, tomorrow the 26th May, to appear at the same Court to answer a similar charge.

Seal:

AMG PIEMONTE REGION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

/s/ F. SCAIFE

/T/ F. SCAIFE Capt.
PPSO Vercelli.

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

/s/ F. SCAIFE

/T/ F. SCAIFE Capt.
PPSO Vercelli.

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Turin (Torino)

Place - Luogo

25 May (Maggio) 1945

Date - Data

NENNI Pietro

Name - Nome e Cognome

Viale Parioli 98

Address - Indirizzo

Roma

Commune & Province

is hereby charged with the following offenses:
è con ciò imputato dei seguenti reati:

First Charge: Violation of Proclamation No. 3 Art. IV Sec. 1 1945

Particulars: In that accused on or about the 25 day of May

at Palazzo Verga, Vercelli did attend a public meeting for which
a written permit had not been granted or issued by or on authority of
Allied Military Government.

Prima Accusa: Violazione del Proclama N. 3 Art. IV Sez. 1 1945

Particolari: Il o circa il giorno 25 del mese di Maggio

a Palazzo Verga, Vercelli l'imputato prese parte a un assemblea pubblica per la quale nessun permesso scritto rilasciato dal o sotto l'autorità del Governo Militare Alleato, era stato ottenuto.

F. SCAIFE Capt.

(Signature, Rank & Office of Accuser)

(Firma, Grado e Ufficio dell'Accusatore)

SUMMONS - CITAZIONE

To above named accused: You are hereby ordered to appear in person before an Allied Military Court
Al suddetto imputato: Con ciò vi si dà ordine di comparire personalmente davanti ad una Corte Militare Alleata

on 25 May (Maggio) 1945 at the hour 17.00
il (Date - Data) alle ore

at Coros Oporto N° 20 to answer the above charge(s).
a (Address of Court - Indirizzo della Corte) per rispondere della(e) accusa(e) di cui sopra.

F. SCAIFE Capt. P.L.O. Vercelli

(Signature, Rank & Office)

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Se non tradotto dall'Ufficiale, voi dovete farvelo tradurre da un amico o presso qualsiasi Ufficio di Giustizia.

Ogni accusato di fronte ad un Tribunale Militare ha diritto:

a) Di avere in anticipo una copia delle accuse sotto le quali egli sarà processato, se egli così desidera;

b) Di consultare un avvocato prima del processo e di avere un avvocato in sua difesa durante il processo. In ogni causa che porta con sé la pena di morte il Tribunale Militare Generale, se l'accusato lo richiede, gli assegnerà un Ufficiale addetto alla Giustizia del Governo Militare Alleato per assistere nella difesa della causa oltre a tale altro avvocato che egli potrà scegliere;

c) Di fare richiesta al Tribunale per ottenere un periodo di tempo sufficiente per preparare la sua difesa, richie-

Torino (Torino)

Place - Luogo

NENNI Pietro

Name - Nome e Cognome

Viale Parioli 98

Address - Indirizzo

is hereby charged with the following offenses:

è con ciò imputato dei seguenti reati:

First Charge: Violation of Proclamation No. 3

Art. IV

Sec. 1

Particulars: In that accused on or about the 25

day of May

1945

at Palazzo Verge, Vercelli did attend a public meeting for which a written permit had not been granted or issued by or on authority of Allied Military Government.

Prima Accusa: Violazione del Proclama N. 3

Art. IV

Sez. 1

Particolari: Il o circa il giorno 25

del mese di Maggio

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a Palazzo Verge, Vercelli l'imputato prese parte a un'assemblea pubblica per la quale nessun permesso scritto rilasciato dal o sotto l'autorità del Governo Militare Alleato, era stato ottenuto.

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(Date - Data)

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alle ore

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F. SCAIFE Capt. P.L.O. Vercelli

(Signature, Rank & Office) *F. Scaife*

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d) Di farsi accompagnare dinanzi al Tribunale da testimoni a sua difesa, se così desidera, o far richiesta di farli comparire per ordine del Tribunale;

e) Di testimoniare a suo vantaggio durante il processo, ma non potrà essere costretto a farlo;
f) Di farsi tradurre i procedimenti per il suo beneificio quando egli non è capace di comprenderli altrimenti.

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PROCEEDINGS of

Summary Military Court sitting at Torino No. 785017
Advocate for accused None on 25 Maggio 1945
Plea(s) of Accused: 1st Charge (G) - (N.G.)
Summary of Prosecution Evidence.

