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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/252/113/CA.

24 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Orders.

TO : R.C. Region XII.

1. Reference your R/2017 of 19 May 1944, the position of the three draft Regional Orders is as follows :

(a) Algeria.

This Order is being prepared, as you know, for issue as a General Order. Since, among other things, the proposed legislation has to do with matters concerning incrimination, the Public Safety sub-Commission felt obliged to consult A.A.I. before making any recommendations on the subject.

(b) Public Incrimination.

This Order has been prepared and approved. It is being published as General Order No. 25 and is now in the hands of the printers.

(c) Incrimination and Publications.

Reference is made to this HQ letter 292/19/CA of 4 April 1944. The suggested Decree has been drafted and approved but is under discussion with the Italian Government. It is hoped that it will be finally approved before the next meeting of the A.P.C. on 29 May 1944.

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Copy to: Admin Section - For Legal sub-Comm.
File 292.
" 392.
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NORMAN B. FINEB,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/397/20/CA

28 April 1944

SUBJECT: Political Meetings - Proposed
Regional Order.

TO : R.C., Region III

1. Reference your proposed Regional Order No. 33 and letter of 5 April 1944, the Chief Commissioner has directed that a general order on the lines of your proposal shall be issued for all territory subject to Allied Military Government.

2. The preparation of the order will be undertaken by the Legal Subcommittee.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Region III Order on Public Meetings.

TO : Dep. Executive Commissioner.

1. This order has twice been referred to Col. Upjohn for comment. At Folio 16 he objects to the draft chiefly on the grounds that it is unnecessary, but in the last sentence he infers that if this amendment is made he will not object.

2. I phoned Col. Poletti who is willing to accept Chief Legal Officer's amendment. He is particularly keen that the order should be issued because he is continually receiving inquiries from officers in the provinces as to how requests for public meetings should be handled. In his opinion Proclamation No. 11 does not cover this.

3. I think that the order should be issued with the amendments recommended by the C.L.O. Do you approve?

G.W.I. Shipp to Col

22 April 44

G.W.I. SHIPP,
Lt. Col.

24.4.44

*The Chief Commissioner directs that
the order should issue for all ADG territory 3155*

*Please ask Legal S.C. to draft an order.
still R.C. R.H.*

WV 26/4/44

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Executive Commission

Proposed Region III Order. (No. 33) — Public Meetings.

Legal Sub. Commission still thinks this order entirely unnecessary, as the principal point is covered by Proclamation 11, Art 5.

Should Reg. III now be told not to publish.

to Diffuse (Whole) matter.

Note: The original revision vests discretion to grant permits in the Gneystone, with copy of the permit to P.C.

In the revision this discretion has been withdrawn but the right of trial of offenders is still allowed to "Italian Courts having Criminal jurisdiction". Legal Sub. Comm. object to this and recommends its deletion if the order is permitted to be published.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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12 April 1944

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SUBJECT : Proposed Legislation Region III .
TO : Executive Commissioner .

Objection is still taken to this draft principally on the ground that it is entirely unnecessary. See para 1 (IV) of my earlier letter. The revised Proclamation makes it plain that meetings may be held with a permit and the Regional or Provincial Commissioner can grant a permit for any meeting making such conditions as he deems desirable. In any event reference to the jurisdiction of the Italian Courts in Arts. 3 and 4 should be deleted .

G. R. Upjohn
G. R. UPJOHN,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, US ARMY

5 April 1944

SUBJECT: revised Regional Order 33

TO : Executive Commissioner, Regional Control & Military Government Section
Headquarters Allied Control Commission

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1. In accordance with your letter of 30 March 1944, REF/129/43/CA, proposed regional Order 33 has been revised. The Questore no longer has discretion as to the holding of meetings. The original order was drafted with the eventual turnover to the Italian Government in mind. It was never proposed that the Questore would have unlimited discretion. An Administrative Instruction would have been issued directing the Questore to clear all such matters with AMU. The original proposal has the merit of bringing the Questore into the picture gradually in preparation for the role they will have to assume after the turnover.

2. The revised order should answer the objections detailed in your letter of 30 March 1944.

Charles P. Letti
CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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regional order 33,
revised

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Legal S.C.

Please see comment.

to Difficult (shut)
Major G.
10 Apr.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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Regional Order)

April 1944.

Number 33)

Considering the desirability of permitting public meetings within the Province of Avellino and within parts of the Provinces of Naples and Benevento, and the need of regulating such meetings:

I, Charles Poletti, Lieutenant Colonel, Regional Commissioner, Region 3, by virtue of power vested in me hereby

ORDER

Article I.

