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Headquarters, United States
Army, War Department

File No. 100

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Rear Admiral STONE,
A.M.G.
ROME.

April 10 1945.

Dear Sir,

I hope you will excuse me disturbing you, but I understand that you are in charge of future Italian film production.

I am the oldest Italian talkie director who has never been a member of the past Fascist Party, the only director in Italy to have had an American technical schooling, (Fred Niblo Henry King, Rex Ingram etc) and to have directed seven talkies for a large American Film Co. (Paramount Paris 1940, First five Italian productions, first Dutch, first Rumanian) and I should really be grateful of your kind consideration, even more so as I suffered quite a lot of privations here in Rome before it was liberated by the Allies.

To-day thank God, I have a good post with U.N.R.R.A. and I am quite happy I can assure you, all the same, I would like some day to get back into my film career which I have followed for 22 years, and if there is the opportunity of doing this by helping to reconstruct the Italian film production in a cleaner basis than it was in the past, I hope that I can be given the chance in preference to many other directors and organisers who to day are trying hard to step back into the lime light, after a corrupted past benefitted by their Fascist political standing.

I have some ideas and two good stories in favor of the Allies, and I shall be very glad if you can grant me a personal interview.

Thanking you in Advance,

I remain sir,

Yours Faithfully.

Attached 'correcuem vitae' of past film experience.

Jack Salvatori.
C.O. U.N.R.R.A.
ROME.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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11 April 1945

My dear Sig. Prunas:

Admiral Stone has asked me to thank you for your
letter of April 6 to him regarding the news item in the
Stars and Stripes. Your comments have been noted.

Yours sincerely,

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Sig. R. Prunas
Ministero de la Guerra

cc: Maj. Stone for EC Files (with original letter to Stone returned)
PRB Files

ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Attached Letter

FILE No. _____

TO : Mr. Dwyling
and
Mr. Halford

7 April 1945

Re attached: do you believe this letter should be answered
and if so in what vein? Personally I can see no reason for a
protest.

Attachment: Original letter to Stone

G.S.B./m.w.
G.S. Brown
Director, PRB/
HW

Mr. Halford:

I see no reason for a reply, but if one is considered necessary,
would not a non-committal acknowledgment suffice?

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Propaganda

State Department

15/04/12

Rome, 6 April 1945

To: Admiral,

On March 23rd, the daily paper 'Stars and Stripes' published the news of a subscription made in Corsica by the 'Furor' and 'Le Figaro' in favour of the Yugoslav Red Cross.

I have the liberty of making your attention on this last action which, considering the way it was carried out and executed, gives the impression of having been inspired by motives of pure and unadulterated hostility towards Italy.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Very truly yours,

A. R. P. 10000

Admiral William G. Stone
Chief of the Islands of the
Allied Commission

Yugoslav-Italians Give 25,196 Dollars To YRC

ROME, March 25—A check for 25,196 dollars, representing money raised by Italian soldiers of Yugoslav origin on the island of Corsica, was turned over today to the Yugoslavian Red Cross for relief in the country liberated by Marshal Tito. The huge sum was raised by 5,000 soldiers from Trieste and Gorizia, working with American units on Corsica, and it was contributed from their 80-cents-a-day pay.

E.C. DISTRIBUTION. Say.

ACTION: - P.R. Dr.

INFO: CHIEF COMM.

EXEC COMM.

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Director, PRB

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GSB/mew

100/PRB

30 March 1945

Dear Jeff:

In reply to your letter of March 22 I am returning herewith the statement on work done by the Civilian War Relief Section of the American Red Cross in Italy which has been checked and approved by the appropriate sub-commissions of the Allied Commission.

With reference to the third paragraph of your letter, Miss Riley of P.W.B. informs me that eventually this statement may make its way into a pamphlet they are preparing on all American organizations working in Italy. For the time being, however, it will remain in their file to answer any inquiries they may receive about what the Red Cross is doing in the way of civilian war relief.

Sincerely yours,

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Mr. W. W. Jefferson
Director, Civilian War Relief
MTO, Area 4, APO 512
U.S. Army

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AND JOINT
Public Health Sub-Commission

12/5**2/5/PC

29 March 1945

SUBJECT: - statement on work of A.P.C.

TO: - Director, Public Relations Branch.

1. This Sub-Commission is in entire agreement with the statement made by Mr. Jefferson and has no comments to make.

2. It is not considered that any other representation is in order.

3. Mr. Jefferson's letter is returned to you herewith. The statement is being retained unless you wish it to be returned.

*Returned
attached*

For signature: J. C. Parkinson:

Quintella

J. C. Parkinson, Esq., Colonel,
Chief, Public Health Branch.

cc: /cc

Encl: as above.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

Civilian War Relief
Area 4, APO 512
U.S. Army

March 22, 1945.

Mr. Stewart Brown
Director of Public Relations
Allied Commission
APO 394

Dear Stewart:

Attached hereto is a statement of work done by Civilian War Relief Section of the American Red Cross that I was discussing with you by telephone earlier in the week.

PH
sc / I would appreciate it if you would have it cleared with the proper Allied Commission authorities so that we may use this or excerpts from it for submission to public groups who have requested information as to our duties in the theater.

/
/ Have you been able, as yet, to ascertain the purpose which PWB has in requesting such a statement? If you remember, I told you that Miss Riley of PWB had stated to me that she was desirous of getting a statement of this kind for inclusion in a pamphlet, while she had told one of our staff that she desired the same information for their files.

I would appreciate it if you could let me have this clearance and information, as outlined above, at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

W. W. Jefferson
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Director, Civilian War Relief
Mediterranean Theater of Operations

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SUBJECT: Recorded Broadcast on VE-DAY

TO : Chief Commissioner

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2. Attached is a suggested draft for your consideration. If you approve both of the idea and the draft would you please let us know what day and hour you would be willing to make the recording. The recording must be done in the offices of the Radio Section of the AFHQ PRO Building at Via XXIII Marzo.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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copy to:
Robbins

Note: Same memo sent to A.G. Antolini
C. Poletti

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Rear Admiral Stone, Chief Commissioner of Allied Commission/.

ANNOUNCER :

This is Italy. We are about to bring you the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission, Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR. Admiral Stone's home is in New York City. Before being ordered to active duty in the United States Navy Admiral Stone was president of the Postal Telegraph & Cable Company. He is here in Italy as the chief executive of the Allied organization whose job it has been to maintain a condition of peace and order behind the front lines.

Admiral Stone :

ADMIRAL STONE :

The momentous victory in Europe is a source of joy to hundreds of millions of people. We who represent the Allied governments in the Allied Commission have seen first-hand the cost of war in pain and death, misery and want. We can indeed be thankful that the war in Europe is ended. We here hope and pray with you that the war in the Pacific also will be soon brought to a successful conclusion.

We need have no illusions about the future. Italy has been hard hit. Four out of every ten of her industrial plants were knocked out of operation as a result of war damage. Electric utilities were wrecked, transportation facilities were destroyed. So many of the tools with which these people could earn a living were taken away from them or destroyed that it will be a long time before people can enjoy even minimum living standards.

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We have helped these people, through the Allied Commission, with their problems of government, and our technicians have given them sound advice and guidance in getting their industries back into operation. Some of the materials and much of the foodstuffs have come from the United States. Without them the suffering of these people would have been intolerable.

The job of rehabilitation of this country belongs to the Italian people, and they know it. But we here know that it is physically impossible for them to do all that must be done. Let us resolve to do what we can to help these people get back to work.

ANNOUNCER :

You have just been listening to Rear Admiral Stone, Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission at Rome, Italy.

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Director,
Public Relations Branch

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Mr. Anthony G. Antolini, acting Vice President of the
Economic Section of Allied Commission

ANNOUNCER :

Here in Italy the Allied Commission has been the organization which has followed the armies and has helped to re-establish law and order within the civilian population. That involves getting the utilities operating again, getting government reorganized, and food distributed to the hungry. Here we have the man who directs and guides the program of essential rehabilitation of Italy. He is Mr. Anthony G. Antolini, acting Vice President of the Economic Section of Allied Commission. Mr. Antolini's home is in New York where he was in charge of all purchases made in Italy by R.H. Macy & Company. Mr. Antolini :

MR. ANTOLINI :

We who are concerned with the economic life of people in a devastated war area are genuinely glad that the war in Europe has ended. Now that destruction of life and property is finished, we can get on with reconstruction. The job we face is enormous.

