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LATERZA PUBLISHING FIRM (BARI)
MAR. - OCT. 1945

19.

C.S.O. - Refers to 7918 for your information. Please Date 10/18

See 7918
10/18/79

To Polad (B)

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Ref your letter (21) - please see folio (23)

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C.S.O.

Thank you.

[Signature]
H. H. H. (60)

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Political Adviser (B)

Reference your memorandum of 23 June, copy of which is at folio 10, please see memorandum to P.R. Branch at 11. Correspondence on this subject can be seen at folios 2-9.

28/6/45

Dewdney
13. SEA

Dear Dewdney. Thank you.

I sh^d be interested to know what

happens.

28/6/45

W. H. H. H. (Br.)

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Political Adviser (B)

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Please see letters distributed to G-5 at folio 14. Shall advise you further when reply has been received.

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Political Ads (B)

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Reason are letters distributed to
G-5 at 14. Share various upon
further under report for received.

Handy
TCA.

30 June 45

Miss Handley

Thank

Handley
TCA (B)

29/6/45

Handley
TCA (B)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

COB/gjf

G-5: 000.76-1

3 October 1945

SUBJECT: Laterza Press, Bari.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Information has now been received that pressure of work at 5 B.M.P.P. has made it impracticable to hand back the whole of the Laterza Press before the 15 October. However, the proprietor is now free to use certain parts of his plant and can resume production of more important work.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Coto
C. O. BENSON
Major, RA

John B. refers

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 9276/22/30

3 October 45

SUBJECT: "La Terza" Printing Press, BARI

TO : Public Relations Branch

With reference to your 10/PRE dated 10 August 45 on the
above subject, would you follow it up please.

13 C. H. BROOKS, CAPT. I. C.

Copy to: Polad (A)
Polad (B)

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Office of the British
Political Advisor (AC)

CSO to Executive Commissioner

(17) OCT - 1 1945

Subject: The Laterza Printing Press at Bari

I wrote to you on August 9th, reporting further developments in this case and asking for another enquiry at Allied Force Headquarters. Have Allied Force Headquarters replied yet please?

Halford

29.ix.45

Assistant Political Advisor (BR)

Copy to Political Advisor (A)
British Embassy

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(Copy Brambleton)

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Tel: 735

Ref: 9276/20/EC.

24 August 1945.

SUBJECT: "La Terna" Printing Press, BARI.

TO : Public Relations Branch.

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With reference to your 10/PRB dated 10 August 45 on the above subject, would you follow it up please.

R. W. KEMSLEY

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

cc. Pando (A)
Pando (A)

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Tel: 478603

10 August 1945.

Ref: 10/PRB

SUBJECT: "La Terna" Printing Press, BARI.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
Attn: G-5 Section.

1. With reference to your G-5: ORO.76.1 dated 12 July 1945 which stated that the above named Press had been derequisitioned on 5 July 1945.

2. We have today received a further letter which states that the Press is still occupied and used by the same Military Authorities who knew nothing of a derequisitioning order.

3. As there seems to have been a misunderstanding, would you please make further enquiries and inform us of the result.

For the Chief Commissioner:

See 23
R. G. KENSLEY 122: See 20.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: ~~PR~~ ~~Back~~
P.L.A. A
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See 20

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C.S.G. to Executive Commissioner

AUG 10 1945

Subject: The Lancia Printing Press at Bari

On June 23rd, I raised with you the question of the de-regulation of the Lancia Printing Press and on July 14th you showed me your file according to which Lancia had declared the Press to have been deregulated as from July 5th. — See File 16.

I now learn that the Press has not been deregulated and the British officers who ran it, when shown a copy of the British Embassy's note to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stating that the deregulation had taken place, "laughed a good deal" and said that they "might perhaps be able to deregulate by the end of the year." It seems that the staff of the Press has been reduced from 300 to 150 and the hours of work from 32 to 24 a week. The production of the Press is claimed to be the presentation of football match programmes, athletic meeting programmes etc., etc.

There has obviously been some misunderstanding. Could you please make further enquiries?

Kayne
Asst. Comm. (S)

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SEE F. 21

Cover to Mr. Tolson
British Embassy

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 000.76-1

12 July 1945

SUBJECT: "La Terza", Bari.

JUL 1 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference is your 10/PRB of 29 June 45.
2. This Section is now informed that "La Gazetta" Press, Bari, was released on 5 July 1945 which doubtless you are aware.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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G. J. MACHAMARA
Major, P.C.

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29 June 1945

SUBJECT : Dr. Croce and Printer "La Terza" in Bari.

TO : AFHQ (Attention G-5).

1. Reference is your G-5 000.76-1 dated 15 May 45.
2. Please inform us if the military authorities have yet released the "La Terza" press from requisition and, if not, on what date such action might be expected.

For the Chief Commissioner :

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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[Handwritten notes and signatures]
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Tel : 289

28 June 1945

Ref/9276/EO.

SUBJECT : LATERZA Publishing Firm.

TO : Public Relations Branch.

1. Our file 9276/EO subject "LATERZA Publishing Firm" is transferred herewith to you for absorption into the Public Relations Branch block of files. (9) (10)

2. As will be seen action is outstanding on folio 53 and it is requested that you prepare a letter to AFHQ further to their G-5 000.76-1 dated 15 May 45 for signature of the Executive Commissioner.

[Signature]
for Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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[Handwritten mark]

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Executive Commissioner

Subject : Laterza Printing Firm at Bari.

At the instigation of Senator Benedetto Croce whose works are published by the above-mentioned firm, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs have sought the good offices of the British Embassy for the de-requisition of the firm's premises.

ON PRB FILE.

