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MONTHLY REPORTS, PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
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AT 1 & 2 is P.R.B. Report for October. Paras. of interest are marked.

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Re see PR monthly report for January at 44.

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PR monthly report for April is at 51.
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John 55 is PRB monthly report for June.

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To: Chief Commissioner (through Executive Commissioner).

Subject: PRB Report For July, 1946.

Ref: 602/PRB.

Date: 10 August 1946.

1. During the month the Weekly Bulletin was published each Saturday and the average size of nine pages was a record. Due to the many political developments and labor troubles and negotiations. It has again been quoted freely and several Allied journalists have called to say how useful they find it in giving general background.
2. The Daily Digest of the Rome Press also has been published without interruption, and it too has regularly been of eight to ten pages.
3. Three press releases were issued on behalf of the Chief Commissioner to Allied and Italian papers and correspondents in Rome.
4. A special watch has been kept on articles attacking Allied administrations - French in Italy and British in the Italian colonies and full translations have been supplied for forwarding in the case of the more important broadsides.
5. Short sketches of all new Ministers were supplied to AFSA.
6. At the end of the month Corporal Drummond who for many months has acted as a combined Chief Sub-Editor, Chief Reader, and Master Composer to the Digest and the Bulletin left the branch, and various members of the civilian staff have found permanent jobs and left the Commission. In face of these difficulties

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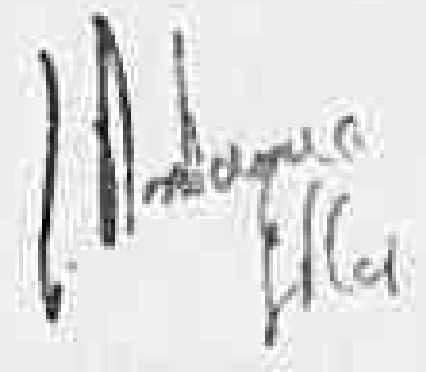
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and vagaries of electric power in Rome handicapping the setting and printing of the Bulletin. Corporal Williams and the remaining civilians have worked long and often awkward hours and the papers have always come out on time.

7. The Acting Press Relations Officer is due to proceed to UK on release from the Army about 28 August.



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Lt. Col. O.L.,
Acting PRO.

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Public Relations Branch

To: Chief Commissioner (through Executive Commissioner)

JUL 13 1946

Subject: PRB Report for June, 1946

Ref: 602/PRB

Date: 10 July 1946

1. During the month Major John P. Leacacos (A) returned to the United States and his place was filled first by Captain H.A. De Masi (A) and then by Lt. Col. L. Montague (B) as Acting Press Relations Officer.
2. Owing to changes of staff the Weekly Bulletin was not published on the 22nd and 29th June, but publication has since been resumed, and has been widely quoted in the Italian press.
3. The Daily Digest of the Rome Press has been kept up regularly, and has been particularly full during the recent conference of the Big Four Foreign Ministers at Paris.
4. Four statements were issued to the press on behalf of the Chief Commissioner.

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Lt. Col., GL.,
Acting PRO.

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2 June 1945.

SUBJECT : PRB Report for May, 1945.

TO : Chief Commissioner
(Through Executive Commissioner).

The departure of the Director was stayed on request of the Chief Commissioner until after the Italian national elections. Close watch was kept on the Italian press for indications of alleged Allied intervention in the elections and an important statement was issued for the Chief Commissioner but officially denying any moves or intentions of moves by the Allied Commission to postpone the elections. The Weekly Bulletin and the Daily Digest of the Rome Press were continued at an increased level of editorial output. Travel arrangements were made for Italian correspondents to visit Austria. Several complete sets of the Bulletin were dispatched to leading editors and universities in the United States and Great Britain.

John P. Leacocks
JOHN P. LEACOCKS,
Major, WMB,
Director,
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21 May 1946.

Subject: PRB Report for April ~~March~~ 1946.

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To : Chief Commissioner,
(thru Executive Commissioner).

1. General. Work continued at a high pace due to extended political coverage and to demands for interviews with the Chief Commissioner. Arrangements were made to facilitate the entry into Trieste of a party of French Journalists who were traveling as guests of the Italian Government. Informational services were given to a party of important American newspaper executives and publishers visiting Rome as guests of the War Department.

2. News Section. Press releases for general use as well as several home town releases on individuals were issued. The Bulletin was continued and received the commendation of the Chief Commissioner as a unifying instrument of morale in this last stage of the Allied Commission. Complete sets of the Bulletin were in process of preparation for dispatch to universities and libraries in England and America.

3. Digest Section. The Daily Digest of the Rome Press was continued and increased in size due to the necessity of adequate covering of the electoral campaign.