You couldn't quite understand or comprehend the destruction in this country unless you could see it. What was built up in the lifetimes of millions of people was torn down in a day or a week - and sometimes in an hour. The rubble and debris must be cleared away and the people must find a way to build and restore, and they must do it without delay. Until recently Italy has been half

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slave and half free. The Liberated half has been slowly working its way out of the wreckage, but hasn't yet been able to produce enough to maintain even minimum standards of living. Last year, for instance, the Allied governments had to bring in one million tons of foodstuffs so these people wouldn't starve.

Now the northern half of Italy can join the southern part in reconstruction. Much will be gained with the linking of the two halves. The north was rich in food and industry, but war and removal of machinery by the Germans has reduced these resources.

We must take things as we find them, and apply ourselves to putting things back together again. Every person of every nationality must do his share.

ANNOUNCER :

You have been listening to Anthony G. Antolini, Vice President of the Economic Section of Allied Commission in Italy.

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100/PFB

27 March 45

SUBJECT: V-Day Message

TO : Chief Commissioner
(Through Deputy Executive Commissioner)

1. Anticipating victory in Europe PHC, AFHQ, is preparing a number of press statements, messages and radio broadcasts to be issued by leading military men in this theatre on V-Day.

2. It has been suggested the Acting President or the Chief Commissioner might wish to issue a message to the press on V-Day.

3. There is attached herewith draft of a suggested statement for your consideration and possible approval. Naturally the statement will be held for release on the day victory in Europe is proclaimed.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copy to Lt. Robbins
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Today's joyous news is shared by hundreds of millions of people. Nothing in the world's history has cost so many so much in pain and death, and misery and want. We can be indeed thankful that the European war is ended. We must now hope and pray that the war in the Pacific also will be soon brought to a victorious conclusion.

We now have a debt to pay. It is for us, the living, to carry on and make the kind of peace our men died for. We need have no illusions about the future. This stricken country faces many complex problems. We of the Allied Commission are here to help - we have given much and know that we must continue to lend a hand.

It is for every man, woman and child to work diligently and intelligently at whatever he or she can do to rebuild this country. It is for every Allied soldier or sailor or civilian here in the Allied Commission to do all that he can to help these people to their feet again. Let's not forget that we are all dependent upon each other.

This was our war, and the aims of all our people, and all the people of other countries on our side, won it, as we will win the war in the Pacific. We now face the hard task of peace. Let us all resolve to give it our best - to meet the new era with hard work.

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22/March 1945

SUBJECT : Office space

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner

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b) An additional room for the two officers or alternately a much larger room than room 24 where we could station four officers and give up room 24 either to someone else or to the Deputy Director.

3. At the present time the offices of PRB are all small and there is a minimum of two to a maximum of four in each office. It is impossible to crowd more in our present space.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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21 March 1945

SUBJECT: Articles by Marquis Childs on Italy and AC

TO : Acting President
~~Chief Commissioner~~
Deputy Executive Commissioner

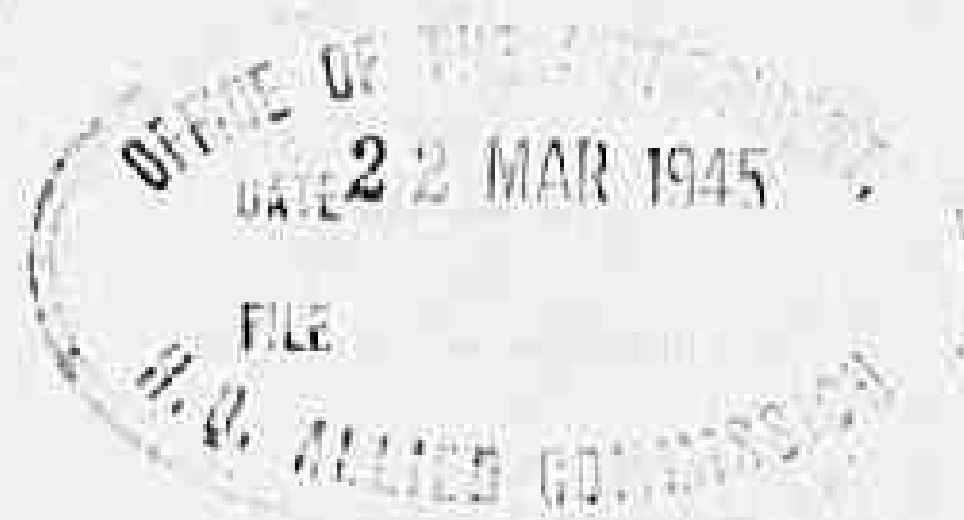
Thank you very much
Thank, Stuart 2

1. Attached are two interesting articles by my friend Marquis Child who was through here recently. His column is syndicated to more than a hundred American newspapers.

2. You will note that while he paints a drab picture of conditions in Italy, his references to the Allied Commission are friendly and sympathetic.

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G. STEWART BROWN
D.P.R.

Encl.



Many thanks. I am red with much interest
Mar 25/3

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Italy's Plight

By Marquis Childs

Corruption And Despair

ALMOST EVERY AMERICAN and British officer with whom I have talked about the plight of Italy uses one word to describe the situation. That word is "hopeless."

The Italian people have been on a 22-year political debauch. The hang-over from Fascism is terrible. It will not be cured in a day or a year or decades.

The government of Premier Bonomi represents next to nothing. There seems to be no force within the country that can make itself felt. Prominent Italian anti-Fascists who survived both inside the country and in exile have said to me that, if Italy ultimately goes Communist, as many fear it will, it will be by default for lack of proper direction from any other source. That seems to me to be a cogent appraisal of the existing situation.

The Bonomi government makes many plans, but most of them never get beyond the paper stage. Recently, after much prodigal from the Allied Commission, the government announced a series of urgent reforms that included abolition of the black market, raising of wages and taxes, and the confiscation of all wealth in excess of what was owned in 1922, the latter measure being based on the assumption that increased riches must have come as a result of Fascist connections. No one, however, has very much confidence that these reforms will be carried out. The machinery does not exist to take such steps, many of them essential if the Italian economy is to be rescued. And so the Allied Commission has had to do some more prodding.

DURING NEARLY A YEAR, that commission has been trying to make some kind of sense out of this Fascist-ridden, war-weary country. The same thing has happened over and over again. It's been a little like trying to restore a sick octopus to life.

Repeatedly, the commission has told the government that it must take steps to carry out food distribution rather than rely on Allied officers to do the job. The government agrees and then promptly falls into prolonged cabinet wrangles. The

shoulders and said that, within a month or two, you would have to go to the black market to get tickets and pay 2000 or 3000 lire.

Those who attempt to analyze the Italian situation always add, of course, that nothing can be final so long as northern Italy remains in the hands of the Germans. From northern Italy, particularly from Milan, in the past came the political forces that gave directions to the entire country.

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IN THE NORTH, too, is the greatest concentration of industry, and therefore also skilled and politically conscious workers. The south, which has been inherited by conquest, has been traditionally a pothouse and a museum for tourists.

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Peninsula. They were effective operators within the Fascist framework and they have left behind an administrative vacuum which appears to be difficult to fill.

In this connection, in talks I have had with Allied officers they almost invariably shake their heads at something like despair, and say that, after all, Mussolini did do some good for these people, and how else except through dictatorship can you make anything of such a country? Then they add that "Mussolini went too far" that was his mistake.

One can understand their pessimism in dealing with Italy, but I think their analysis fails to go deep enough. A dictator can never stop at given points. Power breeds corruption, and corruption feeds on itself. A dictator must go on to self-destruction,

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"Black market" is a loose term but, used in the broadest sense to describe transactions outside the theoretical price and ration control, it would cover perhaps 70 per cent of the Italian economy, according to informed sources familiar with the long struggle to get the Italian system restarted.

Today everyone takes the black market for granted. Only a few weeks ago, rail service from Rome to Naples was reopened for civilian passengers. The price of the journey was fixed by government decree at 125 lire, with the lira equal to 1 cent at the official rate of exchange. That's a reasonable price, but Italians with whom I have talked have shrugged their

nities and in starting the distribution of necessities.

Some, like Lieut. Col. Frank Toscani in Florence, have proved themselves extraordinarily able in dealing with the Italian population. It was Toscani who suggested the character of Major Joppolo in "A Bell for Adano," by John Hershey, which is now a hit play in New York and is soon being made into a movie. Toscani, who was a \$3500-a-year clerk in the New York City Civil Service before the war, has now returned to the U. S. A. for a brief leave during which he will appear at a performance of the play to be put on for President Roosevelt.

