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Office of the Executive Commissioner

13 December 1946.

Public Relations Officer

The CC was making enquiries a day or so ago about the status of press legislation in Italy.

Legal Division have given information on this.

CC, however, states that proposals were at one time drawn up by Public Relations Branch with a view to bringing Italian press legislation up to date and CC thinks that you may have some information in your files on this matter.

Can you please inform me of the situation?

*Public Relations Branch
of Headquarters Allied Commission
is interested in the report
of the Italian Press Commission
and would be glad to receive a copy
if available.*

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FROM: Major G.H. WILSON, MCML
Chairman & Chief Press Officer, A.S.P.

REMARKS: Report on A.S.P. Press and Radio activities for the months
of Nov. & Dec. 45

1. Summary - The last A.S.P. (Central Board) meeting was held in Rome on
18 Oct. 45. Since that date no meeting has been convened, since
only a few isolated cases have arisen requiring decision, and
these have been referred to members individually through the
Director P.S. In all other matters there have been clear
precedents and action has been taken without reference.
Control during the past two months has of necessity been
sketchy. With the Regional Press Officer Veneto in England on
leave and the withdrawal of the Regional Press Officer Piemonte
on termination of his OVI contract, the Chief Press Officer has
been personally responsible, as the only Allied Officer, for
Regional A.S.P.'s Lombardy, Piemonte and Venetia. An AMO Officer
was allocated to A.S.P. Liguria. Work has been confined to the
granting of licenses by local boards, to the control of news-
print, and to the settling of incidents involving articles to
which the Allied authorities objected. All such incidents have
been closed satisfactorily.

A large number of applications for periodicals have been received

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From: Major G.H. Gault, 1st Lt.

Chairman of the Press Officer, 6.6.53.

Subject: RETRACTED PRESS AND RADIO ACTIVITIES FOR THE FRONT
AD FOX, 1st Lt.

1. RETRACTED - The last A.S.I. (Central Board) meeting was held in Rome on 18 Oct. 53. Since that date no meeting has been convened, since only a few invited guests have arisen requiring decision, and these have been referred to members individually through the Director PA-AU. In all other matters there have been clear precedents and action has been taken without reference. Control during the past two months has of necessity been skeleton. With the Regional Press Officer (RPO) in Ireland on leave and the withdrawal of the Technical Press Officer (TPO) on termination of his contract, the Chief Press Officer has been personally responsible, as the only Allied Officer for Regional A.S.I. (Northern, Southern and Venetian). An A.S.I. Officer was allocated to the RPO, who has been confined to the printing of letters by local groups, to the control of newsprint, and to the setting of increments involving articles to which the Allied authorities objected. All such increments have been closed satisfactorily.

A large number of applications for newsprint have been received in all regions, since the paper is uncontrolled, and organisations have been automatic after varying by Italian Press authorities who have been working with A.S.I. in a consultative capacity. The circulation of the daily papers have been adjusted fortnightly following the checking of numbers of copies printed, on the principle of numbers printed plus 10% for wastage.

Reference newspaper: - The technical capacity of the North Italian paper mills could triple the present production (apply covering northern authorities even now) if it would be necessary, however, in order to obtain the greater production.

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to have a higher priority in electric power and fuel for the hills, extra transportation facilities, and the extending of facilities for the immigration of cellulose and other necessary raw materials. Once these facilities are available, pulp newsprint throughout Italy should be a first commodity rather than politically controlled.

Radio, northern Italy, was presented no problem apart from a complaint that news-cos entreats Radio Milan were not sufficiently objective, having a tendency towards the left. News commentaries are now being listened to by northern Italy from Commission C.I.A.I.

2. Radio

La Stampa - Two cases arose last month of distortion of fact by "Units". Satisfactory rectifications and apologies were published and the editor was warned both by the Regional Commissioner and by the editor against further irresponsible articles. Behaviour has since been exemplary.

An application was made by the Rome independent daily Il Lavoro for permission to transfer to Milan. It was pointed out by the Advisory Board that the policy has been against the publication of news items in the North, and it was agreed that Il Lavoro may no longer change the policy and create a new precedent at this late stage.

Another application was made by a group of young and employees, headed by a lieutenant aged 26, for an independent Milan daily under the pro-fascist title Il Nuovo Lavoro. At first the Regional Commissioner was in favour of the application, but after the Advisory Board had discussed the case, agreeing that the group had very little journalistic right, and no political right, to a daily, he agreed to a recommendation that the group be put in touch with the journalists reorganizing the Italian army daily La Stella as an independent (see minutes of Central C.I.B. meeting of 18 Oct, page 4) with a view to collaboration. Discussions are now in progress between the two groups.

Present circulations of Milan dailies are as follows:

<u>Nome</u>	<u>Classificazione</u>	<u>Circulation</u>
<u>CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE</u>	independent	267,000
<u>UNITA'</u>	communist	158,000
<u>CORRIERE ITALIANO</u>	independent	195,300
<u>L'AVANTI</u>	socialist	170,800
<u>POPOLO</u>	demo-christian	401,450
<u>LA STRETTA DELLA SPINA</u>	short	103,300
<u>IL FIAN</u>	liberal	49,870
<u>MILANO-SEMA</u>	independent	48,750
<u>ITALIA LIBERA</u>	action party	38,350
<u>OSERVATORE</u>	catholic	31,250
<u>IL SOLE</u>	economic	23,000
<u>IL MATTINO D'ITALIA</u>	monarchic	22,350
<u>L'ITALIA DEL POPOLO</u>	republican	19,450

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Another application was made by a group of young AIG employees, headed by a lieutenant aged 26, for an independent Milan daily under the pro-fascist title *IL QUOTIDIANO*. At first the regional commissioner was in favour of the application, but after the Advisory Board had discussed the case, agreeing that the group had very little journalistic right, and no political right, to a daily, and earned to a recommendation that the group be put in touch with the journalists reorganising the Italian army daily *IL MITE* as an independent (see minutes of Central meeting of 16 Oct. page 4) with a view to collaboration. Discussions are now in progress between the two groups.