4. Library Section. Normal services continued.

John P. Leacacos
JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major NMB,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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18 April 1946

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Subject : PRB Report for March 1946

To : Chief Commissioner,
(thru Executive Commissioner)

1. General The Month saw a continuation of the considerable activity the Branch has had despite the general slowing down of work in the Allied Commission as whole, for reasons that Allied neutral and Italian correspondents still make heavy demands on PRB for aid, information and interviews. Several such interviews were arranged with the Chief Commissioner, and branches and sub-commissions of this headquarters. The staff was reduced to one officer (U.S.) by departure of the last remaining British officer. The enlisted personnel and Italian staff of the Branch deserves high credit for carrying on PRB functions and doing work of considerable higher responsibility than their status requires. Entry to Trieste during the visit of the Allied Investigating Commission was arranged for a party of 21 Allied and neutral correspondents, at the request of the Italian Government. Routine travel arrangements for correspondents, including Italians, to visit Trieste were continued, in cooperation with XIII Corps.

2. News Section Several press releases were issued on the direct order of the Chief Commissioner, including an important one on the repatriation of large numbers of Italian pows from India. Nearly 40 daily news bulletins from Trieste were relayed to the press. The Bulletin was continued under heavy handicaps. A Bulletin article about Venezia Giulia was made available for re-use by the British Ministry of Information through the British War Office. Full reports on administrative election returns were made weekly in the Bulletin.

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Press was continued.
4. Library Section. Normal services continued.

John P. Leacacos

JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major, RMB,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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Ref. 602/PRB

4 March 1946.

SUBJECT : PRB Report for February 1946

TO : Chief Commissioner ✓
(through Executive Commissioner)

1. GENERAL. Lieut. Col. Thomas G. Bergin (A), director, was redeployed whereupon Major John P. Leacacos (A) was appointed to the post of director. Departure of other key personnel necessitated a complete re-organization of the Branch, reliance being placed upon Italian civilians in many cases, since only four Allied personnel are now assigned to PRB. An answer of non-concurrence to a proposal of AFHQ to amalgamate Alcom PRO with AFHQ PRO was drafted for the Executive Commissioner.

2. News Section. Press releases and the Weekly Bulletin were continued. The Executive Commissioner sent a DO letter to all ~~field~~ IOs to encourage more Bulletin news from the field. Publication of Economic Notes was turned over to UNRRA after the first four issues. Relay of Venezia Giulia news to the Italian press continued.

3. Digest Section. The Daily Digest of the Rome Press was continued despite a complete turnover of Staff.

4. Library Section. Normal services continued.

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JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major, NME,
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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1 February 1946

SUBJECT : PRB Report for January 1946

TO : Chief Commissioner
(through Executive Commissioner)

1. General. The Allied Publications Board was officially dissolved at its last meeting 19 January, with the Italian representative affirming the Italian Government's intentions to carry on the policies established by the Board. Travel facilities to Italian journalists were withdrawn since it was considered timely that this responsibility should now be assumed by Italian agencies.

2. News Production Division. Press releases were prepared and issued on order of the Chief Commissioner and various sub-commissions. The Weekly Bulletin was continued, despite severe working handicaps which led to a recommendation by this Branch for its discontinuance, a suggestion which was turned down. The new weekly publication, Economic Notes, was started and published under the joint sponsorship of the Allied Commission and UNRRA for the first two issues while the third issue released in January was published under the title of UNRRA Economic Notes, although the document was prepared by PRB, which will also prepare the fourth issue and relinquish connection with the publication thereafter. Daily telegraphic news reports from PRO, Venezia Giulia were relayed to the press.

3. Reports and Analysis Division. The Daily Digest of the Rome Press, the political column of the Weekly Bulletin and special translation service for the Chief Commissioner were continued.

4. Italian Division. Travel arrangements and news data were provided for Italian journalists.

5. Information Division. Normal services continued on a diminished scale.

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THOMAS G. BERGEN
Lt. Col. NMB,
Director, P. R. B.

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Ref. 602/PRB

12 January 1946

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SUBJECT : PRB Report for December 1945

TO : Chief Commissioner
(through Executive Commissioner)

1. General. During the month the Branch was instrumental in coordinating with the Allied Publications Board and the Italian Government the handover of press functions in the Northern provinces formerly delegated to the Allied agency, it being decided that APB powers, except in Udine Province, be assumed by the Government which will send a representative of the President of the Council to Milan to take over. In Udine, the AMG Provincial Commissioner will carry on APB tasks. Lieut. Col. Bullock (Cdn), Deputy Director (Field) and AMG PRO Venezia Giulia, was relieved to return to Canada. PRO 13th Corps is directing integrated PR activities.

2. News Production Division. Issuance of press releases was continued, though on a diminished scale, the most important relating to coal imports and the transfer of the North to Italian Government jurisdiction. The Weekly Bulletin was continued despite the handicap of extreme paucity of news from the field. The Chief Commissioner approved a new weekly publication to be entitled, Economic Notes, in both English and Italian editions, for primary distribution to Italians.

3. Reports and Analysis Division. The Daily Digest of the Rome Press, the political column of the Weekly Bulletin and special translation service for the Chief Commissioner were continued.

4. Italian Division. Travel arrangements and news data were provided for Italian journalists.

5. Information Division. Normal services were continued, requests from Allied civilian agencies in the theater being particularly heavy.

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THOMAS G. BERGIN,
Lt. Col. NMB,
Director, R. R. B.

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Ref. 602/PRB

4 December 1945.

SUBJECT : PRB Report for November, 1945.