Such men have worked endlessly, often against seemingly insuperable odds. Italians have expected far more than was reasonable to expect. This grows not so much out of explicit promises made in propaganda beamed to Italy before the invasion as from the implied promise contained in America's boundless wealth and generosity. This is a common phenomenon throughout Europe—the expectation that, with our boundless resources, we can put broken Europe together again.

The bread ration in Italy has recently been increased. While statistics are doubtful in the present disorganized state of the country, most observers agree that there has been a marked drop in infant mortality during the past year.

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Liberated Italy

By Marquis Childs

Civil Affairs

Rome.
THAT THE PHYSICAL condition of Italians in liberated Italy has improved during the past year, there can be no doubt. This improvement has been due to the organization and supplies furnished by the Allies through the Allied Commission.

Now, while the commission is going through the motions of turning over responsibility to the Italian government, the major effort of distribution and organization is still likely to fall on the British and Americans. Recently Harold MacMillan, chairman of the commission, announced restoration of virtually full powers to the Italian government, with only a limited right of veto reserved to the Allies. How this will work out remains to be seen.

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TODAY, according to an authoritative source, greater tonnage is being brought into Italy each month to care for civilians than is being brought in for the war effort. This includes thousands of tons of food. It includes medical supplies to fight typhus.

Members of the Allied Commission are proud of the work done by officers who move into Italian villages only three or four hours after the Germans have moved out. They often take great physical risks in appraising the needs of newly liberated commu-

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The typhus commission, under Brig. Gen. Leon A. Fox, is now initiating the same work in Yugoslavia. The work of this commission is one of the remarkable untold stories of the war. It is characteristic of the quiet, efficient way that the Army carries forward in the wake of battle, often with little recognition even within the ravaged country.

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Public Relations Branch.

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Director of the Public Relations Branch

HQ AC

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

22 March 1945

SUBJECT : Check on Press Releases

TO : Correspondents.

In order to help us improve our news service to you it will be appreciated if you would be kind enough to answer the following questions and return the questionnaire to this office. Returns at AFHQ PRO may be left at the office of Major Herkrader.

1. Are you receiving our releases satisfactorily? yes.
2. Are they usable? yes.
3. Any comment, suggestions, complaints?

No suggestion a complaint
be had the releases very useful.
to. Shapeland

to H Coland

~~For the Director~~

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The ha office.

John P. L...

JOHN P. LEACOCKS,

Major, AUS,

News Production Section.

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 PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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22 March 1945

SUBJECT: Pictures for AG/AGS Activities

TO: Civil Affairs Section
 Economic Section
 Communications Sub-Commission
 War Materials Disposal & IPON Sub-Commission

1. The Public Relations Branch is anxious to get pictures of AG/AGS activities to send to various publications in Great Britain and the United States and to accompany stories which will be prepared by this branch for newspapers or magazines, including technical and professional publications.

2. Each sub-commission is invited to suggest picture possibilities as regards activities with which it is concerned. This may be an activity which was put out of operation by war damage but which will be rehabilitated in the near future. Or, it may be of work being done on some activity which will start functioning at some later date. It may be an activity which has just gone into operation.

3. One of the things we are looking for is "before and after" pictures. A picture taken now of work in progress coupled with another picture taken three or five months hence of the same activity in operation makes possible an interesting story which might well warrant attention.

4. To this end it is suggested that each sub-commission compile a list of activities which are believed to warrant pictures. The list should indicate the nature of the operation, its current status, its location, and when would be the best time to photograph it.

5. Your cooperation will be appreciated and will greatly facilitate our job of representing AG/AGS activities accurately. We may have some difficulty in arranging to take pictures of all the subjects suggested, but will do our best.

cc: Lt. C. E. Robbins

G. STUART BROWN, Director
 Public Relations Branch

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21 March 1945

SUBJECT: Articles by Marquis Childs on Italy and AC

TO : Acting President
Chief Commissioner
Deputy Executive Commissioner

1. Attached are two interesting articles by my friend Marquis Child who was through here recently. His column is syndicated to more than a hundred American newspapers.

2. You will note that while he paints a drab picture of conditions in Italy, his references to the Allied Commission are friendly and sympathetic.

G. STEWART BROWN
D.PRB

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LIST OF UNITED NATIONS

The following forty nations had signed the Declaration
by United Nations as of 15 February 1945.

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Bolivia
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New Zealand
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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
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Admiralty, S.R.

17 March 1945.

Sir,

I am commanded by His Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that they have learned with great pleasure that, on the advice of the First Lord, the King has been graciously pleased to approve your Honorary appointment as commander of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

/s/ A. V. Warham

Dear Admiral Henry Wheeler Stone, C.B.E., R.S.N.A.

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To:

The Army & Navy Journal
Washington, D C

The Army & Navy Register
Washington

Public Relations Office
Western Union Telegraph Company
60 Hudson Street
New York, N Y

King George VI of England, on the advice of the First Lord of the Admiralty, has conferred the honorary appointment as Commander of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire on Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR.

The award was granted in recognition of Admiral Stone's services as Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission in Italy. The Allied Commission is an arm of the Allied military forces in Italy and is charged with maintaining law and order in that portion of the country which has been liberated from the Germans.

Admiral Stone, 28 years in the Naval Reserve, had been president of the Postal Telegraph & Cable Company before being ordered to active duty in the Navy. His home is in New York City.

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100/PRB

17 March 1945

Subject: February Report.

To: Mr. W.H. Braine, Labor Sub-Commission.

May I congratulate you on your excellent February report? One can finally see what it's all about in Italian labor.

(Sd)
JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major, AUS,
Public Relations Officer?

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14 March 1945

SUBJECT: Visit of Prince of PIEDMONTE to AREZZO

TO : D. M. Findlay
Junior Comdr. A.T.S.,
Acting Adjutant
TOSCANA REGION, AMG.

1. Reference your RVIII/47/29 of 19 March 45.
2. In response to your request for copies of photographs of the Royal party, we have not received said copies.
3. Our suggestion is that you get in touch with Brig. Gen. E. E. Hume, SCAO, AMG, Fifth Army or someone on the General's staff, in order to obtain copies.

M. E. WOLFF
Secretary to
Director, Public Relations
Branch

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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RVIII/17/29.

10 Mar 45.

SUBJECT : Visit of Prince of PEDMONTE to AREZZO.

TO : HQ, AC. ✓

1. On 14 Jan 45 in company with Brig-Gen E.E. HURD, SCAG, AG, Fifth Army, HSH the Prince of PEDMONTE paid a visit to the Province of AREZZO.
2. Photographs of the Royal party were taken by 2 photographers who had accompanied the group, and the Area Commander, 55 Area has requested that efforts be made to obtain copies of these prints.
3. May this HQ please be informed whether copies of these photographs can be supplied by your HQ and if not can it be stated to whom application should be made.

For the Regional Commissioner:

D.M. Findlay.
Jr Comd A.L.S.
D.M. FINDLAY,
Junior Comdr, A.T.S.,
Acting Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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9 March 1945

Dear Sir :-

Will you please send to this office at your earliest convenience two copies of the Editor and Publisher Yearbook.

The directories should be billed to the Allied Commission and accompanied by the following signed certificate:

"This is to certify that this is a true and correct account and payment has not yet been received."

They should be sent by the fastest possible means to the following address :

Public Relations Branch,
Allied Commission,
APO 394,
c/o Postmaster, N.Y.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

Editor & Publisher
1475 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

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WAR DEPARTMENT BUREAU OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., 2 March 1945.

TO: Director, Public Relations Branch, Hdqts. Allied Commission, APO 394,
U. S. Army, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

1. Your attention is directed to paragraph 3 of Overseas Liaison Bulletin XVII, 15 November 1944, copy attached, in which it is stated that the Bureau of Public Relations will no longer be able to supply directories of newspapers to public relations officers.

2. For your information we are advised that the 1945 edition of the NSA Directory is now ready for distribution.

3. Herewith are submitted addresses of publishers of other directories that may be of interest:

a. Ayers Directory of Newspapers, published by R. W. Ayer and Son, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, \$18.50 per copy.

b. Editor and Publisher Yearbook, published by Editor and Publisher, 1475 Broadway, New York, N. Y. available only with yearly subscription to "Editor and Publisher", \$4.00 per year Domestic; \$5.00 Foreign.

c. Directory of Trade Journals, published by Printer's Ink Publishing Company, 205 East 42nd Street, New York, N. Y.

