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PWB ACTIVITIES & LIQUIDATION
JUNE 1945 - MAR. 1946

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P.R.B. 139.
I believe you are handling the proposed weekly press conferences & that you have already received verbal agreement from the U.S. Embassy. In that case 138 is for info. only. Now that we have both embassies agreeing, could you implement the idea?

CSO to So Com 140
11 Feb 46
The Organization has agreed with me that this meeting need no longer be promised and can now be considered dead.

OK P/A 11/2.

See from 143
P/C
Ex C may be interested to see paras 2 & 6 of 142: will let P.R.B. see when file returns. *[Signature]*
Sent by CSO 20/2
146.
P.R.B. 140.

You may wish to see paras 2 & 6 of 142.
145 25/2.

OK 1/11/2

See beam
A/C 143
Ex 2 may be interested to see paras 2 & 6 of 142.
will let P.R.B. see when file returns.
See by CSO 20/2
146.
P.R.B.

You may wish to see paras 2 & 6 of 142.
145 25/2.

Ex 145
2/20/46
146.
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Ex Comm.
142 for info. seen by P.R.B.
147 23/2

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149
147 for your info. Aut 29/3
149
148 20/3

124

C.S.O.

Ref from minute 126, below.
M.C. Distillation involved Reads
(A) - (B) and Public Relations B.

Complete distillation involved

as folio 123 A.

A. Fisher
S/Com.

30 May 45.

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Ex Comr

Memo see 124 re Hurd 981
Publicities Board re-constituted.

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124 seen by L.B. and L.B. 5/13/7

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Ex Comm

Memo Sec 124 re Alford 982
Publicities Board re-constituted.

5/13/77

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124 sent by b.b. and b.b. 7/8

130.
134 & 133 in answer to 132. Suggested waiting for the American Embassy views. 13/11

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P.R.B. Folio 133 & 134 in reply to our 132. we have not yet had a reply from the American Embassy but I understand you have spoken with them & they agree.
Fol. 20/12

Executive Commissioner:

1.

Please see ^{11-15.} ~~15~~. Page ¹² is the proposed standing propaganda directive to be submitted to AFHQ if approved by AG. Copies of this have been given to the Political Advisors for their comments.

2.

The directive is, in my view, a rather colourless document; however, if the sentences underlined in para 1 and para 5 are properly carried out, all will be well.

3.

I suggest that the presentation to the Italian people of the desirability of a free election with a secret ballot should be included in the directive, drawing attention perhaps to the present General Election in England as an example.

20 June 45.

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C.S.O.

P.R.O.

I agree with the above minute.

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C.S.O. Executive Commissioner.

Following ¹¹⁶ on ¹¹⁷ 16 and 17 June, please see of file ¹¹⁹ 18, dictated by P.R.O.

25 June 45

20 June 45.

C.S.O.

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P.R.O.

I agree with the above minutes. 980

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~~C.S.O.~~ Executive Commission.
Following ¹¹⁶ on ¹¹⁷ 16 and 17 June, please
see folio 18, dictated by P.R.O. 
25 June 45

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C.S.O.

124 for your info re Allied Publications Board. 122 refers

28 July 45
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A. P. S. for P.O.

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What distribution has been left?
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~~Ex Comm R~~

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 APO 512

STAFF MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER

17)

26 March 1946
 28 1946

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH - CESSATION OF ACTIVITIES
AND CLOSURE OF BRANCH

1. Staff Memorandum Number 13 and Section I Staff Memorandum Number 76, both this headquarters, 1945, and any other instructions regarding the responsibilities and activities of PWB with the exception of letter this headquarters AG 384 SAGE-0 dated 14 February 1946 are rescinded.

2. Effective 31 March 1946, Director PWB, Allied Force Headquarters is relieved of his responsibility for propaganda and other psychological warfare activities in the Mediterranean Theater. The Psychological Warfare Branch will be deactivated on that date.