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TC : Chief Commissioner
(through Executive Commissioner)

1. General. The Director was occupied during the month with sundry matters concerning the Italian press via the Allied Publication Board, with closing down of the PRB Mess for Political Correspondents, and with efforts to establish a new liaison between the press attaches of the British and American Embassies and AFHQ PRO concerning public relations issues that might arise consequent upon the cessation of military responsibility for correspondents and the lack of channels for direct contact with the Italian press once assumed by PWB. Problems of XIII Corps AMG PRO were discussed and adjusted as far as possible as a result of a visit by the DDPR (Field) to HQ. Capt. E. Ellison (B) was assigned to TD in the North of Italy where he will report on press conditions. Arrangements were made for Italian correspondents to cover the Nuremburg war criminal trials. Close watch was kept on press comments over the political crisis as the month ended.

2. News Production Division. Issuance of press releases, including several important communications on economic subjects, and of the Weekly Bulletin were continued. Distribution service to news agencies of the AIS news telegrams from Trieste was expanded. Seven thousand more copies of the AC/AMG Review were distributed : 1,000 to American universities and 6,000 for newly arrived troops in Venezia-Giulia.

3. Reports and Analysis Division. The Daily Digest of the Rome Press, the political column of the Weekly Bulletin and special translation service for the Chief Commissioner were continued.

4. Italian Division. Travel arrangements and news data were provided for Italian journalists.

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5. Information Division. The Central Reference Library had 600 visitors, received 520 requests for information and supplied 2,800 map sheets. (39)

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THOMAS G. BERGIN,
Lt. Col. NMB,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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602/PRB

5 November 1945

SUBJECT: PRB Report for October, 1945

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TO : Chief Commissioner
(Through Executive Commissioner)

1. General. Lieut. Col. Thomas G. Bergin (A) succeeded to the directorship of the Branch upon the departure of Mr. G. Stewart Brown (A). The Director returned to duty 17 October after a successful trip to the U.K. and U.S. in connection with bringing the attention of editors, universities and libraries to the value of the AC/AMG Review published by this Branch. Redeployment reduced the staff of the Branch to two U.S. officers at Hq. and two British officers at Trieste. Conferences were held with AFHQ PRO and the press attaches of the American and British Embassies relevant to the cessation of military responsibility for correspondents' facilities after 1 November. Plans, consequently, were made to shut down the A.C.PRO Mess at Via Romagna, Rome early in November. Two of the Branch's officers received the Bronze Star. The Director attended a special meeting of the APB in Rome on a pre-turnover review of Italian press problems in AMG areas.

2. News Production Division. Issuance of press releases and publication of the A.C. Weekly Bulletin were continued. Extensive photographic coverage was given to awards of decorations to A.C. personnel. Nearly 3,000 more English copies of the AC/AMG Review were distributed as well as a further 5,200 copies of the Italian edition.

3. Reports and Analysis Division. The Daily Digest of the Rome Press, the political column of the Weekly Bulletin and special translation service for the Chief Commissioner were continued.

4. Italian Division. Travel arrangements and data were provided for Italian journalists.

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5. Information Division. The Central Reference Library has 629 visitors and received 450 requests for information. Map sheets numbering 1, 690 were supplied.

THOMAS G. BERGIN,
Lt. Col. AUS,
Director
Public Relations Branch.

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2 October 1945

SUBJECT: PAB Report for September, 1945.

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TO : Chief Commissioner
(through Executive Commissioner)

1. General. The Director held several meetings with PRO, AFHQ, and press attaches of the British and American Embassies concerning the future status of Allied war and political correspondents in anticipation of early withdrawal of military facilities. Conferences were also held with USIS and MOI regarding educational campaigns in Italy. Film legislation recommended by the Temporary Film Board, of which the Director is chairman, was finally approved by the Council of Ministers and now awaits signature by the Lieutenant General of the Realm. Lieut. Pollard, Milan AC PRO, was redeployed after an excellent performance and a temporary arrangement made with AFHQ PRO to cover the Milan area until the transfer of territory takes place. Lieut. Col. Bullock, DDPB, Cdn. was permanently assigned as Venezia-Giulia AMO PRO, with Capt. Ellison as his assistant. Lieut. Col. Bergin (DDPB, U.S.) left for the U.K. and the U.S. on a special publicity mission.

2. News Production Division.

a. Press releases were issued on several subjects, most notably on the universal food ration for Italy and on German war booty. The Weekly Bulletin was continued.

b. The Review of Allied Military Government and the Allied Commission in Italy was finally published, with a release date of 1 October. A detailed memorandum of publicity for England and America was drawn up for use by the Deputy Director on his mission. Copies numbering 150,000 ⁶⁵⁵³ in English and half in Italian, were printed. Of the English, 50,000 were distributed, including 35,000 to the American and British armed forces; all Allied personnel of the A.C.; all U.S. daily and weekly newspapers, radio stations, general

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magazines as well as a comprehensive list of special magazines. Several thousand copies were placed for distribution with the American Red Cross at Rome, Naples and Leghorn. Approximately 1,000 copies were sent to the British Ministry of Information for distribution in England and the British Empire. Orders for further distribution to libraries and universities are awaited from abroad. On the Italian side, as this report is written, approximately 25,000 copies have been distributed, including all Italian publications in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. Nearly 3,000 copies were sent to Regional Commissioners in the North of Italy and to SCAG, Venezia-Vienna, for distribution to important individuals and organizations. Distribution is now in process to persons on a USIS mailing list of approximately 25,000 names. Further 35,000 copies will be distributed to through the Ministry of Interior (to all communes and provinces) and the Ministry of Education (to all schools).