Right of Public Meeting.

Subject to compliance with the provisions of Article II of this Order, public meetings may be held within the following communes, that is to say -

(a) within the Province of Avellino, every commune;

(b) within the Province of Naples, the communes of Pozzuoli, Marano di Napoli, Villaricca (frazione), Qualiano, Villaricca, Mugnano di Napoli, Melito di Napoli, Sant'Antonio, Cesa, Grano Nevano, Frattamaggiore, Frattaminore, Crispano, Caivano, Acerra, Rold, Roccarainola, and every commune to the south of those communes; and

(c) within the Province of Benevento, the communes of Pannarano, Ceppaloni, San Leucio del Sannio, San Angelo a Cupolo, San Nicola Manfredi, Paduli, Pago Veiano, San Marco dei Cavoti, Reino, Circello, San Croce

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del Sannio, Castel Pagano, Castelvetera,
San Bartolomeo in Galdo, and every commune
to the east of those communes.

Article II.

Conditions of Public Meetings.

Section 1. A public meeting shall not be held without a written permit from the Provincial Commissioner of the province in which the meeting is held. An application for a permit to hold a public meeting shall be made by the promoter of the meeting to the Questore of the province in which the meeting is to be held.

Section 2. Where a written permit is granted by the Provincial Commissioner, the public meeting shall not be held otherwise than on the date, and at the time and place, and for the discussion of the subject or subjects mentioned in the permit.

Section 3. Whenever possible every public meeting shall be held indoors. Where a written permit is granted by the Provincial Commissioner for an outdoor meeting, the meeting shall not interfere with any traffic, whether pedestrian or vehicular, passing along or over any road or street open to the public.

Section 4. At a public meeting no person shall do or say anything -

(a) which supports, or encourages any other person to support, any of the enemies of any of the United Nations or any of the ideals of the Fascist or Nazi parties;

(b) which leads or may lead to public disorder; or

(c) which causes or may cause, or encourages or may encourage any other person to cause, any

Article III.

Jurisdiction of Courts.

x Any person charged with the violation of any of the provisions of this Order may be tried by an Allied Military Court or by an Italian Court having criminal jurisdiction. Every Italian Court having criminal jurisdiction shall have competence and jurisdiction to hear and determine, in accordance with Italian criminal procedure, all cases in which a violation of any of the provisions of this Order is charged and which have been referred to be tried by that Court, but that Court shall not have power to award any punishment greater than it can lawfully award under Italian law.

Article IV.

Penalties.

x Any person who is charged with the violation of any of the provisions of this Order shall, upon conviction by an Allied Military Court or an Italian Court having criminal jurisdiction, be liable to imprisonment or fine, or both, with or without other lawful punishment, as the Court may determine.

Article V.

Interpretation.

Section 1. In this Order the expression "the promoter" means, where there is more than one promoter of a public meeting, each of those promoters.

Section 2. For the purposes of paragraph (32) of Article II of Proclamation No.2, Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory, dated 25 August 1943, and Section 2 of Article V of Proclamation No.11, Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory, dated 1 September 1943, a public meeting which complies with the provisions of this Order (including the provisions relating to public meetings contained in the before mentioned "Testo Unico" and "Regolamento") shall be

deemed to be a public meeting, demonstration or assembly authorized or permitted by the Allied Military Government.

Section 3. Nothing in this Order shall prejudice or affect the provisions of Section 3 of Article V of the before mentioned Proclamation No. 11

Article VI.

Extent of Order and Effective Date

This Order shall apply to the Province of Avel-
lino and to those parts of the Provinces of Naples and
Benevento as are mentioned in Article I of this Order
and shall become effective on, from and after
April 1944.

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CHARLES POLETTI
Lieut. Colonel
Regional Commissioner.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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A.P.O. 394

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28th March 1944

Subject: Proposed Legislation Region III

To: Executive Commissioner

1. Ref your 291/12/CA dated 26 March 1944, my comments on proposed Regional III Order No. 33 are as follows :-

A (i) The C.C.S. directive permits attendance at meetings of Political committees and such other activities of a similar nature as you may deem to be advisable". Such meetings are, however, all governed by the opening words of the directive, namely, "within your discretion".

B The proposed regional order runs directly counter to this directive because the discretion as to the holding of the meetings is to be vested in the questore/ (see Art. II, Sec. 1 and Art. III) and NOT in the Allied Military Government; the real effect of the order is to divest the Allied Military Government of discretion in the matter, nor is it any answer to this to say that a copy of the permit is to be sent to the Provincial Commissioner (Art III, Sec 1), for the person, under the order, to exercise the discretion is the questore and not the P.O.