2. According to my files, the Executive Commissioner last broached this subject with the then Military Government Section of Allied Force Headquarters by memorandum No. 140/21/CA of March 23rd 1944. I have no information regarding subsequent developments and I would accordingly be grateful if the matter might again be raised with Allied Force Headquarters.

/S/ A.S. Halford.
Asst. Political Ad (BR)

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Copy to : Director PRB
U.S. Polad;
British Embassy.

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(ORIGINAL PASSED TO PRB FOR ACTION)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: COO.76-1

15 May 1945

SUBJECT: Dr. Croce and Printer "la Torza"
in Bari.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

Reference is your 53/PWE 3 April 45.

It is possible that the army will be releasing the press from requisition during the course of a few weeks. The decision will be communicated to you.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

C. J. MACHAMARA
Major, P.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

53/PRB

11 May 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

On the 28th of March the Acting President brought to your attention certain difficulties which Dr. Croce was experiencing in getting his books reprinted by his old publisher, Laterza, in Bari.

We took up the matter with G-5 AFHQ and have just received word that a satisfactory arrangement has been reached whereby Laterza is now using part of the printing equipment to reprint Dr. Croce's books.

I assume you would like to pass on this information to the Acting President.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 000.78-1

8 May 1945

SUBJECT: laterza Press.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

A copy of letter FSS/19/8 from ADPSS is enclosed
for your information.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Encl:
as above.

C. J. MACNAMARA,
Captain, P.C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PRINTING & STATIONERY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

PRB

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Subject: Latorza Press.

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Q(Maint)
A.F.H.Q., C.M.F.

Copy to: G-5 A.F.H.Q.
H.Q., Allied Commission (Office of the High Commissioner)
F.A. (Br) A.F.H.Q.
G-2 A.F.H.Q.

Please see G-5 000.76-1 of 10 April 45.

The attached copy report from O.C. 5 British Military Printing Press explaining the existing arrangement which has been reached with Sig. GIUS LATARZA, is submitted for perusal.

The use of the machinery mentioned by LATARZA'S employees does not unduly prejudice our military operation, and there is no objection to its continued use.

As the premises are requisitioned without payment by this Service, no financial liability is incurred by us.

Will you please state if the arrangement as it stands meets the requirements of H.Q. Allied Commission (their 53/PRB of 3 April refers) and the approval of F.A. (Br).

Needless to say, on the rare occasions when this Press is used for security printing, all Italian personnel are rigorously excluded.

2 May 45.
AT/SES.



C. A. Tacey
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Lt. Col. R.A.S.C.
A.D.P.S.S., A.F.H.Q.

Gius Laterza visited me on or about 20th March 45 to request the use of plant to produce books. (5)

Knowing the history of this press and the type of book was desired to produce, I agreed to place one machine at his disposal. Since then the machine has been in daily use by Laterza.

In addition, he was given the use of a Linotype machine, Platen machine and full book binding machinery, i.e. sewing machine, folding machine and three bookbinders' presses.

He employs the following personnel within the press premises :-

Compositors	5.
Machine Minders	1.
Bookbinders	1.
Reader	1.
Clerk	1.
Apprentices	2.
Unskilled labour	11.

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Laterza fully understands that, whenever the situation demands, these machines will produce P. & S.S. work. 1215

Since October 1943 he has produced six books of between 2,500 - 3,000 copies each.

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3 April 1945

SUBJECT: Dr. Croce and Printer "La Terza" in Bari.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

1. The attention of the Acting President, Allied Commission, has been called to the fact that Dr. Croce is having difficulty in getting his books reprinted because his printer, "La Terza", in Bari is wholly requisitioned by the Allied authorities. It was suggested that if the print plant is not working to capacity it might relinquish a certain amount of time to reprinting some of the more important of Dr. Croce's books.

2. Inquiries here indicate that La Terza is under requisition by the British Military Press which uses the plant to print forms stationery and other printed matter for the British Army.

3. It is suggested G-5 inquire into the matter to see if the suggestion in para 1 is feasible.

/s/ NORMAN E FISKE.

✓ KERRY W. STONE, Col.
Rear Admiral, USNR, 1212
Chief Commissioner.COPIES: CHIEF COMMR
EXEC COMMR
P. R. B.

See 449

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53/PRB

30 March 45

SUBJECT: Mr. Macmillan's memorandum of 28th March (attached)

TO : Chief Commissioner
(Through Deputy Executive Commissioner)

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1. This is in reference to the Acting President's attached memorandum to you.

2. I have investigated and found that the printing firm "La Terza" in Bari is requisitioned by the British military authorities for something called the British Military Press. According to my information the presses are used to print forms, stationery and such printed matter for the British Army.

3. I suggest that an inquiry be made through G-5 as to whether the plant is working at full capacity for the British Military Press and if not if part of the time could be relinquished to the printing of Dr. Croce's books.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the President
APO 394

British Military Press

To: Chief Commissioner.

From: Mr. Macmillan.

Count Carandini called on me this morning. There is just one point about which I would like your help.

Dr. Croce has difficulty in getting his books which are out of print reprinted. This is due to the fact that his printers, La Terza in Bari, are wholly requisitioned by the Allied authorities - I do not know whether A.C. or P.W.B. Do you think it would be possible to make any arrangement to relinquish a certain amount of working time in order to reprint the most important of these books? If we could get assistance, I would ask Dr. Croce to give me the list of books in order of importance so that paper and working time might be made available successively in order to put them back upon the market.

No doubt this may have to be taken up through G-5, but you could perhaps let me know what is best to be done.

/s/ HM

28th March, 1945.

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NOTE

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Contents of original jacket
9276/EC (which included file
1440/CA of the former C.A. Branch)
transferred 28 June 1945 to
Public Relations Branch —
see folio 11.

W. Middleton
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