3. Reports and Analysis Division. The Daily Digest of the Rome Press, the political column of the Weekly Bulletin and special translation service for the Chief Commissioner were continued.

4. Italian Division. Four cards of accreditation for Italian journalists were issued. Travel orders, by air and land were arranged for 24 correspondents. Background information from monthly reports was issued. News from the Allied Information Service in Trieste was relayed to Italian news agencies and Allied correspondents.

5. Information Division. The Central Reference Library had 1,216 visitors and received 961 requests for information. Map sheets numbering 1,987 were issued. Progress was made on the project of plotting German mine fields in Italy, in conjunction with the Civil Affairs Section. Six Italian Government draughtsmen have been assigned to the task. A start has been made in dismantling reference records no longer needed by turnover to Archives and to the Italian Government. A variety of duplicate documents were prepared for London and Washington on the request of the Directorate of Civil Affairs of the War Office. Also being complied with is a War Department request for two copies of all proclamations, orders and regulations employed by Allied Military Government in Italy.

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 S. STEWART BROWN,
 Director,
 Public Relations Branch.

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September 7, 1945

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SUBJECT: PRB Report for August, 1945

TO : Chief Commissioner
(through Executive Commissioner)

1. General. The Director spent considerable time working with United States Information Service and with the British Ministry of Information on educational campaigns designed to show Italians how democratic processes work in Allied countries. The Director attended a meeting of the Allied Publications Board in Milan and a nation-wide meeting of Italian editors called by ANSA, Italian news agency, in the same city on 21 and 22 August. The Deputy Director (Field) was assigned as PRO for Venezia-Giulia AMG and an officer from Headquarters was detailed to take over the Milan PRO post.

2. News Production Division. Press releases in more limited numbers, owing to the scarcity of "live" news and the departure of many correspondents from the theatre, were issued on the general industrial situation, freedom of export trade, turnover of Italian territory and sundry other matters. The Review of Allied Military Government and the Allied Commission in Italy, in both English and Italian editions, will come off the presses in early September and will be distributed as soon as a release date is fixed. It is planned that the Deputy Director go to London and Washington with copies for leading newspapers. Production of the Weekly Bulletin, with pictures as a new feature, was continued.

3. Reports and Analysis Division. The Daily Digest of the Home Press and the political column of the Weekly Bulletin were continued. Several special translation and reports were made for the Chief Commissioner.

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4. Italian Division. Interviews were arranged with sub-commissions for Italian journalists on topics of industry, public health and communications. Considerable informal briefing of Italian newspapermen of Commission activities also took place. More than 25 trips by air and other means were arranged for correspondents. Seven additional cards of accreditation were issued.

5. Information Division. In conjunction with the Civil Affairs Division, a project was started to plot on maps all mine fields in Italy. Two draftsmen were placed at the Division's services by the Italian Government for this purpose. The Central Reference Library had 1,139 visitors and received 1,048 requests for information during the month. Maps sheets numbering 3,204 were issued. The final war information bulletin was posted as the Japanese surrendered. Routine circulation of informational material was continued.



G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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4 August 1945

SUBJECT: PRB Report for July, 1945

AUG 3 1945

TO : Chief Commissioner
(through Executive Commissioner)

1. General. The Director spent considerable time working with PWB to re-establish the pre-Fascist newspapers in the North to succeed the PWB papers which closed down 15 July. Independent papers (some with pre-Fascist mastheads and some with entirely different names) are now appearing in Milan, Turin, Genoa, Bologna and Venice. A demonstration against the newspaper La Stampa in Turin was settled without further incident by the Regional Commissioner of Piemonte. A crisis arose over the sudden curtailment of activities of P.W.B. settled after a conference between the Chief Commissioner, the Chief of IMC and ATHQ, the Chief of PWB, and PRB, which finally allowed one PWB press officer to remain in each region, attached to the staff of the Regional Commissioner. The Director escorted and briefed several War Department-sponsored U.S. correspondents visiting Italy and also discussed the film situation in Italy with a group of American motion picture executives on tour. The PRQ stationed at Milan, a U.S. Navy officer, was re-assigned to the Pacific and the Deputy Director (Field) moved in to replace him. A British officer from PWB joined the Headquarters staff.

2. News Production Division. Press releases were issued on several important subjects, namely, preparations for elections, turnover of territory, bread price increase, radio telephone, displaced persons and the Joint Allied Commission-Italian Government economic conference. Production of U.S. hometown biographical releases was intensified so as to complete the coverage on every officer and enlisted man who has submitted an information sheet. See was made of Italian news agencies to transmit urgent press releases to the North, with excellent results.