4. Recommend that if desired these be purchased through regular theater supply channels.

For the Chief, Liaison Branch:

Edward C. Smith

EDWARD C. SMITH
Captain, CE
Liaison Branch

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21 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Shipment of PRO Reference Works.

TO : Overseas Liaison Branch, Bureau of Public Relations,
War Department, Washington, D.C.

Will you please send this office at your earliest convenience copies of the standard directories available for daily and weekly newspapers, trade magazines, and other such works necessary to the distribution of our copy?



G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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8 March 45

My dear Mr. Macartney:

It was pleasant hearing from you. I had rather expected to find you here and when I inquired of Hadfield of your whereabouts he told me you were in England writing a book.

As you know the Allied Commission is jointly British and American and where there is a British Director of a service or a section the deputy is American, or vice versa. At the present time there is no Deputy Director (British) of my Branch, but the selection of a Deputy is a matter for the British Government and does not depend on me. The British Embassy is already considering the matter and Mr. Michael Stewart is now in London and while there will discuss the appointment of a British Deputy with the Foreign Office. I understand they have one or two candidates in mind but I have not heard that a definite appointment has yet been made. I suggest that you urgently get in touch with Mr. Stewart to tell him of your availability.

I very much hope that you will be able to get out to Italy in this or some other capacity in the near future for I would enjoy seeing you again.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. M. H. Macartney
The Three Swans
Hungerford
Berks, England

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The Three Swans
Hungerford
Berkshire

My dear Brown,

In the course of a letter Hatfield told me of your job and suggested my writing to you & seeing if there is any opening available? I left The Times in 1940 & was working under Port till last July when my job more or less died under me. Since 1940 ~~my~~ Port work was all to do with Italy so that I've not lost all touch. I have also written one book on Italy & am now engaged on another. I

am quite anxious to get over to Italy to see about the relics of all my property, much of which, I learn from ^{my} Hatfield, has been looted. Of course I am now just 64, but I am still thoroughly vigorous & as you know ^{was} 12 years in Italy for The Times so I am acclimatized, know the country & language etc etc. I should be much obliged if you would turn things over in your mind & let me know. Sir N. Charles thought a newspaperer was the best bet but as I'm now on pension with The Times that would scarcely do. How are

you & is Mr Brown with you? if
 so please give her my kindest
 regards. I should greatly like to
 see old friends again and I gather
 that several of the old clique
 are again gathering together

Yours sincerely
 Maxwell H. H. Macartney.

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED
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Stewart Brown Esq
 Director of Public Relations
 H.Q. A.C. A.P.O. 394
 C.M.F.

Sender's name and address:-

Mr. H. H. Macartney
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 Hungerford
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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5 March 45

Dear Leslie:

When I left the States I hardly thought that my new job would bring me into contact with you so soon.

In a report the other day I noticed reference to the reorganization of the Boy Scout movement in Italy and I immediately thought that you would be interested in a statement on developments. Enclosed herewith is a story which one of our men has prepared which, I think, will be of some interest to you.

Until I hear from you we are not offering this to anyone else because I thought you would like to have first crack at it. I would appreciate word from you as to whether you can use it and if so, what disposition you have made of it. I hope it is of some use to you.

I am beginning my fourth week on this job and I don't believe it is any exaggeration to say that it has been very interesting but somewhat confusing. I found that we were very inadequately organized for the job that should have been done and my main problem is getting the office reorganized. I am somewhat entangled in the usual red tape but I hope that things will be clarified soon and that the Allied Commission will begin to get some credit for a number of fine things it has been able to accomplish.

If you have a moment I would appreciate a note from you.

Yours,

Mr. Leslie Stratton
Boy Scouts of America
Park Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT IN ITALY

Out of the ruins of Fascism and drawing inspiration from its pre-Fascist leaders a new voluntary Boy Scout movement of more than 4,000 boys is gradually taking shape and finding its scope in Liberated Italy.

Scouting was originally introduced into Italy in 1912 by admirers of General Baden Powell, who had begun the movement five years before in England. There were two separate organizations, the Associazione Scoutingistica Cattolica Italiana (A.S.C.I.) and the Corpo Nazionale Giovani Esploratori Italiani (C.N.G.E.I.), both recognized by the International Scouts Bureau and both sending contingents to the early International Jamborees.

Troops of the two organizations existed all over Italy, but in 1928 the Fascist Government issued a decree declaring both associations illegal. Their properties were confiscated and all further meetings prohibited. Henceforth the Opera Nazionale Balilla, the Fascist Youth Movement, with its slogans and its avowed aim to prepare young Italy for a military life, had unrivalled sway over Italy's youth.

Nevertheless, despite the sixteen years of suppression something of the old scouting spirit remained. Wherever possible books, songs, flags and traditions were preserved and as soon as Italy began to be liberated in 1943, troops of both the old associations began to reappear, the leading spirits being men who were formerly scoutmasters or scouts in the old movements.

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Encouraged by the Allied Commission and by the British Assistant International Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association, the Rev. V.K.C. Logan, who came to Italy for this purpose,

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the leaders of the two separate associations got together and finally agreed on a scheme of federation in November 1944.

Under the federation scheme the two associations, while keeping their own character and organizations, agreed to work together as one national body called the Federazione Esploratori Italiani (F.E.I.). A joint committee was set up.

Provisional recognition of the new federation was received from the International Bureau in February 1945 and conveyed to the Minister of Education, as President of the F.E.I., by the Education Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission. Leaders of both associations and of United States and South African Rovers were present at the notification ceremony.

At the moment there are 72 troops of scouts in Rome, 17 in Naples, 15 in Florence, with other troops in places as far apart as Ancona, Bari, Brindisi, Taranto, Palermo, Salerno, Caserta, Benevento, Siena and Pisa, besides in many smaller outlying communes. The troops often work with British Service Rover Crews or with individual American and British Rovers.

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Training courses for scoutmasters are being held in Rome, Florence and Naples, the Florence course having been started within six weeks of the city's liberation.

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Copies of International, British and American handbooks have been received by the Allied Commission and a library of scouting publications has been established in the headquarters of the Rome Allied Rover Crew. Italians find the books highly useful in compiling their own manuals. The A.S.C.I. has already issued a reprint of "Scouting for Boys" in Italian and also produced a manual of its own.

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The first joint rally of the new federation was held in Naples in January 14. A trip to Vesuvius for the Scouts proved a great success during the rally. Major Joseph M. Murphy, the Allied Commission's Southern regional director of education worked untiringly to bring it about and the Regional Commissioner, Brigadier J.K. Dunlop, himself attended. The scouts, about fifty in number, took a special train from Naples to Pugliano and then went by funicular to Eremo, where Dr. Giuseppe Imbo, the Director of the Royal Vesuvius Observatory, showed them round and explained the workings of the seismographs.

Another rally, this time of 1,900 scouts, was held in Rome on February 25. Florence held its rally before Christmas.

The F.E.I. has two principal assets. One is a keen, though very small, body of men in both associations who have worked hard and given much time and money in an effort to get things going again and build up a strong and healthy movement. They must work fast, they report, because other movements and organizations are bound to compete for the interest of Italian youth. The second asset is the spirit of Italy's young people, no longer balked by the Balilla organization, which is calling for something to supplement school activities and taking to scouting as fast as troops can be organized.

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Thus, in the Italy of to-morrow the principles and aims of the voluntary scout movement, with the new Federazione Esploratori Italiani working side by side with the national system of democratic education, will encourage and develop initiative and citizenship in the rising generation, breaking once for all with the militarized discipline of the Fascist youth movement, in the sincere hope of its leaders and of the Allied officers who have been helping the Italians to help themselves.

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Characteristic of the Italian Boy Scout movement is its organization by patrols. Each patrol has its own "corner" and as far as possible sees itself to the provision of international charts, emblems, furniture and patrol belongings. The patrol leader and his "second" undertake the instruction of newcomers and juniors. Individual enterprise is encouraged from the start and as much training as possible done in the patrols. When a troop of scouts meets as a whole for camping, for singing or for games, the patrol is still the unit of operation.

The scoutmaster is at the same time guide, adviser and adjudicator through the meeting of patrol leaders or "Court of Honour". A typical scout meeting consists of instructions in patrols by patrol leaders, classes for special proficiency badges, instructional or physical games. Then there is a sing-song and a talk by the scoutmaster or by an old scout, followed by prayers and the Court of Honour to discuss future programmes. Such meetings are usually held twice a week.