Present circulation of Milan dailies are as follows:

<u>COMUNE D'INTELLIGENZA</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Circulation</u>
UNIONE	Independent	160,000
COMUNIST	Communist	158,000
INDEPENDENT	Independent	158,000
SOCIALIST	Socialist	130,800
DEMO-CRISTIAN	Demo-Christian	125,850
SPORT	Sport	100,000
LIBERAL	Liberal	40,870
INDEPENDENT	Independent	40,750
ACTION PARTY	Action party	30,350
CATHOLIC	Catholic	21,250
ECONOMIC	Economic	21,000
MONARCHIC	Monarchic	22,350
REPUBLICAN	Republican	19,450

Lombardy - The only major point in this region was the submission, by the Regional Board, of a daily paper to the *Democrazia del Lavoro* party. Since the party was recognized to have the right to a daily with the present of the Milan *QUOTIDIANO VIGILANTE* (see Central Board minutes 8 Oct., page 6, heading *IL QUOTIDIANO* and *IL QUOTIDIANO NUOVO*) it was not considered necessary to refer the *Democrazia* application to the Central Board. The title of the paper is not yet decided. Its circulation is 35,000.

Present circulation of Milan dailies are as follows:

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Circulation</u>
LA NUOVA SPERANZA	Independent	180,000
LA VOCE DELLA PROVINCIA	Independent	88,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE	liberal	72,000
LA VOCE DEL MONTAGNA	demo-Christian	76,000
LA VOCE DEL PIANO	socialist	78,000
LA VOCE DEL VALLE	communist	72,000
LA VOCE DEL VULCANI	action party	50,000
LA VOCE DEL VULCANI	democratico lavoro	35,000

Nothing of consequence has occurred in this region. Press and radio supervision in Palermo is still strict and AGU insists that it remain so for the duration of AGU administration.

Present circulations of the daily press are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Circulation</u>
LA VOCE DEL MARE	Independent	200,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE	C.I.F.	35,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE		40,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE		10,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE	liberal	32,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE	C.I.F.	26,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE		15,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE	C.I.F.	30,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE		37,000

Nothing of major importance.

Present circulations:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Circulation</u>
LA VOCE DEL MARE	Independent	75,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE	liberal	80,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE	socialist	50,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE	communist	60,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE	Independent	40,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE	action party	40,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE	republican	25,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE	Catholic	22,500

Nothing of major importance.

Present circulations:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Circulation</u>
LA VOCE DEL MARE	Independent	75,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE	liberal	80,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE	socialist	50,000
LA VOCE DEL MARE	communist	60,000
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1. This Order also prohibits the publication of all information...
 (a) Information...
 (b) Information...
2. Information of Special Agents...
 (a) Information...
 (b) Information...
3. Confidential Information...
 (a) Information...
 (b) Information...
4. Treatment of Confidential Agents...
 (a) Information...
 (b) Information...
5. Non-Fascist Papers...
 (a) Information...
 (b) Information...

2. Organization of Federal Reserve. In addition to a newly liberated...
 3. Foreign Relations of the United States. In addition to a newly liberated...
 4. Foreign Relations of the United States. In addition to a newly liberated...

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 10. Foreign Relations of the United States. In addition to a newly liberated...

- (a) Foreign Relations of the United States. In addition to a newly liberated... (see part. 11)
- (b) Foreign Relations of the United States. In addition to a newly liberated... (see part. 14)

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11. Provisional Formate. In Army Formate, provisional permits will normally be issued through the PWB Press Officer, subject to the right of the AGO Officer at Army HQ and the C.M.O. (as soon as he shall begin to furnish to author- ities such publications as he may consider necessary within the framework of this plan.

Such provisional permits are at all times subject to suspension or withdrawal by order of the Military Governor.

12. Allied Publications Board. As soon as conditions permit, Allied Publications Board will set up Regional Boards to which all applications for permits will thereafter be made. Provisional permits granted in accordance with the present paragraph will be referred to these Regional Boards for action by Allied Publications Board. In alloting movement to the unclassified and other early applicants, Allied Publications Board will take into account the requirements of the non-party papers referred to in para- graph 7.

13. Finance and Management. With the exception of PWB's responsibility for the content "Corriere Alleato" section, the financial and other matters will concern themselves with the financial or administrative side of newspapers or other periodicals. In the case of the PWB information papers referred to in paragraph 8, Italian groups will be financially and administratively responsible, PWB confining it- self to editorial control and supply of operational necessities, such as paper and ink.

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In localities where there are no conventional heavy equipment will be authorized by responsible persons as directed by the Provincial Commander. These officers will act in accordance with military orders. Activities will be carried out within the area covered by PVB Command from 2000 hours. Liaison between PVB units operating in large areas and subordinated elements in other localities shall be established and maintained.