3. As provided for in the instructions AG 384 SAGE-0 dated 14 February 1946, the residual functions of PWB in Venezia-Giulia will be carried on by Allied Information Services, Trieste, responsible directly to Commander XIII Corps.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

Ralph C. Tilley
 RALPH C. TILLEY
 Colonel, AGD
 Acting Adjutant General

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W/C NOTE

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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EX. SUMMIT
(Only 1 Copy Recd)

AG 564 SACS-C

14 February 1946

SUBJECT: Allied Information Services, Trieste - Transfer of responsibility from Director, P.W.B., A.F.H.Q., to Commander, XIII Corps.

TO: Commander,
XIII Corps.

1. Director, P.W.B., A.F.H.Q., has hitherto been responsible to the Supreme Allied Commander for the overall policy, functional control, and administration of the P.W.B. Unit No. 20 operating in Venezia Giulia under the name of Allied Information Services (short title "A.I.S."), Trieste.

2. To assist in the liquidation of the P.W.B. Directorate, A.F.H.Q., it has been decided to relieve the Director, P.W.B. of his responsibility for A.I.S., Trieste, effective 18 February 1946 and to transfer (1) the responsibility for policy and executive control to Commander XIII Corps under the direction of the Supreme Allied Commander, and (2) the responsibility for the internal administration of the Unit to the Head of the Unit, assisted on the American side by the Deputy Head, effective the same date.

3. A.I.S., Trieste is composed of personnel drawn from British and American military and civilian sources, supplemented by a locally engaged staff of various nationalities and is financed in part by the State Department, United States Government, and in part by the Political Intelligence Department of the Foreign Office. In conformity with the procedure hitherto followed by the Director, P.W.B., with the knowledge and approval of the Supreme Allied Commander, it will be necessary for the Head of A.I.S., Trieste and his American Deputy to continue the practice of communicating direct with P.I.D. London and the appropriate American authorities on the subjects of finance, civilian personnel administration, and propaganda services, and with the Press Attache, British Embassy, Rome and the United States Information Service (or its successor) of the American Embassy, Rome, on subjects connected with the local supply of propaganda services and material.

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4. American and British military personnel will continue to be administered under local arrangements.

5. The necessary arrangements have been made for the continuance by direct transmission to A.I.S., Trieste of background guidance and propaganda directive telegrams received from the State Department and the Foreign Office for use in connection with the production of local directives as approved by Commander, XIII Corps.

6. Previously local policy and functional control has been exercised by Commander XIII Corps through a representative committee, of which the Chairman is EGS XIII Corps. The main effect, therefore, of removing A.I.S., TRIESTE from the responsibility of the Director, PWB, will be that Commander, XIII Corps is responsible direct to the Supreme Allied Commander for overall control of A.I.S., TRIESTE.

See M.143-145

14 Feb 46
J. E.

Ltr, Hq AFHQ, file AG 384 SACG-3, dtd 14 Feb 46 (Cont'd).

7. The Central Directive for Venezia Giulia, dated 2 October 1945, and still in force, forms the basis of overall propaganda policy, and was approved by AFHQ after close and complete investigation of its implications. If, therefore, it is considered necessary to amend this directive, the proposed amendment must be submitted through staff channels for the approval of the Supreme Allied Commander before it is put into effect.

8. a. The aims of A.I.S., Trieste, laid down in the Central Directive are:

