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ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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December 1945

SUBJECT: Allied Publications Board.

TO : Regional Commissioner Liguria Region
" " Lombardia Region
" " Veneto Region
" " Piemonte Region

1. With the transfer of the Northern Provinces to Italian administration the Allied Publications Board will cease to function. Its powers and functions will pass to the competent Italian authorities. A representative of the Consiglio dei Ministri will be sent to Milan to take over from the Secretary of the APB.

2. In the Province of Udine, which still remains under AMG the functions and powers of the Allied Publications Board will be exercised by the Provincial Commissioner.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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The American Embassy Rome.
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Radio Relations Branch.
Allied Publications Board, Milan (6).

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

LOMBARDY

Minutes of Meeting of the Lombardy Board held at 3 Via Cesare Cantu on Tuesday, 23rd October, 1945 at 3 p.m.

PRESENT: Major G. M. Sinclair Noble. — Chairman and Executive Secretary.
Major Fowler. — Public Safety Officer, Lombardy Region.
Lt. Goodman. — repres. Provincial & City Commissioner.
Capt. Griffiths. — P.R.O. AMG and AC.

OBSERVERS. Capt. Orback. — Brit. Ministry of Press & Information.
Prince Rospigliosi. — A.P.B.

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2. MEETINGS OF CENTRAL APB IN ROME:

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Authorisation for a daily to former editor of LA PATRIA, Italian Army official daily, no longer being published.
Authorisation of an economic daily 24 ORE recommended by Economic Sub-Commission.

Articles involving South African soldier in alleged murder:

This was a case in which the body of one of two women found dead in a cave was officially but wrongly identified as a girl who had been living with a South African soldier at a time when, according to a letter written by the soldier, he had planned to resume his relationship with her. The letter and photographs were published. Later it was found that identity had been mistaken and the girl [illegible]

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G.O.C. No.2 District asked for prosecution of editor and writer of original article in CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE and suspension of the newspaper.
After receipt of letter Chairman APB-300 District it was agreed however to take no action.
The G.O.C. 2 District was of opinion, however, that some compensation should be granted to the soldier and Major Noble asked members of the Board for their opinion as to reasonable recompense. Since both CORRIERE LOMBARDO and MILANO SERA had also reported the incident it was considered that they should also contribute to the compensation. After discussion it was agreed that £150 would be an ample amount, to be contributed by CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE, CORRIERE LOMBARDI and MILANO SERA in proportion to their circulations.

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Breach of authorisation by AVANTI and UNITA.

AVANTI, Socialist, authorised as a political daily had published a sports edition on 15th September and on the same day UNITA, whose authorisation had been for a two-page paper had issued a special four page edition. The penalty imposed by Central Board had been that each paper should be suspended for one day.

Major Noble had received appeals from both papers and after consultation by telephone with various members of the Central Board and also with the Regional Commissioner, AMG., it had been decided that these papers should suffer a 10% cut for 10 days, after publication on the front page of an acknowledgment both of the Board's original and mitigated sentences, and an admission of fault.

3. APPLICATIONS.

The Board then considered a list of applications for licences recommended by the Press Officer. 82 applications were approved, as listed in Appendix "A".

Meeting adjourned.

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LIST OF PUBLICATIONS AUTHORISED BY ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
Date: 23.10.1945.

	Sport	
CAVALLI E CORSE	by-weekly	6.500
FOOTBALL 2.2	weekly	2.000
IL CALCIONE	"	10.000
RIVISTA DELLA MONTAGNA	fortnightly	5.000
MILANINTER	weekly	2.000
IL CALCIO ILLUSTRATO	"	30.000
LA GAZZETTA DEGLI IPPODROMI	4 publications a week	2.000
LA PESCA SPORTIVA	fortnightly	2.000
MILAN-CALCIO	weekly	10.000
IL TOTALIZZATORE	weekly	10.000
	-For children	
ALBI DELLA VENTURA	weekly	10.000
FANTE DI PICCHE	"	10.000
L'AVVENTUROSO	"	100.000
	Cultural	
GRAN MONDO	monthly	3.000
LE MERAVIGLIE	fortnightly	5.000
TACCUINO	weekly	5.000
SETIMA	fortnightly	7.500
TERZA PAGINA	"	7.500
MOTIVI	monthly	5.000
NUOVI ORIZZONTI	weekly	30.000
SETTIMANALE DI INF.	"	10.000
PARALLELI	fortnightly	15.000
GLI SCANDALI DELLA STORIA	monthly	5.000
DISCUSSIONE	fortnightly	5.000
SAPERE	"	20.000
ORIE	"	3.000
	Publicity	
DOVE ANDIAMO STASERA?	weekly	500
FOGLIO ANNUNCI ECON.	"	5.000
BOLLETTINO NOT. ECON.	"	200

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TUTTOSPORT	weekly	2.000
IL CALCIO ILLUSTRATO	"	30.000
LA GAZZETTA DELLO SPORT	3 publications a week	2.000
IPPODROMI	fortnightly	2.000
LA PALLA SPORTIVA	weekly	10.000
MILAN-CALCIO	weekly	10.000
IL TOTALIZZATORE		
	-For children	
ALBI DELLA VENTURA	weekly	10.000
FANTE DI PICCHE	"	10.000
L'AVVENTUROSO	"	100.000
	Cultural	
GRAN MONDO	monthly	3.000
LE MERAVIGLIE	fortnightly	5.000
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SAPERE	"	20.000
CRIE	"	3.000
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DOVE ANDIAMO STASERA?	weekly	500
FOGLIO ANNUNCI ECON.	"	5.000
BOLLETTINO NOT.ECON.	"	200

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	Scientific	
CONOSCERE	weekly	3.000
L'ECONOMIA NEL MONDO	monthly	4.000
VITA SANA	monthly	5.000
LA RADIOLOGIA MEDICA	monthly	500
	Technical	
L'AGRICOLTURA MECCANICA	monthly	1.000
ELETTRONICA	monthly	2.000
CORRIERE DEI TRASPORTI	weekly	5.000
MOTORE	monthly	1.000
LA STAMPA AGRICOLA	weekly	1.000
MACCHINE	monthly	1.500
I PIU' PICCOLI ITALIANI	monthly	
	School	
LA SCUOLA GUIDA	fortnightly	3.000
	Cinema, theatre, music	
RETE ORTOSI	by-monthly	1.500
IL DISCOBOLO TEATRALE	fortnightly	500
DI-DE-DI	weekly	3.000
CONTROCORRENTE	monthly	2.000
SEGNALAZIONE	monthly	20.000
SUONI DIVERTIMENTO	weekly	20.000
ARLECCHINO	3-monthly	2.000
FILM	weekly	30.000
DISCO	"	50.000
CORRIERE MUSICALE	fortnightly	3.000
GIORNALE DELLA MUSICA	monthly	1.000
	INFORMATION	
GIORNO D'OGGI	daily	40.000
GAZZETTA DI MILANO	"	35.000
RETE ITALIA	"	35.000
24 ORE		35.000
BILDERN	weekly	1.500
LA VOCE DELL'ARTIGIANO	monthly	1.500
	Commercial	
[illegible]	weekly	10.000

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	Technical	
L'AGRICOLTURA MODERNA	monthly	1.000
Z.I.T.	weekly	2.000
CORRIERE DEI TRASPORTI	monthly	5.000
MONDO	weekly	1.000
LA STAMPA AGRICOLA	monthly	1.000
MACCHINE	monthly	1.500
I BOLLETTINI ITALIANI		
	School	
LA BUONA GUIDA	fortnightly	3.000
	Cinema, theatre, music	
LETTERATURA	by-monthly	1.500
IL PICCOLO TELEGRAFO	fortnightly	500
DI-TE-DI	weekly	3.000
DOMANI SPETTACOLO	monthly	2.000
SPETTACOLO	monthly	20.000
BUON DIVERTIMENTO	weekly	20.000
ARLECCHINO	3-monthly	2.000
FILM	weekly	30.000
DISCO	"	50.000
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ALBA ITALIA	"	35.000
24 ORE		35.000
GIORNO	weekly	1.500
IL VOCE DELL'ARTIGIANO	monthly	1.500
	Commercial	
L'UFFICIO D'AFFARI	weekly	10.000
GIORNALE DEI BANCARI	fortnightly	3.500
	Social	
IL MATRIMONIO	weekly	15.000

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	Education	
[illegible]	monthly	2.000
[illegible]	monthly	3.000
	Fascist	
[illegible]	monthly	20.000
[illegible]	monthly	1.200
[illegible]	monthly	5.000
	Artistic	
[illegible]	monthly	2.000
[illegible]	monthly	3.000
[illegible]	weekly	3.000
[illegible]	weekly	3.000
[illegible]	weekly	4.000
	Various	
[illegible]	weekly	5.000
[illegible]	3-monthly	500
[illegible]	monthly	3.000
[illegible]	monthly	1.000
[illegible]	fortnightly	15.000
[illegible]	weekly	15.000
[illegible]	weekly	10.000
[illegible]	monthly	1.500
[illegible]	weekly	1.000
	Religious	
[illegible]	fortnightly	1.500
[illegible]	weekly	30.000
[illegible]	"	30.000
[illegible]	monthly	2.000
[illegible]	every two months	12.000
[illegible]	"	4.000

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ARTE E BELLEZZA	monthly	2.000
A R S - Bollettino	monthly	3.000
DOMENICA	weekly	3.000
LA VERITA'	weekly	3.000
AVVENIMENTI DELLA SETTIMANA	weekly	8.000
	Various	
CORRIERE DELL'ARTE	weekly	5.000
ENCICLOPEDIA	3-monthly	500
EDIZIONI ILLUSTRATE	monthly	5.000
ENCICLOPEDIA-SCIENTIFICA	monthly	1.000
GIOVENTU' LAVORATRICE	fortnightly	15.000
GIORNALINO DEL LAVORO	weekly	15.000
LAVORATORI DEL MARE	weekly	10.000
VOCE DEL NORD	weekly	1.500
FAMIGLIA MERIDIONALE	monthly	1.000
CASA E FAMIGLIA	weekly	
	Religious	
SCUOLA D'AUTUNNO	fortnightly	1.500
PRO-FAMIGLIA	weekly	30.000
SICILIA	"	30.000
CRONACHE MODERNE	monthly	2.000
BENEFICENZA DELL'ISTITUTO		
DI S. VINCENZO	every two months	12.000
VITA SERAFICA	"	4.000

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PROVINCES

BERGAMO			
La domenica del Popolo	religious	fortnightly	2[illegible]
IL santuario di S.Gerg	"	monthly	1.[illegible]
lemo Emilia			
BRESCIA			
Federazione Giovanile	"	monthly	15.[illegible]
Leone XIII		fortnightly	1[illegible]
L'Agricoltore Bresciano	sindacal		
CREMONA			
Rinascita agraria	technical	fortnightly	1.[illegible]
Informatore agricolo	"	fortnightly	2.[illegible]
Il monte	sport	monthly	3[illegible]
LECCO			
Quel Ramo	sport,	monthly	3.[illegible]
dite la Vostra	cultural	"	2.5[illegible]
Lo sapete?	cultural	"	2.5[illegible]
Parva Faville	religious	"	6[illegible]
LODI			
Lo Sportivo lodigiano	sport	weekly	2.[illegible]
MILANO			
Bollettino mensile	religious	monthly	8[illegible]
MANTOVA			
L'Araldo	religious	by-weekly	5.[illegible]
Bollett.degli Artigiani	technical	fortnightly	4.[illegible]
La voce del popolo	information	weekly	3.[illegible]
VARESE			
L'AGRICOLTORE in Provincia	technical	monthly	2.[illegible]
di Varese	educativ	monthly	1.[illegible]
Il solco	economic	monthly	2.[illegible]
Vita Economica	art,variety	fortnightly	5.[illegible]
Aprile	religious	by-monthly	8[illegible]
REGINA Apostolorum			

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CREMONA			
Rinascita agraria	technical	fortnightly	1.[illegible]
Informatore agricolo	"	fortnightly	2.[illegible]
Il monte	sport	monthly	[illegible]
LECCO			
Quel Ramo	sport,	monthly	3.[illegible]
dite la Vostra	cultural	"	2.5[illegible]
Lo sapete?	cultural	"	2.5[illegible]
Parva Favilla	religious	"	[illegible]
LODI			
Le sportive lodigiane	sport	weekly	2.[illegible]
MANTUA			
PELLEGRINO mensile	religious	monthly	[illegible]
MILAN			
L'Araldo	religious	by-weekly	5.[illegible]
Bollett.degli Artigiani	technical	fortnightly	4.[illegible]
La voce del popolo	information	weekly	3.[illegible]
VARESE			
L'AGRICOLTURA in Provincia			
di Varese	technical	monthly	2.[illegible]
Il seme	educativ	monthly	1.[illegible]
Vita Economica	economic	monthly	2.[illegible]
Aprile	art,variety	fortnightly	5.[illegible]
REGINA Apostolorum	religious	by-monthly	[illegible]

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

Minutes of Meeting of the Central Allied Publications Board held in Rome at 3 p.m.on the 18th October,1945.

PRESENT:	Major G.M.Sinclair Noble.	Chief Press Officer, APB.
	Mr. George W. Edman.	Deputy Director, PWB-AFHQ.
	Mr. Aubrey Halford.	Political Section, A.C.
	Mr. R. McBride.	" " "
	Major S. L. Henderson.	G-2, AFHQ.
	Mr. G. Stewart Brown.	Director, Public Relations, A.C.
	Lt.Col.T.Burgin.	Dep.Dir. " " "
	Mr. Michael Stewart.	Press Attache, British Embassy.
	Major O.C.Anderson.	" " American Embassy.
	Mr. J.G.Barney.	Ministry of Information.
OBSERVERS:	Marchese Cavalletti.	Italian Press Commission.
	Mr. C. Johnston.	Administration, PWB-AFHQ.

1. Mr. Edman was invited to take the Chair.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 8th October were taken as read.

3. Chief Press Officer's Report on situation in Northern Italy:

a) Cases involving disciplinary action:

Major Noble reported on several incidents which had occurred during the past week, and stated that if action were to be taken it would have to be taken immediately:

AVANTI and UNITA, Milan. The Socialist daily AVANTI and the Communist daily UNITA had both published editions outside the terms of their authorisations on Monday 15th October, following a rally in Milan at which NENNI and TOGLIATTI had made speeches. AVANTI had published a "sporting" edition, although it was authorised as a party political daily and despite APBs refusal of an application to publish a sports edition. UNITA, authorised along with other party newspapers to print two pages, and despite APB refusal of increase, had published a four page edition. The AVANTI edition, although labelled "sporting" was, in fact, mainly political and the sub-title "sporting" had been added to avoid breach of a Milan Journalists Association agreement. In each case terms of authorisation were clear and in each case the breach was committed with full knowledge of editors. Disciplinary action was necessary, otherwise continued control would be impossible.

Major Noble suggested three alternative courses for consideration by the Board:

(a) Prosecution in ANC Court

Mr. Michael Stewart. — Press Attache, British Embassy.
Major O.C.Anderson. — " " American Embassy.
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(a) Prosecution in AMG Court.
(b) Suspension for one day, balancing the unauthorised editions.
(c) Reduction in circulation by 10% for 10 days, thus balancing amount of newsprint irregularly expended.

He advised against the first as being likely to arouse popular feeling in support of the newspaper and liable to be turned into propaganda by the newspapers, and pointed out that the second might be unfortunate insofar as both newspapers were of the Left and would undoubtedly accentuate the persecution complex entertained by the Left parties. The third might not, however, be an adequate punishment insofar as it would not be made known to the public and would not therefore be a strong deterrent against further breaches. The Regional Commissioner Lombardy had expressed an opinion in favour of a one-day suspension.

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A motion was carried "that publication of AVANTI and UNITA be suspended for one day, and that it be left to Major Noble and the Regional Commissioner to decide whether the suspension be effected for the newspapers on the same or on consecutive days".

ARTICLE CRITICISING AMG OFFICER IN CREMONA.

Major Noble drew to the attention of the Board Para.3 Page 2 in the minutes of the previous meeting, October 8th.

The Cremona Communist weekly, LOTTA DI POPOLO, had accused an AMG Public Safety officer of offering a bribe to, and on refusal threatening, a partisan during a search for arms with the hope of receiving information. Without consulting APB the Provincial Commissioner AMG had suspended the periodical. AMG Region, while in doubt as to the truth or untruth of the allegation, asked APB Lombardy to support the Provincial Commissioner and it was ruled that the newspaper be suspended for a period of three weeks unless evidence were produced supporting the allegation, in which case continued publication would be allowed pending consideration of such evidence. Evidence had been produced - on the one side statements alleging bribe and threat signed on oath by partisan concerned together with statement of a 12 years old girl to the effect that she had seen the money offered: on the other side statements by a Carabinieri corporal and a reporter that they had been with the officer during the six-hour search and had seen nothing of the incident. Major Noble pointed out that on neither side could the evidence be considered as conclusive, and in view of the fact that the paper had already been suspended for three numbers following the Provincial Commissioner's action, it was decided by the Board that the paper be allowed to continue publication immediately without further action, and that the case be dropped.

ARTICLE CRITICISING CREMONA PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER IN GENOA SOCIALIST DAILY.

The Genoa Socialist daily IL LAVORO NUOVO, commenting on an order of the Cremona Provincial Commissioner to the effect that the Cremona CLN had no executive powers, that CLNs issuing orders requiring action would be dissolved; and stating that civil servants obeying such orders should they be given would be dismissed, had commented:

> "Italy is passing through a very painful and confused moment which was to be expected as a defeated nation, but at the same time we hoped not to have to go through it after the promises of alliance. How many sacrifices has she made to deserve recognition, this poor unhappy Italy. Thousands of our dead did not sacrifice their lives for such humiliating treatment. It is destiny: Cremona dolcet. Before, Farinacci, Now the AMG Provincial Commissioner. The same tune."

Major Noble expressed the opinion that to compare an Allied officer with Farinacci was an insult very damaging to the officer concerned

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Major Noble expressed the opinion that to compare an Allied officer with Farinacci was an insult very damaging to the officer concerned and to Allied prestige, as Farinacci was one of the most notoriously unscrupulous of the Fascist leaders, and that action against the paper was called for. He said that action would be unfortunately late as, there being no press officer in Genoa, the article had been brought to the attention of APB almost a fortnight late. A published apology would therefore only accentuate bad propaganda when the incident had been generally forgotten. The Board decided that the editor of the newspaper be reprimanded and warned.

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UNAUTHORISED PUBLICATION OF TURIN WEEKLY "EUROPA".

This political weekly had been published without authorisation. The promoter had applied for licence, had been refused as persona non grata, and had none the less published, admitting in leading article refusal

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but publicly defying refusal. Turin Press Officer and Regional AMG recommended prosecution of editor.
The Board decided on prosecution.

INDEPENDENT PRESS - GAZZETTA D'ITALIA, TURIN.

Major Noble referred to the guarantees signed by all independent pro-Fascist dailies promising non-party, strictly informational policy. The administrator of GAZZETTA D'ITALIA had written to him asking for increased newsprint allocation in order to "intensify our campaign against the CLNs and the Communists".

At the previous meeting it had been inferred from extracts from the GAZZETTA D'ITALIA that a prejudiced political campaign was being followed, and the above-mentioned letter confirmed this. The Board instructed Major Noble to call in the editor and Commissario and inform them that continued similar activity might result in a decision that the newspaper was participating in the party-politics field and must therefore be excluded from allocation of newsprint as an independent.

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The Board decided to maintain its previous ruling that consideration of this newspaper be held in abeyance until the passing over of control to the Italian authorities.

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ZANIBONI GROUP.

An application had been received for an independent daily newspaper by a group under the leadership of Zaniboni, who called themselves the Partito Sociale Democratico di Unione Nazionale. Major Noble stated that this group had told him they were anxious to have the newspaper authorised whilst the Allies were still in control as they were sure that the Italian authorities would not grant them a license. He was of the opinion that, particularly at this late stage, nothing should bedone contrary to the wishes of the Italian authorities who would soon be taking over, and the Board decided against authorisation.

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APPENDIX "F"

TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE BY "ULISSE" in UNITA, TURIN on 12 SEPTEMBER, 1945.

What happened in the neighbourhood of Santhia recently has created confusion amongst all the honest workers of the area. It has created the impression that Fascism and Fascist vengeance has returned. In the neighbourhood of Santhia Fascism has not lost its roots, in fact it has taken root deeply in the earth of some of the big landowners, who are making bucketfuls of money; it has found enough money to clean its dirty pious face, go around defending genuine Fascist criminals and succeed with calumnies as base as their shame, to discredit four excellent Garibaldi partisans and to have them arrested by elements of the police who are only too willing to hear the accusing words of the neo-Fascists while they eagerly carry out "justice" against the partisans, even if these are honest, as is the case of the four in question.

And now for the crime. These four partisans, loyal and strenuous fighters during the epic days of the insurrection, killed the fascist squad, leader POLLEDRO GIOVANNI and it was only an act of justice to remove from circulation a criminal and homicide of this kind. It is indeed a fact that in 1941 Polledro was condemned to death by the Novara assizes for homicide with intent to steal, of the two brothers Chiesone in the Carisio district. Like the real bandit he was, he carried out the murder by striking them on the head with bottles.

Because he was an "Antemarcia" fascist and through the intervention of his worthy protector Farinacci, Polledro's sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Then came the Fascist republic and what better element than Polledro could they choose in order to put a little new blood into the Black Brigades. And so it was done. Polledro became a leader of Mussolini and Nazi-isms new minions. He was the terror of Castelletto Ticino, Vespolate, Fara and the Biellese, distinguishing himself for his murderous activity. His glory culminated in the massacre of Salussola where, after an orgy in the Palace of the Commune, twenty glorious Garibaldini were tortured and killed. This is the man who was tried and killed by the four Garibaldini of Santhia, who are now in gaol in Turin and accused of murder. Naturally those gentlemen whose consciences are at least as dirty as that of the murderer whom they defended, have whispered that the Garibaldini were paid to do justice.

And the falsity of this is apparent to all, especially to those on the spot who know the four young men in question. After the war they had returned to their fields and to their work, an example of discipline and good behaviour. Is it really necessary that such obviously unjust things as these should happen? Can some elements of public order lend themselves to a game which is so openly Fascist?

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If all those who during the war of liberation killed Fascist criminals are to be arrested, then open the gaols, set free the Fascists and all the fighters of Italy, all the Partisans, will go in. With these dark dealings is it intended to lead the country back to normality or is it intended to start in Santhia that which happened at Minervino Murge?

Enough of this persecution of anti-Fascists and of partisans which is carried out on every pretext. We must not be made to believe that the Fascists, against whom we must defend ourselves, have returned.

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Appendix "G"

GAZZETTA D'ITALIA - Turin - Sept.20,1945.

At the Allied Court

"Ulisse" sentenced to six months in prisonment (five months suspended).
The Director of the "Unità" fined 80.000 lire.

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In this article, said the prosecutor, protests were made against the arrest of four ex Garibaldini Partisans, who during the days of liberation are supposed to have killed a black brigade Chief, named Giovanni Polledro.

First and only witness is a lawyer called Quinto, who quotes that the above mentioned Polledro was sentenced to death in 1938 by the Criminal Court of Novara being accused of double murder while committing robbery. Polledro pleaded not guilty. The Police made further enquires which resulted in the arrest of four witnesses who had made false statements. These people were sentenced to life imprisonment while Polledro was liberated.

Laiolo, Chief Editor in interrogation, stated that the scope of this article was to bring to his readers a spirit of peace, advising them to go back to work; he affirmed having actively participated in the fight for liberation as commander of two Garibaldi Brigades in Lanzi area.

The President of the Court asked Laiolo if he took precautions to check if the information in his article was true. Laiolo answered that he did not check all facts because telephonic communications were very difficult and that he had full confidence in his informants. The President of the Court accused him of having said that the fascists had influenced the Police in its duty. The Director of "Unità" was afterwards interrogated. He said that the leading spirit of his newspaper was one of pacification and reconstruction of the Country and that it would be inconceivable that an article in the newspaper could be against the general policy of the paper.
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He stated that he had not read the article before publication but none the less he would assume full responsibility. To the accusation that the article said that the Italians was ready to follow directives from the fascists, Ugaldi answered that to give this impression was not the intention of the writer of the article.

The lawyer Colle opened the case for the defence of Leidi: agreed that AMG ordinance No.1 specified that a person reporting false news followed by popular riots was condemnable. In this special case in spite of the fact untrue statements has been published, public order has not been prejudiced.

He asked the Court to examine the article not in the details but in the substance, because the purpose of the writer of the article was to have a calming effect on public opinion, not to go to the reprehensible excesses of shedding of blood. A verdict of not guilty was asked for Leidi.

The Prosecutor submitted that the article could in fact have caused the above mentioned consequences and that the two journalists had deformed the truth.

The Court then announced the verdict and the President addressing Leidi said: The proof is evident, you have written with lack of consideration more than carelessness; the offence is serious and against and order, particularly at this time, when any incitement and any action AGAINST THE ALLIES must be punished.

The defence has appealed against sentence.

The C.L.N.R.F. has compiled the following communique:

The C.L.N. reference to the judgement of the Allied Court, (making no comments in respect of Allied Ordinances) states its unanimous and deep regret that in this legal proceeding have been involved two men who during the war of liberation have strenuously fought against the Germans and the Fascists, side to the Allies, two men that to day with firm and noble spirit give their activity for the material and moral reconstruction of the Country.

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Reference to A.M.G. ordinance there is no doubt that we have contravened to the order.
We are unfortunately not accustomed to those principles of journalistic correctness which are so scrupulously observed in Anglo-Saxon Countries, and in spite of the justness of the principle that dictates the above mentioned A.M.G. ordinance we believe to be exaggerated to ask too much from people which for twenty years have followed those rules, and especially in this case when "Ulisse" is a rather unprepared and inexperienced journalist.

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APPENDIX "H".

MEMORANDUM ON UNITA TRIAL, TURIN.

The original article by ULISSE in the Piemonte UNITA of 12 September states that at Santhia Fascism has in no way been eliminated. Fascists have, in fact, been able to get four partisans arrested by elements of the Police who, while they are quite ready to accept the word of a Fascist, are quite eager to carry out "Justice" against the Partisans.

The author states that the four partisans killed the Fascist squadrista Polledro during the days of the insurrection and approves this action. He states that in 1941 Polledro was condemned to death for the murder of two persons. Fascist Republicans liberated Polledro whose infamous career culminated in his presence at a massacre of 20 partisans at Salussola. The author goes on to say that the four partisans concerned had, in fact, returned to their peace time jobs, thus showing their respect for good order and discipline, but if all those who killed Fascists are to be arrested, then let all partisans go into the gaols and let all the Fascists come out. It is time to end this persecution between the Fascists and partisans in order that people may not think that Fascism has returned.

The author concluded by asking whether the country is to become normal again or whether by actions such as this the same consequences are to be brought about as took place at Minervino Murge (this is presumably a reference to the disorders which took place in this locality following dissatisfaction with epuration or some particular case of that kind).

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With regard to his statement that the police had been influenced by Fascist elements, he maintains the truth of this statement. With regard to his reference to disorders which took place at Minervino Murge, he states that his intention was to prevent such disorders from recurring and not to threaten new disorders. He moreover stated that in past articles he had always maintained the necessity for partisans to return to their peace time tasks in a well disciplined manner.

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Following on the trial, the Regional CLN expressed its regret that the two men who had taken such a prominent part in the war of liberation, fighting side by side with the Allies, and who were now working hard to instil a sense of good order and construction, should be concerned in this matter and stated their conviction that the

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article had been dictated by tthe growing feeling of pre-occupation at the under-hand campaign of denegration of partisans and of all they stood for, which had been indulged in for some time. They further stated that the two defendants had repeatedly proved their intention to promote good order and discipline rather than the contrary.

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The whole matter may be seen against the following background:

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NOTE: Previous articles by ULISSE showing constructive spirit of collaboration:

UNITA. 11 May 1945. Article entitled GARIBALDINI ALLA RICOSTRUZIONE, in which he tells partisans to return to peace time tasks and to be well disciplined.

UNITA. 25 JUly, 1945 Article entitled I FALSO PARTIGIANI E LE RANE in which he censures acts of brigandage by partisans and points out their duty to keep the peace.

UNITA. 21 August, 1945. Article entitled TIRARE LA CINGHIA E TACERE in which he states some people talk of revolution. This is no time for revolution, this is the time for hard work and reconstruction.

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GAZZETTA D'ITALIA.
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APPENDIX I.

9 AUGUST 1945 - No.10.

"LA BOMBA DI MOSCA"

Author Massimo CAFUTO states Russian declaration of war following so closely on Allies use of atomic bomb only a pretext for Russia to divide the spoils of victory with Western Allies. Doubts whether Russians know about atom bomb during Potsdam Talks, doubts whether they will have time to "gather fresh laurels in the East", doubts whether Western allies are really as "satisfied" as they say over Russia's hurried intervention.

7 SEPTEMBER 1945 - No 39.

Prominently displayed on front page in heavy black type under headline "Without consulting Allies, Russians create Communist Government in Berlin", is a quote from DAILY HERALD stating Russians, in violation of Potsdam agreement, have created German shadow government with evident intention of constituting two separate economic spheres in Germany (East and West). It had previously been agreed at Potsdam that German economy should be regarded as one whole.

14 SEPTEMBER 1945 - No 45.

Leader quotes "NEW STATESMAN" statement of probable "Morgan" line solution to Italo-Yugoslav frontier question. States Tito, who does not represent Yugoslav majority, is treated as an equal whereas he is more fascist than the fascists. "Beyond the Morgan line begins the zone of silence which extends to Siberia". "Under the mask of communism Tito hides the most savage nationalism, etc". Attacks communists repeatedly for supporting Tito's claims. States if Allies wish to be true to Atlantic Charter and to Yalta they must authorise plebiscite freed from the influence of Tito's savage occupation.

19 SEPTEMBER 1945 - No. 48.

In an article from Trieste correspondent exposes a number of the worst aspects of Trieste occupation. beatings, deportations, murders, agents provocateurs, etc. Attacks communists squarely stating that they give their complete support to the Yugoslavs but states that communists in Trieste do not belong to the Italian Communist party, having founded an autonomous party of their own. States the allies are slowly restoring order and implies Allied support for Italian case. Denounces Yugoslav method of obtaining signatures to plebiscite by means of armed threats.

20 SEPTEMBER 1945 - No. 50.

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20 SEPTEMBER 1945 No 50.

[illegible] has addressed a telegram to GAZZETTA D'ITALIA deploring its partial attitude, recalling it to its pledge of independence and impartiality. GAZZETTA leader states it is amazed that this should be done in which we [illegible] "at least in theory" a democratic regime, states [illegible] "probable in certain quarters", compares this attempt

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at control of press by CLNAI to control once exercised by fascist government. The article states the paper is contrary to any dictatorship whether of the right or of the left "even if the polemists of the party oligarchy which has taken the place of the single party (fascism) like, for want of better arguments, to call us reactionary".
The article then recalls its pledge of independence and states the CLNAI has taken exception to the following questions raised by the GAZZETTA:

1. Repeated suggestions that incompetents be eliminated from administrative posts.
2. Shameful neglect of Turin's largest hospital (in an article apropos periferic CLNs)
3. Demand that CLN account for its use of public funds (4th Army Funds)

In conclusion, article states public opinion is not tied to parties and light must be thrown on questions which parties "often leave in the darkness". In any case, CLNs do not so far derive their authority from popular consent.

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26 SEPTEMBER 1945 - No.55.

Article states that in the new parliament "nobody will sit on the right". States this is an example of Italian servility, of the desire "to be on the right side". "To-day many people rush to the left without knowing what the left signifies. It is the fashion. It is the fear of being wrong. Few have the courage to declare themselves of the right as though it were impossible to be of the right and anti-fascist. It is a fact that the further we go to the left the more we are surrounded by a suffocating air of totalitarianism which, even if the emblems have changed, reminds us too closely of the epoch we have just passed through.

29 SEPTEMBER 1945 - No.58.

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APPENDIX "A"

A l l i e d P u b l i c a t i o n s B o a r d

Telephone 12338

Via Cesare Cantu' n.3
MILAN
29th September, 1945.

To: G.O.C.
N.2 District

From: Chairman, A.P.B.

Subject: News Items involving No.139466 (V)
Pte. A. VENTER

Reference your letter 2019 G (Ops) of 21Sept.:

The news items referred to were published not only in CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE but also in the other two Milan independent daily newspapers MILANO SERA and CORRIERE LOMBARDO.

The bodies of the two murdered women were identified at an official enquiry as Accornero (associated with Venter) and De Regibus by the father, aunt and uncle of the De Regibus. The letter written by Venter, indicating that he had been living with Accornero and that he was expecting her to join him at a time just prior to the finding of the bodies was given to newspaper correspondents by the uncle of one of the two women.

The day following publication of item, on Sept.8, after relatives of Accornero and the Regibus admitted mistaken identity, CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE published a complete retraction of the previous story.

Concerning Pte. Venter's personal position in the matter: if he were a private individual he would have no legal right to take action against the newspapers. When a man writes a letter admitting an illicit relationship with a woman and planning to carry on that relationship at a time when the woman receives publicity through having been declared as a murdered, then he must accept subsequent publication of relevant facts. As stated above, full publicity was given to the denial of the story as soon as mistaken identity was established.

As Venter is an Allied soldier the propaganda effect of the original story was most unfortunate and should it be desired, the Editor of CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE, Dr. M. Borsa O.B.E., (Italian representative of THE TIMES, the most openly pro-British of the Italian Editors, appointed to be Editor at the wish of the Allied authorities) will publish, prominently displayed, an

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Appendix "A"

With reference to request for suspension of the newspaper, if CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE were to be suspended, it would be necessary also to suspend the other two most important of the Northern daily newspapers involved, and a situation out of all proportion to the incident would be created.

It would be necessary before such action to call a meeting of Central A.P.B., which comprises representatives of British and U.S. Embassies, A.C. and G-2 Branch AFHQ.

Further comunication is awaited and if necessary a meeting of APB will be called.

sig'd: MAJOR G.M.SINCLAIR NOBLE
Chairman,
ALLIED PUBLICATION BOARD.

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Deputy Director, P.W.B-AFHQ
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H.Q. 6 (S.A.) Armrd.Div.
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SUBJECT: Subversive News Items

HQ. 2 District, CMP
2019 C (ops)

21 Sept. 45.

Allied Publications Board
3 Via Cantu' (two copies)
Milan

I enclose copies of certain articles and reports about an incident in which men of 6 (SA) Armd Div are incorrectly alleged to have been concerned.

1. At Appx 'A' is a translation of an article which appeared in the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE of 7 sept. 1945, about the murder of two Italian women. The article included a photo of one woman whom the article stated had been murdered, and beside it a photo labelled "The South African soldier, Albert Venter, lover of Accamore" (the woman in question).

2. At Appx 'B' is a copy of the signed statement by the father of one of the women that his daughter is alive and in good health on Sept 10th, eight days after the finding of the body which was said to be hers.