17. Classification System. No party or other newspaper published outside the PVB Army Group will be allowed to enter any point within the area even without the specific approval of the Military Commander or communication from PVB.

18. Power Lines. In each town or area is entered by the Allied forces, every stockholder of newspaper or printing press will be required by PVB printing officer to declare what stocks and resources he has in hand and to what parties they are being sold.

19. News Service. PVB will provide on demand a free service language news service, special edition, maps and photographs, to all authorized publications within the limits of what ever communications exist or may be established. No other news or photographic services will be permitted to operate in the Army Group area until such time as the Allied Commander permits the resumption of normal commercial news and photos distribution.

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12th June, 1945.

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARDPROPOSAL FOR THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF
ITALIAN PRESS AND RADIO ON CESSATION OF
PWB ACTIVITIES IN NORTHERN ITALY.

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 at 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 authorized in each region, the pre-publication submission of editorial articles and comment and will be entitled to deal with them as follows:

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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.
8. Licensing of the press, including weekly and monthly magazines, and the allotment of circulation to newspapers and posters, will be the responsibility of Regional APBs, whose decisions will be subject to confirmation by the Central APB.
9. Regional APBs will include the following:

Press Officer	Chairman
Asst. Press Officer	Secretary
Representative of Regional	Commissioner
Representative of Military	Censorship

The Chairman, APB, 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 AC/AMC.
11. The Press Officers will, if desired, act as the agents for CWI and MOI for the distribution of American and British Publications within their areas, CWI and MOI providing the Italian staff necessary for this purpose.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

20th April, 1945,

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PRESS PLAN FOR NORTHERN ITALY

1. This Press Plan for Northern Italy supersedes all previous instructions. Responsibility for carrying out this Press Plan lies with P.W.B. 15th Army Group, through P.W.B. Chief Press Officer, in conformity with AFHQ directives, but subject to 15th Army Group Military Command and in strict cooperation with A.C. and Allied Publications Board.
2. Suppression of Fascist Papers. On entering a newly liberated town or area, all newspapers and other periodicals of Fascist creation or papers identified with Fascist leaders, such as Farinacci's "Regime Fascista" of Cremona, will be suppressed and not allowed to re-appear.
3. Combat Team Information Sheet. PWB Combat Teams will issue "Corriere Alleato" as an emergency news and information sheet. The content, allocation and duration of these Combat Team papers will be on the initiative and at the discretion of PWB Combat Teams with the respective armies, acting under general PWB 15th Army Group directions. In addition to news, they will carry AMG and Army proclamations, as required. The personnel of such papers form a part of PWB 15th Army Group.
4. Treatment of Clandestine Press. Newspapers and other periodicals favorable to the Allied cause and publishing clandestinely prior to Allied liberation may continue to publish openly, keeping their periodicity in general, subject to para. 10 in the case of dailies, on the following conditions:
 - (a) Application for a provisional permit (see para. 11) must be made within seven days of the Military Governor's proclamation.
 - (b) All papers must be subject to military censorship (see para. 14).

Lists of the more important clandestine papers, known to be in existence in each region prior to Allied entry, will be supplied to the C.A.O. of AMG by the Chief Press Officer, P.W.B.
5. Non-Fascist Papers. Non-Fascist papers (if any) and papers of a technical nature may apply to continue publication on the same provisional permit conditions, subject to military needs.
6. New Papers. Papers other than the ex-clandestine ones referred to in paragraph 4 may submit applications for provisional permits to publish.
7. Pre-Fascist Papers. Papers with a pre-Fascist history, which had, however, been taken over and run as Fascist periodicals, will be suspended on Allied entry, pending the appointment of a Commissario by the AMG Regional Commissioner. As soon as the Commissario can show that enunciation

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Any profits accruing will be frozen by the Commissario who will retain control until the area is returned to Italian administration. Questions of ownership and eventual political control will then be settled in accordance with procedure to be laid down by the Italian Government, which has agreed that none of these papers will be returned to the control of Fascist owners.

8. PWB Information Papers. As freedom of the Press automatically excludes the rights of the Allies to impose their own information directives or policy on Italian editors, the Allies will reserve their own channel by means of openly declared allied news sheets which may be published in the Italian language at the following centres: BOLOGNA, MILAN, TURIN, GENOA, VENICE, TRIESTE. These papers will be Italian-owned and administered, but all leading articles, comments and general layout will follow PWB directives. PWB will furnish paper, ink and other operational supplies. In no case will articles or comment be signed by their editorial writers.

These information papers will rank as operational activities, which may be opened up or closed down by the Allied Publications Board without obligation or reference to any Italian commercial or proprietary interest other than formal notification of the decision taken by the allied Publications Board. Each of these newspapers will be called "Corriere" with an indication of the region it serves (e.g. "Corriere Emiliano" in BOLOGNA). The phrase "a cura del PWB" will appear as part of the masthead. In cases where PWB editorial control is brought to an end, provision will be made for the cancellation of the titles of these papers.

PWB will bring out wall news bulletins as required, also marked "a cura del PWB" as part of the masthead.

9. C.N.L. In order to prevent discrimination among applicants and to help towards the equitable distribution of available newsprint or flatbed paper, it is recognised on principle that the parties of the C.N.L. shall have first priority when applications for political papers are being eventually considered.

