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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/27/B/Int

10 August 1944

SUBJECT: Report of activities for the month of July 1944.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

a. In accordance with the Badoglio-Mason MacFarlane arrangements (which the Ministry have regularly observed) a large number of proposed senior appointments and transfers agreed by the Council of Ministers was submitted for ACC's approval. These included the following positions affecting this Sub-Commission:

Secretary General to the High Commissioner for Sardinia
6 Effective Members and 1 substitute of the Giunta Consultiva for Sardinia
The following Directors-General of the departments of the Ministry of the Interior named hereunder:
Director-General for General Affairs and Personnel
Director-General for Civil Administration
Director-General for Religious Affairs
Director-General for the Fund for Religion
New Prefects for Agrigenti, Trapani, Siracusa, Ragusa, Caltanissetta, Bari, Sassari, Cagliari, Nuoro, and Cosenza.

The above arrangements necessitated the screening of each nominee by Security Branch. Having regard to the experience gained of certain Vice-Prefects who were proposed for promotion and transfer, it was necessary to draw the attention of the Italian Government to the record of the officials in question whilst working under AME. As a result, alternative proposals were made.

Approval was eventually given to all the above positions.

b. An initial plan on general lines has been received from the Government showing their intention regarding future arrangements for the administrative and local government reorganization of Rome, necessitated by and consequent upon the abolition of the Governatorato established for the city's management under the Fascist regime. Interviews have taken place with Region IV, the Secretary General and the Vice Sindaco of Rome City, and also the Chief of Cabinet to the Ministry of the Interior.

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c. Executive Memorandum No. 39 dealing with local government organization and administration has been revised. This document summarizes the position of and the arrangements connected with local government organization, made since the Sicilian landing and its revision was necessary to give effect to developments which have occurred and experience gained since its original production. It has been issued by RC & MG Section.

2. PREFECTS AND OFFICIALS

a. Following his visit to Sardinia some time ago, the Director conveyed to the Ministry the unsatisfactory reports which had been received regarding the Prefect of Sassari and drew attention to his Fascist associations and record. The Minister subsequently removed him from office and the position has been filled under the arrangements contained in 1 (a) above.

b. As mentioned in previous reports, experience has shown that AMG with 5th and 8th Armies have at times found no administrative officials in newly liberated provinces. To cater for these circumstances, arrangements were made in collaboration with the Italian Government for the provision of a small team containing the minimum number of officials (including a Prefect) which would be necessary to restart the administration. Such teams had been prepared and were ready to proceed to Perugia, Siena, Arezzo, Pescara, Teramo, and Ascoli.

In the provinces mentioned, however, it was discovered that sufficient satisfactory officials had remained at their posts and the personnel who were ready to go at short notice were not called forward.

A Prefect however, was provided and sent to Macerata.

Similar preparations are being made to cover the following provinces should the need arise, viz: Pisa, Livorno, Florence, Pistoia, Lucca, Apuania, and Ancona.

3. TOURS

The Director attended a conference at AMG regarding ACC/AMG activities and later visited Region VIII and 5th Army Hq. Discussion took place with 5th Army regarding probable requirements of administrative officials in the northern provinces, as and when they are taken, together with improved methods for speedily securing their presence when required having regard to AMG's past experiences, transport difficulties, communications, etc. Plans are being made accordingly in collaboration with the Ministry.

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As in past instances the Director personally found the contact with 5th Army most helpful and instructive.

Executive Officers of the Sub-Commission have made surveys of local government conditions in Naples, Benevento, Avellino, Salerno, Littoria, and Frosinone. Suggestions have been conveyed to ICs and contact made with the Ministry particularly regarding personnel shortages, etc.

4. PATRIOTS

The Sub-Commission was requested to provide a plan of arrangements for dealing with patriots after the area in which they have been operating is taken by the Allies. This has been done and is now contained in an Appendix to the General Instructions recently issued. Shortly, it provides for the formation of a small committee headed by the Sindaco of any commune concerned, together with representatives of the patriots and local inhabitants. Their function is, firstly to determine whether a man is in fact a patriot and then to classify the genuine patriots in the following groups:

- (i) Those who previously resided in the commune and who wish to stay therein and obtain local employment.
- (ii) Those who wish to return to their homes elsewhere.
- (iii) Those who want to join the Army immediately.
- (iv) Those who want to continue serving as Patriots.
- (v) Jugo-Slavs

The Ministry of the Interior were contacted in relation to the assistance required from Prefects in connection with the detailed arrangements under the plan.