3. At Appx 'C' is a similar copy of a signed statement by the mother of the other woman.

4. At Appx 'D' is a copy of a signed statement by a CP who interviewed one of the women and found her well nine days after she was supposed to have been murdered.

5. At Appx 'E' is a copy of the statement made on oath by Pte VENTER whose photo was published in the paper of 7 Sept.

6. (a) A scrutiny of these papers will show that the article is completely wrong. The text and the juxtaposition of the photos of the murdered woman and Pte VENTER so clearly hint that the latter was responsible that no reader could fail to grasp the accusation.

(b) This wild and criminal slander has done and will do great harm to Pte VENTER and may well affect both his domestic happiness and future as a civilian. It also creates bad blood against the South African Division and, to a lesser degree, against the Allied Forces. It is particularly ill-timed at a period when the discussion of Peace terms makes such incidents appear in exaggerated prominence.

I therefore request that you will:

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7. I therefore request that you will:

(a) Arrange for the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE to publish a complete withdrawal and apology, giving it front page prominence akin to that allotted to the accusation. HQ 6 (SA) Armd Div are requested to forward to the Allied Publications Board the text of such an apology.

(b) Thereafter suspend the paper for a period to be decided by you. In requesting this I am taking into account

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that Milan papers have very recently made other vicious misstatements, such as that brawls had caused eight British soldiers' deaths in the City. The publication of such articles can only inflame local tension and I recommend strongly that an example be made of this paper.

Signed: C.A. HEYDEMAN
Major, General,
Commanding 2 District.

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Copies to:
HQ 5 (BR) Armd Div for action as in para 7.
Regional Public Safety Officer, MILAN, who is requested to prosecute the editor of the paper and writer of the article
GSI 2 District - for info.

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Commanding 2 District.

SCIB/gr

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CCI 2 District - for info.

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Appendix 'A' to HQ 2 District
letter 2016 G (Ops)
dated Sept.45.

WHO KILLED THE TWO WOMEN OF THE QUARRY? - A TRAGIC LOVE AFFAIR WAS THE ORIGIN OF THE CRIME

THE YOUNGER ONE ASSOCIATED THE FRIEND OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN LOVER, SHARING AT THE RETURN, THE DESTINY

If there could have been any perplexity on the identification of the two young women found murdered inside GALLINI di BRUGHERASCO Quarry, no doubts are now possible.

This morning returned to the obituary, the Postman, FEDELINI, of 142, V.le Monza, that had yesterday already recognised in one of the victims, the niece DELFA DE-REGIBUS, accompanied by the 51 year old ER ANNO DE REGIBUS, the unfortunate father, and by an Aunt, GIUSEPPINA CRUSCA, aged 42 from CASALE. As soon as he was admitted to the sight of the bodies, the father had the torment of recognising without hesitation his 22 years old daughter DELFA, who lived with him at No.10 VIA SALETTA; while the pitiful scene was taking place, the Aunt also confirmed.

They then declared that the other murdered one was a friend of the DE REGIBUS called GIUSEPPINA LOCORNERO, residing at No.44 Via G.Cuccia.

As we have already reported, Dolfa De Regibus was married to Antonia Donnella of Genova, at the moment interned at Bordeaux, and mother of a girl aged two. According to reports she lived a rather free life. During the period of the so called republic, she apparently did not reject the courtings of those belonging to the Black Brigade and the Germans, and after the liberation was seen on many occasions in the company of South African Soldiers. As a result of some tropical disease her body was covered with violet coloured spots.

Her companion in the misadventure was 26 years old and was married, without children, to Domenico Zanotto, of Ceresana Vercellese, from whom she lived separately. Interesting items of Zanotto, who was also called 'Mario' - are again given by Degli. Adventurous type, during the latter part of the war had been sentenced to four months imprisonment for theft, who escaped

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On Wednesday the 25th the two women were in the House of Accornero, where Regibus stated to some neighbours that she would be away for some days as she was going on a trip to Lago Maggiore

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It is said that they left very soon afterwards on a small truck driven by two South African soldiers, who were known as CASSIM stationed at Porto Valtravaglia, heading for Lake Maggiore. Accormara had spread the news that she was pregnant, a particular which was refuted by the autopsy. She had with her two suitcases etc.

What happened to the adventurous women?

It has been established that they arrived in Milan on Thursday and were guests of the uncle Fedeli until Saturday when they left for Porto Valtravaglia with the only train that leaves daily for Luino at 12.45. They say that they are going to visit the fiancee of Accormara, who the uncle did not know was married, to make a reconciliation, and De Pegi us who despite her youth was an expert on sentimental matters and who would have facilitated the matter. That they arrived at Porto Valtravaglia there is no doubt.

Yesterday morning, the uncle at Milan received this letter dated 2 Sept. posted at Castelveccana on the 4th. This village together with that of Pozzo is on the road midway between Caldo and PortoValtravaglia, from where Lake Maggiore is dominated and the historic rock of Caldo.
The letter states:

"Dear Aunt and Uncle (Uncles),

We have arrived, but we do not like staying here. It is a small town, a long way higher than Porto Valtravaglia and has a name which we do not know how to write. We thank you for having had us for the two days and for having forgiven me for the bad idea that you know and for which I again ask your pardon. Here we do not live badly, but we do not like it, you know here there are the mountains and there is the lake. But I will leave very soon. I do not know if my friend will stay with her fiancee".

What happened after the meeting with this "fiancee".

Everything leads one to believe that the unfortunates accepted to return on the military truck, and they were killed during this trip during the day or night of Sunday. The car with its macabre load, spent the whole night in trying to find a spot where the bodies could be thrown. The murderers travelled until 8 a.m. of Monday as far as Gussinasco. Time was flying and day had arrived, and it was necessary to rid themselves of the bodies, probably already tied with wire and covered with

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when they left for Forte Valtravaglia with the only train that leaves daily for Luino at 18.40. They say that they are going to visit the fiancee of Leonardo, who the uncle did not know was married, to make a reconciliation, and De Pegi as who despite her youth was an expert on sentimental matters and who would have facilitated the matter. That they arrived at Forte Valtravaglia there is no doubt.

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The Cave of Gaslini was chosen for the want of something better, and to the bodies was attached a pack filled with metal pieces in order that they may sink.

The investigators should therefore go towards Porto Valtravaglia to look for the "Bianca" or rather for the lover it not being possible that Accornero had hidden the fact that she was married, it being an adventure of love.

The soldier with whom Accornero was in relations, when she met at Casale and for whom she waited at Porto Valtravaglia, is known. We are in a position to reproduce a photograph and one of several of the letters written by Accornero in a horrid but sufficiently clear Italian-English language. He gives this address: PTE A. VENTER, Serial 81, 9T Garge, and the name has also been italinised into Soldato Alberto Venteri, white South African.

We reproduce the beginning of one of these letters, the latest dated 22 August, because it contains the invitation to come and join him where he was recently transferred.
The letter continues:

"Maria, I need to know when you are coming here, because you told me that you wanted to come with me and that you liked me a l t. Now I am waiting for you.... (incomprensiblr translation). Maria when you receive my letter write immediatly because I want to know whether you have found..... (note by paper that the word is undecipherable).

I am very sad because I am sleeping badly since I no longer sleep on a bed but on the ground, and without you, but I am pleased because now you will come and need you with me. Tell Anna I am very sad because I do not want to write to her, but I want to write to her and tell her why I do not send my regards. Remember Maria I am waiting your reply and you promise that you will write soon. Give my regards to your mother and Carla.
Your always, Alberto".

The mobile squad of our police is trying to trace this ardent Albert, and about whom the following particular is known. He has a complete set of false teeth. In the meantime the police has taken a statement of the desperate father of De Regibus, of the aunt at Casale and the uncle at Milan and has confiscated the

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The soldier with whom Locornore was in relations, whom she met at Casale and for whom she waited at Forte Valtravaglia, is known. We are in a position to reproduce a photograph and one of several of the letters written by Locornore in a horrid but sufficiently clear Italian-English language. He gives this address: PFC A. VENTRI, Serial 81, 3E Garage, and the name has been italinised into Soldato Alberto Ventori, White South African.

We reproduce the beginning of one of these letters, the latest dated 28 August, because it contains the invitation to come and join him where he was recently transferred. The letter continues:

"Maria, I need to know when you are coming here, because you told me that you wanted to come with me and that you liked me a l t. Now I am waiting for you.... (incomprensiblr translation). Maria when you receive my letter write immediatly because I want to know whether you have found..... (note by paper that the word is undecipherable).

I am very sad because I am sleeping badly since I no longer sleep on a bed but on the ground, and without you, but I am pleased because now you will come and need you with me. Tell Anna I am very sad because I do not want to write to her, but I want to write to her and tell her why I do not send my regards. Remember Maria I am waiting your reply and you promise that you will write soon. Give my regards to your mother and Carlo.

Your always, Alberto".

The mobile squad of our police is trying to trace this ardent Albert, and about whom the following particular is known. He has a complete set of false teeth. In the meantime the police has taken a statement of the desperate father of De Regibus, of the aunt at Casale and the uncle at Milan and has confiscated the letter sent from Castelvecchio.

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Extract from Appendix 'E' to
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TWO WEIGHTS AND TWO MEASURES.

"Liberty of press and opinion, how many tyrannies are committed in your name!"

We could use this historical sentence to-day if we were willing to be executed by a false democracy. This phrase has only a rhetorical value except for this time as it is addressed directly to the "Press Officer" of Milan, one of the Allied Offices, created to defend namely that liberty for which american and English people have fought and that, if we do not make a mistake, is one of the four liberties written on the flag of the Anglo-Saxon democracies, symbol and pillar of the world.

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Now, with the frankness and clearness that our right and dignity allow us, and using that freedom to express ourselves and that liberty of press in which we believe, we answer Mr. Harari:

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2. - that the P.D.I. is a political party which is legally constituted, with a definite character, a clear economic life , press, propaganda and administrative offices, its member and its youth sections. The P.D.I. is not inferior to the six parties of the C.L.N. in its constitution and political body.

3. - that the authorization to publish our organs has been granted by P.W.B. Rome and we do not see the reason why the Press Office of Milan should refuse what Rome has granted.

4. - Keeping this time we could ask that the authorisation given, for example, to the republican party, should be withdrawn according to Mr. Harari's argument, because this party may easily fit in one of the six parties of the C.L.N.

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UNITA, MILAN 25 SEPTEMBER, 1946. APPENDIX "C"

ENOUGH OF ANTI-SOVIET LIES.

Anglo-American newspapers and news agencies continue to "spit" lies against the Soviet Union. Italian newspapers and news agencies continue to show their servility and their bilious indolence in publishing news which the least common sense shows to be false. For a very long time and particularly since the war finished the majority of the anglo-american agencies had been incapable of telling at least once the truth on Soviet affairs. Instead it has show itself almost specialised in publishing the most stupid inventions and the lowest provocations.
Let us mention some: For months and months the yellow press has insinuated suspicion over the fate of Italian prisoners in Russia; later they were forced to stop this campaign, Russia having been the first country to liberate Italian prisoners.
For months and months the yellow press has insinuated that "Russian Imperialism" wanted to get hold of Trieste: now they will be compelled to stop after the clear statements of Molotov.
But when its fancy does not find any pretexts for provocations, the yellow press is satisfied with the most ridiculous lies.
Some time ago the ridiculous idle anglo-american correspondents in Germany (the same ones who for over a year have systematically lied about Italian affairs) were talking through their hats on the large acquisitions of watches made by Soviet troops in Berlin.
Today it is the turn for crimes supposedly committed by the Red troops in Berlin. Twenty-five of forty-one big crimes committed in Berlin in three months allegedly have been perpetrated by Soviet soldiers. Do the leaders know who is supposed to have given the news to the DAILY TELEGRAPH correspondent? The Berlin criminal police! Which means the Nazi-police, talking about the preference shown by the Allies to the Germans in their administration in Italy. The thing is not astonishing for us as we know from experience that the only scope of a certain Press is systematically not to tell the truth. But what is more important is that this gangster journalistic system has been fully accepted also in Italy where many newspapers complacently report these lies. Why do they publish them? These newspapers know nothing about what happens in Berlin. In this specific case they only know that the news came from Nazi circles, the same circles that for 20 months published the most absurd lies about liberated Italy. They also know that the news is transmitted by the same people who for 20 months broadcasted on the subject of the marvellous democratic attitude of the most reactionary Allied authority in Italy. They must then know that this news is false.
Then some Italian papers publish false news for the purpose of artificially creating in Italy an Anti-Soviet feeling and of trying to persuade the Italians to serve one or the other of the United Nations against the Soviet Union. We then denounce these papers to the Italian public as calumniators. The public will not believe these lies. Italians have much too much common sense and they will ask the newspapers which with lies serve the obscure interests of Italian and foreign reaction to tell us about the exemplary attitude of certain Allied soldiers during the winter from 1944 to 1945, having as an example for them the bandit Robert Lane.

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APPENDIX "D".

"LIBERTA", MILAN 29 SEPTEMBER, 1945. APPENDIX "D"

SOME GRAINS OF SAND.

If we do not make a mistake (the news have been given by the papers) we are on the eve of the passage of Northern Italy from the allied Government to Rome Government, which means from one bureaucracy to another bureaucracy. It is a thing that always gives pleasure to express a natural discontent preferably with one's own people than with strangers.
The strangers who will still remain here as welcome guests, if in fewer numbers, I do not know personally. Once I was invited to a reception and I went there prepared for the most sincere expressions of sympathy. But among the people I was not able to recognise the masters of the house and I found myself as if in a bar, with a big table full of glasses, and young people drinking, girls that possibly were A.M.G. employees or typists. So I swiftly went away.
It seems that their habit, very liberal indeed, is to let it be understood that in their house one has to feel at home (with the difference that one does not have to think about the cost of drink)
But everyone has his habits and the provincial habit in this small and still smaller Italy is to look at the person who invites you, to shake hands with him and have a casual little chat with him, with words that do not live in one's brain but that accompany a smile.
The habits unfortunately have their value. For example, we have the general habit to judge with severity the drivers of vehicles who after having knocked down a passerby, get away and leave their victims in the middle of the street. And we regret to have to judge with the same severity the foreign drivers who have the habit of going at full speed through the streets of the town and nobody is authorised to tell them that the war is over; and if in war time speed was a reason of merit what is now their hurry, to rush for peace? Peace only asks for an "andante moderato" as one sees by the slow proceedings of the Big Five.
Habit..... for example we are in the habit of respecting the prohibition against smoking in tramways, also because the ticket vendor is there to remind us. Now the Tramways Company has put up a poster in English "Smoking Forbidden" but the brave warriors, our guests, get into the trams with a cigarette between their lips and keep on smoking with an air that seems to mean: "It is incredible that being the winners we should obey prohibitions coming from Italians".....
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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

Minutes of Meeting of the Central Allied Publications Board held in Rome at 3 p.m. on the 8th October, 1945.

PRESENT:	Major G. M. Sinclair Noble.	Chairman and Executive Secretary.
	Mr. G. Stewart Brown.	Director, Public Relations, A.C.
	Mr. H. Hopkinson.	Political Section, A.C.
	Mr. Wesley Jones.	" " "
	Mr. L.V.R.White.	Economic Sub-Commission, A.C.
	Mr. Michael Stewart.	Press Attache, British Embassy.
	Major O.C.Anderson.	Press Attache, American Embassy.
	Mr. J. G. Barney.	Ministry of Information.
OBSERVER:	Avv. della Giusta.	Press Representative, CLNAI.

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Major Noble stated that at present APB needed more tact and watchfulness than at any previous time, due largely to the sensitiveness and impatience of both the Italian Press and the Allied authorities, following the repeatedly postponed dates for hand-over of jurisdiction in the North to the Italian Government. In several cases the Italian press had gone too far in articles, and in two cases AMG had taken action without consulting APB, with unfortunate results.
There was also a flood of applications for licences from publishers and journalists pessimistic of support from the Italian press authorities after the handover and wishing approval therefore from APB before the handover.
Major Noble then reviewed regional situations:

LOMBARDY.

Articles involving South African soldier in alleged murder:
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Major Noble stated that the accusations were quite unfounded, that the press officer in question had been personally in favour of the authorisation, but that the recommendation was vetoed because APB policy at that time

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allowed dailies only for CLNAI parties with one exception - Republican - recommended by the CLNAI as strong enough to necessitate a daily and as having taken equal participation in pre-liberation activities with CLN parties. Under new conditions the question of a monarchist daily was to be discussed later in the meeting. (Appendix B.)

Article on Anglo-American news agencies, in UNITA, Milan (Appendix C) attacked anti-Soviet policy of Anglo-American news agencies and of Italian news agencies which published their reports. Article further alleged that Allied correspondents in Germany were the same writers who "lied systematically over Italian affairs"; that certain Allied authorities in Italy were reactionary; and that an Allied deserter, Lane, who carried out robbery in Rome over a period of time, was typical of the behaviour of certain Allied troops.
Major Noble had discussed the article with the Regional Commissioner AMG and with Director, Public Relations, AC, and a proposal to reduce circulation for a month had not been put into effect pending a meeting of Central Board. Subsequently, a meeting with all Milan editors had been considered action enough.

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MILANO SERA.	"	85,000.	56,000.
CORRIERE LOMBARDO.	"	200,000	208,000
AVANTI.	Socialist.	193,000	196,400.
UNITA.	Communist.	222,000	216,800
ITALIA LIBERA.	Action P.	119,000.	74,000.
L'ITALIA DEL POPOLO.	Republican.	35,000	47,000.
LA GAZZETTA DELLO SPORT.	Sport.	50,000	60,720.
LA LIBERTA.	Liberal.	70,000	65,450
L'OSSERVATORE.	Church.	50,000	48,650.
IL SOLE.	Commercial.	20,000	20,890
L'AZIONE DEL POPOLO.	Soc.Rep.	60,000	32,500
IL POPOLO	Christian Democrat.	85,000	73,000

If above authorisations were adjusted to figures actually printed, there would be a margin spare of over 80,000 copies daily.

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IL SETTENTRIONE. Major Noble stated that this was a request for an independent daily supported by Arpesani but the applicant, de Majo, was persona non grata with AMG and PRO. Application was rejected.

IL PULCINELLA. This request came from King Features Comic Supplement (US) Some time ago an authorisation had been granted in Rome but the paper had not been published there. Applicants certified having obtained permission to import newsprint from the U.S. for their publication and although it was the practice of the Board to refuse licenses in the North to publications already licensed in Rome, the Board decided, after discussion, to grant authorisation provided:

(a) paper be obtained in accordance with statement in the application, from the U.S.A.
(b) the Rome licence be cancelled.

The minutes of the local meeting of the Lombardy Board on the 19th September were agreed.

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The local Press Officer had not been consulted by AMG and Major Noble stated that he had written to the Regional Commissioner objecting to the action, on which Allied Publications Board should at least have been fully consulted. Major Noble passed on to the Board the opinion of the Deputy Director, PWB-AFHQ (Mr.George W.Edman) that the action taken by AMG was unjustified and that, if possible, the sentences should be cancelled.

The Board passed the following recommendations:

"That the Chief Commissioner A.C. be approached to take action to ensure that in future AMG Commissioners refer all questions involving action with regard to the Press to Allied Publications Board.

"That the Chief Commissioner, A.C. be requested to consider whether any steps might be taken, such as the upholding of appeals against sentences, to rectify the action taken against [illegible] of Turin"

GAZZETTA D'ITALIA. Major Noble stated that this was a Turin pre-Fascist independent authorised on receipt of a guarantee signed by editor, administrator and commissario that an independent informational non-party line would be followed. He said that the Board might feel, on perusing extracts from this paper (Appendix I) that the paper was not maintaining its guarantee. The Board instructed Major Noble to warn the editor that the paper was expected to keep closely to its guarantee and that failure to do so would result in disciplinary action

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

Minutes of Meeting of the Central Allied Publications Board held in Rome at 3 p.m. on the 8th October, 1945.

PRESENT:	Major G. M. Sinclair Noble.	Chairman and Executive Secretary.
	Mr. G. Stewart Brown.	Director, Public Relations, A.C.
	Mr. H. Hopkinson.	Political Section, A.C.
	Mr. Wesley Jones.	" " "
	Mr. L.V.R.White.	Economic Sub-Commission, A.C.
	Mr. Michael Stewart.	Press Attache, British Embassy.
	Major C.C.Anderson.	Press Attache, American Embassy.
	Mr. J. G. Barney.	Ministry of Information.
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MILANO SERA.	"	65,000.	56,000.
CORRIERE LOMBARDO.	"	200,000	208,000
AVANTI.	Socialist.	193,000	196,400.
UNITA.	Communist.	222,000	216,800
ITALIA LIBERA.	Action P.	119,000.	74,000.
L'ITALIA DEL POPOLO.	Republican.	35,000	47,000.
LA GAZZETTA DELLO SPORT.	Sport.	50,000	60,720.
LA LIBERTA.	Liberal.	70,000	65,450
L'OSSERVATORE.	Church.	50,000	48,650.
IL SOLE.	Commercial.	20,000	20,890
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IL SETTENTRIONE. Major Noble stated that this was a request for an independent daily supported by Arpesani but the applicant, de Majo, was persona non grata with AMG and PRO. Application was rejected.

IL PULCINELLA. This request came from King Features Comic Supplement (US) Some time ago an authorisation had been granted in Rome but the paper had not been published there. Applicants certified having obtained permission to import newsprint from the U.S. for their publication and although it was the practice of the Board to refuse licenses in the North to publications already licensed in Rome, the Board decided, after discussion, to grant authorisation provided:

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APB

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.
ITALY.

Meeting at H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME, at 1500 hrs
on Monday 8 October 1945.

AGENDA.

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CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE — October 5, 1945.

APB

A.M.G. and C.L.N.

The Press Bureau of Lombardy C.L.N. advises that:

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Meeting held at 3 Via Cantu, Milan at 17.30 hours on Wednesday, 3rd October 1945

Present:

Major G.A.Sinclair Noble.	Chairman, A.P.B.
Mr. George W.Edman.	Deputy Director, PWB-AFHQ. (observer)
Prince C. Rospigliosi.	A.P.B. (observer).
Avv.P. della Giusta.	Press Representative, CLNAI.
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MILANO SERA.	Sig. Pini.
AVANTI.	Sig. Bonfantini.
ITALIA LIBERA.	Sig. Rago.
LA LIBERTA	Sig. Mazzali.
L'UNITA.	Sig. Gentili
L'OSSERVATORE.	Sig. Garosci.
ITALIA DEL POPOLO.	Sig. Janni.
	Sig. Mario Vugliano.
	Sig. De Vita.
	Count Riccardi
	Sig. Braffoli.
	Sig. Magrini Luciano.
	Sig. Amale Enio.

Major Noble opened the meeting and made the following statement:

"It is regrettable that at this stage it is necessary to call a meeting of editors and news editors to discuss just how far the Italian press in the north can go towards complete freedom of comment and freedom of criticism.

"In order to avoid unpleasantness and misunderstandings however, it is essential that this talk, though very brief, be very clear, so that for the time during which we must remain here our relationship may be free from dissatisfaction and any feeling of unfairness.

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	Sig. Bonfioli.
ITALIA DEL POPOLO.	Sig. Magrini Luciano.
	Sig. Amadei Dalo.

Major Noble opened the meeting and made the following statement:

"It is regrettable that at this stage it is necessary to call a meeting of editors and news editors to discuss just how far the Italian press in the north can go towards complete freedom of comment and freedom of criticism.

"In order to avoid unpleasantness and misunderstandings however, it is essential that this talk, though very brief, be very clear, so that for the time during which we must remain here our relationship may be free from dissatisfaction and any feeling of unfairness.

"As you know, there is still a definite difference between the position of the press in Milan and that in Rome.

"Here there is an A.M.G.

"News is awaited of the date of transfer from AMG to the Italian Government and with the transfer you will be bound only by such limitations as are laid down by Italian law.

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"No matter how near AMG is to leaving, however, it is still here, and while it remains it insists, naturally, on maintaining the prestige which is necessary to the proper function of a military Government.

"Until recently there has been no reason to complain of the attitude of the Milan Press, which has cooperated as fully and with as good a spirit as the Allies could possible expect. In most cases that attitude still exists, and in the few cases which, during the past two or three weeks, have caused strong complaints from the Military command and the Military government, I am prepared to believe that such cases were unfortunate rather than malicious.

"Examples of such articles are:

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Article saying that a certain AMG officer, named, was a liar.

LIBERTA. Article suggesting that a certain AMG reception/as being suggested nothing more than a drunken party of Allied officers and their girl typists, with the hosts so impolite as to ignore their invited guests, was typical of Allied behaviour.

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"But this is a difficult time just before the handing over. You are apt to speak strongly and so in return we are apt to act strongly. Already there is that incident in Turin where direct action was taken against the editor and leader writer of an important daily newspaper, in the military courts.

"Here, as some of you are aware, I have been requested to take action against certain papers. That action has, I hope, been reduced to reasonable discussion and apology for the matter in question.

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"But I must tell you that military and administrative authorities are people who are concerned with their specialised work rather than with the press. APB is a go-between with the administrative and military authorities on one side and the press on the other, understanding something of the points of view of both. Generally

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"when there is a misunderstanding we can straighten it out. It must be remembered, however, that the Allied authorities still have control here and there are such effective phrases as suspension and reduction in circulation. I sincerely hope they need not be used, but I want you to understand that it is necessary, at least for a short time longer, to consider most carefully any articles which may reflect on the behaviour and prestige of the Allies or any member of the Allied forces in Italy. Otherwise we may be called upon to take action out of all proportion to the intention of the article when written, because of the indirect effects it may have.

"In order to be clear, I have had to be somewhat brusque. That is not my intention. My only intention is to avoid unpleasant consequences which may arise out of thoughtless publication of articles which, however, unintentionally, suggest that the Allies are incorrect in their actions and judgment. As I have said at previous meetings, while there is a military government a single truth can only be judged when seen in relation to surrounding circumstances. Liberty of criticism, at least of major criticism, is not yet complete here, though it may be in Rome."

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Della Giusta was sure that some articles had been misunderstood in their intentions but anyway he believed that no article had been written with the purpose of offending the people who in the name of the Allies were now in Italy.

Sig. Bonfantini of MILANO SERA expressed the opinion that unpleasant incidents could be avoided if newspapers would only publish news without adding comments which might be misunderstood. News of importance concerning directly Allied Officers or Forces should be given to the Allied Command in Milan before being published in the Press.

Sig. Alonzi of CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE stressed the importance of full news for a newspaper and the uneasiness of a journalist feeling ties in his work. At the same time he understood the necessity of respecting AMG regulations.

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Avv.della Giusta.concluded by saying that the Italian Press and Authorities had the greatest interest in keeping the most cordial relationship with the Allied Government and he was sure that the Press and the journalists will willingly co-operate fully with AMG.

Meeting adjourned.

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APPENDIX "A"

Allied Publications Board

Telephone 12338

Via Cesare Cantu' n.3
MILAN
29th September, 1945.

To: G.O.C.
N.2 District

From: Chairman, A.P.B.

Subject: News Items involving No.139466 (V)
Pte. A. VENTER

Reference your letter 2019 G (Ops) of 21Sept.:

The news items referred to were published not only in CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE but also in the other two Milan independent daily newspapers MILANO SERA and CORRIERE LOMBARDO.

The bodies of the two murdered women were identified at an official enquiry as Accornero (associated with Venter) and De Regibus by the father, aunt and uncle of the De Regibus. The letter written by Venter, indicating that he had been living with Accornero and that he was expecting her to join him at a time just prior to the finding of the bodies was given to newspaper correspondents by the uncle of one of the two women.

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Concerning Pte. Venter's personal position in the matter: if he were a private individual he would have no legal right to take action against the newspapers. When a man writes a letter admitting an illicit relationship with a woman and planning to carry on that relationship at a time when the woman receives publicity through having been declared as a murdered, then he must accept subsequent publication of relevant facts. As stated above, full publicity was given to the denial of the story as soon as mistaken identity was established.

As Venter is an Allied soldier the propaganda effect of the original story was most unfortunate and should it be desired, the Editor of CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE, Dr. M. Borsa O.B.E., (Italian representative of THE TIMES, the most openly pro-British of the Italian Editors, appointed to be Editor at the wish of the Allied authorities) will publish, prominently displayed, an apology to the soldier. It may be felt, however, that such an

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With reference to request for suspension of the newspaper, if CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE were to be suspended, it would be necessary also to suspend the other two most important of the Northern daily newspapers involved, and a situation out of all proportion to the incident would be created.

It would be necessary before such action to call a meeting of Central A.P.B., which comprises representatives of British and U.S. Embassies, A.C. and G-2 Branch AFHQ.

Further comunication is awaited and if necessary a meeting of APB will be called.

signed: MAJOR G.M.SITTOMER NOBLE
Chairman,
ALLIED PUBLICATION BOARD.

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SUBJECT: Subversive News Items

HQ. 2 District, DLF
2019 G (cps)

21 Sept. 45.

Allied Publications Board
3 Via Scirtu' (two copies)
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I enclose copies of certain articles and reports about an incident in which men of 6 (SA) Armd Div are incorrectly alleged to have been concerned.

1. At Appx 'A' is a translation of an article which appeared in the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE of 7 sept. 1945. about the murder of two Italian women. The article included a photo of one woman whom the article stated had been murdered, and beside it a photo labelled "The South African soldier, Albert Venter, lover of Leonarco" (the women in question).

2. At Appx 'B' is a copy of the signed statement by the father of one of the women that his daughter is alive and in good health on Sept 10th, eight days after the finding of the body which was said to be hers.

3. At Appx 'C' is a similar copy of a signed statement by the mother of the other woman.

4. At Appx 'D' is a copy of a signed statement by a RP who interviewed one of the women and found her well nine days after she was supposed to have been murdered.

5. At Appx 'E' is a copy of the statement made on oath by Pte VENTER whose photo was published in the paper of 7 Sept.

6. (a) A scrutiny of these papers will show that the article is completely wrong. The text and the juxtaposition of the photos of the murdered women and Pte VENTER so clearly hint that the latter was responsible that no reader could fail to grasp the accusation.

(b) This wild and criminal slander has done and will do great harm to Pte VENTER and may well affect both his domestic happiness and future as a civilian. It also creates bad blood against the South African Division and, to a lesser degree, against the Allied Forces. It is particularly ill-timed at a period when the discussion of Force terms makes such incidents appear in exaggerated prominence.

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7. I therefore request that you will:

(a) Arrange for the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE to publish a complete withdrawal and apology, giving it front page prominence, which is that allotted to the accusation. HQ 6 (SA) Armd Div are requested to forward to the Allied Publications Board the text of such an apology.

(b) Thereafter suspend the paper for a period to be decided by you. In requesting this I am taking into account

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that Milan papers have very recently made other vicious misstatements, such as that brawls had caused eight British soldiers' deaths in the City. The publication of such articles can only inflame local tension and I recommend strongly that an example be made of this paper.

Signed: C.A. HEYDELLN
- Major, General,
Commanding 2 District.

CCLB/gr

Copies to:
HQ 5 (BR) Armd Div for action as in para 7.
Regional Public Safety Officer, MILAN, who is requested to prosecute the editor of the paper and writer of the article
GOI 2 District - for info.

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Commanding 2 District.

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Appendix 'A' to HQ 2 District
letter 2018 G (Ops)
dated Sept.45.

WHO KILLED THE TWO WOMEN OF THE QUARRY? - A TRAGIC LOVE TRIO WAS THE ORIGIN OF THE CRIME

THE YOUNGER ONE ACCOMPANIED THE FRIEND OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN LOVER, SHARING AT THE RETURN, THE DESTINY

If there could have been any perplexity on the identification of the two young women found murdered inside CASLINI di CRUCINISCO Quarry, no doubts are now possible.

This morning returned to the obituary, the Postman, FEDELLI, of 142, V.le Ionzo, that had yesterday already recognized in one of the victims, the niece DELFA DE-REGIBUS, accompanied by the 51 year old DR.ANNO DE REGIBUS, the unfortunate father, and by an Aunt, GIUSEPPINA CRUSOE, aged 42 from CASALE. As soon as he was admitted to the sight of the bodies, the father had the torment of recognising without hesitation his 22 years old daughter DELFA, who lived with him at No.10 VIA SALETTA; while the pitiful scene was taking place, the Aunt also confirmed.

They then declared that the other murdered one was a friend of the DE REGIBUS called GIUSEPPINA LOCCHIERO, residing at No.44 Via G.Caccia.

As we have already reported, Dolfa De Regibus was married to Antonio Nonnella of Genova, at the moment interned at Bordeaux, and mother of a girl aged two. According to reports she lived a rather free life. During the period of the so called republic, she apparently did not reject the courtings of those belonging to the Black Brigade and the Germans, and after the liberation was seen on many occasions in the company of South African Soldiers. As a result of some tropical disease her body was covered with violet coloured spots.

Her companion in the misadventure was 26 years old and was married, without children, to Domenico Zanotto, of Coresana Vercellese, from whom she lived separately. Interesting items of Zanotto, who was also called Mario - are again given by People. Adventurous type, during the latter part of the war had been sentenced to four months imprisonment for theft, who escaped

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On Wednesday the 29th the two women were in the House of Locornero, where Regibus stated to some neighbours that she would be away for some days as she was going on a trip to [illegible] Maggiore

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It is said that they left very soon afterwards on a small truck driven by two South African soldiers, who were known as C.S.M.I. stationed at Porto Valtravaglia, heading for Lake Maggiore. Accornero had spread the news that she was pregnant, a particular which was refuted by the autopsy. She had with her two suitcases etc.

What happened to the adventurous women?

It has been established that they arrived in Milan on Thursday and were guests of the uncle Fedeli until Saturday when they left for Porto Valtravaglia with the only train that leaves daily for Luino at 18.45. They say that they are going to visit the fiancee of Accornero, who the uncle did not know was married, to make a reconciliation, and De Pegius who despite her youth was an expert on sentimental matters and who would have facilitated the matter. That they arrived at Porto Valtravaglia there is no doubt.

Yesterday morning, the uncle at Milan received this letter dated 2 Sept. posted at Castelveccana on the 4th. This village together with that of Ungera is on the road midway between Calde and PortoValtravaglia, from where Lake Maggiore is dominated and the historic rock of Calde.
The letter states:

"Dear Aunt and Uncle (Uncle),

We have arrived, but we do not like staying here. It is a small town, a long way higher than Porto Valtravaglia and has a name which we do not know how to write. We thank you for having had us for the two days and for having forgiven me for the bad idea that you knew and for which I again ask your pardon. Here we do not live badly, but we do not like it, you know here there are the mountains and there is the lake. But I will leave very soon. I do not know if my friend will stay with her fiancee".

What happened after the meeting with this "fiancee".

Everything leads one to believe that the unfortunates accepted to return on the military truck, and they were killed during this trip during the day or night of Sunday. The car with its macabre load, spent the whole night in trying to find a spot where the bodies could be thrown. The murderers travelled until 8 a.m. of Monday as far as Gussinasco. Time was flying and day had arrived, and it was necessary to rid themselves of the

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The Cave of Caslini was chosen for the want of something better, and to the bodies was attached a pack filled with metal pieces in order that they may sink.