Typical scout activities are similar to scout activities in other countries and include physical training, games like boxing and running, training in observation, first aid, map-reading and the use of the compass, camping and cooking out of doors, woodcraft and nature study, all kinds of handicrafts and hobbies and organized "good turns", such as entertainments for hospitals and collection of salvage.

The ranks in the Italian Boy Scout movement are also similar to ranks in other countries. In the cub pack, consisting of boys from the ages of 8 to 11, there is the cub master, the assistant cub master, the senior sixer (six is a patrol), the assistant senior sixer, the sixer and the second sixer. The grades of cub are Tenderpad, 1st Star Cub and 2nd Star Cub.

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Rover Crews consisting of scouts 17 years of age and over are led by the Rover Scout-leader. Then come the assistant rover scout-leader, the Rover mate, the patrol leader, the second patrol leader. There are no grades in Rover crews but proficiency tests are set. The whole set of cub pack, scout troop and rover crew is called a group and has a group scoutmaster in charge, where all three sections exist.

All scouts and rovers wear the basic "fleur de lys" badge and all cubs wear the wolf's head badge, together with national, district, troop and patrol badges. Many Italian scoutmasters, perhaps with thought of Fascist emblems in mind, avoid wearing rank badges as far as possible. Merit badges are awarded similarly as in the United States.

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(Memo submitted by Mr F.R. Catty, Allied Commission)
February 1945

A. History up to the end of 1944.

1. Scouting was introduced into Italy about 1912, i.e. within five years of its beginning in England, by Italians who met Baden Powell and his associates and who visited the first Troops in England and remained in contact with them.
2. "Scouting for Boys" and other manuals were translated into Italian in this period.
3. There were two separate associations, Associazione Scoutistica Cattolica Italiana, and Corpo Nazionale Giovani Esploratori Italiani. Both were recognized by the International Bureau and sent contingents to the early International Jamborees.
4. Troops of both Associations existed all over Italy.
5. In 1928 the Fascist Government issued a decree declaring both Associations illegal, confiscated their premises and equipment, and prohibited their meeting.
6. But the suppression was not altogether successful. Text - books, flags, song-books and traditions were nevertheless preserved through 16 years.
7. In 1943, as soon as Italy began to be liberated, Troops of both Associations began to re-appear, the leading spirits being men who had been Scoutmasters or Scouts in the former period.
8. The revival began in Sicily and everywhere followed the Allied advance, men in the Allied Forces who in their spare time discovered Italian Troops of Scouts forming leading such advice and encouragement as they could in many different places.
9. By the summer of 1944 there were Italian Troops of Scouts in many towns and villages and central committees in Rome.
10. Encouraged by Allied Commission, and by the British Assistant International Commissioner (Rev V.B.C. LOHAN) who visited many places, the leaders of the two separate Associations came together to work out a scheme of Federation, which resulted in agreement.
11. In November 1944 a Federation was signed by which the two Associations, while keeping their character and organizations, agreed to work together as one national

body (Federazione Esploratori Italiani) and a joint Committee was set up. A letter was sent at the same time to the International Bureau asking for recognition of the revived Italian Movement.

12. In February 1945 a letter of provisional recognition was received from the International Bureau and was handed to the Minister of Education, the President of the F.E.I. at a meeting on Feb. 12th in the Education Sub Commission of Allied Commission in the presence of leaders of both Associations and of Service Rovers of the B.S.A and South Africa.

B. Present state of the Movement in Italy.

There are at the date of writing known to be Troops of Scouts in Rome (72 Troops), Naples (17), Florence (15), Ancona, Bari, Brindisi, Taranto, Palermo, Salerno, Caserta, Sorrento, Benevento, Siena, and Pisa, besides smaller outlying places. In a number of places they are working with British Service Rover Crews and with individual British or American Rovers in the Services.

The number of Italian Scouts and Cubs in Rome can be reliably estimated as 1800. In the whole of liberated Italy as about 4,000.

Training courses for Scoutmasters are being held in Rome, Florence, and Naples. In Florence the first course began within six weeks of liberation.

Both Associations have a national committee in Rome, and are in touch as far as circumstances permit with the outlying groups. In keeping this contact both the Education Sub Commission of Allied Commission through its regional officers and the network of British Service Rover Crews which report to one another and to Rome Crew are of assistance to the Italians.

Several copies of all the principal textbooks from IHQ, British, and of the American Handbook have been received by Allied Commission and a library of them established at the headquarters of the Rome Allied Rover Crew, whence they are borrowed by the Italians for compiling their own manuals. The Catholic Scouts Association has already issued a reprint of "Scouting for Boys" in Italian and a Manual of its own.

A Rally of both Associations was held at Naples on January 14th with the encouragement of Allied Commission.

and a similar rally has been organized for Rome on Feb 25th. There was one in Florence before Christmas.

2: Needs and prospects.

The assets are

A keen, though very small body of men in both Associations who belonged to the former movement, who have worked hard and spent their time and money unsparingly to get things going again and are devoted to restoring a big and healthy movement such as they knew before in the quickest possible time. There is need to work fast, for other movements are sure to compete for the boys.

A Youth which, now that the pernicious Fascist Youth Organization has been swept away, calls for something to supplement school activities and is taking to scouting as fast as Troops can be organized. It is a case of the "house swept and garnished". There are six political parties - and the Streets.

What is holding them back is

Lack of equipment,

Lack of uniform (price and shortage of both in Italy are desperate)

Lack of experienced Scouters (all the old scouts are necessarily over 28).

They need more text-books and more guidance in organizing Troops and training Scouters.

Every book, every uniform (second-hand if need be) every article of camping equipment received from abroad, every message of encouragement and every visit from a British or American Scout is worth while.

Many things may be needful to secure the future of Italy, but the establishment of a healthy Youth Movement alongside the national system of democratic education is surely one of them and one which can receive enormous encouragement moral and material from England and America.

Distribution already made.

Book Embassy with copy for British Council

with copy for Boy Scouts of America, Central Committee

P. R. B.

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III . 26 .

Answers to the question:

1. How many Troops in pre-Fascist era?

Can't give figures straight away. International Bureau in London will have records. Enquiry here in Rome will give me a rough figure within a few days, which I will pass on to you. Meanwhile all I know for certain is movement was well-established and widespread in Italy [Latin information - about 50,000 scouts between the two Associations - probably more].

2. How is a Scout meeting run?

Characteristic organization by patrols (5 to 8 boys). Each patrol has own "corner" & the provision of instructional charts, emblems, furniture & patrol belongings is by the patrol itself as far as possible.

Patrol leader & his "second" do the instruction of new-comers & juniors. As much training as possible is in these small units & individual work and enterprise is encouraged from the start.

Scoutmaster functions as guide, adviser, and adjudicator through the "Court of Honor" (meeting of patrol leaders) at which he does not (if he knows his job!) preside.

When a Troop meets as a whole, as it does for camping, singing, games, the patrol is still the unit of operation.

Typical meeting consists of ...

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- 1/ Instruction in patrols by patrol leaders
- 2/ Classes for special proficiency badges
- 3/ Games - instructional or physical.
- 4/ Song. Song Talk by Scoutmaster or old Scout.
- 5/ Prayers
- 6/ Court of Honor to discuss program.

3/ Ranks

Cub Pack 8 - 11	Scout Troop 11 - 17	Rover Crew 17 +
Cub Master	Scoutmaster	Rover Scout-Leader
Assistant Scoutmaster	Assistant	Assistant
Senior Scout	Troop Leader	Rover mate
Sixes (six = patrol)	Patrol Leader	Patrol Leader
Second	Second	Second
Tenderfoot	Tenderfoot	
1st Star Cub	2nd Class Scout	no grades
2nd Star Cub	1st Class Scout	but proficiency tests
	Kings Scout	
	(Italian Exploration Reals)	

The whole set is called "a group" and has a "group-scoutmaster" in charge, when all these sections exist.

Badges

These are best seen in the books.

All scouts & rovers wear the basic "fleur de lys" badge, all cubs the "wolf's head" badge. Together with national, district, troop & patrol badges. ^{Many} Scoutmasters avoid ^{wearing} rank badges as far as possible.

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4 Typical activities (~~see answer to 2~~)

includes: Physical training
 games such as boxing, running
 Training in observation
 First Aid
 Mapreading Use of compass
 Camp. Cooking out of doors
 Woodcraft Nature study
 All kinds of handicrafts and hobbies
 Organized "good times" (entertainments for
 hospitals, collection of salvage).