5. INTERVIEWS

The Director has seen His Excellency Bonomi in his capacity of Minister of the Interior on frequent occasions. In addition, interviews have taken place with the Under-Secretary of State Canevari, Sorrentino, the Chief of Cabinet and his successor, Berruti. The subjects concerned have included nominations for Prefect and Sindaco of Florence (each of whom was also seen), refugees going north and their interference with military movement, teams of officials, and other senior appointments.

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6. MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

The work of the Sub-Commission during the past month as instanced by some of the items of work mentioned above has necessitated almost daily contact with the Ministry of Interior and its various senior officials and has included the usual routine and other matters affecting the administration in ACC/AMG areas.

7. PERSONNEL

Lieut G. Hammond has now joined the staff of this Sub-Commission, the personnel of which is now as follows:

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| (i) Military - Officers: | |
| Colonel R. G. B. Spicer | Director (B) |
| Captain R. R. Temple | Executive Officer (A) |
| Captain C. G. R. Williams | Ass't Exec. Officer (B) |
| Captain T. G. Shanks | Adjutant (B) |
| Lt. W. V. M. Lewis | Staff Officer (B) |
| Lt. G. Hammond | Staff Officer (B) |
| (ii) Military - OR/EM | |
| S/Sgt P. G. Wright | Chief Clerk (B) |
| T/Sgt J. G. Trigony | Stenographer (A) |
| (iii) Civilians | |
| Signorina Conti, Giuliana | Typist (Italian) |
| Signorina Cori, Maria | Typist (Italian) |
| Signore Chimenti, Carlo | Messenger |



R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

WVML/jgt

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JOINT HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR DIVISION
APO 394

AXI/27/5/Int

5 June 1944

SUBJECT: Report of activation for month of May, 1944.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(a) Surveys - Region II. Captain V. R. Temple of this Sub-Commission made a tour of Bari and Brindisi (15-25 May) for the purpose of surveying local government organization and administration, securing data of local officials and consulting with regional and Provincial staffs.

A report has been completed and matters in which action and supervision is advised are being forwarded to the R. C.

Captain C. G. R. Williams visited the Provinces of Matera and Potenza (5-11 May) for a similar purpose; a report having been made and the necessary observations sent to the R.C. for his attention.

Information regarding Italian Officials was obtained and this has been "Carded".

(b) Royal Decree Reconstituting Local Government. The Provisions of this Decree have been applied to Military Government Territory, but progress is slow in many Provinces.

2. ROME

(a) Italian Liaison Officials. The Ministry of Interior, Italian Government, has suggested that as soon as the Capital is liberated it would be advisable to send a limited number of trustworthy officials who have a knowledge of the personnel that may be found there, and of the Services. The Ministry has been informed that their proposals has been approved and have been asked to supply names. The proper channels were duly observed in this connection.

(b) City Administration. Following upon a request by the 5th Army, information in connection with the Chief Administrative Officials expected to be found in Rome has been collected; names have been supplied of officials who might be considered for the senior appointments. The comments of the Italian Government were (also) obtained and supplied in regard to all senior present incumbents. Much relevant information has also been supplied.

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3. Provinces in the Forward Area. In view of the occupation of Littoria and Grosseto, arrangements have been made for the provision and organization of the necessary Italian Provincial Administration by arranging teams of senior officials.

The same arrangements are being made for Rome Province.

4. Pool of Officials. Experience having shown that at times the officials of certain provinces in the Forward Area have proved incapable of dealing adequately with the problem of local administration under war conditions, the Italian Government have been approached with the view of forming a small pool of men who would be available at short notice to take over the duties of provinces under the control of A.M.C.

The Ministry of Interior has supplied the first six names and these are being "sponsored".

5. Church Affairs. The question has been raised of increasing the subsidy paid to the clergy by the same percentages as have been applied to wages and salaries. A Royal Decree of 24 January 1942 granted temporary increases in Italian Government Territory, with effect from 1 November 1941. Steps are being taken to have the Decree implemented in Military Government Territory.

6. Prefect of Anagnino. After considerable correspondence and meetings with the Minister of Interior, a Prefect was appointed for Anagnino on 15 May 1942.

7. Italian Mail. It has been necessary to remind the Italian Government of the arrangement for effecting delivery of mail in Military Government Territory, and also for the issuing of Orders direct to Prefect in Region I, instead of "through" the High Commissioner, there. As a consequence the Minister of Interior has addressed a further circular to all Ministries emphasizing upon them the necessity for conformity to the arrangement originally made.