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will be made on 1 September approximately. The Information and Education Section of MTCUSA has presented a request for 50,000 to 75,000 copies for distribution to American troops. Paper for the publication is being furnished by U.S.I.S. INB will distribute both editions, using the U.S.I.S. distribution list of 40,000 names and the Italian Ministry of Public Instruction for another 30,000 copies to all Italian schools and universities. Regional Commissioners in the North will be asked to supervise and effective distribution of at least 1,000 copies in their respective regions.

3. Reports and Analysis Division. Special translations of controversial articles were made for the Chief and Executive Commissioners. The Daily Digest of the Rome Press, the political paragraph for the APHC weekly sitrep telegram were continued and material for the political section of the Bulletin was prepared and turned over to the News Production Division for editing and inclusion in the Bulletin. The Deputy Director toured the Northern regions.

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1 July 1945

SUBJECT: PRB Report for June, 1945.

TO : Chief Commissioner
(Through Executive Commissioner)

1. GENERAL. Policy matters on a variety of subjects were dealt with during the month. The director spent considerable time on arrangements for the liquidation of FWE on 15 July and the turnover to private news agencies. Press difficulties in the North also took a good deal of time, a special meeting being attended by the Director in Milan 5 June at which FWE press officers and AME regional representatives discussed revival of pre-Fascist newspapers, a project which has met opposition from some elements of the civilian population. The Director participated in the U.S.I.S. conference at Siena 9 and 10 June where plans were laid for the further distribution of democratic and technical literature in Italy. A series of meetings was held with AFHQ PRO about the early withdrawal of AFHQ PRO facilities and consequent problems of taking care of correspondents. In line of facilities for correspondents, the AG FWE Political Correspondents' Mess and Billat at 5 Via Romagna is increasing and practically all London newspapers, including the Times, are now represented. Special transport, telephone and news service is accorded the mess, which is a direct AG responsibility, all political correspondents being accredited by PRB after clearance with AFHQ G-5 and the Embassies.

2. NEWS PRODUCTION DIVISION. Approximately 20 releases on various subjects, including further transfers of territory, wheat prices and special announcements for AME in the North (arranged for simultaneous publication through FWE 15th Army Group), were issued and more than 100 hometown biographical releases on U.S. personnel. The Review of Allied Military Government and the Allied Commission in Italy was completed and the draft cleared with every sub-commission, the Vice Presidents of the Civil Affairs and Economic Sections and the Executive Commissioner. Approval is now being awaited from the Chief Commissioner and Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, AFHQ. Photographs covering all phases of AG activity also have been prepared for inclusion in the pamphlet when published. British education officers at AFHQ have tentatively indicated a demand for some 15,000 copies for distribution to all British units in the Italian Theater. Discussions were carried on with GAI, UNRRA and USIS concerning possible joint operation of a photographic laboratory to protect AG news picture needs after the cessation of Italian picture coverage by GAI. A large amount of extra space was given to coverage of the June 27-28 Regional Commissioners' Conference in the Week 6547

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3. REPORTS AND ANALYSIS DIVISION. The Daily Digest of the Rome Press (covering 21 Roman newspapers), the weekly political sitrep telegram to AFHQ and the weekly political column for the Bulletin were continued. In addition, special daily political sitreps on newspaper comment were furnished to the Chief Commissioner during the negotiations for a new Italian Government. The Deputy Director also acted as interpreter for the Chief Commissioner on several occasions in meetings with Italian personages.

4. ITALIAN DIVISION. Twenty-one Italian journalists' cards were issued and one accrediting card to a political correspondent. Many trips to Milan for Italian newspapermen and officials of the Undersecretariat of the Press were arranged. Six interviews were fixed with AC sub-Commissions. Letters were written calling attention to several misstatements in the Rome press. Information obtained from the North was individually passed on to Italian journalists after clearance with the News Production Division.

5. INFORMATION DIVISION. The Central Reference Library had 1,324 visitors and received 1,048 requests for data. Classified reports numbering 234 were distributed. Approximately 100 reference books were purchased in response to sub-commission request. Information on Japan was found by a Division officer in Genoa and transmitted to theater intelligence authorities. A tour of AMG regions elicited demands for service which were filled from headquarters. Map sheets totalling 3,590 were supplied. Normal circulation of monitoring reports, communiques and general informational circulars was continued as was the daily posting of war bulletins.

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SUBJECT: FRB Report for May, 1945

TO : Chief Commissioner
(Through Executive Commissioner)

1. GENERAL. AMG operations in the newly liberated north of Italy occupied most of the Branch's time and energy during the month since practically every important Allied correspondent concentrated in that area, particularly at Milan, where a PRB staff officer detailed as PRO IV Corps gave correspondents effective assistance. The Director made two trips to Milan and other northern cities to assist the correspondents in their work. To provide for increased service in the Venice area, PRO 8th Army AMG was transferred to Venezia Region. The Director, in meetings with A C of S G-5 IV Corps and the CIMA at Milan, helped overcome difficulties incident to re-publication of the Corriere della Sera, which, it was finally agreed, would be published under the name of Corriere d'Informazioni. The paper's first issue came out May 22. In cooperation with AFHQ PRO, a party of 16 correspondents - 14 Italian and two neutral - was sent to Milan by plane, giving on-the-spot coverage to Rome newspapers and news agencies. The Temporary Film Board approved on Italian-sponsored film legislation with minor changes, and blocked all raw film stocks in the north, setting up procedures to prevent the materials from falling into the hands of speculators.