5/ Meeting agenda (see answer to 2)
 usually two a week.6/ The "Promiss" (oath on joining) and "The Law"
 of the Italian Scouts are almost identical with ^{British} ~~own~~
 ("Country" instead of "King", as in America)

The general principles and proficiency standards
 are the same. The training is same, given the same way.

No National Scout Movement is recognized by
 the International Bureau unless this is so.

The main difference is the division into
 a Catholic and a non-Catholic Association
 but this is the same in France & Belgium

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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GSD/new

100/PBB

2 March 45

SUBJECT: Visit of Lt. Col. Birch

TO : Lt. Col. G. A. L. Helder
ADPR, AFHQ

1. Reference your 2/PBB/32, informal routing slip of 26 Feb 45.

2. Item (b) of minute 1. It is suggested Lt. Col. Birch first see Maj. T. E. Bergin, Deputy Director of Public Relations in charge of Reports and Analyses and Lt. E. W. Cashman, Director of Information Service, AC. They will arrange further interviews with AC officials if Lt. Col. Birch desires to have them.

G. STENATT BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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100/PWB

28 February 1945.

SUBJECT : "Pup Tent Poems"

TO : Mr. George Edman, Head,
PWB (LIBERATED ITALY) HQ.

Dear George,

Enclosed is a collection of "Pup Tent Poems" translated into Italian by Wanda Colosimo, daughter of Prof. Ing. Roberto Colosimo of the Università di Roma. We have no outlet for such material and it seems to me this might be of interest to PWB.

I would appreciate knowing what use you make of the file.

Yours

Cc: Conrad H. Rapp
Public Works & Utilities Sect.
Allied Commission
25, Corso d'Italia.

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OHR/Acr.

28 February 1945

Mr. Stewart Browne
Director, Public Relations
Allied Commission
Rome.

Dear Mr. Browne,

Herewith I am handing you the "Tup Tent Poema"
translated into Italian by Wanda Colonico, daughter of Prof. Ing.
Roberto Colonico of the Università di Roma.

His letter addressed to Col. Findlay is self-
explanatory and we are sending complete data to you for such dis-
position as may seem to you to be in our best interest.

Very truly yours,

Conrad H. Raff

Conrad H. RAFF
Public Works & Utilities Sect.
Allied Commission
25, Corso S. Italia

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IL SECOLO XX

QUOTIDIANO ECONOMICO FINANZIARIO

Via Due Macelli 97 - Tel. 60.980

DIREZIONE

ROMA, II

27 febbraio 1945

Mr. R. STEWART BROWN
Public Relations Director
Air Aid Commission

R.C.S.A.

Illustre Signore,

Questo giornale che ha ottenuto alcune interviste da vari uffici dell'A.A.C. su argomenti che riguardano i rapporti dell'Italia con gli Alleati, sarebbe lieto di poter accompagnare il resoconto delle interviste stesse con i profili degli interrogati, estratti a penna da un nostro redattore artistico.

La speriamo grata se ella vorrà autorizzare tali riproduzioni grafiche, le quali hanno lo scopo di rendere sempre più familiare il pubblico italiano con gli esponenti più eminenti della Commissione Alleata, e di dare una tangibile dimostrazione della simpatia che li circonda.

Con molti ringraziamenti anticipati.

Il DIRETTORE

Leio Rave

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Handwritten note:
Mr. Brown
Is Mr. Brown
the man concerned?
Do please arrange it.
JRB

Fieltino, li 22 febbraio 1945. I

Mr. G. STEWART BROWN

Direct Lore Relazione col Pubblico A.C.

R O M A

È il segretario Comunale di Fieltino, Domenico Cicala antifascista e patriota, che tanta parte di sé stesso dedicò per l'assistenza agli ex prigionieri alleati, di passaggio numerosi per quei monti laziali, dopo l'8 settembre 1943.

L'assistenza da egli prestata si esplicava in tutti i modi possibili, dalla fornitura di indumenti, cibo, dormitori, a quella non meno importante della comunicazione di preziose notizie per il passaggio delle linee, attraverso una rete di informatori e infine con radio trasmettenti clandestine, che invano i tedeschi cercarono più volte di rintracciare.

La triste notte del 13 maggio 1944, a seguito di un violento rastrellamento su Fieltino, lo scrivente veniva arrestato per delazione di una spia, e, dopo inaudite sevizie e torture, condannato alla pena capitale dal Tribunale tedesco di guerra n. 994.

Mentre si eseguiva la sua deportazione verso il Nord d'Italia, il 13 giugno 1944, egli riusciva a fuggire dalle mani dei carnefici, raggiungendo la sua residenza in Fieltino, percorrendo a piedi oltre 300 chilometri. 1137

La sua molteplice attività propagandistica a favore della causa Alleata e le sue libere idee democratiche

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hanno ostacolato la carriera di segretario comunale, che non ha nemmeno progredito in ben 15 anni di servizio, in varie amministrazioni locali, dalla Sicilia alla Italia Centrale.

Ora che la penisola Italiana sta per essere liberata dal residuo nazi-fascismo, per opera delle gloriose truppe Alleate, il sottoscritto si onora chiedere l'autorevole appoggio di V.S. Ill.ma presso la Allied Screening Commission, per il conferimento di un posto più importante nella Amministrazione Civile Italiana.

Grato al quanto lei sarà per fare a suo riguardo, porge sentiti ringraziamenti e devoti ossequi.

Rispettosamente

Emmenico Cicola

Emmenico Cicola

presso il sig. Aurelio Spadaro

Viale Carnaro, 19 - Roma

(onte sacro)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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100/PRB

21 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Shipment of PRO Reference Works.
TO : Overseas Liaison Branch, Bureau of Public Relations,
War Department, Washington, D.C.

Will you please send this office at your earliest convenience copies of the standard directories available for daily and weekly newspapers, trade magazines, and other such works necessary to the distribution of our copy?

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch.

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UFFICIO STAMPA
COMMISSIONE ALLIATA

100/PRB

20 febbraio 1945

Gentilissimo Avv. Cattan,

Mi ricordo certo di Lei e sono stato piacevolmente
sorpreso nel ricevere la Sua lettera del 18 corr.

La ringrazio delle cortesi espressioni a me dirette
e sarò lieto di poterla salutare appena se ne presenterà
l'occasione..

Le invio i miei migliori saluti.

G. STEWART BROWN
Public Relations Director

Avv. Selim Cattan
Ufficio Stampa della Presidenza del Consiglio
Palazzo Viminale



Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

UFFICIO STAMPA

Roma, 18 Febbraio 1945

Sig. G. Stewart BROWN, D.C.

Direttore della Sezione Relazioni
col Pubblico

Commissione Alleata in Italia

R O M A

Gentilissimo Sig. Brown,

probabilmente Ella non si ricorderà, leggendo questa lettera, di un funzionario della Stampa Estera, di V. Veneto, col quale ha avuto in passato buoni rapporti.

Nell'apprendere la sua nomina a Direttore degli Affari Civili presso la Commissione Alleata, ho provato un reale senso di soddisfazione per tale alto incarico affidatole.

Attualmente sono all'Ufficio Stampa della Presidenza, sezione estera, e spero che non mancherà l'occasione di poterla salutare a voce e dirle delle mie peripezie dei quattro anni di guerra trascorsi in Marocco ed ultimamente in un campo di concentramento dell'Algeria.

Gradisca, Signor Brown, i miei più sinceri auguri per la sua nuova missione e si abbia il mio più cordiale ed augurale saluto.

suo dev.mo

(Selim CATTAN)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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GSE/adm

100/PRB

19 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Desk Guide to Italy

TO : Lt. Cashman, Information Division.

1. I think the American and British correspondents would like to have copies of the "Desk Guide to Italy."

2. Can you spare 85 copies for this purpose? If so please give them to Mrs. Bastyan for distribution.

Thanks.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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GSB/adm

17 February 1945.

National Editorial Association,
188 West Randolph Street,
Chicago 1,
Illinois.

1. Please mail two copies of the 1945 Newspaper Directory.
2. The directories should be billed to the Allied Commission and accompanied by the following signed certificate:

"This is to certify that this is a true and correct account and payment has not yet been received"

3. The directories should be sent by the fastest possible means to the address as follows:

Public Relations Branch
Allied Commission
APO 394, % Postmaster, N.Y.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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Officer-in-Charge
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Relief Headquarters Commission
394, 5th Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for the article on Lt. Col. King. I am sure that all of his friends, and those who know him just by name, will be pleased to read this article.