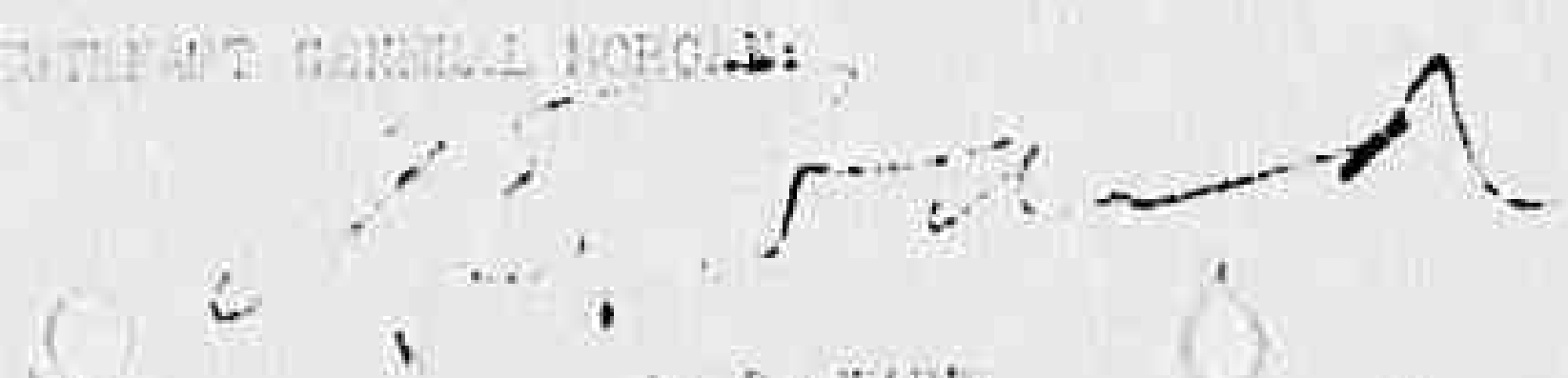
- (1) To assist in the maintenance of law and order in Venezia Giulia.
- (2) To support the Allied Military Government in its policies and actions.
- (3) To project Great Britain and U.S.A.

b. A.I.S., Trieste are engaged in the following principle activities:

- (1) Operation of radio stations.
- (2) Editing and publishing of allied newspapers and other written material.
- (3) Licensing and controlling privately owned newspapers in accordance with the Press Plan.
- (4) Provision of a free news service, special articles, maps, and photographs to the press.
- (5) Maintenance of information centres and reading rooms, and the distribution of British and American newspapers, magazines and other literature.
- (6) Survey of the state of public opinion and morale and the production of reports thereon.
- (7) The control and distribution of American and British motion picture films.

9. Activities carried on by A.I.S., Trieste under command of XIII Corps will cease or be transferred to other agencies only as directed by the Supreme Allied Commander. Such cessation or transfer will be in accordance with detailed plans, fixing the time and manner of cessation or transfer of activities, and the agency, if any, to which responsibility is to be transferred. Except as the Supreme Allied Commander has instructed or may instruct otherwise, such plans will be prepared by Commander XIII Corps, and, after co-ordination with all other interested agencies, will be submitted through staff channels for the approval of the Supreme Allied Commander.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:


A. D. WARD
Major General
Chief of Staff

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Ltr, Hq AFHQ, file AG 384 SACG-O, dtd
dtd 14 Feb 46 (Cont'd).

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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The American Embassy presents its compliments to the Allied Commission and has the honor to refer to its memorandum of November 21, 1945 (file no. 9267/132/EC), suggesting a weekly conference between the Public Relations Officer of AC, the Public Relations Officer of AFHQ and the Press Attaches of the British and American Embassies. It is understood that the purpose of these conferences is to assist the Allied Commission in correcting mis-statements of fact concerning Allied policy in Italy which may appear in the local press from time to time.

In the view of the Embassy, closer liaison with the Press Office of the Presidency of the Council would be more effective than any statements which might be made by the Allied Commission on controversial subjects. If, in establishing closer liaison between the Allied Commission and the appropriate office of the Italian Government, consultation with the Press Attaches of the British and American Embassies would be helpful, this Embassy has no objection to conferences, such as those suggested in the Allied Commission's memorandum under reference, from time to time.

Rome, January 2, 1946

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See M. 1399140

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 354
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 9267/136/20

7 December 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Press

TO : The American Embassy, Rome

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1. A reply would be appreciated to our 9267/132/20 of 24 November 1945 on the above subject.