10. Dailies and Weeklies. With reference to paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 and with reference to the publication of newspapers in general prior to the restoration of the Northern areas to Italian jurisdiction, all daily papers everywhere should be information sheets only (all party or no party) and party papers should be weeklies. However, if the local Committees of National Liberation recommend that party organs be allowed as dailies and provided such arrangements are approved by AMG, allied Publications Board will judge the matter of ratification solely from the point of view of newsprint available. It is recognised that MILAN and TURIN present special problems in this regard and that if the local Committee of National Liberation ask for party dailies, such requests would receive consideration provided that it were possible to supply the necessary newsprint.

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These information papers will rank as operational activities, which may be opened up or closed down by the Allied Publications Board without obligation or reference to any Italian commercial or proprietary interest other than formal notification of the decision taken by the Allied Publications Board. Each of these newspapers will be called "Corriere" with an indication of the region it serves (e.g. "Corriere Emiliano" in BOLOGNA). The phrase "a cura del PWB" will appear as part of the masthead. In cases where PWB editorial control is brought to an end, provision will be made for the cancellation of the titles of these papers.

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11. Provisional Permits. In Army forward areas provisional permits will normally be issued through the P.B Press Officer, subject to the right of the AMG Officer at Army HQ and the C.A.O. AMG (as soon as he shall begin to function) to authorise such publications as he may consider necessary within the framework of this plan.

Such provisional permits are at all times subject to suspension or withdrawal by order of the Military Governor.

- 12. Allied Publications Board. As soon as conditions permit, Allied Publications Board will set up Regional Boards to which all applications for permits will thereafter be made. Provisional permits granted in accordance with the preceding paragraph will be referred to these Regional Boards for action by Allied Publications Board. In allotting newsprint to the ex-clandestine and other early applicants, Allied Publications Regional Boards will take into account the requirements of the non-party papers referred to in paragraph 7.
- 13. Finance and Management. With the exception of P.B.'s responsibility for the combat "Corriere Allicato" publications, neither P.B nor A.G will concern themselves with the financial or administrative side of newspapers or other periodicals. In the case of the P.B Information papers referred to in paragraph 8, Italian groups will be financially and administratively responsible, P.B confining itself to editorial control and supply of operational necessities, such as paper and ink.
- 14. Military Censorship. Military censorship is essential. No permits will be considered or allowed unless military censorship control on the spot can be guaranteed and sustained.

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In localities other than those mentioned above, censorship will be exercised by responsible persons designated by A.G Provincial Commissioners. These censors will act in accordance with military censorship directives laid down by A.G, which will be furnished by A.G Combat Area Press Officers. Liaison between A.G Press Censors in large cities and A.G-Nominated Censors in other localities should be established and maintained.
- 15. Circulation Proviso. No party or other newspapers published outside the 15th Army Group area will be allowed to enter any point within the said area without the specific approval of the Military Commander on recommendation from P.B.
- 16. Paper Stocks. As each town or area is entered by the Allied troops, every stockholder of newsprint or flatbed paper will be required by P.B Printing Officer to declare what stocks and resources he has in hand and to what purpose they are being used.
- 17. News Service. P.B will provide on demand a free Italian language news service, special articles, maps and photographs, to all authorized publications within the limits of whatever communications exist or may be established. No other news or photographic services will be permitted to operate in the Army Group area until such time as the Allied Commission permits the resumption of normal commercial news and picture distribution.

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CONFIDENTIAL

12th June 1945

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

PROPOSAL FOR THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF
ITALIAN PRESS AND RADIO ON CESSATION OF
FWE ACTIVITIES IN GERMAN TERRIT.

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. APE, which will continue to meet in Rome, will appoint from among the civilian and military personnel at present employed by FWD, 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 APE 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 APE, 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 APE.
The Chief Press Officer will be a member of APE and will act as Deputy to the Chairman as required.
6. The direction and control of the Italian Press and Radio **4807** vested in APE, 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 authorized in each region, the pre-publication submission of editorial articles and comment and

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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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8. Licensing of the press, including weekly and monthly magazines, and the allotment of circulation to newspapers and posters, will be the responsibility of Regional AFBs, whose decisions will be subject to confirmation by the Central AFB.

9. Regional AFBs will include the following:-

Press Officer	Chairman
Asst. Press Officer	Secretary
Representative of Regional Commissioner	
Representative of Military Censorship	

The Chairman, AFB, 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 AC/AIS.

11. The Press Officers will, if desired, act as the agents for OWI and MCI for the distribution of American and British publications within their areas, OWI and MCI providing the Italian staff necessary for this purpose.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
C. M. F.

6th February, 1946

Ref : FWB/M/A/35

To: Director,
Public Relations,
HQ Allied Commission,
AFC 394,
CMF.

The attached two letters from the Press Officer, Genoa, are passed to you for such action as may be considered necessary.

2. It is not understood why this correspondence is in the name of the Allied Publications Board which ceased active operation under this name, so far as this Branch is aware, w.e.f. 31st December, 1945.

Dr 
Commander
Brigadier
Director *PAU*

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
LIGURIA REGION

GENOA, 29th. January 1946.
1, Gabriele d'Annunzio,
Tel. 55432,

To: Major NOBLE,
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD,
GENOA. Milan.

I enclose herewith full list of the publications
granted during my period here, some of which granted during
December last, had not yet been notified to you.

