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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

With reference to a report that Admiral Stone is submitting his resignation as Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission because of dissatisfaction with the decisions reported to have been taken at the Paris conference, Admiral Stone has no comment to make on such decisions. He has not submitted his resignation and there is no question of his resigning his present Allied military assignment.

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9 July 1946.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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3 June 1946.

Mr. Arrigo Jacchia
Director
Il Messaggero
Rome

Dear Mr. Jacchia,

Following our telephone conversation of today, I read you the statement below in reference to the erroneous story appearing on the front page of "Il Messaggero" in the issue of May 30, 1946.

It is understood you will be so kind as to publish this retraction on the front page of Il Messaggero in the next issue after receipt of this note:

"Allied military authorities in Venezia Giulia state that there is absolutely no truth in the erroneous report that Yugoslav elements attacked American soldiers in jeeps last week near Montespono in Gorizia."

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN F. LEACOCK,
Major NME.
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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3 June 1946.

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Egregio Signor Jacchia,

Facendo seguito alla nostra conversazione telefonica odierna, le invio la dichiarazione a calce riportata riguardante l'erroneo resoconto apparso nella prima pagina del Messaggero, edizione 30 maggio 1946.

Resta inteso che ella vorrà essere tanto gentile da pubblicare la rettifica sulla prima pagina de "Il Messaggero" nella prima edizione susseguente alla ricezione di questa nota:

"Le Autorità Militari Alleate della Venezia Giulia dichiarano che la notizia secondo cui elementi Jugoslavi avrebbero attaccato della "jeeps" con soldati Americani a bordo presso Montespino (Gorizia) nella scorsa settimana è assolutamente destituita di ogni fondamento."

La ringrazio vivamente per la sua collaborazione, mentre le porgo i sensi della mia alta stima.

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JOHN P. LERAGOS
Major, HMB,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

Signor Arrigo Jacchia
Direttore
"Il Messaggero"
Roma.

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HEAL JARTENS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

21 May, 1946

SUBJECT : Risorgimento (Naples) Article

MAY 23 1946

TO : G-5, AFHQ
(Attention: Col. White)

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1. Reference: your G-5: 993.15 dated 13 ~~May~~ 1946 and my letter to the Responsible Director, "Risorgimento", Naples dated 30 April 1946.

2. The Italian Undersecretary of Press has ordered the Prefect of Naples to reprimand the editor of Risorgimento for the article. It should be pointed out, however, that the newspaper in question has usually been fair and sympathetic toward the Allies.

3. A letter similar to that which went to Risorgimento has since been sent to Agencia Ecosond which, we were later informed, originated the offending item.

4. The Chief Liaison Officer of the Allied Commission at Naples has been requested to report what action has been taken in retraction by Risorgimento.

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JOHN P. BRADSHAW
Major NMB
Director
Public Relations Branch

Copy to: Exec. Comm., A.C.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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21 May, 1946

SUBJECT : Risorgimento Article

TO : Col. J. A. G. Pennycook, CLO, Naples

Will you be so kind as to inform me what action
Risorgimento of Naples took in retracting the article on
the Ansaldo works at Pozzuoli?



JOHN P. LEACAGE
Major NMB
Director
Public Relations Branch

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HEAD, SUPREME ALLIED COMMISSION
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21 May, 1946

Responsible Director
Agenzia Esmond
Rome

My dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the copy of the attached letter which this office has sent to the Responsible Director of the Risorgimento of Naples.

We have since been informed that the offending article in question originated in your agency.

May I reiterate at this time that the displeasure of the Supreme Allied Commander equally applies to your agency insofar as it has been responsible for the erroneous article of which we have formally complained?

I am sure that your agency is competent and responsible enough to verify such information before you release it to your clients.

In the interest of a responsible press and Allied cooperation, therefore, you are hereby requested to send a retraction and correction through your agency to the clients who received the original mistaken story.

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Copy to: Col. Tooby, Industry 3/3
Col. Sennychuk, CPO, Naples
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JOHN P. LEACH, CPO
Major HMB
Director
Public Relations Branch

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21 Maggio, 1946

Al Direttore Responsabile
Agenzia Edmund
Roma

Caro Signore,

Vi richiamo la vostra attenzione alla noeluna copia della lettera che questo Ufficio ha inviato al direttore responsabile del "Misericordante" di Napoli.

Siamo stati, dopo di allora, informati che l'offensivo articolo in questione ha preso origine dalla vostra Agenzia.

Intendo ripetere ora che la buona reputazione del Comandante Supremo Alleato si estende in ugual maniera alla vostra Agenzia, in quanto essa è responsabile dell'erroneo articolo contro cui abbiamo elevato formale protesta.

Io sono sicuro che la vostra Agenzia è abbastanza competente e responsabile da controllare simili informazioni prima di inviarle ai suoi clienti.

Vi si richiede quindi, nell'interesse di una stampa responsabile e della cooperazione Alleata, di inviare una smentita e correzione attraverso la vostra Agenzia ai clienti che riceveranno l'erronea notizia.

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JOHN P. LEACOCK
Maggiore HUB
Direttore
Public Relations Branch

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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30 April 1946

Responsible Director
Rimorgimento
Naples, Italy.

My dear sir,

In the issue of April 13 of your publication, on page 2 in the second column, appeared an article concerning the alleged removal by British authorities of machinery in the Ansaldo workshops of Pessuoli.

The article in question is grossly untrue in stating that the British authorities were removing any other machinery but that belonging to the British Army.