The investigators should therefore go towards Porto Valtravaglia to look for the "Diancee" or rather for the lover it not being possible that Lecornere had [illegible]end the fact that she was married, it being an adventure of love.

The soldier with whom Lecornere was in relations, whom she met at Casale and for whom she waited at Porto Valtravaglia, is known. We are in a position to reproduce a photograph and one of several of the letters written by Lecornere in a horrid but sufficiently clear Italian-English language. He gives this address: PTE L. VERTERI, Serial 81, 8T Corps, and the name has also been italinised into Soldato Alberto Venteri, white South African.

We reproduce the beginning of one of these letters, the latest dated 28 August, because it contains the invitation to come and join him where he was recently transferred. The letter continues:

"Maria, I need to know when you are coming here, because you told me that you wanted to come with me and that you liked me a l t. Now I am waiting for you.... (incomprensiblr translation). Maria when you receive my letter write immediatly because I want to know whether you have found..... (note by paper that the word is undecipherable).

I am very sad because I am sleeping badly since I no longer sleep on a bed but on the ground, and without you, but I am pleased because now you will come and need you with me. Tell Anna I am very sad because I do not want to write to her, but I went to write to her and tell her why I do not send my regards. Remember Maria I am waiting your reply and you promise that you will write soon. Give my regards to your mother and Carlo.

Your always, Alberto".

The mobile squad of our police is trying to trace this ardent Albert, and about whom the following particular is known. He has a complete set of false teeth. In the meantime the police has taken a statement of the desperate father of De Regibus, of the aunt at Casale and the uncle at Milan and has confiscated the letter sent from Castelveccana.

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Extract from Appendix 'D' to
HQ 2 - District letter

AFFIDAVIT

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MILITARY STOCKADE STATES:

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 APPENDIX "B"

TWO WEIGHTS AND TWO MEASURES.

"Liberty of press and opinion, how many tyrannies are committed in your name!"

We could use this historical sentence to-day if we were willing to be executed by a false democracy. This phrase has only a rhetorical value except for this time as it is addressed directly to the "Press Officer" of Milan, one of the Allied Offices, created to defend namely that liberty for which American and English people have fought and that, if we do not make a mistake, is one of the four liberties written on the flag of the Anglo-Saxon democracies, symbol and pillar of the world.

Maybe liberty and justice have not an absolute meaning - and it is always possible to use two weights and two measures - this is what Mr. Harari of the Press Office of Milan thinks. To two representatives of the P.D.I. who were asking about the authorization to publish a new paper in Northern Italy, Mr. Harari answered that he was not able to give the authorisation, in spite of a previous promise, because a monarchist paper seemed useless, and political movement might easily be included in one of the C.L.N. parties.

Now, with the frankness and clearness that our right and dignity allow us, and using that freedom to express ourselves and that liberty of press in which we believe, we answer Mr. Harari:

1. - that his statement is false because, of the 6 parties of the C.L.N. 4 are declared republican (Mr.Harari pretends not to understand - Does he not read the writing on the wall?) the fifth, in spite of a very elaborate statement has no definite opinion and the sixth is by open declaration "agnostic", tendencially republican.

2. - that the P.D.I. is a political party which is legally constituted, with a definite character, a clear economic life , press, propaganda and administrative offices, its member and its youth sections. The P.D.I. is not inferior to the six parties of the C.L.N. in its constitution and political body.

3. - that the authorization to publish our organs has been granted by P.W.B. Rome and we do not see the reason why the Press Office of Milan should refuse what Rome has granted.

4. - Keeping this time we could ask that the authorisation given, for example, to the republican party, should be withdrawn according to Mr. Harari's argument, because this party may easily fit in one of the six parties of the C.L.N.

Concerning the difficulties about the allocation of newsprint, the paper available already having been distributed, does Mr.Harari use this as a sufficient reason not to give an authorisation for publishing?

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UNITA, MILAN 25 SEPTEMBER, 1945. APPENDIX "C".

ENOUGH OF ANTI-SOVIET LIES.

Anglo-american newspapers and news agencies continue to "spit" lies against the Soviet Union. Italian newspapers and news agencies continue to show their servility and their bilious indolence in publishing news which the least common sense shows to be false. For a very long time and particularly since the war finished the majority of the anglo-american agencies had been incapable of telling at least once the truth on Soviet affairs. Instead it has show itself almost specialised in publishing the most stupid inventions and the lowest provocations.
Let us mention some: For months and months the yellow press has insinuated suspicion over the fate of Italian prisoners in Russia; later they were forced to stop this campaign, Russia having been the first country to liberate Italian prisoners.
For months and months the yellow press has insinuated that "Russian Imperialism" wanted to get hold of Trieste: now they will be compelled to stop after the clear statements of Molotov.
But when its fancy does not find any pretexts for provocations, the yellow press is satisfied with the most ridiculous lies.
Some time ago the ridiculous fide anglo-american correspondents in Germany (the same ones who for over a year have systematically lied about Italian affairs) were talking through their hats on the large acquisitions of watches made by Soviet troops in Berlin.
To-day it is the turn for crimes supposedly committed by the Red troops in Berlin. Twenty-five of forty-one big crimes committed in Berlin in three months allegedly have been perpetrated by Soviet soldiers. Do the leaders know who is supposed to have given the news to the DAILY TELEGRAPH correspondent? The Berlin criminal police! Which means the Nazi-police, talking about the preference shown by the Allies to the Germans in their administration in Italy. The thing is not astonishing for us as we know from experience that the only scope of a certain Press is systematically not to tell the truth. But what is more important is that this gangster journalistic system has been fully accepted also in Italy where many newspapers complacently report these lies. Why do they publish them? These newspapers know nothing about what happens in Berlin. In this specific case they only know that the news came from Nazi circles, the same circles that for 20 months published the most absurd lies about liberated Italy. They also know that the news is transmitted by the same people who for 20 months broadcasted on the subject of the marvellous democratic attitude of the most reactionary Allied authority in Italy. They must then know that this news is false.
Then some Italian papers publish false news for the purpose of artificially creating in Italy an Anti-Soviet feeling and of trying to persuade the Italians to serve one or the other of the United Nations against the Soviet Union. We then denounce these papers to the Italian public as calumniators. The public will not believe these lies. Italians have much too much common sense and they will ask the newspapers which with lies serve the obscure interests of Italian and foreign reaction to tell us about the exemplary attitude of certain Allied soldiers during the winter from 1944 to 1945, having as an example for them the bandit Robert Lane.

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"LIBERTA", MILAN 29 SEPTEMBER, 1945. APPENDIX "D"

SOME GRAINS OF SAND.

If we do not make a mistake (the news have been given by the papers) we are on the eve of the passage of Northern Italy from the Allied Government to Rome Government, which means from one bureaucracy to another bureaucracy. It is a thing that always gives pleasure to express a natural discontent preferably with one's own people than with strangers.
The strangers who will still remain here as welcome guests, if in fewer numbers, I do not know personally. Once I was invited to a reception and I went there prepared for the most sincere expressions of sympathy. But among the people I was not able to recognise the masters of the house and I found myself as if in a bar, with a big table full of glasses, and young people drinking, girls that possibly were A.M.G. employees or typists. So I swiftly went away.
It seems that their habit, very liberal indeed, is to let it be understood that in their house one has to feel at home (with the difference that one does not have to think about the cost of drink)
But everyone has his habits and the provincial habit in this small and still smaller Italy is to look at the person who invites you, to shake hands with him and have a casual little chat with him, with words that do not live in one's brain but that accompany a smile.
The habits unfortunately have their value. For example, we have the general habit to judge with severity the drivers of vehicles who after having knocked down a passerby, get away and leave their victims in the middle of the street. And we regret to have to judge with the same severity the foreign drivers who have the habit of going at full speed through the streets of the town and nobody is authorised to tell them that the war is over; and if in war time speed was a reason of merit what is now their hurry, to rush for peace? Peace only asks for an "andante moderato" as one sees by the slow proceedings of the Big Five.
Habit..... for example we are in the habit of respecting the prohibition against smoking in tramways, also because the ticket vendor is there to remind us. Now the Tramways Company has put up a poster in English "Smoking Forbidden" but the brave warriors, our guests, get into the trams with a cigarette between their lips and keep on smoking with an air that seems to mean: "It is incredible that being the winners we should obey prohibitions coming from Italians".....
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APPENDIX "E".

A L L I E D P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D.
I T A L Y.

Meeting held at 3 Via Cantu, Milan at 17.30 hours on Wednesday, 3rd October, 1945.

PRESENT.	Major G.M.Sinclair Noble.	Chairman A.P.B.
	Mr.George W.Edman.	Deputy Director, PWB-AFHQ. (Observer)
	Prince Rospigliosi.	A.P.B. (Observer).
	Avv.della Giusta.	Press Representative, CLNAI.
	Dr.Castoldi.	" " "

The following editors and news editors of the Milan daily press:

CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE.	Sig Alonzi.
CORRIERE LOMBARDO.	Dott.Vigorelli.
	Sig. Fini.
MILANO SERA.	Sig Brandolini.
	Sig.Ragni.
AVANTI.	Sig.Mazzali.
ITALIA LIBERA.	Sig.Gentili.
	Sig.Carnaci.
LA LIBERTA.	Sig.Janni.
	Sig.Mario Pugliese.
L'UNITA.	Sig. de Vita.
L'OSSERVATORE.	Count Riccardi.
	Sig.Bandini.
ITALIA DEL POPOLO.	Sig.Negrini Luciano.
	Sig.Amado Ezio.

Major Noble opened the meeting and made the following statement:

"It is regrettable that at this stage it is necessary to call a meeting of editors and news editors to discuss just how far the Italian press in the North can go towards complete freedom of comment and freedom of criticism.

"In order to avoid unpleasantness and misunderstandings, however, it is essential that this talk, though very brief, be very clear, so that for the time during which we must remain here our relationship may be free from dissatisfaction and any feeling of unfairness.

"As you know, there is still a definite difference between the position of the press in Milan and that in Rome.

"Here there is an A.M.G.

"News is awaited of the date of transfer from AMG to the

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AVANTI.	Sig. Morelli.
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"Now matter how near AMG is to leaving, however, it is still here, and while it remains it insists, naturally, on maintaining the prestige which is necessary to the proper function of a military Government.

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"Until recently there has been no reason to complain of the attitude of the Milan Press, which has cooperated as fully and with as good a spirit as the allies could possible expect. In most cases that attitude still exists, and in the few cases which, during the past two or three weeks, have caused strong complaints from the Military command and the Military government, I am prepared to believe that such cases were unfortunate rather than malicious.

Examples of such articles are:

UNITA: Article against Anglo-American news agencies, but implying anti-soviet attitude of allies generally and giving as an example the bad behaviour of Allied troops, a certain criminal, Lane.

Article saying that a certain AMG officer, named, was a liar.

LIBERTA. Article suggesting that a certain AMG reception suggested as being nothing more than a drunken party of Allied officers and their girl typists, with the hosts so impolite as to ignore their invited guests, was typical of Allied behaviour.

"I will not discuss whether or not there is truth in any or all of the articlesquoted. Some of them were published in papers in Rome and we are not concerned with them. Articles have appeared in the Rome press criticising one of my own officers and citing so-called facts which with little trouble could be proved completely incorrect. I have not bothered, nor shall I, to challenge the articles. There is no military government in Rome and the papers can say what they please. When AMG goes you can, to my mind, say what you please here too.

"But this is a difficult time just before the handing over. You are apt to speak strongly and so in return we are apt to act strongly. Already there is that incident in Turin where direct action was taken against the editor and leader writer of an important daily newspaper, in the military courts.

"Here, as some of you are aware, I have been requested to take action against certain papers. That action has, I hope, been reduced to reasonable discussion and apology for the matter in question.

"Yet I must tell you that military and administrative authorities are people who are concerned with their specialised work rather than with the press. APB is a go-between with the administrative and military authorities on one side and the press on the other, understanding something of the points of view of both. Generally when there is a misunderstanding we can straighten it out. It must be remembered, however, that the Allied authorities still

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"upon to take action out of all proportion to the intention of the article when written, because of the indirect effects it may have.

"In order to be clear, I have had to be somewhat brusque. That is not my intention. My only intention is to avoid unpleasant consequences which may arise out of thoughtless publication of articles which, however unintentionally, suggest that the Allies are incorrect in their actions and judgment. As I have said at previous meetings, while there is a military government a single truth can only be judged when seen in relation to surrounding circumstances. Liberty of criticism, at least of major criticism, is not yet complete here, though it may be in Rome."

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Della Giusta was sure that some articles had been misunderstood in their intentions but anyway he believed that no article had been written with the purpose of offending the people who in the name of the Allies were now in Italy.

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Avv. della Giusta, concluded by saying that the Italian Press and Authorities had the greatest interest in keeping the most cordial relationship with the Allied Government and he was sure that the Press and the journalists will willingly co-operate fully with AMG.

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Appendix "G"

GAZZETTA D'ITALIA - Turin - Sept.29,1945.

At the Allied Court

"Ulisse" sentenced to six months in prisonment (five months suspended).
The Director of the "Unità" fined 80.000 lire.

Yesterday before the Allied Court (President Maj.Lee Co-Prosecutor De Montague) took place the trial of prof.Mario Ugolini, Director of the paper l'Unità, and Davide Laiolo, being accused of having reported in an article signed "Ulisse" facts not corresponding to the truth, against public order.

In this article, said the prosecutor, protests were made against the arrest of four ex Garibaldini Partisans, who during the days of liberation are supposed to have killed a black brigade Chief, named Giovanni Polledro.

First and only witness is a lawyer called Quinto, who quotes that the above mentioned Polledro was sentenced to death in 1938 by the Criminal Court of Novara being accused of double murder while committing robbery. Polledro pleaded not guilty. The Police made further enquires which resulted in the arrest of four witnesses who had made false statements. These people were sentenced to life imprisonment while Polledro was liberated.

Laiolo, Chief Editor on interrogation, stated that the scope of this article was to bring to his readers a spirit of peace, advising them to go back to work; he affirmed having actively participated in the fight for liberation as commander of two Garibaldi Brigades in Lodi area.

The President of the Court asked Laiolo if he took precautions to check if the information in his article was true. Laiolo answered that he did not check all facts because telephonic communications were very difficult and that he had full confidence in his informants. The President of the Court accused him of having said that the fascists had influenced the Police in its duty. The Director of "Unità" was afterwards interrogated. He said that the leading spirit of his newspaper was one of pacification and reconstruction of the Country and that it would be inconceivable that an article in the newspaper could be against the general policy of the paper.
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He stated that he had not read the article before publication but none the less he would assume full responsibility. To the accusation that the article said that the Police was ready to follow directives from the fascists, the Ugolini answered that to give this impression was not the intention of the writer of the article.

The Lawyer Calle opened the case for the defence of Lajolo argued that AMG ordinance No.1 specified that a person reporting false news followed by popular riots was condemnable. In this special case in spite of the fact untrue statements has been published, public order has not been prejudiced.

He asked the Court to examine the article not in the details but in the substance, because the purpose of the writer of the article was to have a calming effect on public opinion, not to go to the regrettable excesses of shedding of blood. A verdict of not guilty was asked for Lajolo.

The Prosecutor submitted that the article could in fact have caused the above mentioned consequences and that the two journalists had deformed the truth.

The Court then announced the verdict and the President addressing Lajolo said: The proofs evident, you have written with lack of consideration more than carelessness; the offence is serious and against good order, particularly at this time, when any incitement and any action AGAINST THE RESTORE OF L. must be punished.

The defence has appealed against sentence.

The C.L.N.A.I. has compiled the following communique:
The C.L.N. reference to the judgement of the Allied Court, (making no comments in respect of Allied Ordinances) states its unanimous and deep regret that in this legal proceeding have been involved two men who during the war of liberation have strenuously fought against the Germans and the Fascists, side to the Allies, two men that to day with firm and noble spirit give their activity for the material and moral reconstruction of the Country.

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He asked the Court to examine the article not in the details but in the substance, because the purpose of the writer of the article was to have a chilling effect on public opinion, not to go to the reprehensible excesses of shedding of blood. A verdict of not guilty was asked for Leibl.

The Prosecutor submitted that the article could in fact have caused the above mentioned consequences and that the two journalists had deformed the truth.

The Court then announced the verdict and the President addressing Leibl said: The proof is evident, you have written with lack of consideration more than carelessness; the offence is serious and against good order, particularly at this time, when any incitement and any action AGAINST THE ALLIES OR L... must be punished.

The defence has appealed against sentence.

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The Director of the Unità, Ugolini, and the Chief Editor Ulisse, have been condemned for having contravened to the ordinance of A.M.G. which orders the Press not to influence legal proceedings.
Reference to A.M.G. ordinance there is no doubt that we have contravened to the order.
We are unfortunately not accustomed to those principles of journalistic correctness which are so scrupulously observed in Anglo-Saxon Countries, and in spite of the justness of the principle that dictates the above mentioned A.M.G. ordinance we believe to be exaggerated to ask too much from people which for twenty years have followed those rules, and especially in this case when "Ulisse" is a rather unprepared and inexperienced journalist.

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APPENDIX "E".

MEMORANDUM ON UNITA TRIAL, TURIN.

The original article by ULISSE in the Piemonte UNITA of 12 September states that at Santhia Fascism has in no way been eliminated. Fascists have, in fact, been able to get four partisans arrested by elements of the Police who, while they are quite ready to accept the word of a Fascist, are quite eager to carry out "Justice" against the Partisans.

The author states that the four partisans killed the Fascist squadrista Polledro during the days of the insurrection and approves this action. He states that in 1941 Polledro was condemned to death for the murder of two persons. Fascist Republicans liberated Polledro whose infamous career culminated in his presence at a massacre of 20 partisans at Salussola. The author goes on to say that the four partisans concerned had, in fact, returned to their peace time jobs, thus showing their respect for good order and discipline, but if all those who killed Fascists are to be arrested, then let all partisans go into the gaols and let all the Fascists come out. It is time to end this persecution between the Fascists and partisans in order that people may not think that Fascism has returned.

The author concluded by asking whether the country is to become normal again or whether by actions such as this the same consequences are to be brought about as took place at Minervino Murge (this is presumably a reference to the disorders which took place in this locality following dissatisfaction with epuration or some particular case of that kind).

During the trial of ULISSE and of the Director of UNITA (Ugolini), the prosecution stated that Polledro could not have been present at the massacre referred to in ULISSE's article, as he was at that time in prison. ULISSE admits the inaccuracy but states he acted in good faith as the source of his information was sound and that difficulties of communications prevented him from confirming it. As proof of his good faith he quotes an official denial which the paper published subsequently, as soon as the truth had been ascertained.

With regard to his statement that the police had been influenced by Fascist elements, he maintains the truth of this statement. With regard to his reference to disorders which took place at Minervino Murge, he states that his intention was to prevent such disorders from recurring and not to threaten new disorders. He moreover stated that in past articles he had always maintained the necessity for partisans to return to their peace time tasks in a well disciplined manner.

The Editor of UNITA - Ugolini - stated that he shared in full the sentiments of ULISSE and accepted an equal share of responsibility.

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Following on the trial, the Regional CLN expressed its regret that the two men who had taken such a prominent part in the war of liberation, fighting side by side with the Allies, and who were now working hard to instil a sense of good order and construction, should be concerned in this matter and stated their conviction that the

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article had been dictated by the growing feeling of pre-occupation at the under-hand campaign of denegration of partisans and of all they stood for, which had been indulged in for some time. They further stated that the two defendants had repeatedly proved their intention to prom te good order and discipline rather than the contrary.

The press, in commenting on the trial, is unanimous in its solidarity with the two defendants and subscriptions raised by workers in the main factories in Piemonte and Liguria have already totalled considerably more than the fine imposed by the Allied Military Court, on the Director of UNITA.

The whole matter may be seen against the following background:

For approximately a year Field Marshal Alexander and General Clark officially declared their support of the Partisan movement, in many cases organising it through agents, etc. and daily broadcast instructions to kill Germans and Fascists.

At the end of the war the partisans were repeatedly thanked for their contribution to the Allied cause and were assured that this had a considerable part in the re-establishment of Italian prestige abroad. They were demobilised and told to return to their homes. In this context it may be stated that ULISSE in previous articles had constantly encouraged them to maintain this disciplined attitude and to return to their peacetime occupations as ordered.

Certain elements in the Italian public and a large proportion of the Press - notably the humourous press and the more violent reactionaries such as the recently formed UOMO QUALUNQUE - have been carrying out a campaign of denegration of partisans, losing no opportunity to publicise individual acts of brigandage.

Left wing papers have shown considerably more support to the partisans than the right. UNITA has always been prominent in its support of the partisans. The article in question was probably dictated by the exasperation felt by those partisans who compare the tardy progress of epuration with the increasing number of partisan trials. There is no doubt that this feeling is widespread in left wing circles, amongst the workers and amongst the partisans, and whether we approve of it or not, every effort should be made not to exasperate it further.

In the case of the article in question, a reprimand to the Editor and a publication of an official denial would have been sufficient to prevent a repetition, whereas the action taken by AMG creates a dangerous feeling of persecution.

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 APPENDIX "H".

NOTE: Previous articles by ULISSE showing constructive spirit of collaboration:

UNITA. 11 May 1945. Article entitled GARIBALDINI ALLA RICOSTRUZIONE, in which he tells partisans to return to peace time tasks and to be well disciplined.

UNITA. 25 JUly, 1945 Article entitled I FALSO PARTIGIANI E LE BANE in which he censures acts of brigandage by partisans and points out their duty to keep the peace.

UNITA. 21 august, 1945. Article entitled TIRARE LA CINGHIA E TACERE in which he states some people talk of revolution. This is no time for revolution, this is the time for hard work and reconstruction.

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APPENDIX I.

9 AUGUST 1945 - No.111

"LA BOMBA DI NAGASAKI"

Author Massimo CAFUTO states Russian declaration of war following so closely on Allied use of atomic bomb only a pretext for Russia to divide the spoils of victory with Western Allies. Doubts whether Russians knew about atom bomb during Potsdam Talks, doubts whether they will have time to "gather fresh laurels in the East", doubts whether Western allies are really as "satisfied" as they say over Russia's horrid intervention.

9 SEPTEMBER 1945 - No.39

Prominently displayed on front page in heavy black type under headline "Without consulting Allies, Russians create Communist Government in Berlin", is a quote from Daily HERALD stating Russians, in violation of Potsdam agreement, have created German shadow government with evident intention of instituting two separate economic spheres in Germany (East and West). It had previously been agreed at Potsdam that German economy should be regarded as one whole.

14 SEPTEMBER 1945 - No 45

Leader quotes "DAILY HERALD" statement of probable "Morgan" line solution to Italo-Yugoslav frontier question. States Tito, who does not represent Yugoslav majority, is treated as an equal whereas he is more fascist than the fascists. "Beyond the Morgan line begins the 'zone of silence' which extends to Siberia". "Under the mask of communism Tito hides the most savage nationalism, etc". Attacks communists especially for supporting Tito's claims. States if Allies wish to be true to Atlantic Charter and to Yalta they must authorise plebiscite freed from the influence of Tito's savage occupation.

19 SEPTEMBER 1945 - No. 47

In an article from Trieste correspondent exposes a number of the worst aspects of Trieste occupation. beatings, deportations, murders, spoils privateering, etc. Attacks communists squarely stating that they gave their complete support to the Yugoslavs but states that communists in Trieste do not belong to the Italian Communist party, having founded an autonomous party of their own. States the Allies are slowly restoring order and implies Allied support for Italian case. Denounces Yugoslav method of obtaining signatures to plebiscite by means of armed threats.

20 SEPTEMBER 1945 - No. 50

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20 SEPTEMBER 1946 - No 50.

UNRA has addressed a telegram to GAZZETTA D'ITALIA deploring its partisan attitude, recalling it to its pledge of independence and impartiality. GAZZETTA leader states it is amazed that this should happen in which is at least in theory" a democratic regime, states fascist methods "practised in certain quarters", compares this attempt

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at control of press by CLNAI to control once exercised by fascist government. The article states the paper is contrary to any dictatorship whether of the right or of the left "even if the polemists of the party oligarchy which has taken the place of the single party (fascism) like, for want of better arguments, to call us reactionary".
The article then recalls its pledge of independence and states the CLNAI has taken exception to the following questions raised by the GAZZETTA:

1. Repeated suggestions that incompetents be eliminated from administrative posts.
2. Shameful neglect of Turin's largest hospital (in an article apropos periferic CLNs)
3. Demand that CLN account for its use of public funds (4th Army Funds)

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26 SEPTEMBER 1945 - No.55.

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29 SEPTEMBER 1945 - No.58.

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APPENDIX "F"

TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE BY "ULISSE" in UNITA, TURIN on 12 SEPTEMBER, 1945.

What happened in the neighbourhood of Santhia recently has created confusion amongst all the honest workers of the area. It has created the impression that Fascism and Fascist vengeance has returned. In the neighbourhood of Santhia Fascism has not lost its roots, in fact it has taken root deeply in the earth of some of the big landowners, who are making bucketfuls of money; it has found enough money to clean its dirty pious face, go around defending genuine Fascist criminals and succeed with calumnies as base as their shame, to discredit four excellent Garibaldi partisans and to have them arrested by elements of the police who are only too willing to hear the accusing words of the neo-Fascists while they eagerly carry out "justice" against the partisans, even if these are honest, as is the case of the four in question.

And now for the crime. These four partisans, loyal and strenuous fighters during the epic days of the insurrection, killed the fascist squad leader POLLEDRO GIOVANNI and it was only an act of justice to remove from circulation a criminal and homicide of this kind. It is indeed a fact that in 1941 Polledro was condemned to death by the Novara assizes for homicide with intent to steal, of the two brothers Chiesone in the Carisio district. Like the real bandit he was, he carried out the murder by striking them on the head with bottles.

Because he was an "Antemarcia" fascist and through the intervention of his worthy protector Farinacci, Polledro's sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Then came the Fascist republic and what better element than Polledro could they choose in order to put a little new blood into the Black Brigades. And so it was done. Polledro became a leader of Mussolini and Nazi-isms new minions. He was the terror of Castelletto Ticino, Vespolate, Fara and the Biellese, distinguishing himself for his murderous activity. His glory culminated in the massacre of Salussola where, after an orgy in the Place of the Commune, twenty glorious Garibaldini were tortured and killed. This is the man who was tried and killed by the four Garibaldini of Santhia, who are now in gaol in Turin and accused of murder. Naturally those gentlemen whose consciences are at least as dirty as that of the murderer whom they defended, have whispered that the Garibaldini were paid to do justice.

And the falsity of this is apparent to all, especially to those on the spot who know the four young men in question. After the war they had returned to their fields and to their work, an example of discipline and good behaviour. Is it really necessary that such obviously unjust things as these should happen? Can some elements of public order lend themselves to a game which is so openly Fascist?

If all those who during the war of liberation killed Fascist criminals are to be arrested, then open the gaols, set free the Fascists and all

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Enough of this persecution of anti-Fascists and of partisans which is carried out on every pretext. We must not be made to believe that the Fascists, against whom we must defend ourselves, have returned.

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Appendix 'L' to HQ 2 District
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dated Sept. 45.

WHO KILLED THE TWO GIRLS OF THE QUARRY?
A TRAGIC LOVE TRIP WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE END

THE YOUNGER ONE ACCOMPANIED THE FRIEND OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN LOVER, CHANGING AT THE RETURN, THE DESTINY.

If there could have been any perplexity on the identification of the two young women found murdered inside CASLINI di SUSCINACCO Quarry, no doubts are now possible.

This morning returned to the obituary, the Postman, FREDERICI of 142, V.le Roma, that had yesterday already recognized in one of the victims, the niece DELFA DE-REGIBUS, accompanied by the 51 year old EMILIO DE-REGIBUS, the unfortunate father, and by an Aunt, GIUSEPPINA CROSSA, aged 42 from CASALE. As soon as he was admitted to the sight of the bodies, the father had the torment of recognising without hesitation his 22 years old daughter DELFA, who lived with him at No.10 VIA SALERNO; while the pitiful scene was taking place, the Aunt also confirmed.

They then declared that the other murdered one was a friend of the DE REGIBUS called GIUSEPPINA LOCCHERO residing at No.44 VIA S.CROCE.

As we have already reported, Delfa De Regibus was married to Antonio Cancelli of Genova, at the moment interned at Bordeaux, and mother of a girl aged two. According to reports she lived a leather free a life. During the period of the so called republic, she apparently did not reject the courtings of those belonging to the Black Brigade and the Germans, and after the liberation was seen on many occasions in the company of South African soldiers. As a result of some tropical disease her body was covered with violet coloured spots.

Her companion in the misadventure was 26 years old and was married, without children, to Domenico Zanotto, of Cerasara Vercellese, from whom she lived separately. Interesting issue of Zanotto, who was also called Maria - are again given by friends, adventurous type, during the latter part of the war had been sentenced to four months imprisonment for theft, who escaped serving the sentence by going to Germany with the famous "labour service". Returning to Italy committed another, stealing several precious objects from a refugee neighbour and receiving a sentence of 6 months but which until

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On Wednesday the 29th the two women were in the house at Accornero, where De Regibus stated to some neighbours that she would be away for some days as she was going on a trip to Lake Maggiore.

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[redacted] and is indistinguishable).

[redacted] very sad because I am already [redacted] since I no longer
[redacted] but I'm pleased, [redacted] you, but I am
pleased because [redacted] will come and need [redacted].
Tell them I am very sad because I do not want to make [redacted]
cry. I want to write to her and tell her why I do not send my
[redacted] you will [redacted]. (?) Remember [redacted] I am waiting your reply and [redacted]
and hello. Yours [redacted], Lieber".

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Extract from Appendix 'E' to HQ 2
District letter

AFFIDAVIT

139466 (V) PTE VENTER A. of 55/57/58 S... "Q" COMPANY

DULY SWORN STATES:

"I have been known MARIA ACCONTERO for the past four months. I met her in CASALE and whilst my Unit was stationed there I saw her almost daily. We became very good friends. I left Casale with my Unit on the 21st August'45 and on the 22 August '45 I wrote the letter which was published in the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE a Milan newspaper..."

Signature : A. VENTER

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Signature : A. VENNER

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SUBJECT:-Subversive News Items

HQ 2 District, CMF
2012 C (ops)

21 Sept.43.

Allied Publications Board
3 Via Dante' (two copies)
Milan

I enclose copies of certain articles and reports about an incident in which men of 3 (SA) Armd Div are incorrectly alleged to have been concerned.

1. At Appx 'A' is a translation of an article which appeared in the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE of 7 sept. 1943. about the murder of two Italian women. The article included a photo of one woman whom the article stated had been murdered, and beside it a photo labelled "The South African soldier, Albert Venter, lover of Leonarco" (the woman in question).

2. At Appx 'B' is a copy of the signed statement by the father of one of the women that his daughter is alive and in good health on Sept 10th, i.e. eight days after the finding of the body which was said to be hers.

3. At Appx 'C' is a similar copy of a signed statement by the mother of the other woman.

4. At Appx 'D' is a copy of a signed statement by a MP who interviewed one of the women and found her well nine days after she was supposed to have been murdered.

5. At Appx 'E' is a copy of the statement made on oath by Pte VENTER whose photo was published in the paper of 7 sept.

6. (a) A scrutiny of these papers will show that the article is completely absurd. The text and the juxtaposition of the photos of the "murdered women and Pte VENTER so clearly hint that the latter was responsible that no reader could fail to grasp the accusation.

(b) This wild and criminal slander has done and will do great harm to Pte VENTER and may well affect both his domestic happiness and future as a civilian. It also creates bad blood against the South African Division and, to a lesser degree, against the Allied Forces. It is particularly ill-timed at a period when the discussion of Peace terms makes such incidents appear in exaggerated prominence.

7. I therefore request that you will:

(a) arrange for the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE to publish ... front-page

in the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE of 7 Sept. 1949. [illegible]
of two Italian women. The article included a photo of one woman whom the article stated had been murdered, and beside it a photo labelled "The South African soldier, Albert Venter, lover of Locorneno" (the woman in question).

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6. (a) A scrutiny of these papers will show that the article is completely wrong. The tone and the juxtaposition of the photos of the "murdered woman and the WOMEN so clearly hint that the latter was responsible that no reader could fail to grasp the accusation.

(b) This wild and criminal slander has done and will do great harm to Pte VENTER and may well affect both his domestic happiness and future as a civilian. It also creates bad blood against the South African Division and, to a lesser degree, against the Allied Forces. It is particularly ill-timed at a period when the discussion of Peace terms makes such incidents appear in exaggerated prominence.

7. I therefore request that you will:

(a) Arrange for the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE to publish a complete withdrawal and apology, giving it front-page prominence akin to that allotted to the accusation. HQ 6 (S.) Armd Div are requested to forward to the Allied Publications Board the text of such an apology.

(b) Thereafter suspend the paper for a period to be decided by you. In requesting this I am taking into account

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that Milan papers have very recently made other vicious misstatements, such as that brawls had caused eight British soldiers' deaths in the City. The publication of such articles can only inflame local tension and I recommend strongly that an example be made of this paper.

Signed: C.J. HEYDEMAN

- Major General,
Commanding 2 District.

CCHB/gr

Copies to:
HQ 6 (BR) Armd Div for action as in para 7.
Regional Public Safety Officer, MILAN, who is requested to prosecute the editor of the paper and writer of the article
GSI 2 District - for infm.

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Major General,
Commanding 2 District.

GCLM/gr

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A l l i e d P u b l i c a t i o n s B o a r d

Telephone 12338

Via Cesare Cantu' n.3
MILAN

20th September, 1945.

G.O.C.
No.2 District.

Subject: News Items involving No.13546 (V)
Pte. A. VENTER

Reference your letter 2019 G (Ops) of 21 Sept.:

The news items referred to were published not only in CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE but also in the other two Milan independent daily newspapers:MILANO SERA and CORRIERE LOMBARDO.

The bodies of the two murdered women were identified at an official enquiry as Accornero (associated with Venter) and De Regibus by the father, aunt and uncle of the Regibus. The letter written by Venter, indicating that he had been living with Accornero and that he was expecting her to join him at a time just prior to the finding of the bodies was given to newspaper correspondents by the uncle of one of the two women.

The day following publication of item, on Sept.8, after relatives of Accornero and the Regibus admitted mistaken identity, CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE published a complete retraction of the previous story.

Concerning Pte. Venter's personal position in the matter: if he were a private individual he would have no legal right to take action against the newspapers. When a man writes a letter admitting an illicit relationship with a woman and planning to carry on that relationship at a time when the woman receives publicity through having been declared as a murdered, then he must accept subsequent publication of relevant facts. As stated above, full publicity was given to the denial of the story as soon as mistaken identity was established.

As Venter is an Allied soldier the propaganda [illegible] unfortunate and should it

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As Venter is an Allied soldier the propaganda effect of the original story was most unfortunate and should it be desired, the Editor of CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE, Dr. A. Borsa O.B.E. (Italian representative of UNRRA HQ), the most openly pro-British

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of the Italian editors, appointed to be editor at the wish of the Allied authorities) will publish, prominently displayed, an apology to the soldier. It may be felt, however, that such an apology would only draw more attention to the relationship between the soldier and the girl, thus aggravating rather than rectifying the matter.