Yours sincerely,

C. Howard Owen
Capt. C. HOWARD OWEN,
Press-Officer, A.P.B.,
Liguria Region, Genoa.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
LIGURIA REGION

GENOA, 28th. January 1946.
1, Gabriele d'Annunzio,
Tel. 55432,

To the Allied Publications Board,
4, Via Cantù,
MILAN.

This is to ask the paper allocation department to kindly give the proper orders to the Cartiera Burgos, so as to let the local paper "LA VOCE DEL LAVORO" have the paper allocation that has been granted to it by this office (14 Qls. a month) and which was delivered only once at allocation price for the Cartiera Burgos states that no orders were given by our office in Milan.

The fact is that these 14 Qls. are included in the total allocation of paper print for Liguria Region. Therefore they should be granted at allocation price to the above named paper.

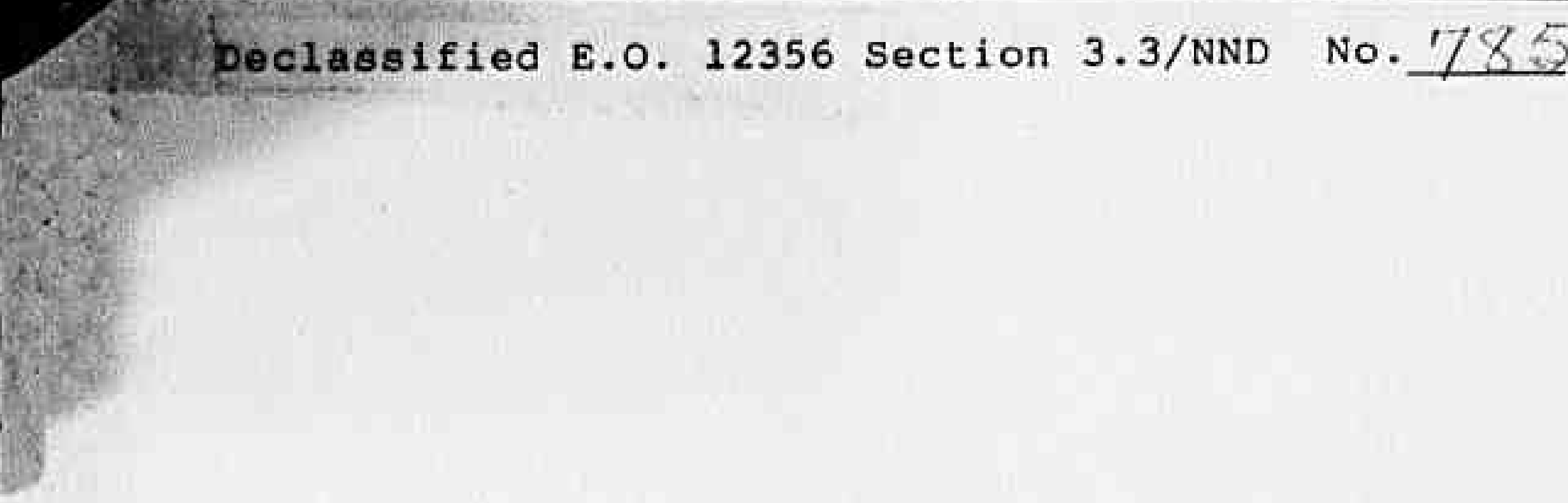
Would you kindly give the necessary orders and let the paper know at the following address, Via Malta 3, Genova. Authorization N°. 104 G.

Yours very sincerely,

C. Howard Owen, Capt.

Capt. C. HOWARD OWEN,
Press-Officer, A.P.B.,
Liguria Region, Genoa.

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
LIGURIA REGION
PRESS OFFICER



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G. J. IRONS
Capt USA
Asst Adjutant

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MAJOR NOBLE SECRETARY ALLIED INTELLIGENCE BOARD MILAN

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RE MESSAGE 45

ROUTINE

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PARIS TO MAJOR NOBLE SECRETARY ALLIED INTELLIGENCE BOARD MILAN
FROM LT COL HENRY ALCON CITE AD PRE PARIS
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 TWO EIGHT DEPENDS PD

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Public Relations Br.

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G.J. LEONE,
 SAC, USA,
 Asst Adjutant

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

Telephone 12338.

Via Cesare Cantù No.3.,
MILAN.

29th November, 1945.

TO: Lt. Col. T. G. Bergin,
Director,
Public Relations Branch,
H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION.

FROM: Major G.M. Sinclair Noble,
Chairman,
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

SUBJECT: Action of APB Officer in Turin.

Reference your 101/PRB of 1st November, 1945.

Attached is a statement from Ellison regarding
Mr. Gaudi's report.

The explanation is satisfactory and it is suggested
that Ellison be written directly by Mr. Stewart Brown.

Copies to:
Mr. Stewart Brown.
Mr. Ellison.

G.M. Sinclair Noble
MAJOR G. M. SINCLAIR NOBLE,
Chairman
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
PIEMONTE REGION
TORINO

13 November 1945

To: Major G.W. Sinclair Noble
Chief Press Officer, APB
From: A.L. Ellison
Press Officer, APB, Piemonte
Subject:

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT ON ANTHONY ELLISON BY DANTE GNUDI

1. This will confirm our telephonic conversation of this afternoon in the course of which you dictated to me the following confidential letter:

Oct. 24, 1945

" To: Mr. Stewart Brown
Chief of USIS
From: Dante Gnudi
Head of USIS, Milan

Col. Fiore, City Commissioner (sic) of Turin, informs me that Anthony Ellison called in editors of the local dailies to tell them to stop or play down their anti-Communist editorials. Col. Fiore feels that Ellison exceeded his powers as press officer for APB. "

2. At your suggestion, following my indignation over this misrepresentation, I am forwarding this formal request to you for appropriate action.