(ii) It is important that the Italians should understand that meetings are held only at the discretion of the Allied Authorities (see Signal on P.37) and this order gives a contrary impression.

(iii) Further the proposed regional order runs counter to existing directives issued by the D.C.C.A.O., A.M.G. on 18 Jan (see para 2 - P.33) and D.C.C.A.O., A.M.G. 15 Army Group on 11 Jan (see para 2 - P.32) which preclude any alteration to the existing proclamation on the subject, i.e., Proclamation No. 11, Art. 5. 3146

(iv) Furthermore I see no necessity for the proposed order; under Proclamation 11, Art. 5, permits for meetings may be granted and the C.C.S. directive merely indicates that a more liberal policy in granting permits may be adopted; there is no reason whatever to alter the existing machinery.

(v) Finally if it be desired to alter the law as laid down by Proclamation No. 11 this should be done by a proclamation or general order emanating from the Military Governor or at least the Chief Commissioner and not by the order of a Regional Commissioner.

2. I also have a number of criticisms of the proposed order in detail but in view of the above I do not propose to set them out here.

3. For the above reasons I advise that the publication of proposed Regional Order No. 33 be not permitted.

Gerald R. Upjohn
GERALD R. UPJOHN. Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. Section
APO 394

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Ref/291/12/GA.

26 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation Region III.

TO : Admin. Section - For C.L.O., Legal Sub-Commission.

1. Reference conversation Colonel Upjohn - Colonel Shipp of 26 Mar., herewith files No. 129/GA and 291/GA.
2. I will be grateful if you would scrutinize the proposed orders and let me have your opinion on them.
3. I would be grateful if the files could be returned with your comments as soon as possible.

NORMAN E. FISKE 3145
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: File 129/GA.

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Lt Col Shopp. I

1. Pl. See para 5 of 31 and 26 to 30.
2. Opposite White Cor. are papers I have extracted from our old file which will be put in this file. They are
638 — (A) CCS Directive on this subject.
~~27-28~~ — (B) (C) & (D) Signals relative to (A)
30-33 — (E) & (F). Directive from Army Naples, & 15 Army, respectively.

3. The order at 26-30 seems to be OK.

S. 24/3. 3144

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Col Fiske
Col Poletti wants us to approve an order he proposes by which he delegates the power of approving political meetings to the Quetzal, (Article III on p 28) subject to scrutiny by P.C. of Province.
2. In view of the CCS Directive (p 32) and AFMA protest on a previous occasion (p 34), I think this order should be referred to the Legal S.C.

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RE. AT PEN. BASE SECT SIG. MES. CENT.

9 JAN 1944

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Capt. T. B. T.

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NEW POLITICAL DIRECTIVE FROM COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF TO
CINC FOLLOWS. 1. "WITHIN YOUR DISCRETION, THE ITALIAN PEOPLE MAY
BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (OTHER
THAN FASCIST) AS DO NOT LEAD TO RIOTING AND DISORDER". 2. "THESE
WILL INCLUDE THE RIGHT OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF
POLITICAL COMMITTEES, PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF POLITICAL
WORKS AND SUCH OTHER ACTIVITIES OF SIMILAR NATURE AS YOU MAY DETERMINE
TO BE ADVISABLE." 3. "UPON THEIR RELEASE, POLITICAL PRISONERS SHALL
BE CAUTIONED THAT POLITICAL ACTIVITY ON THEIR PART WHICH GIVES RISE
TO OR TENDS TO GIVE RISE TO RIOTING OR DISORDER WILL NOT BE TOLER-
ATED." 4. "TO INSURE A SIMILAR LIBERAL POLICY, THE ALLIED CONTROL
COMMISSION SHOULD ALSO SEE THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PERMITS
SIMILAR FREEDOM OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN THE PORTIONS OF ITALY
WHICH ARE RESTORED TO ITALIAN JURISDICTION. THESE SUPERSEDE
ALL EARLIER INSTRUCTIONS DEALING WITH THE SAME MATTER. "

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RCA Region I ^{is based}
that order number 17 permitting
political activities has created
no confusion and that it is
understood publications remain
under same licensing regulations
and that discretionary control
of political activities is
retained. By regulation ^{of Region I} permit
must be granted by AMG before
political meetings may be held
draft by C. Palatti