With reference to request for suspension of the newspaper, if CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE were to be suspended, it would be necessary also to suspend the other two most important of the Northern daily newspapers involved, and a situation out of all proportion to the incident would be created.

It would be necessary before such action to call a meeting of Control AFHQ, which comprises representatives of British and U.S. Embassies, A.C. and G-2 Branch AFHQ.

Further communication is awaited and if necessary a meeting of APB will be called.

signed: [illegible] G.M.SINCLAIR WEIR
Chairman,
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

Copies to:
Director Public Relations, A.C.
Deputy Director, PWB-AFHQ.
Regional Commissioner, Lombardy Region.
Regional Public Safety Officer, Lombardy.
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Further communication is avoided and if necessary a meeting of ATB will be called.

signed: [illegible] S.L.SIVERTSEN USNR
Chairman,
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS Board.

Copies to:
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Regional Commissioner, Lombardy Region.
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H.Q. 6 (S.A.) Armrd.Div.
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APB

MARSEILLE, FRANCE. 23 September, 1945.

SOME GRAINS OF SALT.

If we do not make a mistake (the news has been given by the papers) we are on the eve of the passage of Northern Italy from the Allied Government to Rome Government, which means from one bureaucracy to another bureaucracy. It is a thing that always gives pleasure to express a natural discontent preferably with one's own people than with strangers.
The strangers who will still remain here as welcome guests, if in fewer numbers, I do not know personally. Once I was invited to a reception and I went there prepared for the most sincere expressions of sympathy. But among the people I was not able to recognise the masters of the house and I found myself as if in a bar, with a big table full of glasses, and young people drinking, girls that possibly were A.T.S. employees or typists. So I swiftly went away.
It seems that their habit, very liberal indeed, is to let it be understood that in their house one has to feel at home (with the difference that one does not have to think about the cost of drink).
But everyone has his habits and the provincial habit in this small and still smaller Italy is to look at the person who invites you, to shake hands with him and have a cautious little chat with him, with words that do not live in one's brain but that accompany a smile.
The habits unfortunately have their value. For example, we have the general habit to judge with severity the drivers of vehicles, who after having knocked down a passerby, get away and leave their victims in the middle of the street. And we regret to have to judge with the same severity the foreign drivers who have the habit of going at full speed through the streets of the town and nobody is authorised to tell them that the war is over; and if in war time speed was a reason of merit what is now their hurry, to rush for peace? Peace only asks for an "end into endeavor" as one sees by the slow proceedings of the Big Five.
Habit.....for example we are in the habit of respecting the prohibition against smoking in tramways, also because the ticket vender is there to remind us. Now the Tramways Company has put up a poster in English "Smoking forbidden", but the brave warriors, our guests, get into the trams with a cigarette between their lips and keep on smoking with an air that seems to mean: "It is incredible that being the winners we should obey prohibitions coming from Italians...."
Small things.....but the A.M.G. will recognise that a grain of sand is not becoming for a well ordered and shining uniform.

The passer-by.

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Small things.....but the U.S. will recognise that a grain of sand
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The passer-by.

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ENOUGH WITH ANTI-SOVIET LIES.

Anglo-american newspapers and news agencies continue to "spit" lies against the Soviet Union. Italian newspapers and news agencies continue to show their servility and their bilious indolence in publishing news which the least common sense shows to be false. For a very long time and particularly since the war finished the majority of the anglo-american agencies had been incapable of telling at least once the truth on Soviet affairs. Instead it has shown itself almost specialised in publishing the most stupid inventions and the lowest provocations.
Let us mention some: For months and months the yellow press has insinuated suspici n over the fate of Italian prisoners in Russia; later they were forced to stop this campaign, Russia having been the first country to liberate Italian prisoners.
For months and months the yellow press has insinuated that "Russian Imperialism" wanted to get hold of Trieste: now they will be compelled to stop after the clear statements of Molotov.
But when its fancy does not find any pretexts for provocations, the yellow press is satisfied with the most ridiculous lies.
Some time ago the ridiculous idle anglo-american correspondents in Germany (the same ones who for over a year have systematically lied about Italian affairs) were talking through their hats on the large acquisitions of watches made by Soviet troops in Berlin.
To-day it is the turn for crimes supposedly committed by the Red troops in Berlin. Twenty-five or forty-one big crimes committed in Berlin in three months allegedly have been perpetrated by Soviet soldiers. Do the leaders know who is supposed to have given the news to the DAILY TELEGRAPH correspondent? The Berlin criminal police! Which means the Nazi-police, talking about the preference shown by the Allies to the Germans in their administration in Italy.
The thing is not astonishing for us as we know from experience that the only scope of a certain Press is systematically not to tell the truth. But what is more important is that this gangster journalistic system has been fully accepted also in Italy where many newspapers complacently report these lies. Why do they publish them? These newspapers know nothing about what happens in Berlin. In this specific case they only know that the news come from Nazi circles, the same circles that for 20 months published the most absurd lies about liberated Italy. They also know that the news is transmitted by the same people who for 20 months broadcasted on the subject of the marvellous democratic attitude of the most reactionary allied authority in Italy. They must then know that this news is false.
Then some Italian papers publish false news for the purpose of artificially creating in Italy an Anti-Soviet feeling and of trying to persuade the Italians to serve one or the other of the United Nations against the Soviet Union. We then denounce these papers to the Italian public as calumnators. The public will not believe these lies. Italians have much too much common sense and they will ask the newspapers which with lies serve the obscure interests of Italian and foreign reaction to tell us about the exemplary attitude of certain Allied soldiers during the winter from 1944 to 1945, having as an example for them the bandit Robert Lane.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

3 Via Cesare Cantu,
MILAN.

21st September, 1945.

TO All Members, Central Allied Publications Board.

As there are no major questions but only routine matters to report arising out of A.F.H. activities during the past month, it has been decided after consultation with Public Relations, A.C. that there will be no Central Board meeting this month.

A written report on the North Italy Press situation will be circulated to Board members and, if necessary, a further Board meeting will be held at a later stage.

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MAJOR G. M. SEBASTIAN HOBLE
CHAIRMAN
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

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APB PUBLICATIONS BOARD
PIEDMONT REGION

MINUTES of meeting held on the evening
of the APB on Piazza Castello 2, Turin
on Thursday, Sept. 19, 1945 at 1930 hours.

PRESENT:

Mr. A.L. Milliken, Deputy Chief, APB Chairman
Capt. S. Mac Eachern, Assistant, APB
Sig. Mario Mascarenaro, Printing Section, APB

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1. The chairman reported that the Italian government has [illegible] to take over the structure of the Allied Publications Board after it cessation of operations on the termination of Allied Military Government in Northern Italy. Avv. Aldo Garosio has been appointed chief press officer for northern Italy. The press officer of the Giunta Consultiva Regionale of Piedmont, Sig. Silvio Geuna, has contacted this office and may be nominated press officer for Piedmont.

2. The Board noted criticism of the Allies and especially APB in the humorous weekly CAMILLO. The chairman reported that, after pre-publication scrutiny, the weekly added a cartoon showing a heavy weight labeled APB falling on the head of one of the columnists, called the Uomo Sensibile. This implied that the columnist who had criticized the Allies had been banned by the APB. Actually the matter had been fixed by the paper and a new administrator had taken over. The board approved the action of the press officer in temporarily suspending the paper until confirmation was received from the Central APB.

The suspension was nullified, however, since the new proprietor agreed to change the name of the paper and start afresh. Thus CAMILLO no longer exists and a new humorous weekly will replace it.

3. The Board approved the request of the twice-weekly commercial paper, Il Commercio, to appear daily. Il Commercio is a serious and well-edited commercial organ and will not require additional paper. This approval gives Turin a daily commercial newspaper, putting it on an equal footing with Milan (Il Sole) and Rome (Il Globo).

4. Following verbal requests for information by Piemonte provincial commissioners and in conference with the Regional Commissioner the following policy was approved:
a) In general practice, requests for authorization to publish periodicals should be channelled through provincial commissioners to the APB.
b) The regional APB will always take due consideration the recommendations of the provincial commissioners.
c) However, many requests reach the regional APB directly. In these cases it was agreed it would be impractical to refer all requests to the P.C.'s. The regional APB makes all decisions on the basis of local authority and well-established precedence.
d) In all cases, opinions and comments submitted by the P.C.'s will be considered at the APB meetings.

5. The following requests for the establishment of new Turin dailies were considered for lack of sufficient newsprint:

Federazione	Right-wing tendency	Daily	Avv. P. Coria	150,000

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4. Following various requests for authorization by Piemonte provincial communist units and in consultation with the Regional Commissioner the following policy was approved:
a) In general practice, requests for authorization to publish periodicals should be channelized through provincial committees to the APB.
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5. The following requests for the establishment of new Turin dailies were rejected for lack of requirement complied:

Redenzione	Rightist tendency	Daily	Avv. P. Coria	150,000
Armanak Piemontèis	Separatist	Daily	Dott. A. Diamantoul	5,000
Torino Sera	Independent	Daily	A. Chiamenotti	75,000

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The following applications for permission to publish were approved, generally on the basis of a determination that each publisher has no need enough newsprint for the next six months.

TITTLE	CITY	CHARACTER	PERIOD	CIRCUL.
CORRIERE DEL TURISMO	TORINO	TOURIST TRADE	WEEKLY	15,000
L'INFORMATORE ILLUSTRATO	"	COMMERCIAL	MONTHLY	5,000
COSE DA PAESI	"	RELIGIOUS	SEMI-M. ISSUE	40,000
QUARTA PAGINA	"	COMMERCIAL	WEEKLY	20,000
STRACCIATI	"	TECHNICAL	MONTHLY	3,000
LA STAGIONE	"	TOURIST TRADE	FORTNIGHTLY	5,000
CASA MIA	"	LOCAL INTEREST	MONTHLY	10,000
MOTORI	"	MOTORS	FORTNIGHTLY	20,000
SCIENZA E VITA	"	SCIENCE	DAILY	5,000
GIORNALINO DIFESA FANCIULLI	"	CHILD WELFARE	QUARTERLY	3,500
FILM MIA	"	FASHION	MONTHLY	1,500
RADAR	"	CULTURAL	WEEKLY	3,000
SBARRE	"	LEGAL	WEEKLY	10,000
LA CACCIA E LA PESCA	"	SPORT	WEEKLY	3,000
LA STAFFETTA	"	ADVERTISING	WEEKLY	5,000
IL FRONDISTA	"	SOCIAL SECURITY	MONTHLY	4,000
SETTIMO GIORNO	"	LITERARY	WEEKLY	5,000
CARATTERE	"	POLITICAL EDUCATIONAL	WEEKLY	10,000
PIEMONTE NUOVO	"	INDUSTRIAL	MONTHLY	5,000
UNITA'EUROPEA	"	EUROPEAN FEDERATION	FORTNIGHTLY	5,000
IL COMMERCIO	"	COMMERCIAL	DAILY	20,000
IL SUBALPINO	CUNEO	LIBERAL PARTY	WEEKLY	7,000
AGRICOLTORE MONREGALESE	MONDOVI	AGRICULTURAL	FORTNIGHTLY	1,500
UNIONE MONREGALESE	"	CHURCH	WEEKLY	3,000
LA ROCCIA	SALUZZO	SOCIALIST COMUNIST UNION PARTIES	WEEKLY	4,000
L'AZIONE BIELLESE	BIELLA	ACTION PARTY	WEEKLY	3,500
NOI DONNE	NOVARA	U.D.I.	FORTNIGHTLY	10,000
NOTIZIARIO FOTOGRAFICO	IVREA	PHOTOGRAPHY	MONTHLY	500
IL LAVORO	ASTI	COMMUNIST	WEEKLY	7,000
LA FRONTE	PINEROLO	AGRICULTURAL	WEEKLY	5,000
L'AZIONE	BRA	ACTION PARTY	WEEKLY	2,000
IL PICCOLO VALSUSINO	CONDOVE	AGRICULTURAL	WEEKLY	2,000
CRONACHE DEI TRIBUNALI	TORINO	LEGAL	WEEKLY	5,000
RASSEGNA NEBIOLO	"	NEBIOLO PLANT	FORTNIGHTLY	1,000

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TRACCIATI	"	TECHNICAL	MONTHLY	3.000
LA STAGIONE	"	TOURIST TRADE	[illegible]	[illegible]
CASA MIA	"	HOUSE HOLDING	MONTHLY	10.000
MOTORI	"	MOTORS	FORTNIGHTLY	20.000
SCIENZA E VITA	"	SCIENCE	[illegible]	[illegible]
COMITATO DIFESA F.NCIULLI	"	CHILD WELFARE	QUARTERLY	3.500
FILM MODA	"	FASHION	MONTHLY	1.500
BAZAR	"	CULTURAL	WEEKLY	3.000
SBARRE	"	LEGAL	WEEKLY	10.000
LA CACCIA E LA PESCA	"	SPORT	WEEKLY	3.000
LA STAFFETTA	"	ADVERTISING	WEEKLY	5.000
IL FRONDISTA	"	SOCIAL SECURITY	MONTHLY	4.000
SETTIMO GIORNO	"	LITERARY	WEEKLY	5.000
CARATTERE	"	POLITICAL EDUCATIONE	WEEKLY	10.000
PIEMONTE NUOVO	"	INDUSTRIAL	MONTHLY	5.000
UNITA'EUROPEA	"	EUROPEAN FEDERATION	FORTNIGHTLY	5.000
IL COMMERCIO	"	COMMERCIAL	DAILY	20.000
IL SUBALPINO	CUNEO	LIBERAL PARTY	WEEKLY	7.000
AGRICOLTORE MONREGALESE	MONDOVI	AGRICULTURAL	FORTNIGHTLY	1.500
UNIONE MONTEGALESE	"	CHURCH	WEEKLY	3.000
LA ROCCIA	SALUZZO	SOCIALIST COMUNIST ACTION PARTIES	WEEKLY	4.000
L'AZIONE BIELLESE	BIELLA	ACTION PARTY	WEEKLY	3.500
NOI DONNE	NOVARA	U.D.I.	FORTNIGHTLY	10.000
NOTIZIARIO FOTOGRAFICO	IVREA	PHOTOGRAPHY	MONTHLY	500
IL LAVORO	ASTI	COMUNIST	WEEKLY	7.000
LA FONTE	PINEROLO	AGRICULTURAL	WEEKLY	5.000
L'AZIONE	BRA	ACTION PARTY	WEEKLY	2.000
IL PICCOLO VALSUSINO	CONDOVE	AGRICULTURAL	WEEKLY	2.000
CRONACHE DEI TRIBUNALI	TORINO	LEGAL	WEEKLY	5.000
RASSEGNA NEBBIOLO	"	NEBBIOLO PLANT	FORTNIGHTLY	1.000

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
LOMBARDY.

Minutes of Meeting of APB Lombardy held at Via Cesare Cantu No.3 at 3.30 p.m. on the 19th September, 1945.

PRESENT:	Major G.A. Sinclair Noble.	Chairman and Executive Secretary.
	Lt.Col.J.Acrimer.	representing City Commissioner, AMG.
	Major J. Piscop.	Printing & Paper Adviser, PWB-AFHQ.
	Major Fowler.	Public Safety Officer, AMG.
	Major Breese.	Executive Officer, Milan Province, AMG.
OBSERVER:	Prince Rospigliosi.	APB.
	Avv.Giussani.	Italian Press Commission.

I. MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON THE 10th and 21st AUGUST.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 10th and 21st August were read and confirmed.

II. APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED.

The Board then considered a list of applications recommended by the Press Officer for Lombardy. It was explained by Major Noble that all applicants had their own paper stocks to carry them through the next six months and they would not therefore be a burden on newsprint.
The Board approved the list of 32 applications as shown in Appendix "B".

III. APPLICATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED.

Major Noble stated that there were three reasons for this list:

(a) Already a number of periodicals covering the subject; or
(b) applicants without paper; or
(c) not enough known to date about applicants.

In all, 21 applications [illegible]) were rejected by the Board.

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IV. [illegible] "A"

Major Noble stated that [illegible] "A" was a report of a meeting held between Mr. Harari and Major Piscop on the 6th September. Other members of Lontanly Board had not been able to attend. To regularise the position he asked the Board to accept the report as part of the minutes of this meeting. The Board concurred.

V. OTHER BUSINESS.

Major Noble said that there had been a few applications for changes of title. It was always difficult to know, when original applications were made, whether there was another paper of the same name somewhere in the South. The Board agreed the following:

"Bollettino Commerciale"	to be changed to	"CORRIERE COMMERCIALE"
"Tessitura"	" " "	" "RIVISTA TESSILE"
"Le Arti e la Liberta"	" " "	" "VALORI"
"Mercurio"	" " "	" "GUIDA DELLE AZIENDE"
"L'Intransigente"	" " "	" "L'AMMONITORE"
"Ether [illegible]"	" " "	" "IL MONDO DEI RAGAZZI"

"LIBERTA" of Piacenza. This publication was authorized on the 10th July by AFB Bologna as a daily newspaper. The printing plant having been damaged by bombing, repairs took a longer time than was expected and the paper was not published. The applicants were now asking for confirmation of the authorisation and permission to draw paper for 8,000 copies a day. The Board was of opinion that although this area was outside its jurisdiction, it would soon be coming under the North Italian Press Commission and they agreed to the allocation of paper.

MILANO SERA & CORRIERE LOMBARDO. Major Noble said that applications for increased newsprint had been received from CORRIERE LOMBARDO and MILANO SERA.
Shortly after the increase to 150,000 copies was made to MILANO SERA, a check showed their sales as only 40,000 and the newsprint allocation was reduced accordingly. It was maintained by the management that the paper was now on its feet and selling 70,000 copies a day. It was suggested that they might be granted an increase of 25,000.
So far as CORRIERE LOMBARDO was concerned, their allocation was for 175,000. They had set up their establishment on the lines of a large paper, were selling all copies, yet at the moment were losing money. Major Noble suggested that there should be a small overall cut of 3% to enable an increase of 25,000 copies to be granted to each of these two independent afternoon papers. This was agreed, but at the same time Major Fowler said he would like the management of MILANO SERA reminded of their guarantee of independence.

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"Le Arti e la Liberta"	" " "	" "VALORI"
"Mercurio"	" " "	" "GUIDA DELLE AZIENDE"
"L'Informatore"	" " "	" "L'AMMONITORE"
"Father Tutti"	" " "	" "IL MONDO DEI RAGAZZI"

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POPOLO SOVRANO. Major Noble stated that an application had been received from this daily for permission to change its title from POPOLO SOVRANO to L'ITALIA DEL POPOLO at the same time to change its direction. This permission was granted by the Board.

Meeting then ended.

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APPENDIX "B"

List of publications authorized by Allied Publications Board
date: 19.9.1945

	Cultural	
Umanità	monthly	5.000
Uomini	-weekly	20.000
Le tre Arti	monthly	5.000
Questi giorni	fortnightly	5.000
Rendiconti dell'Unione Professori	4 publications a year	3.000
	Literature	
Milleunanotte	monthly	5.000
Romanzo-giornale	fortnightly	5.000
Le Stelle d'Italia (Lagnano)	weekly	30.000
	Artistic	
Michelangelo	monthly	3.000
	Sport	
L'atleta	weekly	5.000
Boxing	weekly	1.000
Avio-sport	monthly	1.000
Foemina sport	monthly	5.000
	Fascion	
Fantaisies	4 publications a year	5.000
	H u m o r	
Il vendicinque	weekly	15.000
	For children	
Topolino	weekly	100.000
L'audace	"	10.000
Albo-giornale (Cremona)	"	20.000
	Medical	
La voce veterinaria	monthly	300
Malati, medici, medicine	"	5.000
Pratica pediatrica	"	6.000
Folia cardiologica	by-monthly	3.000
	Cinema, theatre	
		2.000

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	Literature	
Milleunanotte	monthly	5.000
Romanzo-giornale	fortnightly	5.000
Le Stelle d'Italia (Legnano)	weekly	30.000
	Artistic	
Michelangelo	monthly	3.000
	Sport	
L'atleta	weekly	5.000
Boxing	weekly	1.000
Avio-sport	monthly	1.000
Femina sport	monthly	5.000
	Fascion	
Fantasies	4 publications a year	5.000
	Humor	
Il venticinque	weekly	15.000
	For children	
Topolino	weekly	100.000
L'audace	"	10.000
Albo-giornale (Cremona)	"	20.000
	Medical	
Le voce veterinarie	monthly	300
Medici, medici, medicine	"	5.000
Pratica pediatrica	"	6.000
Folia cardiologica	by-monthly	3.000
	Circus, theatre	
Metroscena	weekly	2.000
Varietà	"	10.000
Foglio notizie	weekly	500
Lingua fedele	monthly	5.000
Il progresso fotografico	monthly	2.000

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Pagine di.....	Monthly	5.000
Il ca[illegible]o	Forani Italy	2.000
Foli[illegible]ella	Italy	5.000
Da quota Alata	Monthly	5.000
Allevamenti red Ibisi	Monthly	2/3.000
Notiziario del Consiglio		
Infermiere Alta Italia	Weekly	10.000

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APPENDIX "A"

The Chairman stated that the other members were unable to attend but had discussed with him the various matters on the agenda and in accordance with a decision taken at the last meeting, had given him a mandate to authorise the various publications recommended by him.

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

Mr. Marari stated that all applications for political periodicals were being referred for decision to Avv.della Giusta, Italian Government representative. The only exceptions to this were:

1. IL RISCATTO. Independent weekly to be edited by the partisan organisation officially recognised by the Italian Government.

2. LA STELLA ALPINA. Independent weekly - previously edited in Novara as a partisan paper with the title of STELLA ALPINA and now to be transferred to Milan to be edited by the Mayor of Novara as an independent weekly.

Mr. Marari said he had talked to the Regional Commissioner in regard to these two publications which have been held in abeyance for some time, and Colonel Pilotti had informed him that these had his full approval. It was also pointed out that IL RISCATTO had been recommended by the CLN, by Avv. della Giusta and by the Prefect and that both these papers had sufficient flatbed paper to publish for six months. These were consequently authorised.

ARIE LODIGIANE. In accordance with a decision taken at a previous meeting, the CLN of Lodi had been asked to make arrangements to publish a five-party weekly to take the place of the one-party Demo-Christian paper which was appearing in Lodi. This paper, ARIE LODIGIANE was authorised and the IL CITTADINO was being instructed to cease publication.

A statement was read from the Lodi CLN thanking the Board for this decision which brought political balance to the Lodi press.

DEMOCRAZIA. This weekly publication of the Christian Democrat Party had been authorised after favourable advice from the Italian Government representative. It is a publication having a small circulation among the members of the Party.

The Board then examined 88 applications as per appendix "A(1)" attached. These all had flatbed paper supplies for 6 months' publication and consequently no allocation of paper was required. These were authorised.

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The Board then examined 58 applications as per appendix "A(1)" attached. These all had flatbed paper supplies for 6 months' publication and consequently no allocation of paper was required. These were authorised.

The following seven applications were referred to Avv. della Giusta, Italian Government representative, for examination and decision:

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VOCI DEL POPOLO.	Weekly.	5,000
LA LIBERA VOCE.	"	2,500
IL GIORNALE DEI LAVORATORI.	"	2,000
SOCIALITA.	Fortnightly.	2,000.
POSTA MILANO.	Weekly.	100,000
ALTA ITALIA.	Daily.	30,000.

The following alterations to publications previously authorised were put on record and approved:

Changes of Title.

I BENI STABILI changed to LA NUOVA EDILIZIA.
CINEMONDO changed to CINETEMPO.

Change of Management: Title of Publication - FINESTRE.

Direttore amministrative	UGO LORENZINI
Comproprietario:	Dr.prof.Benvenuto Goria replacing M.G.Baletti.
Vice-Direttore:	Luciano Montaldi replacing Prof. Petrone.

There being no other business which the Board could discuss without the presence of the other members, the meeting adjourned.

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APPENDIX A (1)

List of publications authorized by Allied Publications Board
dated 6.9.1945.

Political		
La Squilla Alpina	weekly	35.000
Arie Lodigiane (Lodi)	weekly	7.000
Riscatto	weekly	15.000
Democrazia	weekly	5.000
L'uomo della strada	weekly	20.000
Technical		
Nord-Sud	fortnightly	5.000
La Terra	weekly	30.000
Financial		
Listino settimanale dei valori	weekly	50
Rivista Bancaria	monthly	1.200
Il Sindacato dei prestiti	fortnightly	5.000
Guida delle Aziende	fortnightly	2.000
Scientifical		
Humana	monthly	3.000
Commercial		
Il Commercio estero	weekly	5.000
School		
La scuola d'oggi	monthly	5.000
Educational		
Lupo	weekly	20.000
In alto fanciulli	weekly	25.000
Nespolino	weekly	10.000
Gazetta	weekly	50.000
Balgari	weekly	10.000
Vent'anni	weekly	2.000
Fashion		
Eclat	monthly	5.000
Fili-mode	monthly	10.000
Lei	weekly	50.000
Cinema-Theatre-Radio		
La critica Jazz	monthly	5.000
		3.000

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Nord-Sud	weekly	30.000
La Terra	weekly	

Pictorial

Listino settimanale dei valori	weekly	50
Rivista Bancaria	monthly	1.200
Il Monitore dei preventivi	fortnightly	5.000
Guida delle Aziende	fortnightly	2.000

Scientifical

Humana	monthly	3.000

Commercial

Il Commercio estero	weekly	5.000

School

La scuola d'oggi	monthly	5.000

Educational

Lupo	weekly	20.000
In alto fanciulli	weekly	25.000
Vespolino	weekly	10.000
Saetta	weekly	50.000
Salgari	weekly	10.000
Vent'anni	weekly	2.000

Varieties

Delta	monthly	5.000
Tutti-mode	monthly	10.000
Tai	weekly	50.000

Cinema-Theatre-Radio

La cinica Dama	monthly	5.000
T.A.M.	monthly	3.000
Comoedia Nova	monthly	2.000
Rivista Tecnica Melodramatica	fortnightly	2.000
Film-ecro	weekly	30.000
Cinetecnia	weekly	5.000
Diagramma	weekly	10.000
Corriere degli spettacoli	weekly	5.000
Ecco degli spettacoli	weekly	5.000

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	Sport	
Le vie d'Italia	monthly	20.000
Motori nel mondo	weekly	10.000
Il ring	"	1.500
Lo stadio	"	3.000
Ciclismo	"	5.000
La boxe	"	5.000
Auto-moto	"	10.000
	Cultural	
In vino veritas	fortnightly	1.500
La voce di pino pallino	weekly	1.000
Orizzontale e verticale	"	20.000
Fraternità	monthly	10.000
Il paese	weekly	10.000
	Literature	
L'alicorno	weekly	5.000
Il sabato	weekly	10.000
Panorama	weekly	20.000
Rivista di letture	monthly	2.500
Bollettino della S.E.		
Nuova Italia	6-monthly	10.000
Uomo	monthly	2.000
	Religious	
Ore serene	monthly	80.000
Pro Sacerdotio Xristi	monthly	1.300
La voce dell'Impiegato	weekly	10.000
Notiziario Pirelli	fortnightly	3.000
Pane e lavoro	fortnightly	10.000
Linea grafica	monthly	10.000
Profumi	monthly	15.000
La Pubblicità	monthly	10.000
Il caffé	monthly	1.000
L'industria orafa italiana	"	2.000
La ricevitoria postelegra-		
fica	monthly	6.000

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Orizzontale e verticale	monthly	10.000
Fraternità	weekly	10.000
Il paese		
	Literature	
		5.000
L'alicorno	weekly	10.000
Il sabato	weekly	20.000
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Il caffé	monthly	2.000
L'industria orafa italiana	"	
La ricevitoria postelegra-		6.000
fica	monthly	

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APB

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
PIEMONTE REGION=TURIN

MINUTES of meeting held at the offices of the APB at Corso Valdocco 2, Torino, on Monday, Sept. 3, 1945 at 1600 hours

PRESENT: Mr. A.L. Ellison, Press Officer, APB, Chairman
Capt. S. Noe, Education Officer, AMG
Sig. Mario Mazzaccara, Printing Section, APB

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1. The Chairman reported to the Board the results of a quick spot-check on the verified circulation figures of the Turin dailies. Both the Action Party daily, G-L, and the independent Gazzetta d'Italia were found to be averaging only 50,000 copies printed instead of 72,000 and 80,000 respectively. It was decided to propose to the Central Board the following revision of circulation figures:

Name of daily	Present circulation	Revision	Proposed circulation
La Nuova Stampa	110,000	plus 32,000	142,000
Gazzetta d'Italia	80,000	minus 30,000	50,000
Opinione	72,000	plus 5,000	77,000
Popolo Nuovo	72,000	plus 5,000	77,000
Avanti !	72,000	plus 5,000	77,000
Unita	72,000	plus 5,000	77,000
G.L.	72,000	minus 22,000	50,000

2. PRESS SITUATION IN ASTI

The CLN parties of Asti have decided to abandon the all-party twice-weekly sheet Corriere dell'Astigiano and resume their separate party weeklies. All the parties except the Liberal have planned a weekly. In addition, an independent information twice-weekly paper, Il Cittadino is proposed. The following papers alone made applications for licence to appear and these were authorized:

Il Cittadino	independent	twice-weekly	5,000
La Voce Socialista	Socialist	weekly	5,000
Il Popolo Astigiano	Christian Democrat	weekly	5,000

The other party weeklies already appearing will be requested to suspend printing until formal applications are made, as they have been repeatedly advised.

3. PRESS SITUATION IN VERCELLI

On the strong insistence of the Provincial Commissioner of Vercelli, more publications were authorized for Biella and Vercelli in addition to the six already authorized. Of eight applications made, seven were accepted. Thus Vercelli will have an independent twice-weekly, a Christian Democrat, a Socialist and a Communist [illegible]

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The other party weeklies already appearing will be requested to suspend printing until formal applications are made, as they have been repeatedly advised.

3. PRESS SITUATION IN VERCELLI

On the strong insistence of the Provincial Commissioner of Vercelli, more publications were authorized for Biella and Vercelli in addition to the six already authorized. Of eight applications made, seven were accepted. Thus Vercelli will have an independent twice-weekly, a Christian Democrat, a Socialist and a Communist weekly, while Biella will have eight papers, including Communist, Socialist, Christian Democrat, and Liberal weeklies.

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4. The following applications for permission to publish were approved, generally on the basis of a guarantee that each publisher has on hand enough newsprint for the next six months:

TITLE	CITY	CHARACTER	PERIOD	CIRCULATION
Corriere Economico	Torino	Commercial	Weekly	2,000
Le nostre valli	"	infor;ation	weekly	10,000
L'orecchio di Dinisio	"	hu;orous	weekly	10.000
Visuale	"	cultural	weekly	15.000
L'Antifona Sportiva	"	sport	weekly	15.000
La Farmacia nova	"	medical	monthly	3.500
Goal	"	~~weekly~~ sport	weekly	10.000
Il fischio	"	humorous	weekly	10.000
Spettacoli	"	films	weekly	1.000
I Ribelli	"	cultural	fortnightly	5.000
La Giurisprudenza	"	legal	monthly	1.000
La liberta'	Vercelli	Christian-Democrat	weekly	3.000
L'Amico del Popolo	"	Communist	weekly	7.000
Risaja	"	socialist	weekly	7.000
Vita Biellese	Biella	Christian-Democrat	weekly	7.000
La voce di Biella	"	Liberal	weekly	3.000
Calcio d'angolo	"	sport	monthly	500
Il cittadino	Asti	information	twice-weekly	5.000
La voce socialista	"	socialist	weekly	5.000
Il popolo Astigiano	"	christian-democrat	weekly	7.000
Il coltivatore	Casale	agricultural	fortnightly	400
Ali	Torre pellice	religious	monthly	400
Piccolo messaggero	Ivrea	information	monthly	300
La voce S.Firmino	Pertusio	religious	quarterly	2.200
Gioventu' Libera	Aosta	action-party	monthly	1.500
Lavoratore dell'Ossola	Domodossola	trade-union	weekly	3.000
L'Italiano	Novara	information	weekly	3.000
Giustizia e liberta'	Cuneo	action-party	weekly	7.000
Eco del Monferrato	Moncalvo	information	fortnightly	1.500
La voce del lavoratore	Cuneo	commmist	weekly	5.000
Giandoja	Turin	humorous	weekly	5.000

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Spettacoli	"	films	weekly	1.000
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La voce socialista	"	socialist	weekly	5.000
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Il coltivatore	Casale	agricultural	fortnightly	400
Ali	Torre pellice	religious	monthly	400
Piccolo messaggero	Ivrea	information	monthly	300
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Gioventu' Libera	Aosta	action-party	monthly	1.500
Lavoratore dell'Ossola	Domodossola	trade-union	weekly	3.000
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APPENDIX "A"

The Chairman stated that the other members were unable to attend but had discussed with him the various matters on the agenda and in accordance with a decision taken at the last meeting, had given him a mandate to authorise the various publications recommended by him.

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

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1. IL RISCATTO. Independent weekly to be edited by the partisan organisation officially recognised by the Italian Government.

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A statement was read from the Lodi CLN thanking the Board for this decision which brought political balance to the Lodi press.

DEMOCRAZIA. This weekly publication of the Christian Democrat Party had been authorised after favourable advice from the Italian Government representative. It is a publication having a small circulation among the members of the Party.

The Board then examined 58 applications as per appendix "A(1)" attached. These all had flatbed paper supplies for 6 months' publication and consequently no allocation of paper was required. These were authorised.

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The following seven applications were referred to Avv. della Giusta, Italian Government representative, for examination and decision:

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VOCI DEL POPOLO.	Weekly.	5,000
LA LIBERA VOCE.	"	2,500
IL GIORNALE DEI LAVORATORI."		2,000
SOCIALISTA.	Fortnightly.	2,000.
POSTA MILANO.	Weekly.	100,000
ALTA ITALIA.	Daily.	30,000.

The following alterations to publications previously authorised were put on record and approved:

Changes of Title.

I BENI STABILI changed to LA NUOVA EDILIZIA.
CINEMONDO changed to CINETEMPO.

Change of Management: Title of Publication - FINESTRE.

Direttore amministrative	UGO LORENZINI
Comproprietario:	Dr.prof.Benvenuto Goria replacing M.G.Baletti.
Vice-Direttore:	Luciano Montaldi replacing Prof. Petrone.

There being no other business which the Board could discuss without the presence of the other members, the meeting adjourned.

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APPENDIX A (1)

List of publications authorized by Allied Publications Board
date: 6.9.1945.