3. The contents of Mr. Gnudi's letter are obviously based on the meeting held at my office between Sig. Caputo, editor of the Turin daily Gazzetta d'Italia, and myself, during which I transmitted to Sig. Caputo your request that he and the commissario of the daily, Avv. Paces, attend a meeting at the Milan offices of the APB. The purpose of the meeting in Milan was to carry out the directive of the Central APB meeting of Oct. 8, which instructed you to warn the editor and the commissario that the Gazzetta was expected to keep closely to its guarantee that an independent informational non-party policy would be followed and that failure to do so would result in disciplinary action. During the meeting you produced a letter from the administrator of the Gazzetta requesting additional newsprint in order "to intensify our campaign against the CIN's and the Communists."

4. The warning to this single editor that he was not following an independent non-party line because of his campaign against the CIN and the Communists has, evidently, become garbled in Mr. Gaudi's letter to my telling "the editors (sic) of the local dailies to stop or play down their anti-Communist editorials."

Needless to state, no other editor of a Turin daily has ever been called in by me to be warned of his paper's policy, since this was never deemed necessary by the Central AFB.

5. Following our telephone conversation of today, I naturally immediately called on Col. Fiore, Provincial Commissioner (not City Commissioner) of Turin, with whom I have been on the friendliest of terms.

Col. Fiore categorically denied giving this information to Mr. Gaudi and stated that, in fact, he had not seen Mr. Gaudi or spoken to him by telephone since we had all met together months ago.

As I had suspected, Col. Fiore assured me that, if he had ever harbored such ideas as attributed to him in Mr. Gaudi's letter, he would first have communicated them to me, as was proper procedure.

Col. Fiore said he would contact Mr. Gaudi to ascertain where he had gotten his information.

6. Col. Fiore also stated that he himself had called in Sig. Caputo just the day before to explain to him the Allied conception of an independent, non-political newspaper. He had also on Nov. 11 via Radio Torino given a talk on the free press during the course of which he stated that the purpose of an informative newspaper was not to shape public opinion but to give the public all the facts so that it would form its own opinion.

7. It was gratifying to learn from you that the Director of Public Relations, Allied Commission, realized that the report was probably exaggerated and that probably I was only carrying out the directives of the Central AFB.

It occurs to me that, if proper procedure had been followed, Mr. Gaudi's report should have been forwarded to you as chief press officer of the AFB instead of to Mr. Stewart Brown, head of USIS, under whom I hope to serve on the closing of the AFB.

8. In view of the irreparable harm that such irresponsible and unwarranted reports can do to one's reputation as an unbiased Allied official, I hereby request that appropriate action be taken by the Allied Publications Board.

A. H. Allison

PUBLIC RELATIONS

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TO: SAUER HODGE, SECRETARY BOARD PUBLICATIONS BOARD ILLAN

FROM: COLLEGE BEGIN PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER ILLAN

BY: [Signature]

RE: CONSIDER POLAR PRESS ASSOCIATION AND B. BARNEY CHAIRMAN

WEEK. ON VIEW OF ALL THAT PENALTY ISSUED IN TOO STRONG.

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TO AMER PRESS, EDITORIAL BOARD WASHINGTON BOARD TIAN
IN CHIEF OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
FROM CHINESE PRESS PUBLIC RELATIONS BUREAU P.C.

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THE CHINESE PRESS PUBLIC RELATIONS BUREAU HAS BEEN ADVISED
THAT THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE AMERICAN PRESS HAS REQUESTED
THE CHINESE PRESS PUBLIC RELATIONS BUREAU TO PRINT
APLOGIES FOR THE ARTICLE AND THE ACCOUNT OF A FOREIGNER IN THE
MAGAZINE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ARTICLE AS SUGGESTED BY YOUR B.O. IF EDITOR
WILL NOT ACCEPT BRITISH POLICE AND NEWS AGENCY OFFERS 4288
DAYS SUBSCRIPTION XX AND AMERICAN LAD AND PRESS AT 4000 W. GEORGE
A PPLICATION OF PENALTY IMPOSED BY YOU. BR MANNEY FOLLOWS THE
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SUGGESTION: IF AN EDITOR IS WISE/SAY IS AT BE LEFT TO DISCRETION
OF RS. AND PS. OFFICE EDITOR

T.H.I. to Radio Room	1 Copy to:	Originator
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TO: Maj Noble, Secretary APB, Milan *CANTU*

Have consulted Polads ~~and~~ Press Attaches and Mr Barney on Unita matter. Opinion of all is that penalty imposed is too stiff. Unanimous suggestions is that editor be required to print apology, retraction and true account, together with reference in proclamation and communique as suggested in your memo. If editor will not agree British Polads and Press Attache suggest one days' suspension and American Polad and Press Attache suggest application of penalty ~~xxxxx~~ proposed by you. Mr Barney follows British line. My own feeling is that editor is sure to accept first suggestion; if alternative is necessary it may be left to discretion of RC. and PS Officer.