This case has been submitted to a Superior
Military Court, to sit on 28 May 1945 at 10 A.M. Torino.
Defendant has been released on his own recognizance.

L.A. SABATINO 1st Lt. P.A.
Summary Court.

Summary of Defence Evidence (including matters in mitigation).

Remarks of Court:

Finding(s): 1st Charge (G) - (N.G.)

Sentence (separate on each charge): 1st Charge _____ Imprisonment
and _____ lire fine or (term in default)

Terms of Imprisonment to run consecutively-concurrently (or, if partly consecutive and partly concurrent,
give details).
Other Orders:

Summary A. M. G. Court.
(Print name and rank)

DECISION ON REVIEW

Summary of Prosecution Evidence.

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Other Orders:

Summary A. M. G. Court.
(Print name and rank)

DECISION ON REVIEW

Date _____ 194

(Signature of Reviewing Authority)

(Rank and Office)

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EXHIBIT 3 (39)

TRANSLATION

Turin, 26 May 1945

COLONEL MARSHALL
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FOR PIEMONTE
Turin

Sir,

I am very sorry that yesterday, during my journey from Milan to Turin, and contrary to my intentions, I violated the regulations and orders of the Allies for the Occupied Zone.

I assure you that in the future a similar incident will not be repeated and that I will strictly adhere to the regulations in force.

In expressing my regret for what happened, I beg you Colonel, to accept the expression of my sentiments of esteem.

Signed: Pietro Nenni

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1. The following signal FX 89032 cite PHGEC dated 7 June received from AFHQ signed SACMED with information copy to ALCOM.

2. Consider that now hostilities have ceased permits to hold political meetings should be granted in Army areas as matter of course provided such meetings not likely to cause public disturbance or interfere with normal Allied military activities. This policy in force considerable time in areas under Regional AMG administration and is in line with policy laid down by CCS directive which was sent FILPOT 8 January 1944 and is repeated below for information.

1. Within your discretion Italian people may be permitted to participate in such political activities (other than Fascist) as do not lead to rioting and disorder.

2. These will include the right of peaceful assembly, attendance at meetings of political committees, publication and distribution of political works and other such activities of similar nature as you may determine to be advisable. CG 15 ARMY GROUP (or Army Commanders) may exclude any areas (provinces etc) in which the holding of political meetings would in his opinion be liable to inflame international disputes in those areas or in areas immediately adjacent to them.

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3. Pursuant to this policy you are accordingly authorized to approve the grant of permits to hold political meetings in accordance with the above.

4. Such authority will be exercised by you at your complete discretion in all respects in the light of and having regard to the particular conditions and considerations prevailing in or affecting any given area from which an application for a permit may be made.

5. Relevant AMC proclamation and/or general order relating to public meetings and assemblies apply:

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OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY

GENERAL ORDER NO. 25A

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

JUN 9 1945

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Whereas it is the policy of the Allied Military Government to encourage freedom of political thought and to grant facilities for attendance at political meetings provided that such meetings are held in a proper and orderly manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMILY WHEELER STONE, Rear Admiral, United States Naval Reserve, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, for and on behalf of the Supreme Allied Commander and Military Governor, hereby order as follows:

1. Authority is hereby granted for public meetings to be held in territory subject to Allied Military Government provided that a written permit for such meeting has first been issued by or under the authority of the Provincial Commissioner of the Province or in the army area of the Senior Civil Affairs Officer of the area in which the meeting is to take place.
2. Unless and until such written permit has been obtained it is forbidden for any person to hold or take part in any public meeting and when such permit has been obtained the public meeting held in pursuance thereof shall conform in all respects with the terms and conditions prescribed therein.
3. Application for a permit to hold a public meeting shall be made to the Questore of the Province in which the meeting is to be held. Every such application shall contain the particulars and shall be lodged at the time prescribed by Art. 19 of the "Regolamento per l'esecuzione della Legge di Pubblica Sicurezza" approved by Royal Decree dated 6 May 1940.
4. The application, if approved by the Questore, shall be referred by him to the Provincial Commissioner or Senior Civil Affairs Officer as the case may be who shall have full power to grant or withhold a permit.
5. Where a written permit is granted by a Provincial Commissioner for an outdoor meeting, the meeting shall not interfere with any traffic, whether pedestrian or vehicular, passing along or over any road or street open to the public.
6. At a public meeting no person shall do or say anything which:
 - a) supports, or encourages any other person to support, any of the enemies of any of the United Nations or any of the ideals of the Fascist Party;
 - b) leads or may lead to public disorder; or

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 - c) causes or may cause, or encourages or may encourage any other person to cause, any interruption of or interference with the military effort of any of the United Nations.