B. SANDERSON

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

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ROME 43.951.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

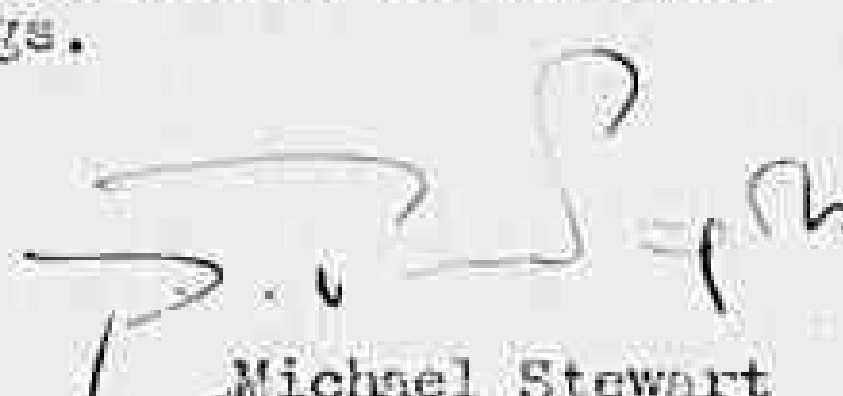
26th November 1945

NOV 29 1945

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With reference to your letter,
reference 9267/132/EC, dated 21st November 1945.

The Ambassador considers that
it would be valuable to have periodical meetings
as you think best and which might not only study
the Italian press but also discuss the co-ordination
of British and American publications in Italy.

The Ambassador considers that
once a week might prove to be too often for such
meetings. He suggests however that they should in
the first place be held weekly and later be held less
often should it prove that there is not enough busi-
ness to justify weekly meetings.


Michael Stewart
Press Attache'

HQ ALLIED COMMISSION,
Office of the Executive Commissioner,
R O M E.

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See M. 1357i


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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Public Relations Section
APO 512

25 November 1945

NOV 29 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Press

TO: Executive Commissioner, A. C.

1. Reference your 9267/132/EC, 21 November, 1945, this office concurs in the desirability of establishing adequate machinery for observation of the Italian Press.

2. If weekly meetings are to be held as suggested, PRS, MICUSA, would like to be represented.

FOR THE A. C. OF S., G-2:

A. D. Clark
A. D. CLARK
Lt. Col., AGD
Public Relations Officer

Incl-1
ltr 9267/112/EC

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See M. 135

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 9267/132/33

21 November 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Press

TO : American Embassy, Rome
British Embassy, Rome 134
PRO AMHQ 133

1. The disappearance of PIR has left Allied agencies in this theatre without any coordinated machinery for observation of the Italian press. Since occasionally misstatements occur which it might be desirable to correct it is felt that some action should be taken to replace this function.

2. This Headquarters recommends a weekly conference between PRO AC, PRO AMHQ and the press attaches of the British and American Embassy. May we have your views on the matter?

For the Chief Commissioner:

See file 133-134 136 #137

E. H. McCLEARY
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Polad (B)

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Ref 9267/132/EC

Col MacCleary, CSO Ex C

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To: American Embassy,
British Embassy
PRO AFHQ

1. The disappearance of FWB has left Allied agencies in this theatre without any coordinated machinery for observation of the Italian press. Since occasionally misstatements occur which it might be desirable to correct it is felt that some action should be taken to replace this function.
2. This Hq recommends a weekly conference between PRO AC, PRO AFHQ and the press attaches of the British and American Embassy. May we have your views on the matter?

EC

Subject: Italian Press.

Does this do it? If so
Carry on not forgetting
to send me copy.

Vorwärts!

JGB

see 132

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Type for signature of Ex Com
or resubmit on appropriate file

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FILE 130

Ref: 9267/ED.

30 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Transfer of the responsibility for distribution of Press and Radio News from PWB in ITALY.

TO : Public Relations Branch.

1. Below is given extract from the Minutes of SACMED's Conference, 1st Meeting, held at AFHQ on 26 July 1945:

"Minute No. 4.