I want to express my appreciation of the work all public relations officers are doing in supplying local papers with stories. It has been a good morale booster at home as well as a valuable aid to home-town newspapers.

I hope you will send more about King and about your own work.

Very truly yours,

A. A. Paddock

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COMANDO ALLEATO AMERICANO

ROMA

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Sono le donne Italiane che non vi chiedono altro, che di mettere in atto tutto quello che continuamente, sia per radio, che per stampa continuate a strombassare di aiuti.

I nostri figli, i nostri mariti, i nostri fratelli non li fate combattere perchè non volete che il suolo d'Italia sia liberato in breve tempo, e ne volete la devastazione completa, per calpestarci poi più del Teutonico Tedesco- e così voi ve la passate in Italia a nostre spese e danno, con tutto il resto che ne seguirà. Ma credete proprio voi alleati che gli Italiani siano tanto gonzi da vedere niente del modo con cui trattate a differenza delle chiacchiere che fate?

Quando una nazione liberata dal giogo che l'opprimeva da tanti anni vuole impugnare l'arma e difendere il suo suolo per liberarlo dall'oppressore, e questo le viene vietato, quanti sono allora gli oppressori? E voi vi volete assurgere a liberatori? Che genere di liberatori?

Sono tutte le donne sane, Italiane che vi parlano, perchè vedono le loro famiglie andare alla rovina, sia materiale che morale, e voi ne siete i responsabili principali e impassibili, che ve la ridete sulle nostre miserie.

L'Italia del Nord viene spolpata di tutto, per la lentezza della guerra- i nostri partigiani si fanno ammazzare combattendo senza armi e in condizioni miserande, e qui si fanno altro che chiacchiere di aiuti e aiuti, e intanto si affoga sempre più, perchè i Sgg. Alleati Liberatori non vogliono la partecipazione dei nostri valorosi soldati uniti ai nostri nella guerra di liberazione, nella tema dei conti finali forse? Siamo Italiani e siamo grandi noi, anche nella miseria.

Con questo sistema voi offendete tutte le madri, le mogli, le sorelle, di tutti i valorosi combattenti Italiani e quelli che tutti i giorni muoiono queste donne sane, di mente e di corpo, non chiedono né il voto, né sigarette, ma desiderano più fatti che parole, desiderano solo che il suolo dell'Italia nostra sia liberato dal fascismo, e che i nostri uomini siano valorizzati, e che le dichiarazioni di Settimius e di Mac Millan della Commissione Alleata non siano e non restino che degli studi come sono sempre stati a tutt'oggi.

TUTTE LE DONNE ITALIANE RINGRAZIANO

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UFFICIO ST. PA.
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

100/BBB

5 gennaio 1944

Ten. Lucio D'AMICO
A.T.C.
Indirizzo: viale
Via XX settembre

Il sottoscritto ha stabilito di tenere un'indagine di
tutti gli avvenimenti, politici e sociali, di un certo in-
teresse per la Commissione, in modo che questi ne
siano informati in tempo e possa procurarsi i mezzi di
tratti e di lavoro e simili.

Per questo ha stabilito di tenere un'indagine e ricor-
dare alla Commissione e alla relazione di tutti gli uffici e posti di
e simili, per il che deve lei, sulla base di tutti gli infor-
ti di tutti gli uffici, potrà essere in grado di infor-
marci. Le sono state inviate, con un certo anticipo, del
facendo sapere al cardinale, riguardo agli uffici di, in ag-
grazie a lei e al suo intervento in la Commissione.

Si augura che il per questo, ma le è chiaro che
il tempo e la commissione siano a sua.

ARTHUR L. GRAYSON
Captain
Public Relations Officer

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UFFICIO STAMPA
CORSO DI NEAPOLITANA

120/788

4 gennaio 1945

A Suor Maria Bruno

Sinon si può negare che contraccando la Le
condizione che la sua lettera del 20 dicembre è stata da
nel telegramma delle uffici della Croce Rossa affinché prov-
venga a far pervenire alla sua famiglia.

Con affetto

ARTHUR F. BRADY
Captain
Public Relations Officer

Suor Maria Bruno
Superiore Offensiva alle "S. Giuseppe"
C. PELLE (S. Ierme)

UFFICIO STAMPA
COMUNICAZIONE ALL'ITALIA

1007/PRB

4 gennaio 1945

Croce Rossa Italiana
Via Tevere, 12
Roma

Tr. segretariale d'ordine lettera a colleghi uffici di
cinque - loro uffici la attendono per informazioni.

ARTHUR P. WILSON
Captain
Public Relations Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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2 January, 1945.

FRANCIS WILLIAMS Esq.
News Division
Ministry of Information, London.

Dear Mr. Williams :

I believe that I am bothering you with rather a trivial request about which I probably ought to write to someone else, but yours is the only name I know so please forgive me. We in the Allied Commission have so far never succeeded in getting the English papers sent to us regularly, and the demand for them in our library here, which is used a good deal by Italian and neutral as well as Allied correspondents and also increasingly by officials of the Italian Government, is considerable. I should be very grateful indeed if you could arrange for a supply of newspapers to be sent to us by bag, as is done to AFHQ PRO, who tell me that they get the Times, Telegraph, Mail, Express, Herald, News-Chronicle, Sketch and Mirror. For us I should like to add the Manchester Guardian as Sylvia Sprigge, its correspondent, is always asking for it.

Yours sincerely,

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

UFFICIO DI PA
COMI E ME ALIATA

100/PRB

31 dicembre 1944

A. Eder Carlo Bruno

A nome della Comunità Italiana (che però non è "del
Governo") ti grazie del gentile biglietto di augurio e
risponde con i più fervidi voti di benedizioni per il bene-
merito Istituto da lei diretto.

MICHEL FILLON
Major
Public Relations Director

Suor Maria Bruno
Superiore Orfanotrofio-Asilo "S. Giuseppe"
CAPITULO (S. Lerno)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

19
19 December 1944.

Major Robert Neville
Editor, Stars and Stripes.

Dear Major Neville:

In your November 27 issue your newspaper carried a short item about Italian Patriots which contained an error of fact to which the Land Forces Sub-Commission, whose mission is to supervise the Italian Army, objected. The error in the second paragraph of the story on Page 6 said that Partisan officers would be allowed to retain command of their own men who enlisted and, on the whole, might have given the impression the Patriots were permitted to enlist en masse. This is not so. The attached story gives the present position on this question.

It would be appreciated if you would run a correction along lines of the suggested story. We will be happy to give any further help you might want through our Public Relations Office.

For the Director:

JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major, AUS
Public Relations Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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File
15 December 1944

Dannelli

Dear ~~Mieur. Dannelli~~,

The No. 2 Army Film and Photo Section
thought that you might like to have this number of a Ministry
of Information publication which contains one of their
colour photographs of him.

Yours sincerely

RONALD FIDLER,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Dannelli

Mieur. Dannelli
Via di Settembre
Palace of the Quirinale.

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Subject:- publication "War in pictures".

Major L. Pielon,
Allied Commission Public Relations,
C.I.P.

4/20/44/32

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I enclose a copy of no. 1 of 1 publication "War in pictures" which is produced in a number of languages.

You may have seen this already, but I think it would be appreciated if it could be forwarded to Prince Umberto. You will remember we had some wire and still coverage of him some months ago and these have had wide publicity. In the enclosed copy there is a colour picture of him.

Sup
C.I. No. 2 (my palm and photo section (2)).

Public Relations,
C.I.P.

4/20/44

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STUDIO

Legale Commerciale e di Ragioneria

RICCARDO SANTOSUOSSO

PERITO COMMERCIALE E RAGIONIERE
PUBBLICATORE DELL'ALBO DEL TRIBUNALE DI ROMARoma, 27 Novembre 1944
Via Boncompagni N. 93A S. E. IL MINISTRO PAIMIRO Togliatti
per conoscenza ALLA COMMISSIONE ALBERTA

R O M A

Il Suo articolo pubblicato dal Corriere di ROMA del 26 corr. se rappre-
senta un suo punto di vista soggettivo, non credo che voglia rappresen-
tare il pensiero totale del Popolo Italiano secondo da lei, come in appres-
so spiegherò seguendo i Suoi concetti di massima.