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7. Any person violating the provisions of this order shall, upon conviction by an Allied Military Court, be liable to punishment by imprisonment or fine.

8. This order will become operative in each province or part thereof within the occupied territory on the date of its first publication therein.

9. Nothing herein contained shall affect or in any way prejudice the right of any officer of the Allied Military Government conferred by proclamation to suspend or terminate any meeting and to require all persons present to disperse.

FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER AND MILITARY GOVERNOR:

EMERY HERBERT STONE
Rear Admiral,
United States Naval Reserve,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Dated:

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TO 15TH ARMY GROUP INFO: ALCON ROME.

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Considered that now hostilities have ceased permits to hold political meetings should be granted in Army Areas as matter of course provided such meetings not likely to cause public disturbance or interfere with normal Allied Military activities. This policy in force considerable time in areas under Regional AMG Administration and is in line with policy laid down by CCS Directive which was sent FILPOT 8 January 1944 and is repeated below for information:

"1. Within your discretion Italian people may be permitted to participate in such political activities (other than Fascist) as do not lead to rioting and disorder.

2. These will include the right of peaceful assembly, attendance at meetings of political committees, publication and distribution of political works and such other activities of similar nature as you may determine to be advisable."

CG 15 ARMY GROUP (or Army Commanders) may exclude any areas (Provinces etc) in which the holding of political meetings would in his opinion be liable to inflame international disputes in those areas or in areas immediately adjacent to them.

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REFERENCE YOUR FOUR FOUR EIGHT THREE OF TWO EIGHT MAY

PAREN TO ANG FIFTH ARMY FOR RUM FROM HQ ALCON SIGNED STONE CITE ACSCC PAREN

REGARDING NEMMI AFFAIR CMA FULL WRITTEN REPORT ^{SHOULD} ~~BE~~ BE SUBMITTED DIRECT TO 10. S.

THIS OFFICE WITHOUT DELAY

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cc: EX.C.

Chief Commissioner

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L. W. STEARNS
Major, A.G.D.
Staff Officer to CC

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SUBJECT IS INCIDENT NENNI AND TOGLIATTI PD YOUR SIGNAL FOX EIGHT TWO NINE THREE SEVEN OF TWO SEVEN MAY REFERS PD

PAREN TO AMHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ ALCOM FROM ADMIRAL STONE CITE ACSCC PAREN

FULL REPORT WAS REQUESTED FROM FIFTH ARMY MAY TWENTY SIXTH PD FOLLOWING ARE FACTS SO FAR AS KNOWN HERE NOW PD THEY MAY BE MODIFIED WHEN FULL REPORT RECEIVED COLON TOGLIATTI NOT ARRESTED PD ON MORNING TWO FIVE MAY NENNI WAS ARRESTED BY ORDER OF PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER OF VERCELLI CMA PIEMONTE REGION UNDER PROCLAMATION THREE FOR HAVING ADDRESSED A PUBLIC MEETING FOR WHICH AUTHORITY HAD NOT REPEAT NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN OBTAINED PD HEAD OF LOCAL SOCIALIST PARTY HAD IN FACT BEEN WARNED LESS THAN AN HOUR BEFORE NOT REPEAT NOT TO HOLD THE MEETING PD NENNI WAS TAKEN TO TURIN WHERE THE MATTER WAS INVESTIGATED BY THE REGIONAL AUTHORITIES PD HE WAS BROUGHT BEFORE A SUMMARY COURT AND THE HEARING WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL MONDAY MORNING TWO EIGHT MAY PD MEANWHILE HE WAS RELEASED THE DAY OF HIS ARREST ON GIVING AN UNDERTAKING NOT TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC ADDRESS AND TO APPEAR WHEN THE CASE WAS CALLED PD WHILE LEGALLY JUSTIFIED CMA IT APPEARED TO SCAO FOUR CORPS TO HAVE BEEN A CASE OF EXCESS OF ZEAL ON PART OF HIS LOCAL ANG OFFICERS PD INSTRUCTIONS WERE THEREFORE SENT EARLY SATURDAY MORNING TO DROP CHARGE PD ALLIED COMMISSION AND FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP AGREED THAT CHARGE