The Supreme Command of the Allied Forces Headquarters at Caserta views with displeasure such flat contradictions of fact and the unjustifiable reflection it places upon the operations of the Allied armed forces in Italy.

It is, therefore, requested that your newspaper print a suitable retraction of the erroneous statement called to your attention, accompanied by an expression of regret that the mistake was permitted to occur in the first place.

JOHN P. MELACOS 212
Major, HMB,
Director
Public Relations Branch.

copies: Gen. Harbelen, G-5, AFHQ
Undersecretary Arpesani
Col. Pennyquick, GLO, Naples
Exec. Comm. AC, file.

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30 Aprile, 1946.

Egregio Signore,

nell'edizione del 13 aprile del vostro giornale, nella seconda colonna della seconda pagina, apparve un articolo sulla protesa rimozione da parte delle Autorità Britanniche del macchinario delle Officine Ansaldo di Pozzuoli.

L'articolo in questione è grossolanamente falso quando afferma che le Autorità Britanniche stanno portando via macchinario che non appartiene all'Esercito Britannico.

Il Comando Supremo del Quartier Generale delle Forze Alleate in Casserta considera con disappunto tale bassa distorsione dei fatti e l'ingiustificato cattivo riflesso che essa getta sull'attività delle Forze Alleate in Italia.

Si richiede, perciò, che il vostro giornale pubblichi un'adeguata rettifica all'errata affermazione segnalatavi, accompagnata dall'espressione del vostro rincrescimento per il fatto che, innanzitutto, un simile errore sia stato reso possibile.

JOHN F. DEMACOS
Maggiore, RMA,
Direttore
Public Relations Branch.

Al Direttore responsabile
del giornale "Risorgimento",
Napoli - Italia.

Copie a: Gen. Mashlen, G-5, AFHQ
Sottosegretario Arpesani
Col. Pengyusnick, GLO, Napoli
Exec. Comm. AG.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 903.15

13 ~~April~~ 46
13/4/46

SUBJECT: Adverse News Report.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. Attached is a marked cutting from the "Risorgimento" dated 13 April 1946 and translation.

2. As only War Office machinery is being removed, the statement in the clipping is untrue. As the correct facts could easily have been obtained, and as the publication of such falsehoods has a direct bearing on the security of allied military forces in Italy, it is desired that steps be taken to assure a retraction of the offending article. The question involved is not one of freedom of the press, but of an offense which is subject to indictment in most countries. In addition to the publication of a suitably worded and displayed contradiction, it is believed not improper that an expression of regret should be made by the Risorgimento.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HAMLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incl:
as above.

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The vicissitudes of
AKSARDO Workshop

Page 18th.

Edmond agency publishes: "Immediately after the liberation, Aksardo workshops of Ponzoli, already seriously damaged by the bombardments, were requisitioned by the British Forces, using it as a repairing workshop employing some thousands of Italian workmen.

Being the activity of the workshop finished now, the British Authorities are moving not only the machinery that they have installed, but also those belonging to the workshop that have been saved from the bombardments, explaining that the machinery is British property as some time ago the workshop belong to Armstrong Company.

Is necessary that an official explanation will intervene as soon as possible to quiet the apprehension either of the workmen or the manufacturers.

Translation of news item appearing in
 para 2 page 2 of Italian newspaper
 "Risorgimento" dated 15 April '46

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 894

FILE:RC/021.412

14 Oct 1942

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SUBJECT: High Commissioner's Interview
with the Press.

TO : H.H. A.C.C. ROSS
Chief of Staff

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1. With reference to your 9256/1/003 of 4 OCT, I have few observations to make on the interview granted by the High Commissioner for SICILIA.
2. In my opinion, the High Commissioner's remarks give the true background.
3. As regards Separatism, it is very difficult to determine what real support the movement has in the island. According to local estimates, there are about 50,000 enrolled in support of the movement and about 500,000 supporters in all.
4. As regards the campaign against crime, comment must depend upon what standard is set. Judged by the standards of a real law-abiding country, little or no attempt is made to enforce the laws here.
5. As regards the Granai del Popolo, the High Commissioner might be criticised for stating so categorically that the price of grain is below cost of production. This, however, is the firm conviction of every official and civilian in this island and everything points to there being foundation for the statement. As regards action by the separatists, I agree that their propaganda has at times been harmful to the campaign - in any case their reviling of those in authority cannot do anything but harm.

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18 OCT 1942
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Brigadier
Regional Commissioner

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HEAD QUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CAMP
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref 9256/1/003

4th October, 1944

SUBJECT: High Commissioner's interview
with the Press.
TO : Regional Commissioner, Sicily.

1. There is forwarded for your information a cutting from today's "Il Tempo" which describes an interview granted by the Italian High Commissioner in Sicily to that paper.
2. This is forwarded for your information and any observations you might care to make.

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Political Section.

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[Handwritten initials]

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TO : Colonel Shipp Palermo
FROM : Political Section

4 October 1944

Despite all the extremely clear directions on who is dealing with what under the present reorganization, I am ~~nowhere~~ at a loss to know to whom I should address the following suggestion. The attached article in today's number of "Il Tempo" contains an interview with the Italian High Commissioner in Sicily. It would be normal practice in my trade to send such an article to the representative concerned (Regional Commissioner, Palermo) for his information and any observations which he might care to make.

I do not know whether this is thought worth-while ~~and if so, who it is who is supposed to be looking after this.~~ Sorry.

HAC
H. A. CACCIA

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