*Col. Bengu. Public Relations Branch
A.C.*

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

D.C. 101/PIB

SUBJECT : Delay in transmission of AIS release
TO : R.S.K. Jeffly, Room 4B, AIC, Trieste

1. Reference is made to a letter of 14th November from Mr George E. Adair concerning delays in getting AIS copy to news agencies.

2. This office considers itself responsible for ensuring each news agency receives a copy. This we regularly do. The procedure is usually as follows: AIC, PO, calls us to let us know material is in. We send our own messenger for it. The copy, as routine, is then given to our Italian Division, at which correspondents of the Italian agencies call every day. If the news is urgent, we call the agencies or either send the copy to them over the phone or ask them to come over and see it at once. The agencies we serve are ANSA, ORSIS and RIVISTA ITALIANA DI GIORNALISMO. Our office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., during which hours we give this service.

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THE AT. T. MARTIN
Lieut. AIC
Director,
Public Relations Branch

*Col. Bergin
I should be made
about Nov 10 1945*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
UNIT No. 8 - APO 512

14 November 1945

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signature
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Lt. Col. Thomas G. Bergin, Director
Public Relations Branch
Hq. Allied Commission
Rome

Dear Tom:

I quote from a letter I have received from FWB's Allied Information Service in Trieste:

"There seems to be some hold-up on our World News material being distributed to the Press Agency in Rome. It has not been ascertained as yet as to whether this hold-up is at the receiving end of the transmission or in the press office of A.C. For example, we filed many details of the Capodistria incident on the night of Nov. 1st, but this material seems to have failed to have reached BBC, because in their morning broadcast of Nov. 3rd they state in reference to the Italian Government's complaint about the conditions of Italians in Yugoslavia, that no details were available. We have taken this matter up with the 13 Corps PRO officer for action in Rome, but you might check into the situation if you have occasion to be in Rome in the near future. It is important that our World Press file is distributed as soon as possible. No agency correspondents are in the area at the moment."

Can you look into the matter and drop a note on your findings to me or Charles K. Moffly, Deputy OC, AIS, Trieste, as soon as possible? I am attaching a copy of this letter in case you wish to pass it along to PRO AFHQ in Rome.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Edman
GEORGE W. EDMAN
Deputy Director
PWB AFHQ

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enc.
cc: Mr. C. K. Moffly, Deputy OC, AIS, Trieste
Mr. Bergin for PRO AFHQ

P.S. Better deal directly with Moffly. I've just received sailing orders for Nov. 17th!

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Lt. Col. Thomas G. Bergin, Director, AFHQ

CONFIDENTIAL

14 November 1945

Mr. G. Stewart Brown, Director
Hq. USIS
Rome

Dear Stewart:

Before taking off for the States, which I expect to do in a week or two, I should like to explain what I have done to try to tidy up the Allied Publications Board.

Last week, Major Noble, Lt. Col. Bergin and I called on Admiral Stone, Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, to get his views on the proposal - (1) to designate the chief press officer as chairman, as well, and (2) to relieve PWB as a "holding corporation", so to speak, by making the chairman answerable directly to the Deputy Chief of Staff, AFHQ, through the Allied Commission.

The Chief Commissioner concurred. I have also obtained the verbal approval of the assistant deputy chief of staff. A paper covering these points is being put forward by the Director of PWB. This slight change will enable the Allied Publications Board to function, if it has to, in areas that may not be released from Allied controls.

May I take this occasion to thank you for your interest and help in the work of the Allied Publications Board. It has been an experience and a pleasure that I shall not forget. I hope our work has not been completely in vain.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE W. EDMAN, Chairman
Allied Publications Board
Deputy Director, PWB AFHQ

cc: Major Sinclair Noble, Chief Press Officer
Lt. Col. Thomas G. Bergin, Director, PWB, Hq. AC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AEC 304
Office of the Executive Commissioner

REF: 227/15075

10 November 1945

SUBJECT: AEC's Responsibility in Poland and China
TO : Public Relations Branch

1. At the Executive Commissioner's meeting on 5 November the question of the Allied Publications Board's responsibility in Poland and China following the hand over of the control of these territories to the Polish Government was raised. It is thought that one Press Control Officer should be able to handle both countries and perform the functions of AEC in consultation with the appropriate authorities.

2. Will you please arrange for this to be carried out.

T. H. Clancy

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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Done.

*31 Dec 1946 final arrangements
Carried out -*

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CONFIDENTIAL
MOST URGENT

For delivery to Lt. Colonel Purvin, Director Public Relations, A.C., Rome.

MEMORANDUM

UNITA', Milan. The following are summarized extracts from recent copies:-

1) What is happening in jail at Bolzoma - Unita' October 28.

A prominent article, stating that the British F.S.S., after searching the house of a patriot and discovering arms (5 machine FUB guns and 40 rifles) searched for the patriot and not finding him, arrested the 70 year old mother, his wife and his two children of 15 months and 3 days, and despite the fact that the wife was seriously ill, confined them in a filthy cell until such time as the patriot should give himself up. "We did not think that the system of hostages introduced by Nazi-Fascist barbarians found zealous supporters among the sons of.....England. The facts have brought us a rude awakening." Only after a fortnight and after the intervention of the local authorities did the Allies transfer the women and children to a civil hospital. The patriot was later arrested by the Allies in September, since when the family has not been allowed to see him. "Very serious indeed is the fact that the clothes which are handed to the family in exchange are always stained with blood". They declined an explanation of such unaccustomed procedure. "We are certain that there is no difficulty in satisfying them."