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SHOULD BE DROPPED AND APPROVED OF HIS HAVING BEEN RELEASED CMA BUT THAT HE SHOULD BE WARNED THAT A REPETITION OF VIOLATION OF ARMY ORDERS WOULD MEAN THAT HE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE ARMY AREA PD IF NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT WARNING HE WOULD BE ESCORTED OUT OF ARMY AREA BUT NOT PLACED UNDER ARREST PD TO AVOID DISCRIMINATION IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT TOGLIATTI SHOULD LIKEWISE BE WARNED BECAUSE OF AN INCIDENT OF TWO ONE MAY WHEN HE ADDRESSED A LARGE MEETING IN MILAN WITHOUT PERMISSION PD FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP AGREED TO SO INSTRUCT FIFTH ARMY PD NENNI WROTE DEPUTY SCAO FOUR CORPS AT TURIN A LETTER EXPRESSING HIS REGRET OVER INCIDENT AND STATING THAT IT WAS NOT INTENTIONAL AND PROMISING THAT THERE WOULD BE NO RECURRENCE PD HE PROMISED IN FUTURE TO COMPLY STRICTLY WITH AMG REGULATIONS PD ON BASIS OF ABOVE CHARGES WERE QUASHED PD NENNI LEFT FOR ROME AFTERNOON TWO SIX MAY PD PARA

COMMENT COLON WHEN THE CINAI AND PRIME MINISTER REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR THE TWELVE DELEGATES OF THE SIX PARTIES TO GO NORTH THEY STATED INTENTION WAS NOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS BUT PRIVATE POLITICAL CONFERENCES PD IT WAS ONLY BASED ON THIS TENDERED PLEDGE NOT TO HOLD POLITICAL MEETINGS THAT PERMISSION FOR TRIP WAS SECURED BY FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP FROM FIFTH ARMY COMMANDER PD THIS AGREEMENT WAS SET FORTH IN MY LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER OF FOURTEENTH MAY CONVEYING THE ARMY'S PERMISSION FOR THE TRIP PD ON TWO SIX MAY BONOMI INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD FORWARDED A COPY OF MY LETTER TO EACH DELEGATE PD

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MOST DELEGATES HAD AGREED TO THE UNDERTAKING EITHER IN WRITING OR ORALLY BUT NO REFLINGS WERE RECEIVED BY BONOMI FROM TOGLIATTI OR NERMI PD PARA WOULD POINT OUT THAT POLICY IN AREAS UNDER COMMISSION CONTROL IS TO GRANT PERMITS TO HOLD POLITICAL MEETINGS PROVIDED ORDER IS MAINTAINED AND THERE IS NO INTERFERENCE WITH ALLIED MILITARY ACTIVITIES PD AS CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER CMA I RECOMMEND THAT IN VIEW OF CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES SACRED INSTRUCT COMMANDING GENERAL FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP AND COMMANDING GENERALS FIFTH AND EIGHTH ARMIES TO ADOPT SIMILAR POLICY IN ARMY AREAS PD FREEDOMS CINC MESSAGE TWO FIVE SEVEN ZERO ZERO OF EIGHT JANUARY ONE NINE FOUR FOUR TO FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP CMA ALCOM AND OTHER ADDRESSEES REFERS

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 4483
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 280911B

Message Centre No: E/2844
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 281035B
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: HQ AMG 5 ARMY FOR HUMB CITE F 203
TO: ALCOM

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Reference NENNI affair full story given General SALTZMAN by telephone 26 May on his request to forward to Admiral STONE. TOGLIATTI not arrested. Reference IV CORPS cable 1510 additional fact is that when NENNI left for ROME he expressed polite regret that he had occasioned trouble.

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4 CORPS FOR G-5. HQ AMCOT 5 ARMY, ALCOM, 92 DIVISION, 57 AREA

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Sitrep Number 20.

Situation generally quiet. Steps taken to stop public meeting to be held by NENNI unnecessary as meeting cancelled owing to non-arrival of NENNI from TURIN

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From: ANG 5 ARMY CITE OUR 274
To: ALCON

MAY 28 1945

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Cite ACSOG 8489 of 26 May.

NENNI was arrested at VERCELLI on 25 May and later released.
TOGLIATTI's arrest was not confirmed. Full report will be forwarded
immediately full information available.