Political		
La Aquila Alpina	weekly	35.000
Arte Lodigiane (Lodi)	weekly	7.000
Riscatto	weekly	15.000
Democrazia	weekly	3.000
L'uomo della strada	weekly	20.000
Technical		
Nord-Sud	fortnightly	5.000
La Terra	weekly	30.000
Financial		
Listino settimanale dei valori	weekly	50
Rivista Tamcarta	monthly	1.200
Il Monitore dei prestiti	fortnightly	5.000
Guida della Aziende	fortnightly	2.000
Scientifical		
Humana	monthly	3.000
Commercial		
Il Commercio estero	weekly	5.000
School		
La scuola d'oggi	monthly	5.000
Educational		
Lupo	weekly	20.000
In alto fanciulli	weekly	25.000
Nespolino	weekly	10.000
Saetta	weekly	50.000
Salgari	weekly	10.000
Vent'anni	weekly	2.000
Faschion		
Eltà	monthly	5.000
Fili-moda	monthly	10.000
Noi	weekly	50.000
Cinema-Theatre-Radio		
		5.000

Nord-Sud	fortnightly	5.000
La Terra	weekly	30.000
	Financial	
Listino settimanale dei valori	weekly	50
Rivista Bancaria	monthly	1.200
Il Monitore dei prezzivi	fortnightly	5.000
Guida delle Aziende	fortnightly	2.000
	Scientifical	
Humana	monthly	3.000
	Commercial	
Il Commercio estero	weekly	5.000
	School	
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	Educational	
Lupo	weekly	20.000
In alto fanciulli	weekly	25.000
Nespolino	weekly	10.000
Saetta	weekly	50.000
Salguri	weekly	10.000
Vent'anni	weekly	2.000
	Fashion	
Beltà	monthly	5.000
Fili-moda	monthly	10.000
Eva	weekly	50.000
	Cinema-Theatre-Radio	
[illegible] Jazz	[illegible]ly	5.000
[illegible].A.	monthly	3.000
Comoedia Nova	monthly	2.000
Rivista Teatrale Letteraria	fortnightly	2.000
matica	weekly	30.000
[illegible]	weekly	5.000
[illegible]	weekly	10.000
Programma	weekly	5.000
Corriere degli spettacoli	weekly	5.000
L'eco degli spettacoli	weekly	[illegible]

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Sport		
Le vie d'Italia	monthly	20.000
Motori nel mondo	weekly	10.000
Il ring	"	1.500
Lo stadio	"	3.000
Ciclismo	"	5.000
La boxe	"	5.000
Auto-moto	"	10.000
Cultural		
In vino veritas	fortnightly	1.500
La voce di pinco pallino	weekly	1.000
Orizzontale e verticale	"	20.000
Fraternità	monthly	10.000
Il paese	weekly	10.000
Literature		
L'alicorno	weekly	5.000
Il sabato	weekly	10.000
Panorama	weekly	20.000
Rivista di letture	monthly	2.500
Bollettino della S.D.		
Nuova Italia	6-monthly	10.000
Uomo	monthly	2.000
Religious		
Ore serene	monthly	80.000
Pro Saderdotio Xristi	monthly	1.300
La voce dell'Impiegato	weekly	10.000
Notiziario Pirelli	fortnightly	3.000
Pane e lavoro	fortnightly	10.000
Linea grafica	monthly	10.000
Profumi	monthly	15.000
La Pubblicità	monthly	10.000
Il caffé	monthly	1.000
L'industria orafa italiana	"	2.000
La ricevitoria postelegra-fica	monthly	6.000

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La voce di pinco pallino	weekly	1.000
Orizzontale e verticale	"	20.000
Fraternità	monthly	10.000
Il paese	weekly	10.000
	Literature	
L'alicorno	weekly	5.000
Il sabato	weekly	10.000
Panorama	weekly	20.000
Rivista di letture	monthly	2.500
Bollettino della S.E.		
Nuova Italia	fortnightly	10.000
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	Religious	
Ore serene	monthly	80.000
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Il caffé	monthly	1.000
L'industria orafa italiana	"	2.000
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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
LOMBARDY.

Minutes of Meeting of APB Lombardy held at Via Cesare Cantu No.3 at 3.30 p.m. on the 19th September, 1945.

PRESENT:	Major G.L. Sinclair Noble.	Chairman and Executive Secretary.
	Lt.Col.J.Forimer.	representing City Commissioner, AMG.
	Major J. Piscop.	Printing & Paper Adviser, PWB-AFHQ.
	Major Fowler.	Public Safety Officer, AMG.
	Major Breese.	Executive Officer, Milan Province, AMG.
OBSERVER:	Prince Rospigliosi.	APB.
	Avv.Giussani.	Italian Press Commission.

I. MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON THE 10th and 21st AUGUST.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 10th and 21st August were read and confirmed.

II. APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED.

The Board then considered a list of applications recommended by the Press Officer for Lombardy. It was explained by Major Noble that all applicants had their own paper stocks to carry them through the next six months and they would not therefore be a burden on newsprint.
The Board approved the list of 32 applications as shown in Appendix "B".

III. APPLICATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED.

Major Noble stated that there were three reasons for this list:

(a) Already a number of periodicals covering the subject; or
(b) applicants without paper; or
(c) not enough known to date about applicants.

In all, 21 applications) were rejected by the Board.

POLITICAL PRESS.

There were some applications for political periodicals but it was felt that as parties had their dailies, there was no reason at this stage to licence more party periodicals.

NON MOLLARE. The rejection of this weekly was queried by Sig.Giussani representative of the Italian Press Commission. He was of the opinion

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NOT NOTED. The rejection of this weekly was queried by Sig.Giussani representative of the Italian Press Commission. He was of the opinion that this journal was a general one for all youth but it was pointed out that affiliation was with the Action Party and after discussion the Board sustained the rejection.

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IV. [illegible]

Major Noble stated that [illegible] of a meeting held between Mr. Harvey and Major Pleasy on the 6th September. Other members of Bombardy Board had not been able to attend. To regularise the position he asked the Board to accept the report as part of the minutes of this meeting. The Board concurred.

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

Major Noble said that there had been a few applications for changes of title. It was always difficult to know, when original applications were made, whether there was another paper of the same name somewhere in the South. The Board agreed the following:

"Rassegna Commerciale"	to be changed to	"CORRIERE COMMERCIALE"
"Textilia"	" " "	" "RIVISTA TESSILE"
"Bollettino delle Libertà"	" " "	" "VALORI"
"Florentia"	" " "	" "GUIDA DELLE AZIENDE"
"L'Insegnamento"	" " "	" "L'ANNUNCIATORE"
"Libero tutto"	" " "	" "IL MONDO DEI RAGAZZI"

"LIBERTA'" of Piacenza. This publication was authorized on the 10th July by AFB Bologna as a daily newspaper. The printing plant having been damaged by bombing, repairs took a longer time than was expected and the paper was not published. The applicants were now asking for confirmation of the authorisation and permission to draw paper for 6,000 copies a day. The Board was of opinion that although this area was outside their jurisdiction, it would soon be coming under the North Italian Press Commission and they agreed to the allocation of paper.

MILANO SERA - CORRIERE LOMBARDO. Major Noble said that applications for increased newsprint had been received from CORRIERE LOMBARDO and MILANO SERA.
Shortly after the increase to 150,000 copies was made to MILANO SERA, a check showed their sales as only 40,000 and the newsprint allocation was reduced accordingly. It was maintained by the management that the paper was now on its feet and selling 70,000 copies a day. It was suggested that they might be granted an increase of 25,000.
So far as CORRIERE LOMBARDO was concerned, their allocation was for 175,000. They had set up their establishment on the lines of a large paper, were selling all copies, yet at the moment were losing money. Major Noble suggested that there should be a small overall cut of 3% to enable an increase of 25,000 copies to be granted to each of these two independent afternoon papers. This was agreed, but at the same time Major Fowler said he would like the management of MILANO SERA reminded of their guarantee of independence.

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"L'Antonmalgamato" " " " " "L'AMMONITORE"
"Natura ruris" " " " " "... DEGLI AGRARI"

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POPOLO SOVRANO. Major Noble stated that an application had been received from this daily for permission to change its title from POPOLO SOVRANO to L'ITALIA DEL POPOLO at the same time to change its director. This permission was granted by the Board.

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APPENDIX "B"

List of publications authorized by Allied Publications Board
date: 19.9.1945

	Cultural	
Umanità	monthly	5.000
Uomini	-weekly	20.000
Le tre Arti	monthly	5.000
Questi giorni	fortnightly	5.000
Rendiconti dell'Unione Professori	4 publications a year	3.000
	Literature	
Milleunanotte	monthly	5.000
Romanzo-giornale	fortnightly	5.000
Le Stelle d'Italia (Legnano)	weekly	30.000
	Artistic	
Michelangelo	monthly	3.000
	S port	
L'atleta	weekly	5.000
Boxing	weekly	1.000
Avio-sport	monthly	1.000
Foemina sport	monthly	5.000
	Fascion	
Fantaisies	4 publications a year	5.000
	H u m o r	
Il venticinque	weekly	15.000
	For children	
Topolino	weekly	100.000
L'audace	"	10.000
Albo-giornale (Cremona)	"	20.000
	Medical	
La voce veterinaria	monthly	300
Malati, medici, medicine	"	5.000
Pratica pediatrica	"	6.000
Folia cardiologica	by-monthly	3.000
	Cinema theatre	
	weekly	2.000

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Professori	4 publications a year	3.000
	Literature	
Millenuenotte	monthly	5.000
Romanzo-giornale	fortnightly	5.000
La Stella d'Italia (Legnano)	weekly	30.000
	Artistic	
Michelangelo	monthly	3.000
	Sport	
L'atleta	weekly	5.000
Boxing	weekly	1.000
Avio-sport	monthly	1.000
Foemina sport	monthly	5.000
	Fascion	
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	Humor	
Il venticinque	weekly	15.000
	For children	
Topolino	weekly	100.000
L'audace	"	10.000
Albo-giornale (Cremona)	"	20.000
	Medical	
La voce veterinaria	monthly	300
Malavi, medici, medicine	"	5.000
Pratica pediatrica	"	6.000
Folia cardiologica	by-monthly	3.000
	Cinema Theatre	
Retroscena	weekly	2.000
Varietà	"	10.000
Foglie matrie	weekly	500
Lingue estere	monthly	5.000
Il progresso fotografico	monthly	2.000

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Pagine di.....	Monthly	5.000
Il [illegible]	Fortnightly	2.000
Il [illegible]	Monthly	5.000
Il Nuova Linea	Monthly	5.000
Allevamenti ed ippica	Monthly	2/3.000
Notiziario del Movimento Sociale Italiano	Weekly	10.000

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Appendix "A" to
HQ 2 District GSI
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N° 11 dated 28 Aug.45.

Newspaper Sales in MILAN, TURIN and GENOA

Below are figures showing the average daily sales of the main newspapers in MILAN, TURIN and GENOA. The information was obtained during the wourse of the present month from several independent sources which in some cases reported a comparatively wide divergence in figures for one and the same paper. In these cases an average was taken; the figures should therefore not be regarded as mathematically accurate but simply as a rough indication of relative popularity. It should also be pointed out that newspaper sales appear at present to oscillate considerably. This can to some extent be ascribed to the time of year as a fair number of people have left the towns to spend holidays in the country.

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	AVANTI	Socialist	205,000
	CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONI.	Indipendent	185,000
X	CORRIERE LOMBARDO	Indipendent	165,000
	ITALIA LIBERA	Action Party	140,000
X	CORRIERE INFOR. SERA	Indipendent	85,000
	POPOLO	Demo-Christian	80,000
X	LIBERTA'	Liberal	75,000
X	POPOLO SOVRANO	Republican	45,000
X	MILANO SERA	Socialist/Communist	40,000
	La PATRIA	Italian Army	15,000

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TURIN

	LA NUOVA STAMPA	Indipendent	110,000
X	POPOLO NUOVO	Demo-Christian	70,000
	GAZETTA D'ITALIA	Indipendent	65-70,000 +
	AVANTI	Socialist	65-70,000 +
	L'UNITA'	Communist	65,000
	L'OPINIONE	Liberal	62-75,000
	G.L.(Giustizia & Libertà	Action Party	55-65,000

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	IL LAVORO NUOVO	Socialist	40,000
	IL SECOLO LIBERALE	Liberal	35,000
X	IL CORRIERE	Demo-Christian	25,000
X	AZIONE	Action Party	25,000
	LA TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO	Republican	20,000
	IL NUOVO CITTADINO	Catholic	15,000

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.
3 Via Cesare Cantu,
M I L A N.

Minutes of Meeting of the Central Allied Publications Board held at 11 a.m. on the 22nd August at 3 Via Cesare Cantu, MILAN.

PRESENT:	Mr. G. W. Ellman.	Chairman.
	Major G.N.Sinclair Noble.	Chief Press Officer & Executive Secretary.
	Mr. H. Hopkinson.	Political Section, A.C.
	Mr. G. Stewart Brown.	Director, Public Relations, A.C.
	Mr. Michael Stewart.	Press Attache, British Embassy.
	Major S.L.Henderson.	G-2, AFHQ.
	Major J. Piscop.	Printing and Paper Adviser, PWB-AFHQ.
	Mr. L.V.R.White.	Economic Sub-Commission, A.C.
OBSERVERS:	Major H. Clewes.	M.O.I.
	Mr. A. Harari.	Press Officer, APB, Lombardy.
	Mr. T. Ellison.	" " " Piemonte.
	Major V. Harari.	" " " Liguria.
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	Lt. Watkins.	P.R., ANG. Lombardia Region.
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2. Business arising out of the last meeting:

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Para.6. Major Noble stated that the constitution of the Board provided for a representative of Military Censorship. So far no one had been appointed but it was not felt that this was an urgent matter.

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Para. 2. It was reported that a cable had been received saying that the Italian Government had appointed Avv. Della Giusta of the CNAL as Head of the Press for Northern Italy when AFB closed down. He already had representatives working in the Lombardy Press Office getting to know the routine.

3. Chief Press Officer's report on Press situation in N. Italy.

Major Noble stated that policy problems were mostly settled before PWB closed down on July 15th. With the exception of PWB papers and news features services, positive propaganda had ceased. Present activities of Press officers consisted mainly in control of licences because of paper shortages, and keeping a watching brief to safeguard AMG interests. Elimination of inflammatory material from Radio scripts was also an AFB responsibility, but with the AFB establishment cut down to one press officer and a local secretary in each region, full supervision was not possible. Press Officers could merely (a) keep radio personnel aware of our continued authority by frequent contact, thus instilling into them more caution than if they were free agents and (b) take post-transmission action in the event of complaints.

Both press and radio throughout the North had been most cooperative. On the few occasions when it had been necessary to call to the attention of editors, misrepresentation of facts, apologies and corrections had been immediately forthcoming.

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AVANTI.	Socialist.	250,000	183,668.
L'ITALIA LIBERA.	Action Party.	180,000	113,316.
LA PATRIA	Military.	20,000	15,440.
IL POPOLO SOVRANO	Republican.	60,000	32,935.
IL POPOLO.	Christian Dem.	200,000	81,995.

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Mr. Stewart Brown raised a complaint from the Vatican about the rejection by the Lombardy Board of the application from Brescia for a daily Catholic news[illegible]. Major Noble replied that the application had come not from the Church but from the Christian Democratic party. Brescia already had a DC daily, representing all parties, and also had three party weeklies, including that of the Christian Democrat party. The policy for the smaller towns was to allow either one all-party daily and party weeklies, or alternatively small party dailies. [illegible] had been provisionally authorised by 5th Army in the early days of the liberation, and the licence was withdrawn with explanation when AMG policy became effective.

Mr. Stewart Brown also queried the Lombardy Board's rejection of the weekly [illegible] SOCIALE. Major Noble stated that the first application for this periodical was rejected because the applicants had no paper in hand. A second application was subsequently made after the applicants had acquired paper, and a licence was granted.

Major Noble said that he disliked the policy of granting licences for periodicals only in cases where applicants had a six months reserve of paper, since the system favoured the large firms with old stocks at the expense of small groups representing new enterprise to the publishing field and groups whose facilities had been lost through anti-Fascist activities. Nonetheless, the system was at present the only practical one. The mills would switch concentration of production from roll to flat paper if the market were open, since flatted paper gave much higher profits. Also the system brought out many flatted stocks which would otherwise remain concealed.

Major Noble reported that reduction of Milan party newspaper circulations left 500,000 copies daily for disposal by the Board.

Firstly, it was recommended that the Milan independents have increases and the following motion was adopted:

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Secondly, the authorisation of a Catholic daily L'OSSERVATORE, requested by the Cardinal Archbishop of Milan to cover the whole of the North was recommended. A circulation of 100,000 was requested but it was felt that with the Catholic weekly SETTIMANA D'ITALIA (160,000) and the Genoa Catholic daily IL NUOVA CITTADINO (28,000) already authorised, the figure was too high. The following motion was adopted:

> "THAT L'OSSERVATORE be authorised with a circulation of 50,000 and that the Board inform the Cardinal that should he wish to make arrangements for the transfer of newsprint from [illegible] SETTIMANA D'ITALIA and IL NUOVA CITTADINO [illegible] they have no objection.

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[illegible] evening independent paper AL SERVIZIO, a [illegible] daily which went out of business shortly after the beginning of [illegible]. Applicants were the owners of the S A M.E. Printing plant, and the reason why application had not been made earlier was that the plant had been damaged and was only now repaired. The Board decided that since APE was due to be dissolved shortly, the authorisation of new independents should be left to the

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Italian authorities and the following motion was adopted:

"THAT action on LA SERA be postponed pending the presentation of evidence from AFHQ to the Italian Government."

The above motions disposed of 170,000 of the spare 300,000 copies in Lombardy. The disposal of the rest was left in abeyance, pending discussion of other regions.

Piemonte. A major problem had arisen shortly after the last Central Board meeting when LA STAMPA, authorised under para. 7 of the Press Plan covering pre-Fascist papers, began publication. The first issue resulted in organised demonstrations in the town in which several thousands of civilians took part. Rioters entered the printing plant. Archives were thrown out into the street. The STAMPA printers went on strike as a protest against the demonstrations, thus preventing the Liberal, Christian Democrat and Action party dailies (using the STAMPA plant) from publication. The Regional Commissioner ordered that all newspapers cease until such time as editors and parties agree to guarantee free publication of all. The Chairman and Chief Press Officer advised the Regional Commissioner that while the Press Plan called for publication of LA STAMPA under its historic title, they did not feel that a situation resulting in the closing down of the whole Turin press was justified in order to adhere strictly to the press plan, and they recommended that LA STAMPA be published as LA NUOVA STAMPA. Regional Commissioner and parties accepted this solution and the situation reverted to normal. A few days later, while the incident was still fresh in the minds of all, the other Turin pro-Fascist daily, GAZZETTA DEL POPOLO, was launched as GAZZETTA D'ITALIA with no repercussions.

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Major Noble drew attention to the minutes of the Piemonte Local Board meeting of 12th July recommending a larger percentage of the overall northern newsprint allocation, commenting that to change percentages at this stage would upset the balance of other regions. Mr. Stewart Brown proposed a spot check on Turin sales figures similar to that made in Lombardy. The check was ordered by the Board.

Liguria. Major Noble reported that all was quiet in this region. The independent daily, together with those of the Communist, Socialist and Liberal parties each had circulations of 50,000. Those of the Christian Democratic and Action parties each had 40,000 and the Catholic daily, IL NUOVO CITTADINO was authorised for 22,000. He stated that the independent, CORRIERE DEL POPOLO, was of a high standard and should have a higher circulation. The following motion was adopted:

"THAT when surplus paper becomes available from the Lombardy allocation, an additional 15,000 copies daily be authorised for the Genoa CORRIERE DEL POPOLO".

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The attention of the Board was drawn to an objectionable cartoon, apparently aimed at AMG and Liberation for vices prevalent in Italy to-day, which had been published in the Bonus Vocaly GIORNALETTO. Major Noble stated that after consultation with the Chairman he had at first instructed the Press Officer Liguria, to suspend the paper but later, on receipt of an exceptionally good report on the editor which indicated that the offence was unintentional, action had been deferred pending Central Board. The Board, after seeing the cartoon, decided to overlook the matter.

Veneto. The situation with regard to the independent Venice paper, IL GAZZETTINO was not healthy, reported Major Noble. Journalistically, the paper was excellent and a guarantee of independence had been signed. The paper was in financial difficulties, however, due to large overheads not directly connected with the newspaper, but due to slow evacuation necessitating payment of a large staff. The paper was in the hands of a Commissario, but the Chairman and Chief Press Officer had been approached by a representative of a Christian Democrat group who claimed to own the majority of the operating shares, and who were prepared to finance the GAZZETTINO provided they were allowed to form an administrative committee to advise the Commissario. Since the Commissario was responsible to the Regional Commissioner AMG pending Italian control, the representative was sent to him. The Regional Commissioner, Veneto, had so far made no decision. Capt. Isolani, Press Officer, Veneto, said that an additional allocation of paper to increase circulation would help the paper financially although not to a sufficient extent. Mr. White suggested that an allocation of surplus Lombardy paper go to IL GAZZETTINO.

The following motion was adopted:

"THAT an additional circulation of 40,000 copies daily, bringing the total circulation up to 200,000, be granted to IL GAZZETTINO, the paper to be allocated from the surplus paper in Lombardy".

"AND the Board advise the Regional Commissioner that nothing be done to prejudice the independence of IL GAZZETTINO, drawing his attention to the guarantee of independence signed when it was originally authorised by Allied Publications Board".

Bolzano. Major Noble reported that there were two CLN papers here: one in Italian which was no trouble at all and one in German, which needed close supervision. The Press Officer there had been engaged in pre-publication scrutiny of this paper. In no other region or district was this necessary, nor was it desirable considering that in a short time AMG would close and there would be a switchover from complete control to complete freedom. The change should be gradual but the Regional Commissioner AMG insisted on continued supervision. The editor was truculent and quick to take offence in print on Tyrol matters. Obviously in such cases the action should be not to censure [illegible] but to insist on a more balanced editor. It was too late to take such strong action at this stage, however,

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The following motions were adopted:

"THAT an additional circulation of 67,000 copies daily, bringing the total circulation up to 200,000 be granted to Il Gazzettino, the paper to be allocated from the surplus paper in Lombardy".

"THAT the Board advise the Regional Commissioner that nothing be done to prejudice the independence of Il Gazzettino, calling his attention to the guarantee of independence signed when it was originally authorised by Allied Publications Board.

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Emilia. It was reported that Emilia was now out of the hands of the Board, the territory having passed to the Italian Government on the 5th August. Major Piscop said the region was still drawing its newsprint from the North.

3. NEWSPRINT.

Mr. White, of Allied Commission, Commerce Sub-Commission stated that he had been working with the new Under-Secretary for Industry, who was much interested in paper problems and hoped to see the Ministry take over paper affairs. He had promised to continue working with A.C. and the Mills in order that at the time of handover, the production of paper might carry on without any marked break.

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> "THAT there shall be a further meeting of this Board on the 15th September (tentative date) should there be sufficient business to warrant a meeting, but that in the event of there not being sufficient business to warrant a further meeting, the Board authorise the Chairman and Chief Press Officer to wind up affairs and turn over the necessary files, etc. to the Italian authorities."

Before closing the meeting the Chairman moved a vote of thanks to all Press Officers who were, he said, handling affairs well despite limitations of staff, etc. He extended these thanks also to Mr. S. Hoffler, formerly Press Officer in Turin who had been taken ill and to Mr. P. Nieff who had temporarily stood in for Mr Hoffler.

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COASTAL SHIPPING SCHEME.

TRIESTE, August 24th -(UNN 2) - The operation of a coastal shipping scheme has dealt a telling blow to at least one phase of the Black Market in Trieste, it was revealed here today. In the past two months,for instance, the local price for wine has been reduced from 240 lire to 120 lire per litre.

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It was pointed out that thus far the operations of UGENA have not had an appreciable effect on food prices in the market in Trieste but the public has benefitted to some extent by the fact that cargoes which otherwise would have reached the Black Market have been directed into channels in which the rationing system insures a fair share to all at recognized prices .

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Dear George,

The address for Joe is as follows:

J. D. Revotto
6870th DISCC, PWD SHAEF
APO 575, U.S. Army

It was good seeing you again in Milan. I still think you are a miracle man to produce such "rations". Those were two mighty fine meals.

Kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

George W. Edman, Chairman
Allied Publications Board
Via Cesare Cantu No. 3
Milan

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
LOMBARDY.

Minutes of Meeting of APB Lombardy held at Via Cesare Cantu No.3. at 2.30 p.m. on the 10th August, 1945.

PRESENT:	Mr.A.Harari.	Chairman and Executive Secretary.
	Major J.Piscop.	Printing & Paper Adviser, PWB. AFHQ.
	Major Fowler.	Public Safety Officer, AMG.
	Major Breese.	Executive Office, Milan Province, AMG.
	Lt. Atkinson.	AMG. Lombardia Region.
OBSERVER:	Prince Rospigliosi.	APB.

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II. NEWSPRINT.

(a) Revision of Allocations.
It was reported that owing to the output of newsprint having shrunk to 80 tons per day in the North, it had been necessary to effect a 20% cut on all newsprint allocations.
Following this, a surprise check on the output figures of the various dailies in Milan was made, and a report from Major Piscop was read to the Board, as follows:

"1. Submitted herewith information requested from the undersigned concerning the actual number of copies being published by authorised newspapers in the Milan area.

2. The following is the average daily circulation for the periods indicated:

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UNITA.	24-29 "	250,000.	211,516.	38.484.
AVANTI.	19-29 "	250,000.	183,668.	66,332.
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Major Piscop, in reporting on the newspaper production situation, stated that the handicaps previously mentioned still existed - lack of rain, small strikes, lack of transportation. The supplies of raw materials in the mills were low and the immediate need was tyres for their vehicles so that they could get out and pick up their raw materials. The present production was 50 tons per day of which Lombardy received 20 tons. The reallocation of newsprint as outlined above covered this and with the reduction of newsprint to cover circulations as stated, this left a little newsprint in hand.

(b) The requests of the three independent papers for increased circulations was then considered; After discussion the Board agreed the following:

> That CORRIERE LOMBARDO and MILANO SERA be granted sufficient additional newsprint to permit them to increase their circulation from 105,000 to 150,000 copiesdaily; the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE circulation to remain at 250,000 as at present, with the recommendation that as soon as the newsprint situation makes it possible, the increase be authorized.

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2. Political balance in the Milan press has been achieved. Any further dailies would necessitate a complete readjustment with consequent opposition from the parties and detriment to the independent papers.

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"3. There is no newsprint available for another daily. The surplus Giornale Lombardo allocation has been used to fill the shortage caused by stoppage of one of the paper mills.

4. It has been the rule that AFB should not yield to outside pressure.

On the basis of these arguments, we have already rejected other applications just as highly recommended (Ex-Prime Minister Bonomi; His Excellency Caparotto, et.als.) "

(Signed) "GEORGE W. HENRY, CHAIRMAN
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The members of the Board were in complete agreement with the sentiments expressed in this letter and the applications were rejected.

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Mr. Harari stated that it had been his policy for the most part to recommend requests for journals and reviews where it was indicated that paper was in stock for six months (so that the mills would not be tempted to lessen newsprint production. "Critica Sociale" was one which had been eliminated on account of paper, but they had approached Mr.Stewart Brown and the Political Advisers to A.C., who thought that it was a periodical to be recommended. They had now managed to find sufficient newsprint to carry on for ten months and in the circumstances the Board authorised its publication.

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The Board next discussed the misleading photograph and comment which appeared in the 1st August AVANTI. Mr. Harari stated that he had called up the editor to complain of this irresponsible handling of the news. He had been informed that Colonel Hancock was dealing with the matter and had agreed on the text of a "rettifica" which appeared on August 4th. Though it was felt that the rettifica could not be considered as wholly satisfactory, it was agreed that nothing could be gained by any further action at the present stage.

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VII. IL GIOVEDI.

Mr. Harari then spoke to the Board about IL GIOVEDI. A short time ago the Central [illegible] had suppressed a weekly paper LA SFERZA and the licence was subsequently withdrawn. The Director had since been Colonel Poletti and Mr. Hewart and had assured them both that his journal was in no way politically involved, neither was it financed by British or American capital. In view of the assurances given to both Colonel Poletti and himself, the Board was asked to authorise the re-publication of this journal under the new title IL GIOVEDI. The Board agreed.

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VIII. NEW APPLICATIONS.

New applications were next considered, and the Board authorised 68 new periodicals, as per appendix A, and 41 Catholic periodicals. There were 92 rejects.

IX. CREMONA APPLICATIONS.

A request had been received from Cremona, where there was at present one daily paper run by the five CLN parties, for permission to publish weekly party papers with a circulation of 5,000 each for which sufficient paper was in hand for six months. This had the approval of the local AMG officer and the Board granted this authorisation.
The Board further authorised a Sports paper for this province, with a circulation of 2,500 for which they had paper for six months.

X. OTHER BUSINESS.

Major Breese, who was familiar with the situation in LODI, had a suggestion to make regarding the papers in that area. It appeared that only one party paper, the Christian Democrat IL CITTADINO, had been authorised in Lodi. - Mr. Harari explained that this had originally been recommended by the Bishop as a religious paper, but as it was now found to be a Christian Democrat paper and the only party paper appearing in that area, it was put to the Board that the license for this one party paper be withdrawn and that it be substituted by a permit to the local CLN to issue an all-party organ for that area. The Board agreed to this. So as not to leave the area without a local paper, it was arranged for the substitution and withdrawl to take place at the same date. The name of the 5 party paper would be communicated at the next meeting.

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ANNEX IV TO AIRGRAM A-[illegible] DATED [illegible]

Declarative and Info.

	Weekly	12.000
D'Universo	Bimonthly	10.000
Critica Sociale	monthly	1.000
D'ammoniaMoto delle Belle Arti	weekly	100.000
Le Lavoro	"	1.000
L'uomo	monthly	5.000
Costruzioni	"	20.000
Pagine	Bimonthly	1.000
L'Aurora	weekly	50.000
Zenith	monthly	5.000
1945 =Quarmica		

Cultural

	Weekly	4.000
Atlante	monthly	10.000
Cri Sman	"	2.000
Il Giovane Federalista	Bimonthly	5.000
Virtus	monthly	1.000
Critica Nuova		

Sport and Sports

	weekly	5.000
Il Tacchiavino	Bimonthly	5.000
Tecnica	weekly	20.000
Sportivetto		

Religious

	monthly	400
Nevum	three monthly	150
Nasce un Bambino di	monthly	1.000
Odontoiatria		
Asselve al Lavoro		

For children

	weekly	20.000
Diseri Utili	"	30.000
Pinocchio		

For women

	Bimonthly	30.000
Fortunate		

Social

	weekly	5.000
Voce del Lavoratore		

Art

	monthly	1.000
Il Convento legislativo		

Cultural

Atlante	Weekly	4.000
Ci Siamo	monthly	10.000
Il Giovane Federalista	"	2.000
Virtus	[illegible] monthly	3.000
Critica Nuova	monthly	1.000

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Il Secolo XX	weekly	7.000
Tecnica	[illegible]-monthly	5.000
Sportivetto	weekly	20.000

Scientific

Natura	[illegible]ly	400
Rassegna Internazionale di	[illegible] monthly	100
Odontoiatria	monthly	1.000
Scalpello del Marmo		

For children

Diario Vitali	weekly	20.000
Pinocchio	"	20.000

For women

Fortunata	[illegible]ly	30.000

Sportive

Voce del Lavoratore	weekly	1.000

Art.

Il Convento Legislativo	[illegible]ly	1.000

Satire

Il Pinocchio	[illegible]ly	300

Representation

Cenacolo d'Italia	weekly	7.000

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Licenza della Questura e delle Tasse	Lire	1.500
Di concessione	"	700
Licenza breve della	Lire	15.000
Licenza del Ufficio di	Lire	5.000
Licenza	Lire	1.000
Licenza per un	"	3.000
I beni stabili	Lire	10.000
Licenza	Lire	1.500
Licenza	"	1.500
Licenza	Lire	3.000

Proprietà

Di voce di Dante	Lire	700

Diritto

Diritti Doganali di	Lire	5.000
Collettivo Privato	Lire	3.000
Licenza	"	3.000

Per particolari

Collettivo della Pensione		
Solidarietà Fondamentale	Lire	1.000

Piccola licenza edilizia

Tempo perduto	Lire	3.000
Tolle	"	20.000
Diminuzione della tassa	Lire	10.000
Imposizione	Lire	1.000
Tolleria	Lire	10.000
Lavoro e musica	Lire	1.000
Festival (Valle)	Lire	2.000
Tavola delle Opere	Lire	10.000
Di nidaria	Lire	3.000

Legislazione

D'ordine Nuovo	Lire	10.000
Il Lavoro Nazionale	Lire	6.000
Licenza	Lire	1.000
Individuo Per persona	"	1.000
Il Medico dell'Invalido	"	3.000
Collettivo grezzo della Opera	"	150
Assicurazione ed Invalidità		10.000

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Le voci di Dante	[illegible]	700

Farmacia

Arrivai Improvvisi [illegible]	[illegible]	5.000
Collettivo [illegible]	[illegible]	3.000
[illegible]	"	3.000

Dopo Arrivano

Collettivo dell'Industria		
Solidarietà Femminile	[illegible]	1.700

Dove va l'Automobilità

Tempo perduto	[illegible]	1.000
Stelle	"	30.000
Conclusione della [illegible]	[illegible]	10.000
Fuori discussione	[illegible]	2.000
Cattedra	[illegible]	10.000
Castoro e cupola	[illegible]	1.000
Festival (1 vol.)	[illegible]	2.000
Trova a Stella Cuba	[illegible]	10.000
La cittadina	[illegible]	3.000

Abbellimento

D'estate Nuovo	[illegible]	10.000
Il divieto Tabacchino	[illegible]	2.000
[illegible] Morte	[illegible]	1.000
Tradizione Democratico	"	1.000
Il Natale dell'Europa	"	3.000
Collettivo [illegible] dell'Opera		
[illegible] Studenti [illegible]	"	10
Ultimatum	[illegible]	1.000
Il dolce	[illegible]	10.000
La Voce de Il [illegible]	[illegible]	3.000
Corriere del Veleno	"	20.000
Collettivo Industriale [illegible]		
Alto Italia.		

