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ROTARY CLUBS
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If the National Girl authorizes
the constitution of National Clubs
in National Girl territory, all we
have to do is to assist whenever
possible in obtaining premises, etc.

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Have you any interest in, or comments
to make on, the subject?

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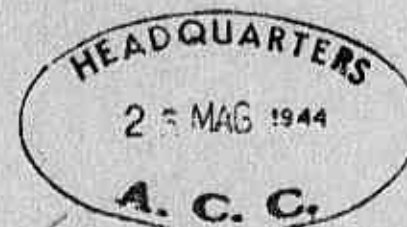
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SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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SUBJECT: Rotary Clubs

TO : Vice-President
Administrative Section
H.Q. A.C.C.



Reference personal letter of 5 MAY Lord Stansgate
to Colonel Hancock;

1. Regarding Rotary Clubs in SICILY, the last secretary of the PALERMO Rotary Club, Ing. MANETTI CUBA, has been traced and interviewed. He states that of the 50 members enrolled at the time the club was suppressed by Fascism, some 27 are still available and have already discussed a resumption of activities.

2. General PATTEN, when here, was approached and authorized the club to restart, but as no suitable premises were available no further action was taken. The handicap here at the moment is that the principal hotels are requisitioned. Alternative premises have been discussed with me should a common plan to resume be agreed upon.

3. As far as I can ascertain, the members are reputable citizens chosen according to Rotary practice from the best known representatives of trade, industry and the professions. They are willing to move, within present-day limitations, in accord with any revival on the mainland. Pending further news from Vice-President Administrative Section, tentative proposals for resumption are being examined.

4. From MESSINA a telegram has just been received from the President of Rotary Club in that city saying:

"Italian Rotary Club, formerly suppressed by Fascist Govt, reconstituting in the City of Messina to-day now that Allied Forces of Liberation permit it, resume peaceful social activities, sending to you as representative of democratic nations deferent salutations.

President - Prof. Gaetano Martino"

5. It appears that SICILY Rotary was affiliated to a Headquarters in ZURICH.

6. Enquiries are being pursued in other towns, and if in the meantime any decision is taken to restart Rotary clubs throughout Italian Government Territory, Region I will no doubt be kept informed.

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