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(Near 8489 and 8541 cite AC900)

Amplification requested of your signals so as to give full story of arrest on MUMMI.
and reasons together with subsequent action concerning him and TOGLIATTI.

MAY 27 1945

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27 MAY 1945

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MAY 27 1945

FURTHER MY EIGHT FOUR EIGHT NINE OF TWO SIX MAY TO AMG FIFTH ARMY PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ ALCON FROM ADMIRAL STONE CITE ACSCC PAREN

NENNY HAS BEEN RELEASED AND BOTH HE AND TOGLIATTI CMA IN THE LATTER CASE

BECAUSE OF HIS ADDRESSING A MEETING ON TWO ONE MAY CMA WILL BE WARNED THAT

A REPETITION WILL MEAN THAT THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE ARMY AREA

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MILKAY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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26 May 1945

TO: SOMLO, Rome

MAY 26 1945

Please dispatch following signal:

Reference No. 8507

To Milan for HOPKINSON and WALKER

MOST IMMEDIATE

From HQ ALLCOM from Admiral STONE

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Your 367. Concur that NINNI should have been released and that charge should be quashed. However I feel he should be warned, and likewise TOGLIATTI because of the incident of May 21st, that a repetition will mean that they will be required to leave the Army area. If necessary to implement warning they would be escorted out of Army area but not placed under arrest. FIFTEENTH Army Group, which concurs, is instructing FIFTH Army.

E. TALBOT
Lt. Col.,
Chief Staff Officer
to
Executive Commissioner

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FOR ACTION AMG 5TH ARMY: RPTD FOR INFO TO IV CORPS FOR WALKER

15TH ARMY GROUP, G-5 AFHQ

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26 MAY 1945

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HOMER PAPERS THIS MORNING STATE NENNI ARRESTED AT VERCELLI AND THERE IS UNCONFIRMED
REPORT THAT TOGLIATTI MAY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED NEAR NOVARA PD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION AMG FIFTH ARMY PD RPTD FOR INFO TO FOUR CORPS FOR WALKER

CMA FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP CMA AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM H. ALCOM FROM ADMIRAL

STONE CITE ACSCC PAREN

PLEASE CONFIRM URGENTLY PD IN VIEW OF POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS REQUEST FULLY
DOCUMENTED REPORT ON NENNI ARREST

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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FROM: KEYCHAIN

No. 4058

26.5.55

TO : ALCOM for Admiral Stone and Sir Noel Charles
from HOPKINSON

As you will have received full particulars of NENNI incident from Brig UPJOHN who was in TURIN at the time I am arranging to leave on Monday when Gen CRITTENBERGER will have returned from short absence. He is not informed on the incident and as I was partly responsible for decision I should like to be here to explain position.

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FROM: KEYCHAIN

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26 May 45.

TO : ALCOM from HOPKINSON

NENNI has written Col MARSHALL a letter expressing his regret over incident and stating that it was not intentional and promising that there would be no recurrence. He promised in future to comply strictly with AMG regulations. On basis of above proceedings have been squashed. NENNI leaves for ROME this afternoon. I believe this to be satisfactory settlement of incident. AMG authority has been fully maintained and we have avoided making a martyr of NENNI. I understand that it is not military authorities intention to issue anything in form of an official communique but to give main facts to press adding that letter of apology and regret has been received and that this incident is now closed.

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FROM: KEYCHAIN

No.4055

26 May 45

TO : ALCOM to Admiral Stone and Sir Noel Charles
from HOPKINSON.

In view of NENNI incident Col WALKER has asked me to stay on
here. I hope to leave here on Monday.

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EXTRACT FROM 147/120/EC dated 26 May 45"No.4053 of 26 May 45.

NENNI was arrested this morning by order of Provincial Commissioner of VERCELLI under Proclamation 3 for having attended a public meeting for which authority had not previously been obtained. Head of local Socialist Party had in fact been warned not to hold the meeting. NENNI was taken to TURIN where the matter was investigated by the Regional authorities. He was brought before a Summary Court and the hearing was adjourned till Monday morning. Meanwhile he was released on giving an undertaking not to make any public address and to appear when the case was called. While legally justified it appears from the standpoint of policy to have been a case of excess of zeal. Instructions will be sent first thing tomorrow, Saturday morning, to quash charge and to ask NENNI to leave the area. Full report will be forwarded as soon as available."