2. NEWS PRODUCTION DIVISION. Activities during the month were purposely curtailed since the most profitable outlets - the war correspondents - were inspecting conditions for themselves in the field. The regular Weekly Bulletin in printed form and special daily sitreps were devoted to giving the latest news on the situation in the north. Approximately 25 regular press releases were written and distributed to regular outlets. Special service was given to correspondents inquiring into the industrial outlook and to Nuovo Mondo, U.S. Office of War Information magazine, on several articles with many photographs about the work

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of the Allied Commission. The periodical has a circulation of more than 100,000 in Italy. The OWI Photographic Section also covered, as a standard operating procedure, the picture possibilities of all AC press releases and distributed its photographs to more than 50 outlets, giving the Commission a most effective avenue of publicity. Approximately 60 home-town releases on U.S. personnel, issuance of which is a requirement of the U.S. War Department Bureau of Public Relations, were written, the total number issued to date amounting to more than 400. A review of Allied Military Government and the Allied Commission in Italy was almost completed, tracing the history of AC/AMG from July 10, 1943 to May 2, 1945 and running to nearly 100 pages of typescript. Plans were made to have the project printed, with photographs, by OWI and given wide distribution, not only to the press and radio in England, Canada and America, but to soldiers awaiting redeployment in Italy. The Information and Education Service of NATOUSA estimated that approximately 500,000 copies could be utilized for the American side alone.

3. REPORTS AND ANALYSIS DIVISION work consisted of the normal production of the Daily Digest of the Rome Press, in which special attention was paid to political comment and incidents in the north; of the political lead paragraph for the AFHQ weekly telegram, and of the regular political column for the Weekly Bulletin.

4. ITALIAN DIVISION contacts during May were many and varied. Accrediting cards were issued to 26 additional Italian journalists, demonstrating again the prestige value and convenience of the cards in the eyes of the Italian press. One Italian war correspondent's pass was issued. Six interviews with sub-commissions on economic subjects were arranged. Background material for a script for BBC on the "Importance of the north to Italy" was prepared. Photographs and biographical data on important Allied Commission personalities were obtained for publication in the June 4th and June 11th issues of "Quadrante," a Roman weekly.

5. INFORMATION DIVISION responses to inquiries were as brisk as ever. The Central Reference Library had 1,219 visitors and received 1,059 requests for information. Considerable statistical material from London, Washington and New York was added. Maps supplied amounted to 3,809. With the moving of the Army Map Depot to Bologna, the Division became the chief source of maps in the Rome area. AFHQ G-2 turned over a quantity of informational material. Regular distribution services were carried out. A map of the Japanese War took the center of the stage on the Division's war Bulletin Board.

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SUBJECT : PRB Report for April, 1945

TO : Chief Commissioner (through the Executive Commissioner)

1. The month's activities, as with all work of the Allied Commission, was climaxed by the opening of the final campaign in Italy. The Director accompanied the Acting president on tours of the 5th and 8th Army fronts, including Bologna and Modena. The Branch's PRO with 5th Army AMG provided emergency billet and messing facilities for war correspondents at Bologna as the regular press camp had not yet been established. Correspondents were appreciative. Work of AMG in the campaign has come in for frequent and friendly comment in news dispatches. A member of the Headquarters Branch staff was assigned as PRO with IV Corps and is now functioning in Milan. Work of Temporary Film Board progressed, agreement being reached that PRB would turn over all blocked films to Italian Government for review and possible release under certain conditions.

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3. The Reports and Analyses Division continued its functions of daily digesting of the Rome press and preparation of political summaries for the AFHQ weekly telegram, the Weekly Bulletin and reports for the Chief Commissioner.

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4. The Italian Division accredited eight Italian Journalists and four Italian war correspondents. Steps were initiated to obtain permission for Italian correspondents to travel to northern Italy on news coverage. Sixteen interviews were arranged with sub-commissions on a variety of economic topics.

5. The Information Division continued its servicing of documentary and reference material. It supplied 3,567 maps and kept the marking of boundaries on all staff maps up-to-date despite the fluid tactical situation. The Central Reference Library had 1,385 visitors and received 845 requests for information.

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4 April 1945

SUBJECT : PRR Report for March, 1945

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TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Coordination and intensification of public relations activities was the keynote of the month. Further steps were taken to improve cooperative relationships between the new United States Information Service (U.S.I.S.), PWR, AFHQ PRO and the press attaches of the British and American Embassies. The Press Plan for Northern Italy was the subject of many meetings and was finally forwarded to AFHQ after approval by the Allied Commission and PWR. The Temporary Film Board was formally established and met for the first time with the Chief Commissioner presiding. The Director of the Public Relations Branch was selected chairman of the board. The Director also visited zones of the 5th and 8th Armies and laid plans for development of public relations in the forward areas with the field staff and AMC staff officers. Attention was given to the future problem of service to Allied correspondents left behind in Rome when AFHQ PRO establishments move forward. ~~Personal~~ Relations with Allied correspondents were improved through service and closer contacts.