MEMORANDUM
 ADDITIONAL COVER SHEET
 ACTION SHEET

Subject _____ Date _____

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C.G., A.H.G.	
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D.C. of Staff for (Q&SI)	
D.C. of Staff Admin.	
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(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SIGNED CINC

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REFERENCE NR. : 41118

CITE : FHMS

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REGION ONE ORDER NUMBER SEVENTEEN WAS ISSUED WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION THIS HEADQUARTERS AND BEFORE RECEIPT OF OUR DIRECTIVE DATED JANUARY EIGHTEEN PD PERHAPS PAID FARGO PARK TO AFHQ FOR MGS PD CITE FARGO FIVE ZERO THREE PD REFERENCE FOUR ONE ONE EIGHT PD HAVE CONFERRED ROAD REGION ONE WHO STATES THAT PERMIT FOR MEETINGS IS/ BY REGIONAL REGULATION ISSUED INDEPENDENTLY OF ORDER NUMBER SEVENTEEN PD ROAD ALSO STATES HE BELIEVES THAT IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT PUBLICATIONS REMAIN UNDER SAME LICENSING REGULATIONS AND THAT DISCRETIONARY CONTROL OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY IS RETAINED BY ALLIED AUTHORITIES PD ROAD INSTRUCTED TO MAKE THIS CLEAR IN INDIVIDUAL CASES AS SUGGESTED PD HAVE REQUESTED COPY OF REGULATION REQUIRING PERMITS PD WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN RECEIVED

J. P. NICKEL
Lt. Col., AND
Adjutant General

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25 JANUARY 1944

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POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IS SUBJECT TO REVISIONS
 AFTER CABLE AND INSTRUMENTS HAVE FORWARDED COPY GENERAL CHIEF OF POLICE FOR
 REVISIONS TO FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO THE FBI BUREAU AND
 AFTER FOR THE SITE BUREAU FIVE ONE THREE AND / OR OTHER BUREAU FOR REVISIONS
 IS ALL LIKELY TO BE ASSUMED THAT DISCRETION GRANT SHOULD BE MADE WITH NECESSARY
 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ADVISED BY BUREAU OF CHARGE TO ALSO REVISIONS BEING
 UNDER THE BUREAU REVISIONS

This has been need.
+ given to Col. Spafford

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J. F. KISSEL
1st Lt., AGC
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

WJW/AMG/mrd
18 January 1944

Ref/AMG/202.

SUBJECT: Political Activities

TO: 1. R.C.A.O., Region I
R.C.A.O., Region II

1. The revised policy of the Combined Chiefs of Staff has been communicated by A.F.H.Q. in the following terms (copies of which you have already received):-

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

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

(c) "Upon their release, political prisoners shall be cautioned that political activity on their part which gives rise to or tends to rise to rioting or disorder will not be tolerated." 3138

2. Although paragraphs 1 (a) and 1 (b) above call for a substantial modification of policies which have heretofore been observed in the enforcement of the provisions of Section I, Article IV and Section 2, Article V of Proclamation No. 11 these provisions are not abrogated by the terms of the revised policy.

3. Permits for meetings may be granted with more freedom. Discretion to withhold permits still remains with Regions.

4. (a) The following instructions have been received from A.F.H.Q. regarding cases where it is found necessary to withhold permits for political gatherings:

"When important political meetings are banned, short official announcements should be made, giving reasons and the text wired to this Headquarters. This should combat unfavourable comments and propaganda".

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(Political Activities - Cont'd.)

(b) Whenever, in the exercise of your authority and discretion action involving the denial of authority for any political meetings has to be taken, you are requested to inform this Headquarters by cable without delay:

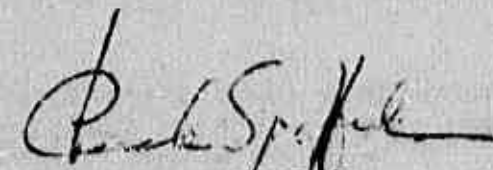
- (1) Nature of meeting which will not be authorized.
- (2) Auspices under which it was to be held.
- (3) Date, time and place proposed.
- (4) Brief reasons for prohibition
- (5) Text of official announcement made.

(c) Cables sent in accordance with paragraph 4. (b) above will be followed by full report.

5. Publication of Newspapers: A programme of control is being formulated by the Allied Publications Board and a directive on the licensing procedure will be issued shortly.

6. The instruction in paragraph 1. (c) above must be carefully and rigidly observed in all cases of political prisoners released, particularly those who were imprisoned or otherwise detained by the former Fascist Government.

7. Acknowledge by wire.



CHARLES M. SHOPFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O., AMG, HQ.

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