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8. Salary of Sindaco. The question as to whether Sindaco should be paid a salary, irrespective of financial position or location is at present the subject of correspondence with the Minister of Interior. While he agrees as to Comandanti Prefetturali, he does not in regard to Sindaci, and in the latter he is, in my opinion, correct.

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9. Arms and Explosives Under Italian Law. Instructions have been issued by the Chief Commissioner that the law relating to the carrying of firearms by Italian civilians in Italian Government Territory is to be strictly enforced, and that full use is to be made of the existing powers in this respect. An Order has been made and the Minister of Interior has been asked that all Prefects be directed to publish it. The Order draws attention to the provisions of the Italian Penal Code.

10. Accommodation of Refugees. The Italian Government asked that the ban on certain areas be lifted. As the restriction on the Area designated is for the time being enforced by the Army for Army purposes, the Minister has been so informed.

11. Local Government Course. The third course took place between 2 and 9 May. Officers from Regions I, II, IV, V, VI, and VII, and from 8th Army attended; eleven in all. The class was in the Director's opinion, the most intelligent of any yet assembled.

All the preparatory work for the fourth course had been completed; it has had to be cancelled; a revised date will be notified, if and when circumstances permit.

12. Giunta Consultiva, Sicily. This problem is still under discussion by the Italian Government.

13. Conferences. In addition to routine Conferences the Director attended the Regional Commissioner's Conference at Naples (30/51 May).

14. Transfers and Promotions of Prefects and Vice-Prefects. There have been many appointments, promotions, and transfers. The Minister of Interior interviewed the Director on more than one occasion in this connection. All regions concerned were consulted and the Vice-President's decisions were conveyed to the Minister who showed throughout a most co-operative spirit.

15. PERSONNEL

The following is the personnel as at 31 May 1944:-

(a) Military - Officers

(1) Colonel R. G. B. Spicer

Director

(B)

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- (ii) Captain R. E. Temple
- (iii) Captain G. C. R. Williams
- (iv) Lieut. S. V. M. Lewis
- (v) Captain T. G. Shanks

Executive Officer (A)
 Ass't. Executive O. (B)
 Staff Officer (B)
 Adjutant (B)

(b) Military - OR/EM.

- (i) S/Sgt P. C. Wright
- (ii) Tech/Sgt J. C. Trigory

Chief Clerk (B)
 Stenographer (A)

(c) Civilians.

- (i) Marchesio, Salvatore
- (ii) Mendheim, Dr. Martin

Typist (Italian)
 Typist (Swiss)

16. CONCLUSION.

The foregoing incorporates the main items of the work done by this Sub-Commission during the month, and it would be redundancy to add to it.

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R. G. B. RIDER
 Colonel
 Director
 Interior Sub-Commission

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20th May, 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of activities for month of April, 1944.

TO : Vice President, Administrative section.

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

(a) Region VI. - Captain A.S. Temple of this sub-Commission toured this region (1st to 27th April) for the purpose of surveying local government organization and administration, securing data of local officials and consulting with the local officials on matters relating to local government.

A comprehensive report has been made and a note of the matters requiring action and supervision will be forwarded to the H.

The "background" data relative to Italian officials has been "provided".

(b) Region VII. - This region (now comprising the provinces of Grosseto, Livorno, and Reggio) was visited by Captain C.M. Williams (18th to 27th April). He had meetings with the local officials and their respective staffs at which all phases of local government were discussed. A full report has been made of the tour and the necessary steps thereon will be taken with the H.

Information regarding local officials was obtained and has been "provided".

(c) Tour. - The Director and Assistant Director Lewis on 1st to 24th April visited 3rd Army H.Q. and a number of Commands in the forward area. Among other matters discussed were the filling of vacancies in the position of Director of Forward Command, and payment of salary to them. As a result the Italian Government have agreed to establish a pool of young and energetic men suitably qualified who will be available at short notice to proceed to a course then required by 3rd Army. The question of payment to similar in under discussion with the Italian Government.

(d) Side-Merits for Forward Area Personnel. - An alternative to be used for sporting upon the state of local government in the provinces and assisting towards uniformity has been drawn up.

(e) Royal Order re-organization Local Government. - Reference 1(b) of the Monthly Report for March, 1944, this Order has now been published. Its effect is to continue the arrangements in regard to local administration introduced in 1943 areas before the re-organization. Steps are being taken to secure uniformity by applying the provisions of the Order to complete territory, when practicable.

2. COMMISSIONS

In addition to routine conferences, the Director has, on 20th April, the following :-

(a) Regional Commissioners' Conference at Naples (14th to 15th April, 44).

and administration, securing data of local officials and consulting with the PD, PDs and their staffs on military relations to local government.