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref 6520/93

15 April 45

SUBJECT : Commissioners of the Veterans' Federations

TO : Commissario Nazionale della
Associazione Nazionale Combattenti

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- 1 Reference is made to your letter of 29 March, addressed to the Political Section of this Commission.
- 2 Will you kindly state whether you are prepared to put forward the names of persons acceptable to you as Commissioners of your Association in Siena and Grosseto.
- 3 If you are prepared to do so and will give full particulars of each nominee, your views will be forwarded to the Regional Commissioner.


A.D. BOHLEN-CARTER Lt Col
for VP CA Section

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TRANSLATION NO. 664

NATIONAL VETERANS' ASSOCIATION
The National Commissioner

Rome, 29 March 1945

TO : Allied Commission
Political Section
R O M E

Pursuant to our conversation we wish to communicate that the Commissioners of the Veterans' Federations appointed by the Prefects upon the proposal of the Committees of Liberation and who have not received our approval are the following:

Maj. Bruno MASCUCCI, Commissioner of the Veterans Federation of
Siens.
Dr. Ulisse OSTI, " " " " "
Grosseto.

Don. Arnaldo della Sbarba, whom we appointed Commissioner for the Federation of Pisa, has not been accepted as such by the Prefect because the local section of the Committee of Liberation interfered.

The National Commissioner
/s Attore Viola

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ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE COMBATTENTI

IL COMMISSARIO NAZIONALE

Roma, li 29 Marzo 1945

TO ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTIONR O M E

A seguito della conversazione avuta ci preghiamo comunicare che i Commissari delle Federazioni Combattenti nominati dai Prefetti su proposta dei Comitati di Liberazione e che non avrebbero avuto il nostro gradimento, sono i seguenti :

Maggiore Bruno MOSCUCCI, Commissario della Federazione Combattenti di Siena .

Dott. Ulisse OSTI Commissario della Federazione Combattenti di Grosseto .

Alla Federazione di Pisa è accaduto che l'On. Arnaldo dello Sbarba, nominato da noi Commissario, non è stato accettato come tale dal Prefetto per inframmettenze del locale Comitato di Liberazione.

IL COMMISSARIO NAZIONALE
(On. Ettore Viola)

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Ref: 505-VI

31 January 1945

JAN 31 1945

SUBJECT: Political Activities in Army Areas.

TO : Chief of Staff

The Political Section obtained permission for Signor Attore Viola, Commissioner of the National Association of Ex-Servicemen, to visit the Provinces of Pisa, Lucca, and Florence below the line of the cities of Lucca and Florence, this permission expiring January 31, 1945. The visit was made in the interest of the Association and at the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Viola now has returned from his trip and has reported to the Ministry which in turn has informed me that Mr. Viola obtained positive information to the effect that immediately following the occupation of new territory by the Allied Armies, communist agents arrive in the area and begin their agitation. It appears that their entry into the area is accomplished without difficulty, so much so that the question of possible Allied collusion arises. On the other hand, members of other political groups are unable to obtain permission to visit newly occupied areas or they obtain such permission only with the greatest of difficulty.

I have not been able to corroborate this information but I do think that perhaps it would be well to investigate the assertion.



WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

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29 Jan 1945

SUBJECT: Political activities in 8 Army area.

TO : P.W.B.
GA Sec (Attn: Public Safety s/C).

Attached extract from a letter received by the Chief of Staff from AME 8 Army is forwarded for your information and any action you consider necessary.

/JG.

Colonel
Chief Staff Office 2489

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Extract from letter dated 23 Jan 45 from
AMG Eighth Army.

Public Safety Branch is keeping a very close eye on the clandestine activities of the various organisations in the area, against whom action may have to be taken if they openly persist in their activities, which are causing appreciable unrest amongst the civilians - a situation which is not helped by the P.W.B. who put in their papers, articles describing the political freedom which is permitted, and conditions which exist, in back areas. These conditions are not unnaturally compared with the restrictions which have to be imposed here, and for which the average civilian cannot and does not recognize the need.

In Rimini where some of the political organisations were becoming extremely active contrary to our orders, a raid on the HQ of two of the more prominent organisations, the Communist and the Christian Democrat parties, was carried out by Public Safety. I have not yet received full detailed reports as the investigation is still proceeding, but it is quite obvious as a result, that an organised mail service is being carried on between the local organisation and the Branch Office in Rimini, and also between the Branch Office and H.Q. in Rome. Potentially, obviously this sort of thing is a great danger to security and a full report will be forwarded as soon as investigation has been completed.