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CATALOGO

Milan

[illegible]	bi weekly	25.000
[illegible]	weekly	15.000
[illegible]	"	30.000
[illegible]	"	7.000
[illegible]	"	3.000
[illegible]	fortnightly	20.000
[illegible]	"	30.000
[illegible]	"	50.000
[illegible]	"	2.000
[illegible]	"	20.000
[illegible]	"	20.000
[illegible]	monthly	2.000
[illegible]	"	5.000
[illegible]	"	500
[illegible]	"	3.500
[illegible]	"	12.000
[illegible]	"	8.000
[illegible]	"	1.300
[illegible]	"	40.000
[illegible]	"	3.000
[illegible]	"	
[illegible]		1.500
[illegible]	"	45.000
[illegible]	bi-monthly	--
[illegible]	"	750
[illegible]	"	2.000
[illegible]	"	2.500
L'ECO DI [illegible]	four-monthly	1.400
[illegible]		

Cremona

BOLLETTINO [illegible]	fortnightly	1.000
L'ANCORA DELLA [illegible]	monthly	
LA FALCOLA	"	1.000
NUOVI ORIZZONTI	"	1.500
IL [illegible] (Lecco)	fortnightly	20.000
IL [illegible] (Lucino-Como)	monthly	2.000
IL CAMPANILE DI [illegible] (Lonza)	"	2.000
[illegible] (Lonza)	"	3.000
IL [illegible] DI S.[illegible] (Varese)	"	4.000
[illegible]	"	1.200
[illegible] (Vi ezzate)	"	1.500
[illegible] (Treccia)	"	500

[illegible]		"	20.000
[illegible]		"	20.000
[illegible]		monthly	2.000
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[illegible]		"	700
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[illegible] (omo)	"	3.000
[illegible] (Varese)	"	4.700
[illegible] (Vi ercate)	"	1.200
[illegible] (Brescia)	"	1.300
[illegible] (Sete mo)	"	500
[illegible] (L.Colombo.al Lambro)	"	3.000
[illegible] (Serrve Vigonza)	"	1.000
[illegible] (Cuneo)	"	3.500
[illegible] (Como)	three-monthly	3.000

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.
8 Via Cesare Cantu,
M I L A N.

Minutes of Meeting of the Central Allied Publications Board held at 11 a.m. on the 22nd August at 8 Via Cesare Cantu, MILAN.

PRESENT:

Mr. C. W. Thman.	Chairman.
Major G.H.Sinclair Noble.	Chief Press Officer & Executive Secretary.
Mr. H. Hopkinson.	Political Section, A.C.
Mr. G. Stewart Brown.	Director, Public Relations, A.C.
Mr. Michael Stewart.	Press Attache, British Embassy.
Major S.L.Henderson.	G-2, AFHQ.
Major J. Piscop.	Printing and Paper Adviser, PWB-AFHQ.
Mr. L.V.B.White.	Economic Sub-Commission, A.C.

OBSERVERS:

Major H. Clewes.	M.C.I.
Mr. A. Harari.	Press Officer, APB, Lombardy.
Mr. D. Ellison.	" " " Piemonte.
Major V. Harari.	" " " Liguria.
Captain C.T.Isolani.	" " " Veneto.
Prince Rospigliosi.	H.Q. APB.
Lt [illegible]	[illegible] Lombardia Region.
Avv. della Giulia.	Press Office, CLNAI.
Sig. Cantoldi.	" " "

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2. Business arising out of the last meeting:

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Para.8. Major Noble stated that the constitution of the Board provided for a representative of Military Censorship. So far no one had been appointed but it was not felt that this was an urgent matter.

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Para. 2. It was agreed that a cable had been received saying that the Italian Government had appointed Avv. Aldo Chiusta of the TUNAI as Head of the Press for Northern Italy when AFB closed down. He already had representatives working in the Lombardy Press Office getting to know the routine.

3. Chief Press Officer's visit to Northern Italy.

Major Dodds agreed that policy problems were mostly settled before PWB closed down on July 10th. With the end of PWB papers and news features services, political propaganda had ceased. Present activities of Press officers consisted mainly in control of licences because of paper shortages, and keeping a watching brief to safeguard AMG interests. Elimination of inflammatory material from Radio scripts was also an AFB responsibility, but with the AFB establishment cut down to one press officer and a local secretary in each region, full supervision was not possible. Press Officers could merely (a) keep radio personnel aware of our continued authority by frequent contact, thus instilling into them more caution than if they were free agents and (b) take post-timed reaction action in the event of complaints.

Both press and radio throughout the North had been most cooperative. On the few occasions when it had been necessary to call to the attention of editors, misrepresentation of facts, apologies and corrections had been immediately forthcoming.

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Lombardy. Major Dodds stated that Lombardy should be considered as more than a regional since it was the seat of the CLNAI and Military parties. There had been four Board meetings since the last Central AFB.

The temporary closing of the Toscolano paper mill, scheduled to produce 15/20 tons of roll paper daily, owing to lack of water to generate power, had necessitated a 10-day cut of 20 per cent in all circulations.

Following this, a surprise check on sales figures of all Lombardy dailies showed that none of the party papers were reaching or even approaching their authorised circulations, whereupon they were cut to their average figures plus 5 per cent for wastage. Independent papers, on the other hand were selling all copies. Results of investigations hereunder:

Newspaper.	Affiliation.	Circulation authorised before check.	Average sales.
CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE.	Independent.	250,000	260,649.
LA LIBERTA	Liberal.	150,000	66,462.
UNITA.	Communist.	250,000	211,516.
AVANTI.	Socialist.	250,000	163,668.
L'ITALIA NUOVA.	Action Party.	120,000	113,316.
LA PATRIA	Military.	20,000	15,440.
IL POPOLO SOVRANO	Monarchist.	60,000	32,935.
IL POPOLO.	Christian Dem.	200,000	81,995.

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LA PATRIA	Militant.	20,000	15,440.
IL POPOLO SOVRANO	Republican.	60,000	32,955.
IL POPOLO.	Christian Dem.	200,000	61,395.

No complaints were received from any part following reductions. Mr. Hopkinson stated that party circulations in Rome were also dropping considerably.

Major Noble reported that several applications had been received for Milan editions of Rome dailies. Shortage of paper and overcrowded printing plants, with facilities shared and used to capacity by Milan news apers, necessitated the rejection at present of all applications from the south.

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Mr. Stewart Brown raised a complaint from the Vatican about the rejection by the Lombardy Board of an application from Brescia for a daily Catholic newspaper IL GIORNALE. Major Noble replied that the application had come not from the Church, but from the Christian Democratic party. Brescia already had a DC daily, representing all parties, and also had five party weeklies, including that of the Christian Democrat party. AFB policy for the smaller towns was to allow either one all-party daily and party weeklies, or alternatively small party dailies. CITTADINO had been provisionally authorised by 5th Army in the early days of the liberation, and the licence was withdrawn with explanation when AFB policy became effective.

Mr. Stewart Brown also queried the Lombardy Board's rejection of the weekly [illegible] SCOTTISH. Major Noble stated that the first application for this periodical was rejected because the applicants had no paper in hand. A second application was subsequently made after the applicants had acquired paper, and a licence was granted.

Major Noble said that he disliked the policy of granting licences for periodicals only in cases where applicants had a six months reserve of paper, since the system favoured the large firms with old stocks at the expence of small groups representing new enterprise to the publishing field and groups whose facilities had been lost through anti-Fascist activities. Nonetheless, the system was at present the only practical one. The mills would switch concentration of production from roll to flat paper if the market were open, since flatbed paper gave much higher profits. Also, the system brought out many flatbed stocks which would otherwise remain concealed.

Major Noble reported that reduction of Milan party newspaper circulations left 300,000 copies daily for disposal by the Board.

Firstly, it was recommended that the Milan independents have increases and the following motion was adopted:

> "THAT the circulation of CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE be increased by 50,000 to a total of 300,000 copies daily, and that CORRIERE LOMBARDO and MILANO SERA each be increased by 25,000 to totals of 175,000".

Secondly, the authorisation of a Catholic daily L'OSSERVATORE, requested by the Cardinal Archbishop of Milan to cover the whole of the North was recommended. A circulation of 100,000 was requested but it was felt that with the Catholic weekly SETTIMANA D'ITALIA (160,000) and the Genoa Catholic daily IL NUOVA CITTADINO (22,000) already authorised, the figure was too high. The following motion was adopted:

> "THAT L'OSSERVATORE be authorised with a circulation of 50,000 and that the Board inform the Cardinal that should he wish to make arrangements for the transfer of newsprint from LA SETTIMANA D'ITALIA and IL NUOVA CITTADINO to supplement this the Board would have no objecti[illegible]

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Secondly, the authorisation of a Catholic daily L'OSSERVATORE, requested by the Cardinal Archbishop of Milan to cover the whole of the North, was recommended. A circulation of 100,000 was requested but it was felt that with the Catholic weekly SETTIMANA D'ITALIA (180,000) and the Genoa Catholic daily IL NUOVA CITTADINO (22,000) already authorised, the figure was too high. The following motion was adopted:

> "THAT L'OSSERVATORE be authorised with a circulation of 80,000 and that the Board inform the Cardinal that should he wish to make arrangements for the transfer of newsprint from LA SETTIMANA D'ITALIA and IL NUOVA CITTADINO to supplement this the Board would have no objection."

Thirdly, the [illegible] application for a further evening independent paper IL CORSARO, a [illegible] daily which went out of business shortly after the beginning of fascism. Applicants were the owners of the S.A.N.E. Printing plant, and the reason why application had not been made earlier was that the plant had been damaged and was only now repaired. The Board decided that since APB was due to be dissolved shortly, the authorisation of new independents should be left to the

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Italian authorities, and the following motion was adopted:

"THAT action on IL SECOLO be postponed pending the passing over of authority from APB to the Italian Government".

The above motions disposed of 150,000 of the spare 300,000 copies in Lombardy. The disposal of the rest was left in abeyance, pending discussion of other regions.

Piemonte. A major problem had arisen shortly after the last Central Board meeting when LA STAMPA, authorised under para. 7 of the Press Plan covering pre-Fascist papers, began publication. The first issue resulted in organised demonstrations in the town in which several thousands of citizens took part. Rioters entered the printing plant. Archives were thrown out into the street. The STAMPA printers went on strike as a protest against the demonstrations, thus preventing the Liberal, Christian Democrat and Action party dailies (using the STAMPA plant) from publication. The Regional Commissioner ordered that all newspapers cease until such time as editors and parties agree to guarantee free publication of all. The Chairman and Chief Press Officer advised the Regional Commissioner that while the Press Plan called for publication of LA STAMPA under its historic title, they did not feel that a situation resulting in the closing down of the whole Turin press was justified in order to adhere strictly to the press plan, and they recommended that LA STAMPA be published as LA NUOVA STAMPA. Regional Commissioner and parties accepted this solution and the situation reverted to normal. A few days later, while the incident was still fresh in the minds of all, the other Turin pre-Fascist daily, GAZZETTA DEL POPOLO, was launched as GAZZETTA D'ITALIA without repercussions.

LA NUOVA STAMPA has a circulation of 110,000 and GAZZETTA D'ITALIA has 80,000. Party dailies have 70,000 each.

Major Noble drew attention to the minutes of the Piemonte Local Board meeting of 12th July recommending a larger percentage of the overall northern newsprint allocation, commenting that to change percentages at this stage would upset the balance of other regions. Mr. Stewart Brown proposed a spot check on Turin sales figures similar to that made in Lombardy. The check was ordered by the Board.

Liguria. Major Noble reported that all was quiet in this region. The independent daily, together with those of the Communist, Socialist and Liberal parties each had circulations of 50,000. Those of the Christian Democratic and Action parties each had 40,000 and the Catholic daily, IL NUOVO CITTADINO was authorised for 22,000. He stated that the independent, CORRIERE DEL POPOLO was of a high standard and should have a higher circulation. The following motion was adopted:

"THAT when surplus paper becomes available from the Lombardy allocation, an additional 15,000 copies daily be authorised for the Genoa CORRIERE DEL POPOLO".

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Major Noble drew attention to the minutes of the Piemonte Local Board meeting of 16th July recommending a larger percentage of the overall northern newsprint allocation, commenting that to change percentages at this stage would upset the balance of other regions. Mr. Stewart Brown proposed a spot check on Turin sales figures similar to that made in Lombardy. The check was ordered by the Board.

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"THAT when surplus paper becomes available from the Lombardy allocation, an additional 15,000 copies daily be authorised for the Genoa CORRIERE DEL POPOLO".

At the 13th July meeting of Genoa Local Board, the view had been expressed that the total allocation of newsprint for Liguria was inadequate. The Chief Press Officer, Liguria, reported however that with the above adjustment to CORRIERE DEL POPOLO, the general situation was healthy.

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The attention of the Board was drawn to an objectionable cartoon, apparently aimed at AMG and blaming AMG for vices prevalent in Italy to-day, which had been published in the Genoa weekly GIRAROSTO. Major Noble stated that after consultation with the Chairman he had at first instructed the Press Officer, Liguria, to suspend the paper but later, on receipt of an exceptionally good report on the editor which indicated that the offence was unintentional, action had been deferred pending Central Board. The Board, after seeing the cartoon, decided to overlook the matter.

Veneto. The situation with regard to the independent Venice paper, IL GAZETTINO, was not healthy, reported Major Noble. Journalistically, the paper was excellent and a guarantee of independence had been signed. The paper was in financial difficulties, however, due to large overheads not directly connected with the newspaper, but due to slow epuration necessitating payment of a large staff. The paper was in the hands of a Commissario, but the Chairman and Chief Press Officer had been approached by a representative of a Christian Democrat group who claimed to own the majority of the Gazettino shares, and who were prepared to finance the GAZETTINO provided they were allowed to form an administrative committee to advise the Commissario. Since the Commissario was responsible to the Regional Commissioner AMG pending Italian control, the representative was sent to him. The Regional Commissioner, Veneto, had so far made no decision. Capt. Isolani, Press Officer, Veneto, said that an additional allocation of paper to increase circulation would help the paper financially although not to a sufficient extent. Mr. White suggested that an allocation of surplus Lombardy paper go to IL GAZETTINO.

The following motions were adopted:

"THAT an additional circulation of 40,000 copies daily, bringing the total circulation up to 200,000, be granted to IL GAZETTINO, the paper to be allocated from the surplus paper in Lombardy".

"THAT the Board advise the Regional Commissioner that nothing be done to prejudice the independence of IL GAZETTINO, calling his attention to the guarantee of independence signed when it was originally authorised by Allied Publications Board".

Bolzano. Major Noble reported that there were two CLN papers here: one in Italian which was no trouble at all and one in German, which needed close supervision. The Press Officer there had been engaged in pre-publication scrutiny of this paper. In no other region or district was this necessary, nor was it desirable considering that in a short time APB would close and there would be a switchover from complete control to complete freedom. The change should be gradual but the Provincial Commissioner AMG insisted on continued supervision. The editor was truculent and quick to take offence in

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Emilia. It was reported that Emilia was now out of the hands of the Board, the territory having passed to the Italian Government on the 5th August. Major Piscop said the region was still drawing its newsprint from the North.

3. NEWSPRINT.

Mr. White, of Allied Commission, Commerce Sub-Commission stated that he had been working with the new Under-Secretary for Industry, who was much interested in paper problems and hoped to see the Ministry take over paper affairs. He had promised to continue working with A.C. and the Mills in order that at the time of handover, the production of paper might carry on without any marked break.

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GAZZETTA D'ITALIA.
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APB

9 AUGUST 1945 - No. 35.

"LA BOMBA DI MOSCA"

Author Massimo CAFUTO states Russian declaration of war following so closely on Allies' use of atomic bomb only a pretext for Russia to divide the spoils of victory with Western Allies. Doubts whether Russians knew about atom bomb during Potsdam talks, doubts whether they will have time to "gather fresh laurels in the East", doubts whether Western Allies are really as "satisfied" as they say over Russia's belated intervention.

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21 SEPTEMBER 1945 - No 50.

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regime, states fascist methods "persist in certain quarters", compares this attempt at control of press by CLNAI to control once exercised by fascist government. The article states the paper is contrary to any dictatorship whether of the right or of the left "even if the polemists of the party oligarchy which has taken the place of the single party (fascism) like, for want of better arguments, to call us reactionary".
The article then recalls its pledge of independence and states the CLNAI has taken exception to the following questions raised by the GAZZETTA:

1. Repeated suggestions that incompetents be eliminated from administrative posts.
2. Shameful neglect of Turin's largest hospital (in an article a propos periferic CLNS)
3. Demand that CLN account for its use of public funds (4th Army Funds)

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Turin Medical

(1) Press Office for Genoa

Stockholm

(POW)

(2) Delivery of PWB's in Milan

Local employees

Rent one car

Office Manager

Supt

(3) Bonomi

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(2) Salaries of PWB civilian
Special employees
Rent on cars
Office supplies
Sept 1945

(3) Bonuses

(4) Loss to Government
(5) Surge
(6) authorized order

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A L L I E D P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D.

Meeting at 3 Via Santa. Milan, at 1100 hours on Wednesday, 22nd August, 1945.

A G E N D A.

1. Minutes of last meeting.

2. Chief Press Officer on press in Northern Italy:

   (a) Lombardy.
   (b) Piemonte.
   (c) Liguria.
   (d) Veneto.
   (e) Emilia.

3. Representative of Caserta Sub-Commission, A.C. on paper supplies.

4. Director, P.R., A.F. on plans for handover of AFB affairs and control at such time as AFB dissolves.

5. Other business.

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3. Report on the Newsprint situation.

Mr. White stated that the newsprint situation both in AMG and Italian Government territory, was satisfactory. The mills in the North were producing regularly the 60 tons a day which had been scheduled. The price had been raised from 42 to 55 lire per kilo, largely as a result of increased labour costs. In the South the Italian Government had enough paper to last until January 1st.
Mr. Linen had made available another 1,000 - 1,500 tons and the delivery of 3,600 tons from Switzerland now depended only on transport. There was a possibility of bringing in from Austria some cellulose which had already been bought and paid for by the Italian Government.

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4. A.C. views on policy for press in Northern Italy.

Mr. Stewart Brown read a letter from Prime Minister Parri expressing the view of the new Italian Government that re-publication of pre-Fascist papers was undesirable.

5. A motion to amend Paragraph 7 of the Press Plan, dealing with pre-Fascist papers, was put to the Board, but it was decided to postpone voting until after discussion of Major Noble's report on N. Italy.

6. Report on the N.Italian Press situation.

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Major Noble reported that the GIORNALE LOMBARDO had been the most successful of PWB papers, a fact which was largely due to the excellent work of its staff. This staff would like to take on the paper under another name, running it independently of the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE.
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The present circulation of the GIORNALE LOMBARDO was 325000 copies daily - enough to allow two new papers to be authorized.
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After discussion, it was decided to reject the third alternative and the following recommendation was passed:

"That when PWB closes down, the title of GIORNALE LOMBARDO be abolished and two independent evening newspapers be authorised, one to be owned by the Franchi group and the other by a company to be formed by journalists at present employed on the GIORNALE LOMBARDO;
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Major Noble asked the board whether, in view of the fact that the Franchi group would not be ready to start immediately, the GIORNALE LOMBARDO could be allowed to continue publication after PWB closed down on the 15th July. The following resolution was adopted:

"That the GIORNALE LOMBARDO may continue publication for a week or ten days after the 15th July in order that both new evening papers might start simultaneously".

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(b) PIEDMONT.

Major Noble reported that neither the STAMPA nor the GAZZETTA DEL POPOLO were yet publishing. The GAZZETTA was not ready to publish and there was much more opposition to this paper than to LA STAMPA. The STAMPA was ready to begin publication at any time. Salvatorelli, Director of LA NUOVA EUROPA who was at one time on the staff of the STAMPA, had been asked to take over its direction. He had refused as he did not wish to leave Rome, and it had been suggested that the appointment be offered to Burzio, a journalist of liberal tendencies but universally respected in Turin, who could be relied upon to keep the paper on balanced lines.
The Board discussed the re-authorization of LA STAMPA in the light of Signor Parri's observations on the pre-Fascist papers. It was decided that Signor Parri was acting under a misapprehension since he probably did not realise that the property rights of pre-Fascist papers were controlled by a Commisario and would eventually be disposed of by the Italian Government.

The Board agreed that LA STAMPA be authorised as an independent newspaper.

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It was agreed that on PWB closing down, the above independent paper be authorised to publish in Genoa.

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Major Noble reported that feeling against the RESTO DI CARLINO was very strong, in all sections of the population.
Plans were under way to found a new newspaper, similar to that in Genoa, and it was recommended that this paper be authorised.
The Board adopted the recommendation.

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The Veneto CLN had agreed to allow its allocation of newsprint for political papers to go to Milan so that the Veneto could receive Milan political dailies.

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(e) VENETO (contd)

THE GAZZETTINO DI VENEZIA was ready to publish. There was a difficulty insofar as the majority of the shares (approximate value 300 million lire) were reputed to have been bought up by members of the Christian Democrat Party in the clandestine period.
The Board recommended that GAZZETTINO be authorised to re-appear, after receipt of a guarantee signed by Commissario, editor and administrator, promising to keep to non-party informational lines, A copy of this guarantee would be forwarded to the Italian Government.

(f) FLORENCE.

Major Noble reported that shortly before PWB closed down in Florence the Editor of CORRIERE DEL MATTINO (owned by the Commune but 'a cura del PWB' and editorially controlled by PWB) was dismissed by the Sindaco, on the grounds that his views were "insufficiently leftist". This act, besides constituting a breach of the Commune's contract, which stipulated that editorial personnel would be employed or dismissed only after consultation with PWB, was not indicative of intention to maintain an "objective independent" line, and the paper was closed down when PWB closed, although the previous intention had been to allow it to continue under the Commune as an independent.

A new newspaper, with the old CORRIERE DEL MATTINO staff, but financed by a private group, was authorised to carry on in its place, but the Commune send a deputation to S.E. Libonati, at that time Secretary for Press, and the day after the Italian Government took over Florence territory (incidentally the day before the office of Libonati was abolished) the Commune received a licence from the Italian Government to continue to publish under a new name, with the Sindaco as Editor.

Major Noble added that he understood the Commune was doing bad business with its new newspaper and was negotiating to merge in as dignified a manner as possible with the other group authorised by APB.

The Board expressed the opinion that since the territory came under the Italian Government, APB could no longer be interested.

The following motion held over from Para 6 was put before the meeting:

"That para 7 of the Press Plan for Northern Italy dated 30th April, 1945, providing for the revival of pre-Fascist papers, be amended to the following effect: that with the exception of the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE, Milan, already established, no pre-Fascist daily newspapers be licenced by APB: that independent non-party information daily newspapers be licenced [illegible] methods to succeed PWB newspapers and that this

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The following motion held over from Para 5 was put before the meeting:

"That para. 7 of the Press Plan for Northern Italy dated 20th April, 1945, providing for the revival of pro-Fascist papers, be amended to the following effect: that with the exception of the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE, Milan, already established, no pro-Fascist daily newspapers be licenced by APB; that independent non-party information daily newspapers be licenced with new mastheads to succeed PWB newspapers and that this recommendation of APB be transmitted to AC for submission to AFHQ."

After discussion the motion was rejected on the grounds that Signor Parri was probably not aware of the fact that the property rights of pro-Fascist papers are held under a commissario for eventual disposal by the Italian Government.

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The following motion was substituted:

"That Mr. Stewart Brown write a letter to the President of the Council, on behalf of APB, pointing out that he is acting under a misapprehension of the situation, and that the Italian Government will ultimately decide this question of property rights of pro-Fascist papers.

7. Organisation of APB after PWB handover.

Mr. Edman reported that it was not yet certain that APB would continue to function after the closing down of PWB. If it did continue to function, the headquarters of Chairman and CPO would be in Milan. In each regional centre there would be a Press Officer and secretary.

8. Military censorship after handover of PWB functions.

Major Alexander told the Board that the only function of Military censorship was to prevent publication of news which might be harmful in the prosecution of the Japanese war. Since very little such news was likely to be published in Italy, a tentative proposal was under consideration at MAC to abolish military censorship altogether. This proposal would eventually be embodied as a staff memorandum and submitted to AFHQ, after discussion with AC. If the proposal went through, regional censors would be withdrawn, with the exception of censors in Trieste and possibly Bolzano. A few censorship liaison officers would remain in Rome. A list of forbidden subjects would be circulated to editors, who would be asked to submit all articles on these subjects to Rome for censorship. Sanctions would be taken through the Italian Government and while it lasted, APB.

9. Report on the reorganisation of Italian Press Control.

Signor Cavalletti reported that Dott. Bessani had been appointed to wind up the Undersecretariat for Information. As the Board knew, the Italian Press Commission had not met for some months. In the meantime, Signor Libonati had authorised some religious and scientific periodicals, a few local political papers, and one Rome political paper, Alberto Cianca's "Il Mondo". At present a large number of applications were on hand.

Future policy depended on newsprint supplies. If these were sufficient, there would be complete freedom of the press. Applications would be passed automatically after investigation of the penal background of the editors and backers. If newsprint shortage made selection necessary, it was hoped to restore the Italian Press Commission on a slightly different basis. A decree had been brought before the Bonomi Government which had not had time to consider it. It would now be brought before the Parri Government which would probably come to a decision within the next fortnight.

10. Other business.

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Military censorship was to prevent publication of news which might be harmful in the prosecution of the Japanese war. Since very little such news was likely to be published in Italy, a tentative proposal was under consideration at AFHQ to abolish military censorship altogether. This proposal would eventually be embodied as a staff memorandum and submitted to AFHQ, after discussion with AC. If the proposal went through, regional censors would be withdrawn, with the exception of censors in Trieste and possibly Bolzano. A few censorship liaison officers would remain in Rome. A list of forbidden subjects would be circulated to editors, who would be asked to submit all articles on those subjects to Rome for censorship. Sanctions would be taken through the Italian Government and while it lasted, AFHQ.

9. Report on the reorganisation of Italian Press Control.

Signor Cavalletti reported that Dott. Bassani had been appointed to wind up the Undersecretariat for Information. As the Board knew, the Italian Press Commission had not met for some months. In the meantime, Signor Libonati had authorised some religious and scientific periodicals, a few local political papers, and one Rome political paper, Alberto Cianca's "Il Mondo". At present a large number of applications were on hand.

Future policy depended on newsprint supplies. If these were sufficient, there would be complete freedom of the press. Applications would be passed automatically after investigation of the penal background of the editors and backers. If newsprint shortage made selection necessary, it was hoped to restore the Italian Press Commission on a slightly different basis. A decree had been brought before the Bonomi Government which had not had time to consider it. It would now be brought before the Parri Government which would probably come to a decision within the next fortnight.

10. Other business.

Mr. Barney drew attention to cases of duplication of titles in authorizations for N. Italy. The Chairman agreed that Regional Executive Secretaries should be asked to see that such duplication did not occur.

The Chairman announced that the next meeting of the Board would be held in Milan on the 6th August.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

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LOCAL ATS MEETINGS HELD SINCE 24th JULY (DATE OF LAST MEETING)

LOWESTOFT. (Milton)	10th July. 26th July. 10th August.
NEWCASTLE (Forth)	12th July.
LIVERPOOL (Garston)	13th July.
YARMOUTH (Wellesley)	24th July. 1st August.
OTTERSPOOL (Holyrood)	10th July.

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.
LOMBARDY.

Minutes of Meeting of APB Lombardy held at Via Cesare Cantu No.3. at 2.30 p.m. on the 26th July 1945.

PRESENT: Mr. A.Harari. — Chairman and Ex. Secretary.
Lt.Col.A.S.Giles. — Provincial Commissioner, AMG.
Major Fowler. — Public Safety Officer, Milan.
Major Piscop, — Printing and Paper Supplies.

OBSERVERS. Mr.L.V.R.White. — Economic Sub-Commission, A.C.
Prince Rospigliosi.

I. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 10th JULY.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

II. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

IL SOLE.

The Executive Secretary explained that instead of affecting the circulations of the other newspapers, it had been found possible, by virtue of the closing down of the GIORNALE LOMBARDO and the fact that only two-thirds of its circulation had been re-allocated, to grant sufficient newsprint from the residue, for IL SOLE to print 20,000 copies per day. This still left a balance of newsprint.

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(ii) Coal. The allocation of coal which had been agreed should go to the newspaper industry to maintain production, had been otherwise disposed of. The attention of Colonel Poletti had been drawn to this fact by a letter from Mr. Edman dated the 16th July, reading as follows:

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"1. This office has worked in close coordination with the Comitato Industriale Cellulose e Carte and C.I.N.A.I. Commissariato Carboni in order to maintain an adequate newsprint production.

2. It now appears that A.M.G. has made coal allocations to some of the paper industry without reference to the coordinated effort of the above mentioned "Comitati" and this office.

Before a decision was made there should have been clearance with the Allied Publications Board.

As a result of A.M.G. decision newsprint production will suffer a sharp decline and press activities will have to be curtailed."

To date there had been no reply.

Lt. Col. Giles and Major Fowler took particulars and promised to check with the Regional Officer in this matter.

Mr. White, of the Commerce Sub Commission, Allied Commission, who attended the meeting said that the situation was a temporary one and would not be repeated. The August plan was now ready and was being submitted to him and he did not anticipate that it would be more than a 10 - 15 days' dislocation.

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LA RINASCITA. (SONDRIO)	C.L.N. "	6,000.
CRONACHE DELL'OLTREPO (VOGHERA)	C.L.N.Bi-Weekly.	4,500.

The following were left in abeyance, pending further details:
CORRIERE DEL VERBANO.
STELLA D'ITALIA.
INCONTRO.

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VI. STELLA ALPINA.

This paper, which was published in Turin (Piemonte) had first applied to A.P.B. Piemonte and had been rejected. Applicants then proposed to print in Milan and their application, which was put before this Board at the last meeting, was also rejected. It was found that the paper was still being published but with a Milan masthead.

VII. LO SPORTSMAN.

This paper had been appearing under a provisional licence issued at the beginning and had been using its own paper. It was now brought before the Board to be put on a permanent authorisation. Its circulation was 11,500 per week - 7,500 on Saturdays and 4,000 on Wednesdays. It mostly served racegoers.
As the newsprint was available under the 10% allocated to "Others", this authorisation was granted by the Board.

VIII. IL SECOLO NUOVO.

This application for another daily was put before the Board, but in view of the obvious desire of the Central Board that the liquidation of GIORNALE LOMBARDO should not involve the appearance of more than two new papers at the present, the Board decided not to grant its authorisation.

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APPENDIX " A "

AUTHORISATIONS GRANTED AT THE MEETING OF LOMBARDY APB on 26th JULY.

Economic and Commercial:		
Economia d'Italia	Fortnightly	3,000
Annunci Economici	3 monthly	3,000
Il Risorgimento	Monthly	1,000
Corriere Enti Locali	"	5,000
Pubblicita' Commerciale	3 monthly	5,000
Diritto automobilistico	Monthly	2,000
Literature and Art		
Realta'	Fortnightly	3,000
Narratori di Novella	Weekly	30,000
Arcobaleno	Monthly	2,000
L'Ideale	Weekly	8,000
Cio' che si scrive	Monthly	3,000
Novelli di grandi autori	"	4,000
Vetrina	"	4,000
La giarrettiera	Three Monthly	1,000
Visioni	Weekly	5,000
Novelle d'Oggi	"	4,000
Sorriso	"	7,000
Humorist		
C'e' permesso ?	Fortnightly	4,000
Scientific		
Analisi	Two monthly	500
Pensiero Medico	Fortnightly	2,000
Iniziazione	Monthly	1,000
Information		
La Settimana	Weekly	20,000
For Women		
Noi Donne	Fortnightly	5,000
Rakam	Monthly	4,000
Lea Mode	Two monthly	2,000
Cultural		
Occidente	Fortnightly	5,000
La Citta Futura	Two-monthly	1,000
Agricultural (Technical)		
Bullettino dell'Agricoltura	Fortnightly	1,200
Sport		
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Cinema and/or Radio		
Quinte	Monthly	10,000
Il Salotto	Weekly	10,000
Film d'Oggi	"	10,000
For Children		
Dinamite	Weekly	50,000
Testa di Marmo	"	10,000
Mondo fantasioso	"	5,000
Games		
L'Italia scacchistica	Monthly	1,000
Miscellaneous		
L'Esattore	Fortnightly	2,000
L'Ufficio Moderno	Monthly	10,000
Drogheria	Forthightly	20,000

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Miscellaneous

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
LOMBARDY

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P R E S E N T

MEMBERS: Mr. A. HARARI PWB Press Officer Chairman and Executive Secretary
Lt.Col.A.S. Giles Provincial Commissioner AMG
Lt.Col. J.A. Rorimer representing City Commissioner AMG
Lt.Col.Francis Regional Public Safety Officer AMG
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In the absence of Mr. Edman (PWO,PWB) Mr.A.Harari took the chair.

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

2. CIRCULATION OF NEWSPAPERS - FRESH FIGURES

The Exec. Secretary then read a translation of a letter from the Chief Press Officer to the Editors of the Milan newspapers giving the revised scale of newspaper circulation figures based on the percentages announced at the previous meeting and on actual circulation figures agreed on by the editors amongst themselves.

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GIORNALE LOMBARDO	5.20"	daily	273.000	daily	325.000 daily
CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONI	4. "	"	210.000	"	250.000 daily

"The first set of figures is based on calculations at 19 grammes"
"per copy. At present the quality of paper allows production at "
"16 grammes per copy (second set of figure). It is anticipated "
"that paper produced in the near future will be heavier". -

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3. EXAMINATION OF APPLICATIONS -

Mr. Marari stated that he had examined numerous applications from which he had selected 78 which he submitted to Major Piscop for advice on paper supplies.
The 78 applications as well as 35 applications for Catholic periodicals submitted by the Cardinal had their joint recommendation.

He stated that they had recommended only publications where the applicant had sufficient paper in hand for 6 months. None of the applications was for roll newsprint. For this paper the applicants had some roll newsprint in hand and would then use flatbed paper when this had come to an end.