4. Transfer of the Responsibility for distribution of press and radio news from PWB in Italy.

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 16th Meeting - Minute 8).

MAJOR GENERAL LAMUTZER reported that the withdrawal of PWB from the distribution from press and radio news throughout ITALY except in the VERONA GIULIA area, had been virtually completed. It had been decided, however, to leave one press control officer on the staff of each Regional Commissioner until such time as the Region had been turned back to the control of the Italian Government.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above report."

2. If you have not already done so, will you please inform Regional Commissioners of the retention of these Press Control Officers, their precise status, responsibilities and functions.

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/JG.

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✓ Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER

36)

24 July 1945
JUL 27 1945

Allied Publications Board I
Handling of Imports of Stated Petroleum Products in Italy (excluding Fuels) . . . II
Facilities and Services to be Extended to UNRRA Italy Mission III

I--- ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 50, 1944, and Section I, Number 22, 1945, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

1. a. The Allied Publications Board comprised of representatives of the following have been created:

- (1) Psychological Warfare Branch, AFHQ (Chairman).
- (2) Censorship Branch, INC.
- (3) G-2 Section.
- (4) Allied Commission (ALCON).

b. Allied Commission will be represented by the following:

- (1) Political advisers from the US and British Embassies.
- (2) Representatives of the Economic Section.
- (3) Public Relations Officer.

c. Psychological Warfare Branch will be represented by the following:

- (1) Head of PWB Liberated Italy or his representative (Chairman).
- (2) Press Chief, PWB Italy or his representative (Executive Secretary).
- (3) PWO, PWB, 15th Army Group or his representative.

d. Representatives of OWI and MOI.

2. G-1 Section, MPOUSA in conjunction with G-1 (British) will designate a representative who will sit as a member of the Board whenever a question involving any of the officially designated troop morale news papers (e.g. Stars & Stripes, Union Jack, Eighth Army News and Yan) is before the Board.

3. In conformity with the established policy of the Board of progressively delegating its powers to the Italian authorities, full powers are delegated to the Italian Press Commission to grant and suspend in territory under Italian Government jurisdiction press licenses for the publication of newspapers, magazines, books, posters, placards, brochures and similar publications without

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AFHQ Administrative Memo #36 (cont'd)

reference to or need of ratification by the Allied Publication Board.

a. The Communes of Naples, Ancona, Livorno, Colle Salvetti and Pisa will be regarded for Allied Publications Board purposes as territory under Italian Government jurisdiction.

b. The Allied Publications Board reserves the right of intervention in territory under Italian Government jurisdiction at the request of Allied authorities in matters concerning military censorship or undemocratic practices, including the right to suspend or revoke licenses through the channels of the Italian Press Commission.

c. The Allied Publications Board will continue to exercise its full powers in all the territory not under Italian Government jurisdiction. 226

4. The Board is empowered to draft such regulations and perform such functions as are necessary to properly carry out the following:

a. Control the flow into ITALY, SICILY, and SARDINIA of all newsprint and other forms of paper used for printing publications referred to in paragraph 3; to control all such paper found in ITALY, SICILY, and SARDINIA; to perform such functions as are necessary to maintain adequate supply of such paper, including freezing and releasing of stocks.

(1) Procurement of paper after the end of the current year either from abroad or from local resources will be agreed upon between the Economic Section, ALCOM and the Italian Press Commission so far as Italian needs in Government Italy are concerned, and between the Economic Section, ALCOM, and Allied Publications Board for the needs of AMG territory.

(2) Responsibility for the distribution of paper for use of the Italian Press in Italian Government territory will be assigned to an agency to be designated by the Italian Press Commission.

b. Control the allocation to specific publications and news organizations of all such communications facilities as are made available by the Chief Signal Officer, this headquarters, for collecting and disseminating news and press matter within ITALY.

c. Direct the consolidation, movement or rehabilitation of all equipment necessary for publication production.

d. Enforce the directives of the various sections concerned with publications problems, and to issue censorship and policy directives as are necessary to the proper carrying out of this authority.

e. Provide for the direction and control of the Italian Press and radio in Italian territory under AMG in accordance with the instructions of the Chief of Staff AFHQ and directives approved by him.