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3. The Reports and Analysis Section ^{*During*} issued its Daily Digest of the Rome Press based on daily reading of 20 Roman papers. A list of leading provincial papers is also in process of formulation for eventual sample digesting of public opinion in the field.

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The section continued the handling of political reporting for the AFHQ weekly telegram and the AC Weekly Bulletin.

4. The Italian ^{Division} serviced Italian journalists with background material and arranged nine interviews with sub-commissions during the month. Five more Italian journalists were issued credentials and one for an Italian war correspondent. Nine applications for such cards were also received, testifying to their prestige value and utility in the eyes of Italian correspondents.

5. The Information Division issued 250 more copies of the "Desk Guide to Italy" which has had an widely appreciative distribution, including AFHQ. A further 500 copies are to be distributed. The Central Reference Library had 1,245 visitors, an increase of about 400 over February (largely due to new additions of Allied periodical literature) and replied to 359 requests for information. Map sheets totalling 5,594 were issued. Marking of boundaries on all staff maps, posting of war bulletins and distribution of reports continued.

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SUBJECT : PRB Report for February, 1945.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1. The month saw considerable activity, both as regards work of the Branch and general personnel and organization changes. Efforts were intensified toward welding Allied Commission public relations closer into the general theater picture in relation to AFHQ, the British and American Embassies and PWB. News services of PWB in Liberated Italy outside of AMG areas were terminated February 15. Private agencies will now service newspapers and radio stations in Italian Government territory. Approval was given to publication of an illustrated pamphlet outlining the achievements of the Allied Commission. Progress was made in discussions with the Italian Government toward the setting up of a Temporary Film Board. The Allied Publications Board, on which this Branch is represented, made representations to the Italian Government concerning the shortage of imported newsprint which has caused suspension of publication of several newspapers in Naples and Rome. A press conference for Allied correspondents was held for the Acting President at which he explained Italy's new status.

2. The News Production Section expanded its program by virtue of augmented staff. Local outlets were increased to 29 direct recipients, which included all Allied neutral correspondents, morale papers, wire services as well as four Italian news agencies, and 9 indirect channels, such as AFHQ News Production Section, Italian Government Press Bureau, etc. Releases were also sent to selected newspapers and magazines in England and America which would use specialized material. U.S. hometown releases were continued, approximately 100 being issued. Stories sent previously have been used in verbatim in many instances as evidenced in clippings

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3. The Italian Section arranged 12 interviews of Italian journalists with 3 sub-commissions. Three more accreditation cards were issued to Italian journalists. Four photographers were issued passes through this Branch by Public Safety Sub-Commission. Two political correspondents also were issued cards. Six travel passes were issued for correspondents and Italian press officials.

4. The Reports and Analyses Section continued its work of preparing and issuing the Daily Digest of the Rome Press, though the task has grown even more arduous of late by the increase in Rome papers to 19 daily publications. The section also wrote the weekly political report for the AFHQ telegram and the AC Weekly Bulletin.

5. The Information Division issued the first 300 copies of its "Desk Guide for Italy"; 500 more copies are being printed due to the wide demand. The Central Reference Library during the month received 732 requests for information and had 851 visitors, considerably more than in previous months. Inquiry for its file of British and American publications accounted for a good proportion of the increase. Reports received amounted to 60 and classified documents distributed to 120. An AFHQ inquiry into the division's map functions resulted in AFHQ's promise to place a larger variety and quantity of maps at AC's disposal. Maps distributed to AC-AMG personnel for the period amounted to 3,351. Special maps were designed for the Transportation Sub-Commission and Civil Affairs Section. New boundaries on all staff maps were kept up to date. Routine internal distribution of military communiques, monitoring reports and censorship files was continued.

6. The Archives Section continued preparations to receive and arrange records from regions about to be closed down, first shipments of which arrived during the month.

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4 February 1945

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SUBJECT : PRB Report for January, 1945.

TO : Chief of Staff.

1. Most significant in the month's happenings were a series of discussions to arrange for the redistribution of responsibilities consequent to the liquidation of Psychological Warfare Branch operations in Liberated Italy south of the Army Control Line. Allied press agencies (Reuters, A.P., U.P., INS) began operating in Rome 15 Jan. and three Italian news agencies also began offering their wares to whomever would buy them. The Italian agencies were AUSA, SI and OREIS. A technician committee was set up to establish methods of distributing agency material outside Rome. Aide-memoires were prepared for the Italian Prime Minister on the proposed Governing Board of Italian radio and on the functions of the proposed Film Board.

2. A press conference was arranged for the Acting President and was attended by more than 50 Allied correspondents.

3. An Italian press section was set up to assist Italian journalists in interviewing officers of the Allied Commission in order to facilitate better mutual understanding. The routine work of arranging interviews for Allied correspondents, preparation of the Weekly Bulletin, Daily Digest of the Rome Press, weekly political report for ARHQ and service to AC-credited political correspondents continued.