After consultation on the applications before them the Board approved the publications submitted with the following exceptions:

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LIST #B PUBLICATIONS APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF LOMBARDY APB HELD ON THE 10 JULY, 1945

Title			Circulation approved
IL CISALPINO	Federalista	weekly	5.000
L'AVVENIRE	F.d'U.S.	fortnightly	1.000
L'ORDINE	Monarchico	weekly	15.000
RITORNANO			5.000
INFORMAZIONI ECO NOMICHE		daily	300
GUERIN SPORTIVO	Sport	twice-weekly	25.000
IL POLITECNICO	Culturale	weekly	20.000
LA GIOSTRA	"	"	10.000
IL CITTADINO	Sociale- Monza	"	7.000
GIORDANO BRUNO	Artistico	"	10.000
SPICCOLO	Letterario	"	5.000
RIVISTA DEGLI A- MICI DI ARCCIO		"	1.500
FIGLI ARTIGIANELLI		"	5.000
CINE REPORTER		"	10.000
INTREPIDO	Ragazzi	"	25.000
TOPOLINO	"	"	20.000
LA SETTIMANA DEI	"	"	
RAGAZZI	"	"	30.000
IL PINOCCHIETTO		"	7.000
L'ILLUSTRAZIONE ITA- LIANA		"	10.000
LA SETTIMANA ENIGMISTI CA		"	60.000
L'ITALIA VINICOLA ED AGRICOLA		"	1.000
ORGANIZZAZIONE PRO- GRESSO		"	10.000
L'ITALO AMERICANO		"	3.000
CINE MONDO		"	20.000
SCUOLA MATERNA		every 10 days	5.000
SCUOLA ITALIANA MODERNA		"	10.000
L'ITALIA MEDICA		quarterly	5.000
L'AGRICOLTORE		fortnightly	25.000

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ATTUALITÀ			5.000
INFORMAZIONI ECO-			
NOMICHE		daily	300
GUERIN SPORTIVO	Sport	twice-weekly	25.000
IL POLITECNICO	Culturale	weekly	20.000
LA GIUSTIZIA	"	"	10.000
IL CITTADINO	Sociale- Monza	"	7.000
GIORDANO BRUNO	Artistico	"	10.000
STIGCLO	Letterario	"	5.000
RIVISTA DEGLI A-		"	
MICI DI ARCORE		"	1.000
PICC. APPASSIONATI		"	5.000
CIAK REPORTER		"	10.000
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AGRARIA		"	1.000
ORGANIZZAZIONE E PRO-			
GRESSO		"	60.000
L'ITALO AMERICANO		"	3.000
CINEMONDO		"	20.000
SCUOLA MATERNA		every 10 days	5.000
SCUOLAITALIANA MODERNA		"	10.000
L'ITALIA MEDICA		quarterly	5.000
L'AGRICOLTORE		fortnightly	25.000
LA SCUOLA LIBERA		"	1.500
IL NOVISSIMO PER TUTTI		"	50.000
ALBI DELL'AUDACIA		"	3.000
LE ARTI E LA LIBERTA'		"	3.000
C L U B		"	1.500
SQUARCIO NELL'INFINITO		"	2.000
LA NOVELLA ILLUSTRATA		"	50.000
NOVELLE DEI GIOVANI			2.000

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V I A G G I O	Turistico	fortnightly	10.000
SOCIETA' NUOVA	culturale	"	3.000
IO SCUDO	politico	"	3.000
COSMOPOLI	attualità	monthly	6.000
LE SCIENZE E LO SPECCHIO	teatro	"	5.000
ARDITER	m o d a	"	2.000
GAZZETTA DEGLI OSPEDALI E DELLE CLINICHE	culturale medica	"	800
I N I C I A		"	600
LA FANTIFICAZIONE		"	5.000
MODERNA		"	1.000
DENTAL CADMOS	medico	"	500
IL LATTE	scient.tecnico	"	
GAZZETTA MEDICA ITALIANA		"	1.000
MEDICI DI CONSULTO	tributaria	"	2.000
LA MADRE	femminile	"	45.000
GAZZETTA SANITARIA	medico	"	12.000
I QUADERNI DEL MEDICO	"	"	1.000
DENTALARGUS	"	"	2.000
FINESTRE	attualità	"	3.000
IL TENNISTA	sportivo	"	800
PICCOLA FARA	femminile	"	25.000
P A R O	culturale	"	1.000
GIORNALE DEI PASTICCIERI E CONFETTIERI		"	1.000
IN MARCIA		"	10.000
RIVISTA ITALIANA ESSENZE		"	2.000
PROFUMI, PIANTE OFFICINALI		"	1.000
TECNICA ELETTRONICA	tecn.scient.	"	1.000
LA GUIDA POLLINI	commerciale	"	1.500
M U S I C A	musicale	"	3.000
FOTO - CLUB	tecnica	"	8.000
L'ANTENNA	"	"	
RIVISTA DELLA PROPRIETA' INTELLETTUALE ED INDUSTRIALE		monthly	500
I CITTADINI	scientifico	"	500
IL PENSIERO FEMMINILE	culturale	"	500
ARCHIVIO DI PSICOLOGIA NEUROLOGIA PSICHIATRIA		three monthly	700
	tecnico di rado		10.000

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LA RIFLETTICAZIONE			"	5.000
MODERNA			"	1.000
DENTAL CADMOS	medico		"	500
IL LATTE	scient.tecnico			
GAZZETTA MEDICA ITA-			"	1.000
LIANA			"	2.000
MINOSTE DI CONSULO	tributaria		"	15.000
LA MADRE	femminile		"	12.000
GAZZETTA SANITARIA	medico		"	1.000
I QUADERNI DEL MEDICO	"		"	2.000
DENTALARGUS	"		"	3.000
FINISTRE	attualità		"	300
IL TENNISTA	sportivo		"	25.000
PICCOLA PATA	femminile		"	1.000
F A R O	culturale		"	
GIORNALE DEI PASTIC-				1.000
CIERI E CONFETTIERI			"	10.000
IN MARCIA				
RIVISTA ITALIANA ESSENZE			"	2.000
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TOUR - CLUB	tecnica		"	8.000
L'ANTENNA	"			
RIVISTA DELLA PROPRIETA'		monthly	"	500
INTELLETTUALE ED INDUSTRIALE	scientifico		"	500
BIOTIPLASSI	culturale		"	300
IL PENSIERO FEMMINILE				
ARCHIVIO DI SPICOLOGIA		three monthly		700
NEUROLOGIA PSICHIATRIA	tecnico di mode			10.000
DELLA TAGLIA	"			10.000
DELLA MODA				
RIVISTA DI DIRITTO COM-		four monthly		800
MERCIALE				
GIORNALE ITALIANO DI DERMA-				500
TOLOGIA E SIFILOLOGIA				10.000
ROSAZZURRO	moda infan.	six monthly	"	500
ROYAL MEDICA ITALICA				
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CATTOLICI

[illegible] A	sett.	100.000
[illegible] CRISTIANESIMO CATTOLICO	quindic.	10.000
[illegible] DEL POPOLO	mensile	[illegible].000
VOCE [illegible] MISSIONARIO	"	12.000
[illegible]	"	17.000
[illegible]	"	[illegible].000
[illegible]	"	[illegible].000
[illegible]	"	15.000
[illegible]		[illegible]00
[illegible]	settim.	10.000
[illegible]	mensile	[illegible]00
[illegible]	"	1.[illegible]00
[illegible]	"	[illegible]50
[illegible]	"	[illegible]00
[illegible]	"	25.000
[illegible]	"	
[illegible]	"	1.[illegible]00
[illegible]	"	[illegible]00
[illegible]	"	2.500
[illegible]		
[illegible]	bimestrale	[illegible]00
[illegible]	mensile	[illegible].[illegible]70
[illegible]	bimestrale	1.000
[illegible]	mensile	[illegible]0.000
[illegible]	"	12.000
[illegible]	"	1.200
[illegible]	settim.	[illegible]50
[illegible]	mensile	[illegible].000
[illegible]	trimestrale	20.000
[illegible]	mensile	20.000
[illegible]	"	[illegible].000
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[illegible]	"	50.000
[illegible]	"	5.000
[illegible]	"	120.000
[illegible]	bimestrale	[illegible]0.000
[illegible]	mensile	[illegible].000
IL CITTADINO - LODI	settim.	12.000

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[illegible]	"	25.000
IN CENACOLO	"	
[illegible] S.MARIA DELLE	"	1.[illegible]00
GRAZIE	"	[illegible]00
L'ULIVO	"	2.500
COLLEGAMENTO "IL DOLCE"		
[illegible]	bimestrale	300
S.MATILDA	mensile	3.[illegible]00
D'ENRICO DELLA FALCIDIA	bimestrale	1.000
SALVIA O LA GIOVENTU'	mensile	80.000
[illegible]	"	10.000
LA DIVINA COMMEDIA	"	1.200
[illegible]	"	720
EL VITAL	settim.	2.000
IL DIVIN CROCIFISSO	mensile	80.000
DON [illegible]	quindicinale	20.000
V I O A	mensile	2.000
IL [illegible]	"	30.000
D'[illegible]	"	30.000
[illegible]	"	5.000
[illegible]	"	120.000
[illegible]	"	30.000
C.[illegible]	bimestrale	6.000
[illegible]	mensile	12.000
IL CIM[illegible] - LODI	settim.	

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.
VENETO REGION.

Minutes of meeting held in PADOVA on the 1st August 1945.

Those present:

Chairman	Capt.C.T.Isolani.	Press Officer. APB.
	J#Cdr. M.E.Lawrence.	Representing the Regional Commissi
	Capt.L.W.Toos.	Public Safety, AMG.
	Lieut. Baldini.	Press and Radion Censor.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and the list of authorisations granted at that meeting was reviewed.
The Chairman reported that with regard to epuration at the Gazzettino the internal committee had been advised to turn over all information to thenewly formed Provincial Epuration Committee who had been asked to deal with epuration of journalists on the highest priority.

2. With regard to the newsprint situation the Chairman reported that the total allocation for VENETO Region of 12 tons daily had been split so that 6 tons went to MILAN and 6 tons remained for Total newsprint allocated by this Office monthly was 1662 quintals and was thus within the 1800 qtls available monthly. Nonetheless certain difficulties had been encountered as the TOSCOLANO mill was refusing to hand over newsprint on the grounds that it lacked transport and raw materials. The Chairman undertook to obtain a precise report on this situation.

3. The new papers (GAZZETTINO, ORA DEL POPOLO AND NUOVO ADIGE) were stated to be making good progress although in the case of the GAZZETTINO a certain amount of criticism was being encountered, mainly from the Socialist Party weekly.

4. The following publications were recommended and authorized:

		Circulation.	Newsprint
AURORA. (Short stories)	Weekly.	5,000.	1.5 flatbed
FANCIULLE (For girls)	Monthly.	10,000.	3 "
IDEA GIOVANILE (Action - Cath)	Weekly.	5,000	5 "
RICOSTRUZIONE VERETA CLN.	Fortnightly.	3,000	2.8 "
LA VOCE DELL'UOMO QUALUNQUE. Indep.	Weekly.	5,000	7.5 "
MOTTO LATINO (Ass. Combattenti)	"	20,000	24 rotary.
NUOVO RISORGIMENTO Monarchist.	"	20,000	16 flatbed.
PADOVA (reconstruction of the	Monthly.	5,000	16 "
CROCIATA CONTRO LA BESTEMMIA (anti-blasphemy league)		40,000	2 "
IL LAVORO. Socialist.	Weekly.	1,500	2 "
LA DONNA ITALIANA U.D.I.	Fortnightly.	5,000	1.6 "

5. The following were disapproved:

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AGENZIA INFORMAZIONI "P" A Feature agency (to be re-examined later)

6. The following were referred to the next meeting so that fuller information could be obtained:

DON NOS LA PAROLA. Padua. progressive fortnightly 50,000 18 qtls flatbed
LA VOCE DELL'UOMO QUALUNQUE, Vicenza. Cultural weekly 1,500 40 kilos fla..
DOMANI. Venice Educational weekly 5,000. 7 qtls. flatbed.

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7. Lieut.Baldini stated that Italian officers would be in charge of consorship in the Region and would receive directives from Rome. He had been placed in charge of this Region and all communications should be addressed to him.

8. The Chairman reported that the Provincial Commissioner had refused to allow the publication of the Communist weekly there in spite of this office's authorisation. The matter was referred to the Regional Commissioner.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.
EMILIA.

Minutes of meeting held at
AMG Emilia Region Headquarters
on Tuesday July 10, 1945.

PRESENT: Col. Floyd Thomas, Regional Commissioner, AMG.
Mr. A.L.Ellison, O.C. PWB. Bologna, CHAIRMAN.
Major John Lummus, AMG. Regional HQ.
Capt. F.A. Rauzi, Military Censor, INC. (absent)
Mr. Charles O'Brien, PWB. News Division (Observer)

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1. GENERAL.
The Board voted a motion of regret on the departure of two of its members, Col.A.C. Bowman, Regional Commissioner and Mr.Jerome Ross, former O.C. PWB. Bologna.

2. RESTO DI CARLINO.
The Chairman reported the decision of the Central PWB to accept the recommendation of this Board that the Resto di Carlino not be authorised to re-appear. It was decided to authorise a representative of the Intendenza di Finanza, which has sequestered Dino Grandi's fifty per cent of the Resto shares, to act as liquidator of the company's finances, especially with a view to paying off salaries owed its employees. This representative is to be aided by Rag.Volpini originally appointed by PWB and confirmed by AMG.

3. PRESS EPURATION.
Following clamor for epuration of the Bologna press, the Chairman proposed that AMG nominate such a press epuration commission, but not along the lines suggested by the CLN, which has selected its Press Commission for the job. This would mean that the editors of the CLN organ Rinascita would epurate the editors of the Corriere dell'Emilia and otherBologna newspapers. Col Thomas stated that the procedure laid down was for the Provincial Epuration Commission to create an industry sub-commission, in this case journalistic, which alone had power to epurate. All other epuration commissions are illegal and unauthorised

4. CORRIERE DELL'EMILIA.
The chairman submitted the plan for the continuation of the Corriere dell'Emilia after PWB closes in Bologna. The paper will change its masthead to Giornale dell'Emilia, to dissociate itself from PWB and Allied supervision completely. The administration guarantees to continue Allied policy of complete independence, impartial presentation of all news and service to the community as an information sheet. To this end, a control committee composed of Ing. Borghese (Socialist) Prefect; Avv.Senin (Christian Democrat., Vice-Sindaco; and Prof.Volterra (Action). Rector of the University, with Dott. Tibalducci (Independent, Responsible

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5. PROVINCIAL PARTY WEEKLIES.

The Chairman submitted for consideration two lists of papers; a) Requests for provincial party weeklies not yet publishing and b) party weeklies already appearing without authorisation. It was decided that, in view of the fact that the parties represented by the CLN all have provincial dailies, organs of the provincial CLNs, the CLNs must choose between having individual party weeklies for each provincial capital or a single all-party daily. Major Lummus was authorized to contact the Provincial Commissioners, requesting that they call meetings of the CLN's and obtain decisions from them on this question.

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6. AVVENIRE D'ITALIA.

In view of the availability of newsprint from the North, the Catholic newspaper has now been authorized to appear as a daily with an initial circulation of 70,000. To maintain political harmony, it was also decided to increase the circulation of the CDC daily, Rinascita, to 70,000.

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7. AUTHORIZED PAPERS AND PERIODICALS

The following authorizations were granted:

BOLOGNA			
La Rinascita	Daily	CLN Regional Committee	70,000
Avvenire d'Italia	Daily	Catholic Action	70,000
Santuario di S.Antonio	Fortnightly	Religious	2,000
Opera S.Domenico	Every two months	Religious	5,000
Bollettino Parrocchiale	Monthly	Religious	35,000
Voce che chiama	Monthly	Religious	1,600
Primavera di Vita Serafica	Monthly	Religious	10,000
La Rassegna	Monthly	Religious	1,000
Angelo della Famiglia	Every two months	Religious	500
Nuovo Diario (Imola)	Weekly	Religious	3,000
Nuova Critica Sociale	Monthly	Indipendent	500
Voce delle Donne	Weekly	Political (Women)	15,000
Scuola Libera	Every Three months	Education	500
Tempi Nuovi	Monthly	Science	1,000
Avvisatore Librario	Monthly	Books	1,000
Progresso	Weekly	Variety	30,000
Americana	Weekly	Variety	10,000
Mondo Sportivo	Weekly	Sports	10,000
L'Unione	Monthly	Trade Union	2,000
Corriere del Lavoro	Weekly	Commercial	1,500
L'Informatore	Weekly	Commercial	500
Il Fittone	Fortnightly	Humorous	5,000
Scacco Matto	Weekly	Humorous	25,000
Il Foscolo	Monthly	Cultural	1,000
La Lotta (Imola)	Weekly	Socialist	3,500
RIMINI			
Giornale di Rimini	Weekly	Information	20,000
PIACENZA			
Liberta'	Weekly	Information	10,000
Idea Democratica	Weekly	Christian Democrat	5,000
Noi Donne	Fortnightly	U.D.I.	5,000
REGGIO EMILIA			
La Verita'	Weekly	Communist	5,000
La Giustizia	Weekly	Socialist	5,000
Tempo Nostro	Weekly	Christian Democrat	5,000
L'Azione	Weekly	Action	5,000
Provincia di Reggio	Every four months	Cultural	600

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Voce che chiama	Monthly		Religious	1,000
Primavera di Vita	Serafica	Monthly	Religious	10,000
La Rassegna	Monthly		Religious	1,000
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Il Fittone	Fortnightly		Humorous	5,000
Scacco Matto	Weekly		Humorous	25,000
Il Foscolo	Monthly		Cultural	1,000
La Lotta (Imola)	Weekly		Socialist	3,500
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Giornale di Rimini	Weekly		Information	20,000
	PIACENZA			
Liberta'	Weekly		Information	10,000
Idea Democratica	Weekly		Christian Democrat	5,000
Noi Donne	Fortnightly		U.D.I.	5,000
	REGGIO EMILIA			
La Verita'	Weekly		Communist	5,000
La Giustizia	Weekly		Socialist	5,000
Tempo Nostro	Weekly		Christian Democrat	5,000
L'Azione	Weekly		Action	5,000
Provincia di Reggio	Every four months		Cultural	600
	FERRARA			
Gazzetta del Po	Bi-weekly		Information	10,000
Incontro	Fortnightly		Cultural	5,000
Il Setaccio (Cento)	Fortnightly		Students	1,000

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PARMA			
L'Uomo Libero	Weekly	Liberal	5,000
Popolo di Parma	Weekly	Christian Democrat	5,000
L'Idea	Weekly	Socialist	10,000
El Bajou	Fortnightly	Recreational	1,000
Bollettino Agricolo	Fortnightly	Agriculture	1,000
Noi Donne	Weekly	U.D.I.	10,000
Missioni Illustrate	Monthly	Religious	500
Voce Amica	Monthly	Religious	1,000
La Scopa (Salsomaggiore)	Fortnightly	Literature	2,000
Risveglio (Fidenza)	Fortnightly	Religious	2,000
MODENA			
La Liberta'	Weekly	Indipendent	10,000
Il Domani	Weekly	Socialist	3,000
La Verita'	Weekly	Communist	5,000
Democrazia	Weekly	Christian Democrat	5,000
Libera Scuola	Fortnightly	Education	2,000
La Lanterna	Weekly	Religious	10,000
Il Pentagono	Monthly	Cultural	3,000
La Montagna (Fiumalbo)	Weekly	Indipendent	3,000
Il Merlo (Castelfranco)	Fortnightly	Humorous	1,000
FORLI'			
La Lotta	Weekly	Communist	2,000
Lo Sport	Weekly	Sports	2,000
Lo Sport del Popolo (Cesena)	Weekly	Sports	5,000
Il Piccolo (Faenza)	Weekly	Religious	2,000

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La Liberta'	Weekly	Independent		
Il Domani	Weekly	Socialist		3,000
La Verita'	Weekly	Communist		5,000
Democrazia	Weekly	Christian Democrat		5,000
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Lo Sport	Weekly	Sports		2,000
Lo Sport del Popolo (Cesena)	Weekly	Sports		5,000
Il Piccolo (Faenza)	Weekly	Religious		2,000

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD,
Palazzo ex-Gazzettino
VENICE.

Minutes of meeting held in Brigadier Dunlop's Office. 16th July, 1945.

This was the last meeting held under PWB auspices. Those present were:

Chairman.	Lt. Colonel LUMLEY.
Executive Secretary.	Captain Isolani.
Members.	Brigadier J.K.Dunlop,O.B.E.,M.C.,T.D., (Regional Commissioner)
Observers.	Capt. Forbes (Censorship)
	Colonel T.N.Page.
	Colonel H.G.Willmer.
	Lt.Col. Rowlerson.
	Capt. Sonnabend.

The minutes of the last meeting were then discussed. A list of the dailies, periodicals and books authorized was submitted to the meeting.

An outline of press and newsprint situation in the Venezia Region. was given by the Executive Secretary. He stated that the newsprint situation in the region was satisfactory. Toscolano Paper Mills had agreed to supply 12 tons daily of which 6 tons would be sent to Milan (being the party press allocation for this region) and 6 tons would remain at the disposal of the region. This gave a total monthly allocation of newsprint of 1,800 quintals. The paper mills had however pointed out that this supply could only be maintained for a period of thirty days (until 15th August) after which shortage of raw material and of transport would necessitate some other arrangement.

With regard to the press situation the Executive Secretary stated that PWB had had two dailies in the region (the CORRIERE VENETO in Venice and the CORRIERE PADOVANO in Padua). Both these papers were closing down on the 18th. In addition the CLN had daily papers in Venice, Padua and Verona. One German and one Italian daily were being published in Bressanone (near Bolzano) and an APB representative was being despatched to Bolzano in order to supervise their production. In addition party weeklies had been authorized throughout the region and CLN weeklies had been authorized in those towns which could not be serviced by the main centres.

The Executive Secretary then stated that if his recommendation were accepted by the meeting the GAZZETTINO would be started in Venice (replacing the PWB daily). The GIORNALE DEL POPOLO (evening edition to be called [illegible]) would be started in Padua. IL NUOVO ADIGE would be started in Verona. All these papers would be authorized and set up by independent information dailies. In addition party leaders had been contacted through the press representatives of the Regional CLN with a view to stabilizing circulation and distribution of party weeklies throughout the region and fusing some of the minor weeklies with their "big brothers" where transport (distribution) made this possible. Brigadier Dunlop then asked what arrangements had been

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With regard to the press situation the Executive Secretary stated that PWB had had two dailies in the region (the CORRIERE VENETO in Venice and the CORRIERE PADOVANO in Padua). Both these papers were closing down on the 28th. In addition the CLN had daily papers in Venice, Padua and Verona. One German and one Italian daily were being published in Bressanone (near Bolzano) and an APB representative was being despatched to Bolzano in order to supervise their production. In addition party weeklies had been authorized throughout the region and CLN weeklies had been authorized in those towns which could not be serviced by the main centres.

The Executive Secretary then stated that if his recommendation were accepted by the meeting the GAZZETTINO would be started in Venice (replacing the PWB daily). The GRIDO DEL POPOLO (evening edition to be called [illegible]) would be started in Padua. IL NUOVO ADIGE would be started in Verona. All these papers would be authorized and set up by independent information dailies. In addition party leaders had been contacted through the press representatives of the Regional CLN with a view to stabilizing circulation and distribution of party weeklies throughout the region and fusing some of the minor weeklies with their "big brothers" where transport (distribution) made this possible. Brigadier Dunlop then asked what arrangements had been made and the Executive Secretary replied that ANSA were organising a 24-hour news broadcast and that where news could not be distributed in time to meet deadline, arrangements had been made for papers to monitor their own news.

Authorization of the new independent information dailies was then recommended by the Executive Secretary

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THE GAZZETTINO (circulation 120,000) was authorized in Venice. It was stated that this paper would be published by the St. Mark's Publishing Company under a commissario and directed by Messrs. Cavagnini and Balacco. The CLN had asked that a committee of three representative of right, left and centre tendencies be attached to the Commissario in an advisory capacity and the names were submitted to the Regional Commissioner by the Executive Secretary for his approval.

THE ORA DEL POPOLO (evening edition LIBERA TRIBUNA) was authorised in Padua. Director of the morning paper was Dr. De Stefani and of the evening paper Professor D'Arcais. The paper was financed by a universally respected group of intellectuals and business men.

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Other periodicals were then submitted to the meeting for approval and were authorised. A comprehensive list of all periodicals authorized with details of political affiliation, circulation and newsprint allocation was shown at the meeting and turned over to the Regional Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
LOMBARDY.

Minutes of Meeting of APB Lombardy held at Via Cesare Cantu No.3 at 2.30 p.m. on 21st August 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Harari - Chairman and Executive Secretary.
Major Pisecop - Paper and Printing, A.F.H.Q.
Lt. Atkinson - representing Lombardy Region.
Observer: Prince Ruspoligiosi - APB.

This meeting of the Board was called to discuss further developments in connection with the application for a daily afternoon newspaper "IL SECOLO".

The Executive Secretary explained that when this matter was discussed at the meeting on July 26th the applicants had asked for a licence for an afternoon paper to take the place of the P.W.B. "GIORNALE LOMBARDO".

At that time it was decided that only two papers, the "CORRIERE LOMBARDO" and "MILANO SERA" were to receive two thirds of the "GIORNALE LOMBARDO" newsprint and one third (i.e. 100,000 copies) was to be left in abeyance.

The matter had since been further clarified by the applicants in a letter to Mr. Edmon, Chairman of Central A.P.B., in which it was explained that "IL SECOLO" was a pre-fascist independent paper and was to be revived as an independent paper.

Major Pisecop informed the Board that following the recent cuts, as detailed at the last meeting, there was sufficient newsprint in hand to allow 300,000 copies daily to be authorized in Lombardy. There would be consequently sufficient newsprint available for another daily. He objected, however, that the publication of another daily would overcrowd the printing plant at the ex "POPOLO D'ITALIA". Mr. Harari explained that the applicants had just bought the plant of the [illegible] in Via Settala (the plant of the old "SECOLO") and intended to print there.

The Board then unanimously agreed that the matter be referred to the Central Board for final decision with a recommendation that this paper be authorized for 100,000.

This still left sufficient newsprint in hand to increase to 300,000 the circulation of the "CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE" and this was authorited as recommended at the last meeting.

The question "L'OSSERVATORE" was also discussed. It was agreed that this daily be authorized at a daily circulation of 50,000 and the newsprint for any additional circulation be drawn from the other regions in northern Italy.

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	Major J.Piscop.	Printing & Paper Adviser, PWB. AFHQ.
	Major Fowler.	Public Safety Officer, AMG.
	Major Breese.	Executive Office, Milan Province, AMG.
	Lt. Atkinson.	AMG. Lombardia Region.
OBSERVER:	Prince Rospigliosi.	APB.

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The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

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This application, concerning which further details were needed, was to be the organ of the partisans. Major Fowler had referred the matter to Col. de Garston, who had seen one copy of the paper and in his view it was a political organ. Moreover, this organisation of partisans was not officially recognised in this AMG area, so that the Board decided to postpone a decision for the time being and asked that the matter be brought beforethem again later.

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Enquiries concerning this application had established that this was a 5 party paper and there was no other paper in Verbano. The Board authorised its publication.

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II. NEWSPRINT.

(a) Revision of Allocations.
It was reported that owing to the output of newsprint having shrunk to 50 tons per day in the North, it had been necessary to effect a 20% cut on all newsprint allocations.
Following this, a surprise check on the output figures of the various dailies in Milan was made, and a report from Major Piscop was read to the Board, as follows:

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Major Piscop, in reporting on the newspaper production situation, stated that the handicaps previously mentioned still existed - lack of rain, small strikes, lack of transportation. The supplies of raw materials in the mills were low and the immediate need was tyres for their vehicles so that they could get out and pick up their raw materials. The present production was 50 tons per day of which Lombardy received 20 tons. The reallocation of newsprint as outlined above covered this and with the reduction of newsprint to cover circulations as stated, this left a little newsprint in hand.

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For the information of these newcomers to the Board, it was explained that the basis of the varying circulations between the parties, had been agreed between the Editors of the various party papers themselves, through the Milan Editors' Association.

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2. Political balance in the Milan press has been achieved. Any further dailies would necessitate a complete readjustment with consequent opposition from the parties and detriment to the independent papers.

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"3. There is no newsprint available for another daily. The surplus Giornale Lombardo allocation has been used to fill the shortage caused by stoppage of one of the paper mills.

4. It has been the rule that AFB should not yield to outside pressure.

On the basis of these arguments, we have already rejected other applications just as highly recommended (Ex-Prime Minister Bonomi; His Excellency Gaparotto, et.als.) "

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The members of the Board were in complete agreement with the sentiments expressed in this letter and the applications were rejected.

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VIII. NEW APPLICATIONS.

New applications were next considered, and the Board authorised 65 new periodicals, as per appendix A, and 41 Catholic periodicals. There were 92 rejects.

IX. CREMONA APPLICATIONS.

A request had been received from Cremona, where there was at present one daily paper run by the five CLN parties, for permission to publish weekly party papers with a circulation of 5,000 each for which sufficient paper was in hand for six months. This had the approval of the local AMG officer and the Board granted this authorisation.
The Board further authorised a Sports paper for this province, with a circulation of 2,500 for which they had paper for six months.

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D'Universo	weekly	12.000
Civitica Sociale	Bi-weekly	10.000
D'ammonizione delle Volte Armi	weekly	1.000
La Lettura	weekly	100.000
L'Aero	"	1.000
Osservazioni	monthly	5.000
Fanfulla	"	20.000
L'Aurora	Bi-weekly	1.500
Zenith	weekly	30.000
V/A/I =Guerrica	monthly	3.000
Cultural		
Atlante	weekly	4.000
Chi Sarà	monthly	10.000
Il Nievano Federalista	"	2.000
Virtus	Bi-weekly	3.000
Civitica Nuova	monthly	1.000
Fan or and Sport		
Il Bucciavive	weekly	1.000
Tuscletica	Bi-monthly	3.000
Sportivevvo	weekly	20.000
Scientific		
Levum	monthly	400
Nasso na trimestrale di		
odontoiatria	three monthly	150
Lesalvo al Bosco	monthly	1.000
For children		
Diletti Fiori	weekly	20.000
Pinocchio	"	30.000
Political		
Fortunata	Bi-weekly	30.000
Religious		
Voce del Lavoratore	weekly	1.000
Art		
Il nuovo legislativo	weekly	1.000

[illegible]	[illegible]	5.000

Cultural

Atlante	Weekly	4.000
Chi Sono	Monthly	10.000
Il Giovane Federalista	"	2.000
Virtus	Bi-weekly	5.000
Critica Nuova	Monthly	1.000

Labor and Sports

Il Lavoratore	Weekly	1.000
Tribuna	Bi-weekly	5.000
Sportivesso	Weekly	20.000

Scientific

Levan	Quarterly	400
Rassegna Trimestrale di Odontologia	Three Monthly	150
Assalto al Cielo	Monthly	1.000

For children

Libero Libri	Weekly	20.000
Pinocchio	"	30.000

Religious

Fortunate	Bi-weekly	30.000

Special

Voce del Lavoratore	Weekly	1.000

Art

Il Fiammifero Illustrato	Monthly	1.000

Avarie

Il Pennacchio	Bi-weekly	300

Reconstruction

Cristiano d'Italia	Weekly	3.000

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L. vaca di Dino [illegible] 100

Dopolavoro

Avviso Dopolavoro [illegible] weekly 5.000
Bollettino Ufficiale [illegible] " 5.000
[illegible] " 5.000

Due parole

Bollettino della Mutualità
Solidarietà Nazionale [illegible] fortnightly 1.000

Due parole [illegible]

[illegible] weekly 1.000
Stella " 10.000
Domenica della Mia [illegible] fortnightly 10.000
Luce Elettrica [illegible] 5.000
Vallenia weekly 10.000
[illegible] [illegible] 1.000
Festival [illegible] daily 2.000
Posta della Sera [illegible] 10.000
La Rivalsa [illegible] fortnightly 5.000

Specialissimo

L'Orario Nuovo weekly 10.000
Il Lavoro Italiano [illegible] 2.000
Rassegna [illegible] 1.000
Bollettino Ufficiale " 1.000
Il Lavoro dell'Impero " 5.000
Bollettino Ufficiale della Cam.
[illegible] " 1.000
Illustrazione [illegible] 1.000
Il Dolce " 10.000
La voce dei Rionali weekly 5.000
Corriere del Ventuno " 20.000
Bollettino Industriale [illegible]
Alta Italia.

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PARTOCRAZIA

Milan

[illegible]	bi weekly	25.000
[illegible]	weekly	15.000
[illegible]	"	30.000
[illegible]	"	5.000
[illegible]	"	5.000
[illegible]	fortnightly	20.000
[illegible]	"	30.000
[illegible]	"	30.000
[illegible]	"	3.000
[illegible]	"	20.000
[illegible]	"	20.000
[illegible]	monthly	2.000
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[illegible]	"	5.500
[illegible]	"	12.000
[illegible]	"	8.000
[illegible]	"	1.300
[illegible]	"	40.000
[illegible]	"	3.000
[illegible]	"	
[illegible]		1.500
[illegible]	"	45.000
[illegible]	Bi monthly	"
[illegible]	"	750
[illegible]	"	2.000
[illegible]	"	2.500
[illegible]	four monthly	1.400

Cremona

BOLLETTINO DELLA SOCIETA'	fortnightly	1.000
L'ANGELO DELLA PARROCCHIA	monthly	
LA FAMIGLIA	"	1.000
NUOVI ORIZZONTI	"	1.500

IL NOSTRONE (Lecco)	fortnightly	20.000
IL [illegible] (Erba-Como)	monthly	2.000
IL CAMPANILE DI [illegible] (Lecco)	"	2.000
[illegible] (Lecco)	"	3.000
IL SANTUARIO DI S.ANNUNZIO (Varese)	"	4.000
PARROCCHIA DI [illegible] (Vigevano)	"	1.200
[illegible] (Brescia)	"	1.500

[illegible]	"	50.000
[illegible]	"	2.000
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[illegible]	"	20.000
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[illegible] (Lecce)	fortnightly	20.000
[illegible] (Incino-Como)	monthly	2.000
[illegible] (Como)	"	2.000
[illegible] (Como)	"	3.000
[illegible] (Varese)	"	4.[illegible]00
[illegible] (Viterbo)	"	1.200
[illegible] (Brescia)	"	1.[illegible]00
[illegible] (Salerno)	"	500
[illegible] (L.Colomb.al Lavoro)	"	3.000
[illegible] (Cascine Firenze)	"	1.000
[illegible] (Bari)	"	3.500
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ITALIA [illegible] - Rome - 10 AUGUST, 1945.

TWO WEIGHTS AND TWO MEASURES.

"Liberty of press and opinion, how many tyrannies are committed in your name!"

We could use this historical sentence to-day if we were willing to be executed by a false democracy. This phrase has only a rhetorical value except for this time as it is addressed directly to the "Press Officer" of Milan, one of the Allied Offices, created to defend namely that liberty for which American and English people have fought and that, if we do not make a mistake, is one of the four liberties written on the flag of the Anglo-Saxon democracies, symbol and pillar of the world.

Maybe liberty and justice have not an absolute meaning - and it is always possible to use two weights and two measures - this is what Mr. Harari of the Press Office of Milan thinks. To two representatives of the P.D.I. who were asking about the authorization to publish a new paper in Northern Italy, Mr. Harari answered that he was not able to give the authorization, in spite of a previous promise, because a monarchist paper seemed useless, and political movement might easily be included in one of the C.L.N. parties.

Now, with the frankness and clearness that our right and dignity allow us, and using that freedom to express ourselves and that liberty of press in which we believe, we answer Mr. Harari:

1. - that his statement is false because, of the 6 parties of the C.L.N., 4 are declared republican (Mr. Harari pretends not to understand - Does he not read the writing on the wall?), the fifth, in spite of a very elaborate statement has no definite opinion and the sixth is by open declaration "agnostic", tendencially republican.
2. - that the P.D.I. is a political party which is legally constituted, with a definite character, a clear economic life, press, propaganda and administrative offices, its member and its youth sections. The P.D.I. is not inferior to the six parties of the C.L.N. in its constitution and political body.
3. - that the authorization to publish our organs has been granted by P.W.B. Rome and we do not see the reason why the Press Office of Milan should refuse what Rome has granted.
4. - Keeping this tine we could ask that the authorization given, for example, to the republican party, should be withdrawn according to Mr. Harari's argument, because this party may easily fit in one of the six parties of the C.L.N.