5. Stars & Stripes, Union Jack, Yank, and other officially designated troop morale papers are specifically exempt from Allied Publications Board control and supervision except for paper stocks, materials and facilities acquired in or derived from ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA, which shall be allotted

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AFHQ Administrative Memo (cont'd)

by Allied Publications Board based upon need and availability. In the event of acute facility shortages, officially designated troop morale publications will be permitted to participate in the use of available facilities on a "Share and share alike" basis with other licensed publications. The Allied Publications Board will not exercise any control or supervision over Army Expeditionary Radio Stations, British or American.

6. It shall be the duty of the Board to report its activities and submit any recommendations beyond the scope of this order to this headquarters via Allied Commission.

7. The Board may be addressed care of PWB, Unit #12, APO 512.

II---HANDLING OF IMPORTS OF SLATED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN ITALY (EXCLUDING FUELS)

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 27, 1945, is amended as follows:

Delete in paragraph 4E from "Long Time Burning Oil - Tn - IRS" to "Sup Steam Cyl Oil Grade 2" and substitute:

	<u>British</u>	<u>Italy</u>	<u>US</u>
Long Time Burning Oil	Civil		Civil
Car & Loco Engine Oil	"		"
Loco Gear Grease	"		"
Driving Journal Grease	"		"
Set. Steam Cyl Oil Grade 1	"		"
Superheated Steam Cyl Oil Gd 2	"		"

III- FACILITIES AND SERVICES TO BE EXTENDED TO UNRRA ITALY MISSION

Paragraph 6f, AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 6, 1945, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"6f ICL - Issued only by the authorized Italian distributing concern, Comitato Italiano Petroli, i.e. C.I.P. No POL will be issued from WD stocks for U.N.R.R.A. vehicles after 1 August 1945."

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BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

C. W. Christensen
C. W. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, AGC
Adjutant General

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SUPREME ALLIED
COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE (POLITICAL) 16th MEETING
held at A.F.H.Q. on 19.July.1945.

MINUTE No.8.

8. TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PRESS AND
RADIO NEWS FROM PWB IN ITALY.

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 15th Meeting, Minute 10).

MR. BARNES stated that in accordance with the decision taken at the last meeting, PWB had commenced, as of 15 July 1945, to withdraw from the distribution of press and radio news throughout ITALY, except in the VENEZIA GIULIA area. It was expected that the turnover would be completed very shortly.

ADMIRAL CUNNINGHAM expressed concern regarding a story which had recently appeared in the 'Union Jack' and 'Stars and Stripes' concerning Italian submarines operating against the Japanese. The story was a complete fabrication and he considered that it was of such a nature as to cause protest by the Italian Government as ITALY had only declared war on JAPAN in the course of the last few days.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Directed the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission to make representations to the Italian Government on behalf of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, to the effect that this story was a complete fabrication.

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Ex.Com's Distribution:

Ex.Com - File 9267/EC.
P.R. Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394Suspense ADMIN MEMO # 36
AFHB 24 JULYDate 27 JULY 45

FROM	TO	FROM	TO
Staff Officer to CC	✓	Political Advisers (A)* (B)	✓
Executive Commissioner	2	Establishment Section	✓
Message Center		Executive Officer (A)	✓
Linison Division	✓	Executive Officer (B)	✓
Civil Affairs Section	✓	G-1 (A)	✓
Dis Per & Repat		G-1 (A) Civilian Emp.	
Local Govt		G-1 (B)	✓
Patriots Branch		G-4 (A)	✓
Public Safety		G-4 (B)	✓
Security Division		2675th Regt	✓
Public Health		Headquarters Commandant	✓
Legal	✓	Allied Civ. Pers. Director	
Education		Adjutant, Allied Commission	✓
Monuments & Fine Arts		Navy	✓
Economic Section	✓	Land Forces (NML)	✓
Requisition Branch		Air	✓
Agriculture		Communications	
Commerce	✓	Civil Censorship Group	
Cbal Div		WD & POW	
Finance	✓	Truck Operating Group	
Property Control Div		Public Relations Branch	✓
Food		Information Division	
Industry		Archivist UNRRA	✓
Mining Division		ALL REGIONS	✓
Labor		AMG NAPLES	✓
Public Works & Utilities		" LIVORNO	✓
Shipping		" VENEZIA GIULIA	✓
Transportation	✓	Alaco	5