Lei sostiene che "il governo è tipo nettamente politico e di tipo de-
mocratico, ... si dovrebbe per sostituire un Governo di Tecnici... La cosa
è giusta ... tra i democratici e nel popolo italiano un certo allarme, un
di contro

noi VERE ITALIANI, perseguitati, disingnati, calunniati dal FASCISMO ri-
no a dispendere quel sentimento familiare, base di ogni popolo civile, che
si stenta di Ministri POLITICI incompetenti, del ramo cui Essi Administra-
no. E' una vecchia abitudine, anche quella fascista è stato un GOVERNO di
prova, e le risultanze non potevano che essere quelle ora NOTE, e previste
da alcuni di NOI, senza VERO partito, indipendenti, che a NOSTRE spese abbiamo
viaggiato il MONDO imparando a conoscere d'origine la VERA DEMOCRAZIA nei
popoli Americani ed Inglesi, oggi accettati da alcuni ITALIANI solo perchè
impiegati per la modesta conoscenza linguistica impartita a scuola,
e per altre necessità materiali del momento. Ma quali sentimenti nutro
no questi Esseri verso questi due POPOLI CAVALLERESCHI che ci danno libe-

...///...

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reti e nelle possibilità dovute ai gravi soprovvigliamenti di GUERRA-
Ci danno l'aiuto impellente?

Bisogna innanzi tutto rievocare i Suoi tre concetti fondamentali:

1) GOVERNO.==Coloro che Governano lo STATO dovrebbero conoscere la Scienza
del Governo, ovvero in parole semplici l'Amministrazione di chi si chiama
Ministri.

2) TECNICI.==COMPLESSO di normali attinenti all'ESECUZIONE.

Vale a dire non si può AMMINISTRARE neppure la famiglia se non si cono-
gono tutti i movimenti di QUEL RAMO di STATO che si dice appunto STATO.

Se io LE dicessi o LE comandassi QUALI degli attuali MINISTRI sanno leg-
gera nei BILANCI dello STATO, e soprattutto nei BILANCI delle SOCIETA' in
generale, e ciò non come espressione contabile di scritturazione, ma come ap-
plicazione di SPESE o GIRO di CAPITALI che le GRANDI IMPRESE sanno pui-
mente far figurare BIANCO invece di NERO?

Non è una Tecnica. Forse l'AGRICOLTURA, la quale nella lavorazione differa
risce tra regione e regione, e addirittura anche nello stesso circondario?

Potrebbe per esempio il MINISTRO dell'AGRICOLTURA fare conoscere al COM-
PLESSO dei MINISTRI l'ANNUO ESTAGGIO in NATURA spetti ai proprietari
dei terreni locati? Tale conoscenza di tecnica eviterebbe agli Agricoltori
lavoro inutile di denuncia, con le conseguenze Mangerie e Corruzioni, che
il Governo Democratico Veramente non ancora ci ha convinto di evitare.

E tutto questo perché non si conosce la Tecnica.....

3) DEMOCRAZIA.==dovrebbe Essere il GOVERNO di Popolo, dove il potere è
esercitato dal POPOLO o dai Suoi Delegati.

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L'ATTUALE GOVERNO non rappresenta l'espressione del POPOLO. Dal 4 Giugno NOI ITALIANI, abbiamo assistito ed assistiamo ad una PUBBLICITA' di ARRUOLAMENTO di elettori che fa spavento. Noi che per VENTIDUE ANNI NOLENTI e PIANGENTI Abbiamo dovuto sopportare un Regime totalitario intollerabile Ci siamo trovati fuori della Gabbia, con tanti strilloni, che ogn'uno Ci ha indicato una Via da seguire. E non sarebbe il caso di citare un famoso GRECO che mentre la Strada si era ILLUMINATA (per liberazione) tutto a un tratto si è fatto BUIO.

Già, si è fatto BUIO perchè Nessuna Rima dell'Attuale Governo verso il POPOLO è stato Affrontato e Risolto....

Non si accorge Sig. MINISTRO che il POPOLO sta come davanti a CESARE, e nel silenzio ripete... Ave-~~SSSSSSSS~~ Murituri te salutent.....?

GLI ARTIGIANATI.....soprattutto non sono in programma

Già proprio gli artigiani non si sanno sviluppare nel meridionale... ove gli uomini (in genere) abituati al facile guadagno sviluppano la BORSA NERA senza che le AUTORITA' INTERVENGANO. Ove il PREZZO dei PRODUTTORI (specie Agricoltori) è orientato a dispetto della MISERIA... essi non sono accesi pure inquadrati a RENDERE conto DELLE LORO MALEFATTE, e conosce LUI il motivo Principale? Perchè le funzioni di SINDACO sono state date a PARTITI variopinti, i quali stanno formando delle Repubbliche dei, Partiti cui ESSI rappresentano, e non s'interessano del VERO miglioramento SOCIALE.....

Il miglioramento per ESSI è l'ILLECITO GUADAGNO, tra i primi anche quelli cui gli ALLEATI in buona FEDE hanno dato mandato ⁶¹⁷⁰ Comprare per la collettività una certa merce (Es: Polli) mentre con la macchina ed autisti ALLEATI trasportano UOVA non chieste dagli ALLEATI e così via dicendo...

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Gli ALBERTI, hanno un grande torto: QUELLO DI AVERCI LIBERATI e PERMESSI di GOVERNARCI. ESSI avrebbero dovuto nominare almeno un OSSERVARE per ogni MUNICIPIO, il quale avrebbe potuto insegnare innanzi tutto che cosa s'intende per DEMOCRAZIA, e soprattutto studiare la necessità e gli sviluppi di un paese... lo stesso dovrebbe essere nella PROVINCIA.....

Insegnare successivamente tutti gli ITALIANI per quell'aiuto che tutti dovremmo portare a beneficio dei Salvatore ALBERTI, e non dare il PANE a coloro che reclamano maggiori razioni, per poi danneggiare il Popolo Italiano e soprattutto il programma degli ALBERTI, i quali dovrebbero trovarsi uniti per l'AUTO TOTALITARIO ad a loro favore, rendendoci così agio e contraccambiare quella minima parte che NOI DOBBIAMO ad ESSI.

Perché secondo il mio punto di vista, cade la sua massima di muovere le masse, e propriamente come LEI dice "" che si potrà risolvere a questo compito soltanto un governo che abbia il massimo di contatto con le masse popolari.....VORREBBE forse intendere ad altra Dittatura come il cessato regime P.S.F???? Le organizzazioni che LEI propone, sarebbero un NUOVO errore ed errore, in quanto COMANDA SEMPRE chi ha le redini.....anche se non CAPISCE NIENTE, e si serve delle masse solo per fini personali...Politici.

Probabilmente gli Uomini che siano qualcosa, sono attualmente da parte vivono nell'ombra, in attesa degli eventi politici e bellici....Essi hanno probabilmente delle ramificazioni....nel passato regime.

Se si attuasse il decentramento dei SERVIZI di STATO, e la revisione di tutti coloro che hanno dichiarato il loro domicilio a ROMA dal 1922 potremmo facilmente essere scoperti, in quanto si verrebbe a conoscere la VERA consistenza della loro ricchezza... ricchezza di contropossedute
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a quella del 1922. Ma non basta un Atto di Governo oppure una semplice
LEGGE che bisogna scoprire il mito d'Arianna. E necessario che il Gover-
no sia di Tecnici, senza di che la Legge lascia il tempo che trovi.....
Amo ricordare che un Prefetto del REGNO, Segretario Generale al Governato-
rato di ROMA si recò a PARIGI per studiare, indovini un pò: LA NETTEZZA
URBANA. Ma Egli si recò anche con la sua segretaria... e la Nettezza Ur-
bana da allora non ha mai migliorato i suoi servizi.

L'attuale GOVERNO è come il destino Umano previsto da Shakspeare nel
suo Amleto: noi attraversiamo anche un dramma che come una sfinge gigan-
tesca propone al mortali un grande e formidabile enigma e immerge nell'a-
bisso della ambiguità tutti quelli che non sanno scioglierlo. Nel Celebre
monologo Amleto dubita di sé stesso e dell'Universo e proclama:

"" 'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished :""

Eccellenza:

ho voluto esprimere anch'io il Mio punto di vista, il quale se non dif-
ferisce di molto da quello politico, probabilmente ci separa un abisso da
quello Tecnico e Democratico .

Voglia gradire intanto, i miei distinti ossequi.

R. Fantanuzzi

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Capt. Anderson
Chief News Section
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Dear Andy :

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Dress it up any way you want, as if it came from one of your correspondents, and use all the names and addresses, if you will, but do not mention the Prince, please, in any way, as having sent these messages, since he apparently only took them and did no more than to pass the back to us.

JOHN P. LAGACE,
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Public Relations Officer.

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