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5. The Information Division's "Desk Guide to Italy" was finally sent to the printer and will be ready shortly. The Central Reference Library had 325 visitors and received 780 requests for information. 55 reports were received for filing. 110 classified reports distributed to interested personnel. 3,005 map sheets were supplied. War news was posted every day.

5. Work of the Archives Section was reviewed by the Archives Advisory Committee 24 January. Recommendations were to be put forward that obsolete material still in possession of regions and sub-commissions be forwarded to Archives for filing. Advisability of requesting civilian archivists, both British and American, was under consideration.

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SUBJECT: PRB Report for November, 1944.

TO : Chief of Staff.

2. While carrying on the usual routine work associated with daily press releases, daily digests of the Italian press, trend of correspondent's copy, weekly bulletin and arrangements for interviews and conferences on behalf of Allied, neutral and Italian correspondents, the Public Relations Branch was also increasingly occupied by questions arising from the resumption of Italian activity in the cinema, theatre, radio, and press agency fields, and the question of espionage as it touches the Undersecretariat of the Press and Information and the parastatal agencies depending from it. As a result of protracted discussions, Agreement was obtained from AFHQ for the establishment of a temporary Film Board to decide the various complex problems now arising with AC, FHB and Italian Government representation. After considerable discussion with AFHQ a plan for the future structure of the Italian radio was also put forward to AFHQ; a similar plan was laid before the Council of Ministers by the Undersecretary of the Press. Steps were taken to clear up the copyright difficulties existing over theatrical productions translated from English. Agreement was obtained from AFHQ to permit Allied Press Agencies to resume the input of news on January 15 and steps were taken to open the field similarly by Italian news agencies, provision being made against exclusivity.

3. The history of the Allied Commission completed for the anniversary date of November 10 was not judged suitable for publication in the present form and will be revised by a Committee sitting at AC HQ.

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4. The vexed question of accreditation and procedure for Italian war correspondents was finally cleared up, and a conducting officer was sent with these correspondents to the Fifth and Eighth Army areas. An air tour was arranged for Italian civilian correspondents to Italian air units re-equipped by the Allies. Owing to the operational lag, the officer attached to Fifth Army HQ was withdrawn. One officer was sent on tour to Sicily and another to Naples and 6335th Region.

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5. The work of the Archives section proceeded steadily, eight crates of documents being received from Sicily Region. Southern Region is in process of sorting out obsolete records for submission.

6. During the month of November 1941 the Central Reference Library had 279 visitors and 752 requests for information. The number of reports received by the Central Reference Library from the various Sub-Commissions and the Regional HQs total 60. The number of reports received from other agencies dealing with problems concerning Italy and other countries total 179. Number of text books and pamphlets for distribution for military-civilian personnel totalled 200 of which 350 have been distributed. Number of Zone handbooks distributed totalled 100, and number of classified material total 200. Daily distribution of Basic News, Radio Monitoring Report, Daily Communique, A.A.I. and other reports was continued in accordance with distribution lists of Information Division. The War Information bulletins were kept up to date daily. 739 maps were supplied to A.O./all personnel and the marking of new boundaries of all staff maps was regularly carried out.

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SUBJECT: PRB Report for October, 1944.

TO : Chief of Staff.

1. Re-organization. - PRB took over on 1 October responsibility for operation of the Information Division and Archives following recommendations of the Manpower Board.
2. News Production. - Daily releases to Allied, neutral and Italian press and PWB on normal range of topics, including civilian movement, Florence art caches, malaria control record, infant mortality and tuberculosis statistics, typhus, Allied Advisory Council meetings, mail service, and particularly food announcements. Also arranged for, advised on and reviewed stories on AC by PWB for distribution through United Nations News Service.
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 - b. Allied - PRB Villa (billeting and mess) put into operation and used as a gathering place for political correspondents. Interviews arranged and information given on request. Trips arranged to Naples and field. PRO assigned to 5th Army AMJ to assist correspondents.
 - c. Neutral. - Interviews, briefings and information arranged and given.
4. Relations with Italian Government. - Recommendations forwarded to G-5, AFHQ on re-activation of Italian news agency, films and radio. The Allied Publications Board also recommended that responsibility for licensing of newspapers and distribution of newsprint in Italian Government territory be given to Italian Press Commission. Arrangements made with Italian authorities on Allied coverage of Azzolini and other epuration trials.
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5. AC Anniversary. - Extensive research and writing put into production of press release marking one-year anniversary of ACC and 16 months of military government in Italy. Release now in hands of AFHQ for approval.

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6. Information Division. - Activities of Central Reference Library, distribution of maps and issuance of news bulletins continued. Increasing use of library by AC personnel noted as well as by Italian journalists who ask for Allied publications. Division assumed responsibility for keeping boundaries and locations of all important installations on key reference map for Chief of Staff. Files thoroughly cleaned out and brought up to date.

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7. Archives Section. - Documents have been placed in chronological order and gaps are being filled by requests from appropriate agencies possessing original files.

8. Routine. - Trend of Correspondents' Copy, Daily Digest of Rome Press and Weekly PRB Bulletin continued to be issued. Staff meetings attended. Liaison with PWB and army morale papers maintained.

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