Signature _____
 Remarks & Recommendations _____
 Information _____
 Approval/Disposal _____
 Appropriate Action _____
 Investigation & Report _____
 Dispatch _____

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Remarks: _____

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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12 July 45
JUL 12 1945

SUBJECT: Allied Publications Board

TO : Col. J.E. Bastion, Jr., GSC
Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ

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1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 7 July on the above subject.

2. The proposal which you mention in para 3 has not been brought to our attention either by PWB or from any other quarter. Inasmuch as the Allied Publications Board must continue functioning, at least until some other decision is made, after PWB closes down in northern Italy on 15 July, it is our opinion that the draft amendments to AFHQ Administrative Memorandum #50 should be put into effect, only if temporarily.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Mr. J. Linen, PWB
Mr. R. Redford, PWB

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

7 July 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

SUBJECT: Allied Publications Board.

1. Reference is made to your undated memorandum PRB/9, received here on 20 June 1945, which forwarded draft amendments to AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 50.

2. As there has been a recent proposal that the Allied Publications Board should be disbanded and its dunctions transferred to the Allied Commission, no action is being taken to publish the amendments you suggest for the present.

3. It is understood that the proposal to close down the Allied Publications Board will be discussed with you by PWB.

J.E. BASTION, Jr.,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander.

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Copy to: PWB.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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PRB/9

25 June 45

SUBJECT: Standing Propaganda Directive

TO : Mr. R. Radford
Assistant Deputy Director, PRB AFHQ

1. The proposed Standing Propaganda Directive which you sent me on June 13 has been reviewed by the Allied Commission and has its concurrence.

2. It is suggested that the presentation to the Italian people of the desirability of a free election with a secret ballot might be included in the directive.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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Copy for info to: Executive Commissioner
Mr. Halford
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see M.9

Director,
PWB.

23 JUN 1945

Subject: Standing Propaganda Directive of PWB

Reference PWB/7 of June 19th addressed to Executive
Commissioner.

The draft directive has been studied by the British
Embassy who see no objection to its terms.

(Sgd) A. S. HALFORD

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Asst. Political Advisor (BX)

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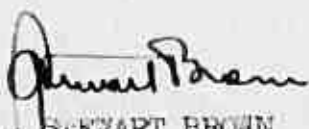
SUBJECT: Standing Propaganda Directive of P.W.B.

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Attached herewith is a proposed standing propaganda directive from P.W.B. on which they would like the concurrence of the Allied Commission.

2. It would be appreciated if you could give me your comments on the directive. I see no objection to it myself.

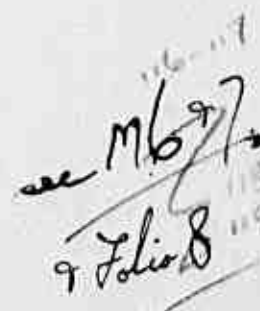
3. I am also sending copies to the Political Advisors for their comments.


G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copies to: American Political Advisor
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ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

18th June, 1945

TO: The Director of Public Relations, AC.

FROM: Assistant Deputy Director PWB AFHQ

SUBJECT: Standing Propaganda Directive.