A representative report has been made up a page of the actions requiring action and supervision will be forwarded to the PD.

3. "Background" data relative to Italian officials has been "circled".

(b) Region VII. - This region has comprised the provinces of Pesaro, Urbino, and Legnano, and visited by Captain G. L. Williams (18th to 27th April). He had meetings with the Lt. Col. and their respective staffs at which all phases of local government were discussed. A full report has been made of the tour and the necessary steps thereon will be taken with the PD.

Information regarding local officials was obtained and has been "circled".

(c) Tour. - The Director and Major. Foster leave on 21st to 24th April, visited 3rd Army H.Q. and a number of towns in the forward area. Among other matters discussed were the filling of vacancies in the position of District of Forward Command, and payment of salary to them. As a result the Italian Government have agreed to establish a pool of young and energetic men suitably qualified who will be available at short notice to proceed to a command when required by 2nd Army. The question of payment to them is under discussion with the Italian Government.

(d) Side-line for Reporting from Forward. - An idea is to be used for reporting upon the state of local government in the provinces and assisting towards uniformity has been drawn up.

(e) Local Areas reconstituting local government. - Reference 1(b) of the Monthly Report for March, 1944, this scheme has now been published. Its object is to continue the arrangements in regard to local administration introduced in the areas before the restoration. Steps are being taken to secure uniformity by applying the provisions of the scheme to occupied territory, when practicable.

2. CONCLUSIONS

In addition to routine conferences, the Director has, 2691
following :-

(a) Regional Commissioners' Conference at Naples (14th to 15th April, 1944)

(b) With Lt. Colonel I. J. Moore, Public Relations Branch, and the Chief Legal Officer on 1st day concerning the constitution of Allied Publications Boards.

3. INTERVIEW

The following interviews took place :-

(a) 17th April - Brigadier Carr - Subject: High Commissioner and District Commissioner, Bari.

(b) 18th April - Late Minister of Interior, Italian Officials and Lt. Col. L. R. Hulse - Subject: Refugees. Long interview, Lt. Colonel Hulse putting forcibly the position of matters and the responsibility that rests on the Italian Government.

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(c) 25th April - 4th Division of Inspection (M.S. 1000, S. 1100).

The subjects discussed included: (1) Prefect of Bari, who the Minister was requested and has since agreed to return, on account of his Fascist record and anti-allied behaviour. (2) Santa Concetta, Sicily, and the numerous cases of its composition before previous approval of the M.S.

(d) 25th April - S. S. Vincenzo Mendico, High Commissioner for Sicily, and the V.F. administrative section. Subject: Sicilian consultation.

(e) 25th April - Brigadier Ash - Subject: Italian Fascist officials.

4. REMARKS

The usual routine returns were rendered.

5. DETAILS OF THE COURSE

The second course was held between 15th and 17th April, 1944. Officers from Sections 1, 11, 111, IV, V, VI and VII; from the 5th and 14th Divs, and from M.S. 1000, were attended, in all. Desiderable work has since been undertaken for the third course.

6. PERSONNEL

The following is the personnel as at 30th April, 1944.

(a) Military - Officers

(1) Lt. Colonel R. A. S. Jones.	Director.	(B)
(11) Captain R. A. Temple.	Executive Officer.	(A)
(111) Captain R. A. Williams.	Dep. Executive Officer.	(B)
(IV) Lieut. R. C. Harris.	Adjutant.	(3)
(V) Lieut. R. A. Lewis.	Staff Officer.	(B)

(b) Military - Other

(1) 1st Lt. R. C. Wright.	Chief Clerk.	(3)
(11) 1st Lt. R. C. Wright.	Interpreter.	(1)

(c) Civilian.

(1) Dr. Desiderio, Livorno.	Typist (Italian).
(11) Desiderio, Dr. Martin.	Typist (Series).

7. REMARKS

Very little information has come in from either provinces or regions, but not only as a result of the tours of the staff officers of this Sub-Commission, and as a result of the course held, slightly more interest is being taken in regard to actual local government and the formation of local government bodies; the progress is, however, in my judgment, far too slow. 2090

There is no reason whatever why English and Provincial Commissioners should not, either in GB or in territory, press for the institution of these

The multifarious matters affecting refugees, civilian internees and the changes in regard to the various appointments, have been dealt with successfully. There is no question of doubt that the idea of forming a pool of Italian officers, who will be called to go forward where they may be required, will produce far more effective and better results than the present haphazard system.

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Major General,
Lt. Colonel,
Inspector,
Inspector of Sub-Commission.

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