Concerning the difficulties about the allocation of newsprint, the paper available already having been distributed, does Mr. Harari use this as a sufficient reason not to give an authorization for publishing? Does he not know that when one can say and one has to say serious and honest things, one can always find newsprint? All this we could say to Mr. Harari for his refusal if he did not have, as already said, a strange conception of the liberty of the Press, at least equal to the strange conception of justice recently shown by his allied colleagues of the Bari Court Martial.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 374
Office of the Executive Commissioner

101/PRB 1 August 1945

SUBJECT: PWB Press Officers in AMG territory

TO : Regional Commissioners

1. You have been informed previously of SACMED's decision to transfer the responsibility for the distribution of press and radio news in northern Italy, except for the Venezia Giulia, from P.W.B. to private news agencies effective July 15.

2. It was decided, however, to leave one P.W.B. Press Officer as a representative of the Allied Publications Board on the staff of each Regional Commissioner until such time as the region had been turned back to the control of the Italian Government.

3. The general directive under which these Press officers are operating is contained in the attached memorandum from the Allied Publications Board dated 12 June. The Chairman of the Allied Publications Board is Mr. George Ednan with headquarters in Milan and the Chief Press Officer for Northern Italy and Executive Secretary of the A.P.B. is Major Sinclair Noble, Headquarters, Milan.

4. The Press and Radio Censorship Branch, AFHQ further advises us that effective August 1, it will no longer maintain either pre or post publication censorship of Italian press and radio on military grounds. This censorship, however, may be re-imposed by the Supreme Allied Commander. As a result of this decision all Press and radio censors will be withdrawn from northern Italy except for one representative who will function as Military Press Censorship Advisor to the Chairman of the Allied Publication Board. In addition to this advisory capacity the Censorship Advisor will be the channel through which AFHQ general and special censorship directives and interpretations will be furnished to the APB press officers and Italian press and radio publishing agencies.

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Mr. Russell Barnes, PWB
Mr. George Edman, APB, Milan
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PRESS OFFICE. P.W.B.
LOMBARDY

Telephone No. 12234
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VIA CESARE CANTU, No. 3
MILANO

31 July 1945

To: Major Harari, Genoa
Mr. Ellison, Bologna
Mr. Albert Harari, Milan
Capt. Isolani, Venice
Mr. Paul Nief, Turin
Mr. Koffler, 15th Evac. Hospital.

From: George W. Edman, Chairman, Allied Publications Board

This is sort of mere routine and confirmation of APB plans, since I have talked with all of you, except Captain Isolani, on the telephone.

AFHQ has ordered APB to continue until AMG closes, presumably about September 1. You may call on AMG to assist with "housekeeping" according to AFHQ instructions. PWB AFHQ has authorized the following setup:

1 press officer for each region. (Allied)
1 secretary-typist (locally-hired) and presumably someone of sufficient caliber to assist with press reading.
1 driver with car (locally-hired) at the rate of $4. per day, for the driver and car.

I have discussed the best means of paying locally-hired personnel with Mr. Lyon of Administration. He states that an Administrative officer will call at your unit to explain the procedure to be followed for paying locally-hired personnel.

When your duties as APB press officer are finished, you will be responsible for the return to USIS, Milan, of any CWI equipment, such as typewriters, etc. Administration will give you more detailed instructions on this point. All files of APB and PWB records left behind should be brought to Milan headquarters when your job is finished.

The APB draft directive, dated June 12, will be your guide. Please go over this directive carefully with the Regional AMG Commissioner so that everyone will understand the responsibility and the scope of APB. APB continues to issue permits for publication and newsprint. If there are any points at issue, please communicate with this office at once. We must work very closely with AMG.

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Weekly reports are due in Milan not later than Saturday of each week. The only distribution of weekly regional reports will be one for your own file; one to the Regional AMG Commissioner, for his information; and two for this headquarters, for the Chairman and Chief Press Officer. The Central APB will process the reports in Milan, and attend to the wider distribution. Your reports should cover what the press is saying about the Allies, and about their own government, and should include, naturally, a list of all licenses granted, provisionally, by Regional Boards for confirmation by the Central APB.

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PRESS OFFICE. P.W.B.
LOMBARDY

Telephone No. 12234
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VIA CESARE CANTU, No. 3
MILANO

31 July 1945

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I know you will continue to tackle your AFS work with the same thoroughness and enthusiasm that you showed with PWB. If at any time this office can be of help, feel free to call. Major Noble has been in the hospital, but is now back in his office. The telephone of his apartment is 82856, in case you need to reach him at night.

News that I know all of you will read with regret is that Sandy Koffler is in the 15th Evacuation Hospital here. Sandy was taken ill just after he had been of great assistance in solving the difficult problem in Turin. As of last night he was in excellent spirits and the hospital authorities did not take too gloomy a view of his illness. I hope he will be out in a short time. Meanwhile, Paul Nicf is keeping an eye on the press of Turin until Tony Ellison is freed of his Bologna assignment.

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.
LOMBARDY.

Minutes of Meeting of APB Lombardy held at Via Cesare Cantu No.3. at 2.30 p.m. on the 26th July, 1945.

PRESENT:	Mr. A. Harari.	Chairman and Ex.Secretary.
	Lt.Col.A.S.Giles.	Provincial Commissioner, AMG.
	Major Fowler.	Public Safety Officer, Milan.
	Major Piscop.	Printing and Paper Supplies.
OBSERVERS:	Mr.L.V.R.White.	Economic Sub-Commission, A.C.
	Prince Rospigliosi.	

I. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 10th JULY.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

II. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

IL SOLE.

The Executive Secretary explained that instead of affecting the circulations of the other newspapers, it had been found possible, by virtue of the closing down of the GIORNALE LOMBARDO and the fact that only two-thirds of its circulation had been re-allocated, to grant sufficient newsprint from the residue, for IL SOLE to print 20,000 copies per day. This still left a balance of newsprint.

III. GIORNALE LOMBARDO.

Mr. Harari stated that three applications for evening papers had been received to take the place of GIORNALE LOMBARDO, which ceased publication on the 21st July. The matter was discussed at the Central APB Meeting in Rome, and was referred to Prime Minister Parri for his views, also to A.C. The Central Board authorised two afternoon independent papers for circulations of 105,000 each - one to the Franchi Group (GIORNALE DELLA SERA) and the other to a political group of UNITA, AVANTI and anybody else who wished to contribute in a non-political activity (MILANO SERA). It was likely that the Franchi Group title might be changed. A third application was put forward by CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE but this was not granted. It was, however, agreed that they should bring out an afternoon edition using their normal newsprint allocation.

IV. NEWSPRINT SITUATION. 4354

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(i) The shortage of rain had resulted in one of the Mills having to shut down owing to lack of power, which meant a 20% reduction in the next allocation of paper, affecting dailies and papers using roll newsprint.

(ii) Coal. The allocation of coal which had been agreed should go to the newspaper industry to maintain production, had been otherwise disposed of. The attention of Colonel Poletti had been drawn to this fact by a letter from Mr.Edman dated the 13th July, reading as follows:

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"1. This office has worked in close coordination with the Comitato Industriale Cellulosa e Carta and C.L.N.A.I. Commissariato Carboni in order to maintain an adequate newsprint production.

2. It now appears that A.M.G. has made coal allocations to some of the paper industry without reference to the coordinated effort of the above mentioned "Comitati" and this office.

Before a decision was made there should have been clearance with the Allied Publications Board.

As a result of A.M.G. decision newsprint production will suffer a sharp decline and press activities will have to be curtailed."

To date there had been no reply.

Lt.Col.Giles and Major Fowler took particulars and promised to check with the Regional Officer in this matter.

Mr. White, of the Commerce Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, who attended the meeting said that the situation was a temporary one and would not be repeated. The August plan was now ready and was being submitted to him and he did not anticipate that it would be more than a 10 - 15 days' dislocation.

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(b) Provinces.

After discussion of the applications received from the provinces, with recommendations from the local AMG officers, the following authorisations were granted:

FRONTE DEMOCRATICO CREMASCO (CREMA)	C.L.N.	Weekly.	2,000
LA RINASCITA. (SONDRIO)	C.L.N.	"	6,000
CRONACHE DELL'OLTREPO (VOGHERA)	C.L.N.	Bi-Weekly.	4,500

The following were left in abeyance, pending further details:
CORRIERE DEL VERBANO.
STELLA D'ITALIA.
INCONTRO.

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VI. STELLA ALPINA.

This paper, which was published in Novara (Piemonte) had first applied to A.P.B. Piemonte and had been rejected. Applicants then proposed to print in Milan and their application, which was put before this Board at the last meeting was also rejected. It was found that the paper was still being published but with a Milan datehead.

VII. LO SPORTSMAN.

This paper had been appearing under a provisional licence issued at the beginning and had been using its own paper. It was now brought before the board to be put on a permanent authorisation. Its circulation was 11,500 per week - 7,500 on Saturdays and 4,000 on Wednesdays. It mostly served racegoers.
As the newsprint was available under the 10% allocated to "Others", this authorisation was granted by the Board.

VIII. IL SECOLO NUOVO.

This application for another daily was put before the Board, but in view of the obvious desire of the Central Board that the liquidation of GIORNALE LOMBARDO should not involve the appearance of more than two new papers at the present, the Board decided not to grant its authorisation.

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

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APPENDIX "A"

AUTHORISATIONS GRANTED AT THE MEETING OF LOMBARDY APB on 26th JULY.

Economic and Commercial.

Economia d'Italia.	Fortnightly.	3,000.
Annunci economici.	3 monthly.	3,000.
Il Risorgimento.	Monthly.	1,000
Corriere Enti Locali.	"	5,000.
Pubblicita commerciale.	3 monthly.	5,000.
Diritto automobilistico.	Monthly.	2,000.

Literature and Arts.

Realta.	Fortnightly.	3,000.
Narratori di novella.	Weekly.	30,000.
Arcobaleno.	Monthly.	2,000
L'Ideale.	Weekly.	8,000
Cio che si scrive.	Monthly.	3,000.
Novelle di grandi autori.	"	4,000.
Vetrina.	"	4,000.
La giarrettiera.	Three-monthly.	1,000.
Visioni.	Weekly.	5,000.
Novelle d'Oggi.	"	4,000.
Sorriso.	"	7,000.

Humorist.

C'e permesso?	Fortnightly.	4,000.

Scientific.

Analisi.	Two monthly.	500.
Pensiero medico.	Fortnightly.	2,000.
Iniziazione.	Monthly.	1,000.

Information.

La Settimana.	Weekly.	20,000.

For Women.

Noi donne.	Forntightly.	5,000.
Rakam.	Monthly.	4,000.
Lea Mode.	Two-monthly.	2,000.

Cultural.

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Diritto automobilistico.	Monthly.	2,000.

Literature and Arts

Realta.	Fortnightly.	5,000.
Narratori di novella.	Weekly.	30,000.
Arcobaleno.	Monthly.	2,000
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For Women.

Noi donne.	Fortnightly.	5,000.
Rakam.	Monthly.	4,000.
Lea Modo.	Two-monthly.	2,000.

Cultural.

Occidente.	Fortnightly.	5,000.
La citta futura.	Two-monthly.	1,000.

Agricultural (Technical)

Bullettino dell'Agricoltura.	Fortnightly.	1,200.

Sport.

Il cacciatore italiano.	Fortnightly.	7,000.

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Cinema and/or Radio.

Quinto.	Monthly.	10,000
Il Salotto.	Weekly.	10,000
Film d'Oggi.	"	10,000.

For Children.

Dinamite.	Weekly.	50,000.
Testa di marmo.	"	10,000.
Mondo fantasioso.	"	5,000.

Games.

L'Italia scacchistica.	Monthly.	1,000.

Miscellaneous.

L'esattore.	Fortnightly.	2,000.
L'ufficio moderno.	Monthly.	10,000.
Drogheria.	Fortnightly.	20,000.

PROVINCIAL AUTHORISATIONS GRANTED (as embodied in Minutes)

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20 Agosto

Consiglio dei Ministri

IL VICE PRESIDENTE

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Roma, 18 luglio 1945

Desidero attirare l'attenzione di codesta Commissione sulla opportunità di autorizzare una edizione milanese del giornale "Il Globo".

Tale quotidiano ha assolto finora ad una assai utile funzione di informazioni e di orientamento nell'opinione pubblica nel campo economico ed ha dato prova di obiettività e di serenità di giudizio.

A Milano, centro economico dell'Alta Italia la sua azione potrebbe essere utilissima ai fini della ricostruzione nazionale.

Manlio BROSIO

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la Stampa

ROMA

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13th July 1945

ABSENT:

	Lt.-Col. H. Klein	P.W.B. (Chairman)
	Capt. E.L. Stuart	P.W.B. (Executive secretary)
	Capt. C.R. de la Mahotière	I.S.C. (Mil. Censorship)
	Lt. A.U. de Dellis	A.M.G.
	Sgt. Berwick	P.W.B. Printing Section)
OBSERVER:	Prof. Tavioni	C.L.N.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

2. CORRESPONDENCE:
Letters were read to the meeting by the Executive Sec. from Major Pistoy and Major Sinclair Noble concerning newsprint and its proportional distribution. The final figure agreed by the Central Bd. for Liguria was 150 tons monthly. This was considered by the Board to be too low in comparison with the other allotments and it was hoped that an increase would be granted as soon as possible. At the same time assignments were made to the daily papers as under:

Corriere del Popolo	50,000 copies	2½ tons
Il Secolo Liberale	50,000 copies	2½ tons
L'Unita	50,000 copies	2½ tons
Lavoro Nuovo	50,000 copies	2½ tons
L'Azione	40,000 copies	1¾ tons
Il Corriere	40,000 copies	1¾ tons
Il Tribuno del Popolo	35,000 copies	1½ tons
Il Nuovo Cittadino	22,500 copies	9 tons

It was pointed out that this distribution of newsprint was not strictly in line with the proportions laid down but the circulations given to the two independent papers - "Corriere del Popolo" and "Il Nuovo Cittadino" were the circulations requested by these papers so that they could extend sales in the face of local competition and competition from Milan and Turin. The rest of the newsprint was for the independent La Spezia daily and for either weeklies where flat-bed paper is not available or better for 4-page editions for the daily papers where required.

3. CHANGE OF NAME:
Gioventú Socialista asked permission to change its title to Socialismo. The request was granted subject to approval of the Central Board.

4. APPLICATIONS APPROVED: subject to confirmation of the Central Board

Onde della Radio Weekly. 5,000 copies. Director saved Radio Genoa from destruction.

L'Edilizia Fortnightly. 2,500 copies. Problems of reconstruction. Approved by the Builders' trade.

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Leaflets were made to the meeting by the Executive Sec. from Major Piercy and Major Sinclair which concerning newsprint and its proportional distribution. The final figure agreed by the Central Bde for Liguria was 190 tons monthly. This was considered by the Board to be too low in comparison with the other allotments and it was hoped that an increase would be granted as soonas possible. At the same time assignments were made to the daily papers as under:

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L'Arcobaleno) Weeklies of 5,000 copies for children.
Cowboy)

Sport del Mare Weekly. 8,000 copies. Sea-sport paper which existed previously. Same director. No political connections.

Vacanze) A-political, cultural and informative weeklies of
Rinascere) 5,000 copies. Journalistic background good.

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5. APPLICATION REJECTED

In Rosa Commercial Agency. Needs in this sphere already satisfactorily covered.

6. WOMEN's PRESS

The Executive Sec. explained to the Board that the overall situation for the women's press was under study. "Noi Donne"s circulation would be reduced and party women's weeklies allowed to publish if the Board agreed. Proposals were not yet ready.

7. CHIAVARI PAPERS

The Executive Sec. reported that notwithstanding frequent letters the two publications at Chiavari publishing under A.M.G. licence had not filled in the requisite forms and could not therefore be authorized by A.C.B.

8. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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P I E D M O N T

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday
12th July, 1945, at 2 Corso Valdocco,
Turin.

Present: Mr. Paul W. Nolf, C.O. PWB Unit No.18 - Chairman
Mr. S.M. Koffler, Press Officer
PWB Unit No.18 - Executive Secretary
Mr. Albert Hawes, PWB (observer)
Lt. Clarke, Printing Officer, PWB
Captain Fleming, Press Censor, AFHQ
Captain Noe, AMG representative (Education Officer)

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting and asked the Executive Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

2. Circulation of Newspapers - New figures

The Executive Secretary informed the board of the revised circulation figures for daily papers based on the new allocation of newsprint by Central APB. The revised figures are as follows:-

Opinione	60,000
Avanti	60,000
Unita	60,000
G.L.	60,000
Popolo Nuovo	60,000
Corriere del Piemonte	120,000
La Stampa	120,000

It was suggested and approved that allocations of newsprint be made in weight of paper rather than by circulation figures in view of the possible difference in the quality of the paper manufactured in the future. If a heavier quality of paper were produced less copies would be published but the allocation by weight would remain unchanged. The above figures were calculated of a weight of 15 gms per copy.

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3. La Stampa.

The Executive Secretary then informed the Board that at a meeting of Central APB on 5th July it was decided that the independent paper "La Stampa" should appear in Turin. It had been decided that owing to the shortage of newsprint the publication of the other pre-Fascist paper "Gazzetta del Popolo" should be held in abeyance.

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The Regional Commissioner had appointed as Receiver for the "La Stampa" Avv. Villabruna who had been requested to start the paper within the next few days. The Chief Editor would be Ing. Burzio.

The question of space at "La Stampa" plant was then mentioned. It was pointed out that with the termination of the Corriere del Piemonte and the starting of the Stampa the Gazzetta plant would have two papers and the Stampa plant four. It was suggested that arrangements should be made to transfer one of the party papers from the Stampa plant to the Gazzetta plant.

4. Corriere del Piemonte.

It was agreed that the newsprint allocated to the Corriere del Piemonte (120,000) should be divided as follows after the Corriere del Piemonte ceased publication on 15th July:

15,000 to each of the 5 party papers
30,000 to the independent "La Stampa".

This meant that the party papers would be increased to 75,000 and "La Stampa" to 150,000 - 6 days per week.

5. Corriere del Sport.

This sports weekly had been authorized at the last meeting but had not yet been ratified by Central APB. It had come to the knowledge of the Executive Secretary that the applicant, Sig. Scarzella, had attempted to sell the rights to publish this paper shortly after receiving the Board's provisional permit.

It was unanimously agreed that this permit be revoked immediately.

6. Popolo Nuovo.

This daily newspaper (Demo-christian party) had applied for permission to increase its circulation by 30,000 copies having come to an agreement with the Milan Demo-christian paper which would reduce its circulation by this figure.

Captain Noe objected that this would give some parties an advantage, especially if the practice were extended. The Executive Secretary did not agree with this as he said that Milan party papers could send their papers to Piemonte so he considered there should be no objection to transferring newsprint to Turin instead of sending newspapers.

It was agreed that a ruling on this should be sought from the Executive Secretary of Central APB.

7. Radio.

This publication was authorized at the last meeting to the Soc. "Il Nilo" owned by E. Santini. As they are not able to get the Radio programmes it is recommended that the license be revoked.

8. New Applications.

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SPORT.....	50,000	Bi-weekly	Sports
UNIONE MORALE.....	5,000	fortnightly	Universal
IL GARBIERE.....	50,000	weekly	Cultural
ILLUSTRAZIONE DEL POPOLO....	100,000	weekly	Variety
IL COMMERCIO.....	20,000	weekly	Commercial

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[illegible] FREQUENZA.....	1,300	quarterly	Technical
IL MONITORE INDUSTRIALE.....	500	monthly	Industrial
RIVISTA DEI GIOVANI.....	1,500	monthly	Cultural
LARINGOLOGIA.....	250	quarterly	Medical
IL PIONIERE.....	____	_____	_____
DEPORTAZIONE.....	____	_____	_____

The following were rejected:-

LA RINASCITA
LUNA PARK
_____ (Title illegible on original minutes)
TANTALO
_____ " " " " "
IL PUNTO
NOI E IL MONDO
LA VOCE DEL POPOLO
_____ (Title illegible on original minutes)
GIOVANE DEMOCRAZIA
TERRA NOSTRA
IL [illegible]TERELLO
IL GIORNALE DELLA CACCIA E DELLA PESCA
IL CHIERESE

The following were held in abeyance:-

L'AZIONE
BOLLETTINO SALESIANO
CONTADINI D'ITALIA
PARLAMENTO A LIVELLO

Any other business.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

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IL PUNTO
NOI E IL MONDO
LA VOCE DEL POPOLO
_____ (Title illegible on original minutes)
GIOVANE DEMOCRAZIA
TERRA NOSTRA
IL [illegible]
[illegible] DELLA CACCIA E DELLA PESCA
IL CHIERESE

The following were held in abeyance:-

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[illegible] A LIVELLO

Any other business.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
LOMBARDY

Minutes of meeting held at Via Cantù n.3 at 2,30 p.m. on the 10 July 1945 =

P R E S E N T

MEMBERS: Mr. A. HARARI PWB Press Officer Chairman and Executive Secretary
Lt.Col.A.S. Giles Provincial Commissioner AMG
Lt.Col. J.A. Rorimer representing City Commissioner AMG
Lt.Col.Francis Regional Public Safety Officer AMG
Capt. D. Orback Censorship.

In the absence of Mr. Edman (PWO,PWB) Mr.A.Harari took the chair.

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

2. CIRCULATION OF NEWSPAPERS - FRESH FIGURES

The Exec. Secretary then read a translation of a letter from the Chief Press Officer to the Editors of the Milan newspapers giving the revised scale of newspaper circulation figures based on the percentages announced at the previous meeting and on actual circulation figures agreed on by the editors amongst themselves.

The revised circulation figures were established as follows:

	Tons.		Copies	
AVANTI	4 tons.	daily	210.000	daily
UNITA'	4 "	"	210.000 "	250.000 "
POPOLO	3.2 "	"	168.000 "	200.000 "
ITALIA LIBERA	2.88"	"	151.200 "	180.000 "
LIBERTA'	2.56"	"	134.400 "	160.000 "
POPOLO SOVRANO	.96"	"	50.400 "	60.000 "
AZIONE DEL POPOLO	.16"	weekly	50.400 weekly	60.000 weekly
IL PROGRESSO	.16"	bi-"	25.200 bi-"	30.000 bi-"
	5.20"	daily	273.000 daily	325.000 daily

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MEMBERS: Mr. A. HARARI PWB Press ... Secretary

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CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONI	4. "	"	210.000 "	250.000 daily

"The first set of figures is based on calculations at 19 grammes" "per copy. At present the quality of paper allows production at " "16 grammes per copy (second set of figure). It is anticipated " "that paper produced in the near future will be heavier". -

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3. EXAMINATION OF APPLICATIONS -

Mr. Harari stated that he had examined numerous applications from which he had selected 78 which he submitted to Major Piscop for advice on paper supplies.
The 78 applications as well as 35 applications for Catholic periodicals submitted by the Cardinal had their joint recommendation.

He stated that they had recommended only publications where the applicant had sufficient paper in hand for 6 months. None of the applications was for roll newsprint. For this paper the applicants had some roll newsprint in hand and would then use flatbed paper when this had come to an end.

After consultation on the applications before them the Board approved the publications submitted with the following exceptions:

STELLA ALPINA : - (This paper had been recommended by AMG Novara where it had previously been published. AMG Novara however telephoned shortly before the meeting withdrawing their recommendation on for its transfer to Milan, stating they would forward a report in writing showing the undesirability of the paper).

" 24 Ore " (This commercial paper was considered unnecessary in view of the publication of Il Sole which already covered the needs of the commercial and economic section of the public).

Publications approved are listed on attached sheet.

IL SOLE - Increase of circulation - The Executive Secretary cominucated the contents af a letter from The Chief of Commerce Division. AMG strongly urging that this paper be published daily instead of twice weekly as at present. It was unanimously agreed that the daily publication be authorized with a circulation of 20.000 daily and that the newsprint be made available by slight readjustment of the overall newsprint allocation to the other dailies.

There being no other business the Board adjourned.

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A. HARARI
Executive Secretary
Allied Publications Board
LOMBARDIA REGION

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LIST OF PUBLICATIONS APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF LOMBARDY APB HELD ON THE 10 JULY, 1945

Title			Circulation approved
IL CISALPINO	Federalista	weekly	5.000
L'AVVENIRE	F.d'G.	fortnightly	1.000
L'ORDINE	Monarchico	weekly	15.000
RITORNANO			5.000
INFORMAZIONI ECONOMICHE		daily	300
GUERIN SPORTIVO	Sport	twice-weekly	25.000
IL POLITECNICO	Culturale	weekly	20.000
LA GIOSTRA	"	"	10.000
IL CITTADINO	Sociale- Lonza	"	7.000
GIORDANO BRUNO	Artistico	"	10.000
SPIGOLO	Letterario	"	5.000
RIVISTA DEGLI AMICI DI ARCOLO		"	1.500
FILM APPASSIONANTI		"	5.000
CINE REPORTER		"	10.000
INTREPIDO	Ragazzi	"	25.000
TOPOLINO	"	"	20.000
LA SETTIMANA DEI RAGAZZI	"	"	30.000
IL PINOCCHIETTO	"	"	7.000
L'ILLUSTRAZIONE ITALIANA		"	10.000
LA SETTIMANA ENIGMISTICA		"	60.000
L'ITALIA VINICOLA ED AGRARIA		"	1.000
ORGANIZZAZIONE E PROGRESSO		"	10.000
L'ITALO AMERICANO		"	3.000
CINEMONDO		"	20.000
SCUOLA MATERNA		every 10 days	5.000
SCUOLA ITALIANA MODERNA		"	10.000
L'ITALIA MEDICA		quarterly	5.000
L'AGRICOLTORE		fortnightly	25.000
		"	1.500

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RITORNANO

INFORMAZIONI ECO		daily	300
NOMICHE		twice-weekly	25.000
GUERIN SPORTIVO	Sport	weekly	20.000
IL POLITECNICO	Culturale	"	10.000
LA GIOSTRA	"	"	7.000
IL CITTADINO	Sociale- Lonza	"	10.000
GIORDANO BRUNO	Artistico	"	5.000
SPIGOLO	Letterario	"	
RIVISTA DEGLI A-		"	1.500
MICI DI ANCONA		"	5.000
FILM APPASSIONANTI		"	10.000
CINE REPORTER		"	25.000
INTREPIDO	Ragazzi	"	20.000
FULMINE	"	"	
LA SETTIMANA DEI	"	"	30.000
RAGAZZI	"	"	7.000
IL PINOCCHIETTO			
L'ILLUSTRAZIONE ITA-		"	10.000
LIANA			
LA SETTIMANA ENIGMISTI		"	60.000
CA			
L'ITALIA VINICOLA ED		"	1.000
AGRARIA			
ORGANIZZAZIONE E PRO-		"	30.000
GRESSO		"	3.000
L'ITALO AMERICANO		"	20.000
CINEMONDO		every 10 days	5.000
SCUOLA MATERNA		"	10.000
SCUOLA ITALIANA MODERNA		quarterly	5.000
L'ITALIA MEDICA		fortnightly	25.000
L'AGRICOLTORE		"	1.500
LA SCUOLA LIBERA		"	50.000
IL ROMANZO PER TUTTI		"	3.000
ALBI DELL'AUDACIA		"	3.000
LE ARTI E LA LIBERTA'		"	1.500
C L U B		"	2.000
SQUARCIO NELL'INFINITO		"	50.000
LA NOVELLA ILLUSTRATA		"	2.000
NOVELLE DEI GIOVANI			

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V I A G G I O	Turistico	fortnightly	10.000
SOCIETA' NUOVA	culturale	"	3.000
IO SCUDO	politico	"	3.000
COSMOPOLI	attualità	monthly	6.000
LE SCIMMIE E LO SPEC-		"	
CHIO	teatro	"	5.000
ANDITER	m o d a	"	2.000
GAZZETTA DEGLI			
OSPEDALI E DELLE CLI-			
NICHE	culturale medica	"	800
N I C I A		"	600
LA PANIFICAZIONE			
MODERNA		"	5.000
DENTAL CADMOS	medico	"	1.000
IL LATTE	scient.tecnico	"	900
GAZZETTA MEDICA ITA-			
LIANA		"	1.000
INPOSTE DI CONSUMO	tributaria	"	2.000
LA MADRE	femminile	"	45.000
GAZZETTA SANITARIA	medico	"	12.000
I QUADERNI DEL MEDICO	"	"	1.000
DENTALARGUS	"	"	2.000
FINESTRE	attualità	"	3.000
IL TENNISTA	sportivo	"	300
PICCOLA FATA	femminile	"	25.000
F A R O	culturale	"	1.000
GIORNALE DEI PASTIC-		"	
CIERI E CONFETTIERI			1.000
IN MARCIA		"	10.000
RIVISTA ITALIANA ESSENZE			
PROFUMI,PIANTE OFFICINALI		"	2.000
TECNICA ELETTRONICA	tecn.scient.	"	1.000
LA GUIDA POLLINI	commerciale	"	1.000
M U S I C A	musicale	"	1.500
FOTO - CLUB	tecnica	"	3.000
L'ANTENNA	"	"	8.000
RIVISTA DELLA PROPRIETA'		monthly	
INTELLETTUALE ED INDUSTRIALE			500
PROFILASSI	scientifico	"	500
IL PENSIERO FEMMINILE	culturale	"	500
ARCHIVIO DI SPICOLOGIA		three monthly	
NEUROLOGIA PSICHIATRIA			700
BELLA MAGLIA	tecnico di mode		10.000
BELLAMODA	"		10.000

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R I V I S T A			
LA PANIFICAZIONE MODERNA		"	5.000
DENTAL CADMOS	medico	"	1.000
IL LATTE	scient.tecnico	"	500
GAZZETTA MEDICA ITALIANA		"	1.000
MERCATI DI CONSUMO	tributaria	"	2.000
LA MADRE	femminile	"	45.000
GAZZETTA SANITARIA	medico	"	12.000
I QUADERNI DEL MEDICO	"	"	1.000
DENTALARGUS	"	"	2.000
FINESTRE	attualità	"	3.000
IL TENNISTA	sportivo	"	500
PICCOLA FATA	femminile	"	25.000
F A R O	culturale	"	1.000
GIORNALE DEI PASTICCIERI E CONFETTIERI		"	1.000
IN MARCIA		"	10.000
RIVISTA ITALIANA ESSENZE PROFUMI,PIANTE OFFICINALI		"	2.000
TECNICA ELETTRONICA	tecn.scient.	"	1.000
LA GUIDA POLLINI	commerciale	"	1.000
M U S I C A	musicale	"	1.500
MOTO - CLUB	tecnica	"	3.000
L'ANTENNA	"	"	8.000
RIVISTA DELLA PROPRIETA' INTELLETTUALE ED INDUSTRIALE		monthly	500
PICCOLISSIMI	scientifico	"	500
IL PENSIERO FEMMINILE	culturale	"	500
ARCHIVIO DI SPICOLOGIA NEUROLOGIA PSICHIATRIA		three monthly	700
DELLA MAGLIA	tecnico di mode		10.000
BELLAMODA	"		10.000
RIVISTA DI DIRITTO COMMERCIALE		four monthly	800
GIORNALE ITALIANO DI DERMATOLOGIA E SIFILOLOGIA			500
ROSABURRO	moda infan.	six monthly	10.000
NOVA MEDICA ITALICA		"	500

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[illegible] A	sett.	100.000
[illegible] CANONICO	quindic.	10.000
[illegible]	mensile	[illegible]
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[illegible]	settim.	10.000
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[illegible]	"	[illegible]
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[illegible]	"	120.000
[illegible]	bimestrale	[illegible]
[illegible]	mensile	[illegible]
[illegible] - LODI	settim.	10.000

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O'LDRITO "SAN P[illegible]O"	"	650
IL CENACOLO	"	25.000
[illegible]ORIO S.MARIA DELLE	"	
GRAZIE	"	1.[illegible]00
D'ULIVO	"	[illegible]00
[illegible]OLLETTINO "IL D[illegible]O"	"	2.300
[illegible]OLEGNANO DAL [illegible]OCCHIALE		
S.FAMIGLIA	bimestrale	300
[illegible]'AMICO DELLA FAMIGLIA	mensile	3.[illegible]70
[illegible]ANVIALE DA GIOVANNI'	bimestrale	1.000
[illegible]OLLEGE IL FARO	mensile	60.000
LA DIVINA OMNIDONNA	"	15.000
[illegible]AMORE A MESA	"	1.200
LA VERA	settim.	750
IL DIVIN CROCIFISSO	mensile	3.000
DON [illegible]ALTENA	bimestrale	20.000
V I T A	mensile	20.000
IL LAVORO	"	2[illegible].000
L'ANGELO	"	3[illegible].000
[illegible]ORIENTE DA MISSIONARIA	"	30.000
[illegible] MISSIONI CAT[illegible]OLICHE	"	5.000
CROCIATA MISSIONARIA	"	120.000
IL DIACONO	bimestrale	[illegible]0.000
L'U[illegible]OMO FAMIGLIA	mensile	4.000
IL CITTADINO - LODI	settiman.	12.000

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PROPOSAL FOR THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF ITALIAN PRESS AND RADIO ON CESSATION OF PWB ACTIVITIES IN NORTHERN ITALY.

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1. Italian Press and Radio in North Italy will be free to use any news and information available from official sources and private agencies subject to the requirements of military censorship.

2. The elimination of material likely to inflame public opinion and the objective presentation of contentious issues to the Italian population resident in areas under Allied Military Government will be secured through Allied Press Officers whose functions and status are defined below:

3. APB, which will continue to meet in Rome, will appoint from among the civilian and military personnel at present employed by PWB, Allied Press Officers. These will be stationed in areas in which there is a Regional Commissioner, with whom they will act in close cooperation.

4. The Press Officers will act in accordance with directives prepared by APB concurred by AC/AMG and approved by the Chief of Staff, AFHQ. In case of emergency when public safety is endangered the Press Officer will act on the instructions of the Regional Commissioner: in the event of these instructions being at variance with the directives of APB, the matter will be referred back to higher authority for decision.

5. The Press Officers will be under the command of the Chief Press Officer, who is directly responsible to the Chairman of APB.

The Chief Press Officer will be a member of APB and will act as Deputy to the Chairman as required.

6. The direction and control of the Italian Press and Radio, vested in APB, will be additional to that exercised by military censorship; it will normally be carried out by means of post publication scrutiny. In cases likely to inflame public opinion, and in controversial issues, which will be the subject of directives from AFHQ, Press Officers will have the right to demand from the non-political information newspapers, which will be authorised in each region, the pre-publication submission of editorial articles and comment and will be entitled to delete from such articles matter liable

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7. The Press Officer will have the power to exercise similar control over Radio scripts in any circumstances when he may consider this necessary.

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6. Licensing of the press, including weekly and monthly magazines, and the allotment of circulation to newspapers and posters, will be the responsibility of Regional AFPUs, whose decisions will be subject to confirmation by the Central AFB.

9. Regional AFPUs will include the following:-

Chairman
Press Officer
Asst. Press Officer
Representative of Regional Commander
Representative of Military Censorship

The Chairman, AFPU, will be ex-officio a member of all Regional Boards and may delegate the Chief Press Officer to attend as his representative.

10. The control of Paper Supplies and Production will be the responsibility of AO/AMG.

11. The Press Officers will, if desired, act as the agents for OWI and MOI for the distribution of American and British publications within their areas, OWI and MOI providing the Italian staff necessary for this purpose.