1. I forward herewith the proposed Standing Propaganda Directive for PWB activities in Northern Italy.
2. The Directive is designed to cover that interim period between its approval and the handing over of the responsibility for the direction of press and radio to APB in accordance with the provisions of the scheme already submitted to AFHQ.
3. It has been thought desirable to annex to the directive a summary of the two statements on the C.I.N. in order that these may be ready for easy reference by those charged with the execution of the directive.
4. I should be grateful to receive the concurrence of AC at your earliest convenience so that it may be submitted for approval to the Chief of Staff at AFHQ in accordance with normal procedure.

C. L. Raleigh Radford

Assistant Deputy Director
PWB AFHQ.

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18th June, 1945

STANDING PROPAGANDA DIRECTIVE

AIMS.

- A. To provide a balanced and objective news and information service of world events, of Allied strength and Allied harmony.
- B. To support Allied policy in Italy and to assist the Allied Commission and Allied Military Government.
- C. To encourage maximum Italian initiative in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Italy, including the formation of a democratic and stable Italian Government.
- D. To promote understanding in Italy of world political and economic problems, and in particular of present economic difficulties resulting from destruction and disruption occasioned by the war in Europe and the continuation of the war in the Far East.
- E. To project Britain and America and to prepare for the resumption of full and friendly relations between these countries and Italy.

DIRECTIVE

1. We present a balanced picture of world events in the light of the weekly Central and Italian directives issued by FWE and OWI. We present a balanced picture of British and American life and view point by means of material supplied by MOI and OWI.
2. We keep to the fore the war in the Pacific, emphasising its priority drain on Allied material, men and shipping.
3. We stress the world shortage of raw materials and in particular of coal, keeping constantly to the fore the difficulties of life in Allied and Liberated countries, including liberated countries in the Far East.
4. We explain, without entering into polemics, the need for keeping Allied Military Government on the lines of communication with our occupation forces in Austria. Criticism of the retention of AMG or AC from responsible British or American sources will be reported briefly, avoiding as far as possible any impression that there is any difference of opinion between the two countries as regards the status of Italy.
5. We report Italian political difficulties fairly and objectively.

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reminding our audience that a full return to normal conditions will necessarily be slow and that the restoration of an effective national administration, which is essential to the reconstruction of the country, demands the active support and interest of each member of the community.

6. We report prominently each step taken to further the resumption of full administrative control by the Italian government.
7. We treat the Committees of National Liberation in accordance with the principles laid down in the order issued by the Committee on June 2nd (see appendix).
8. We encourage, by reporting successful examples, the full use of local resources and local improvisations designed to provide substitutes for unobtainable commodities.

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APPENDIX

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Summary of order issued by AMG LOMBARDY, 1st June 1945.

1. All decrees and orders issued by the C.L.N.A.I. and other C.L.N.s automatically become invalid from the time when they are substituted by decrees or orders of AMG.
2. All appointments made by the aforesaid committees will become invalid within seven days of the publication of the present order unless confirmed by AMG.
3. Any future decrees or appointments made by the aforesaid Committees are annulled.
4. AMG is the sole authority ^{competent} to issue decrees and make appointments. These powers will be, as far as possible, delegated to regularly appointed Italian officials, such as prefects or mayors. Any orders so issued must have the written approval of AMG.
5. The C.L.N. will act solely as advisors to AMG which will continue to cooperate closely with these committees.
6. The present order does not prejudice the validity of decrees and appointments made by the aforesaid committees before the present date.

Summary of the Agreement on the Functions of the C.L.N. issued by the C.L.N. at Rome on 2nd June, 1945.

In order to maintain the unity of the AntiFascist parties, the representatives of the six parties forming the C.L.N. pledge themselves to act in a responsible and moderate manner so that the discussions necessary for political life should not degenerate into violence.

Having examined the problems of the C.L.N. it is agreed to be necessary that the provincial and communal C.L.N. continue to exercise advisory functions alongside the Prefects until democratic elections allow the Constitution of [local] [normal] / administrations; that other dependent C.L.N. should assume a purely political character; and that the Works committees become technical, syndical organs, concerning themselves with the needs of production and of social justice.