NOTE. After enquiring, 2 District stated that account is gross distortion and exaggeration. The mother was 56 years old, not 70, conditions of confinement were reasonable. The children were taken at the request of the wife. The UDI have written a letter thanking the F.S.S. for its considerate treatment of the women while under interrogation. It is emphasized that FUB machine guns and rifles in large numbers were found in the man's house.

2) Feminine Petition for News of War Prisoners in Russia. Unita' November 10.
Article describing visit of mothers and wives of Italian POWs in Russia to AMG, Lombardy, requesting action to get news of POWs. The article states that AMG interviewing officer was unhelpful and took the opportunity to make anti-Sovietic propaganda.

NOTE. Interview took place in the hearings of Executive Officer, AMG, Lombardy, who denies that any anti-Soviet statements were made.

3) Yet it Moves. Unita' November 12.

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Published denial from the Press Office of the President of the Council of Ministers on an article in Unita' suggesting that the naval authorities (?) had declared special favourable treatment to cover personnel who worked at anti-Communist propaganda.

Denial was published on insistence of AMG and AFB and in accordance with Italian law, but following the denial was the comment: "We published the above article"

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ly ill, confined them in a filthy cell until such time as the patriot should give himself up. "We did not think that the system of hostages introduced by Nazi-Fascist barbarity found zealous supporters among the sons of... Britain. The facts have brought us a rude awakening." Only after a fortnight and after the intervention of the local authorities did the Allies transfer the women and children to a civil hospital. The patriot was later arrested by the Allies in September, since when the family has not been allowed to see him. "Very serious indeed is the fact that the clothes which are handed to the family in exchange are always stained with blood". They declined an explanation of such unaccustomed procedure. We are certain that there is no difficulty in satisfying them.

NOTE. After enquiring, 2 District stated that account is gross distortion and exaggeration. The mother was 38 years old, not 70, conditions of confinement were reasonable. The children were taken at the request of the wife. The UDI have written a letter thanking the R.S.S. for its considerate treatment of the women while under interrogation. It is emphasised that FUB machine guns and rifles in large numbers were found in the man's house.

2) Feminine Petition for News of War Prisoners in Russia. Unita! November 10. Article describing visit of mothers and wives of Italian POWs in Russia to AMG, Lombardy, requesting action to get news of POWs. The article states that AMG interviewing officer was unhelpful and took the opportunity to make anti-Sovietic propaganda.

NOTE. Interview took place in the hearing of Executive Officer, AMG, Lombardy, who denies that any anti-Soviet statements were made.

3) Yet it Moves. Unita! November 13.

Published denial from the Press Office of the President of the Council of Ministers on an article in Unita! suggesting that the naval authorities (?) had declared special favourable treatment to cover personnel who worked at anti-Communist propaganda.

Denial was published on insistence of AMG and AFB and in accordance with Italian law, but following the denial was the comment: "We publish the above denial only so that we need not denounce our informant of the previous article."

This morning, at a meeting between the Regional Commissioner, GS 1, 2 District Pro AMG and myself, action was discussed and the following points agreed:-

Useless to prosecute editor who has already spent 12 years in Fascist jail and would make propaganda out of persecution. All agree that suspension might result in strike in view of the fact that Unita! has a larger circulation than any other political newspaper, and the following recommendation was made: "That the circulation of Unita! be reduced for an indefinite period from 220,000 to 170,000 daily and that they be made to publish press reference in AMG Proclamation No. 1, Art. 5, para. 30: 'Offences punishable by fine or imprisonment -

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any person who publishes.....printed or written matter detrimental to or disrespectful to the Allied Forces or any member thereof....or to the Allied Military Government. Also publish ~~the~~ AWC-APB communique stating punishment and reasons for punishment."

It is requested that Lt. Colonel Purkin consult other members of the Board to confirm this recommendation and communicate as soon as possible with Major Nobis at Milan, 12338.

MCTE. Action also necessary against Genesese Socialist daily already warned previous article (see page 2 of minutes of APB meeting of October 18). They now publish article stating that the Allies who marched a column of cheerful Germans FOMs through the streets of Piacenza have admitted "an affront against the Italian population which was beyond the limits of endurance and that the Allies were protecting the Nazis and were not appreciative of the clandestine movement against the Germans". In view of the previous warning of the clandestine reduction of circulation for one week is recommended.

Taken down over the telephone from Milan at 4 P.M. November 13, 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

RLC1/PRB

8 November 1945

Memorandum resulting from meeting at HQ AC on Thursday 7 Nov 45
between:

Admiral Stone	Chief Commissioner Allied Commission Italy
Mr George W Edman	Deputy Director PWB AFHQ & Chairman of APB
Lt Col Bergin	Director PRB, AC
Major Sinclair Notie	Chief Press Officer APB

AFHQ orders and administrative memoranda to date make PWB responsible for the executive functions of APB and make the head of APB responsible to the head of PWB AFHQ.

PWB is now no longer administratively responsible for APB. Administrative functions of APB have been taken over by AMG. Chairman of APB is laid down as head of PWB Liberated Italy. This latter appointment no longer exists.

It is therefore recommended that the Chief Press Officer APB be designated Chairman APB, answerable to the Chief of Staff AFHQ through PRB AC.

The Chief Commissioner AC concurs in this recommendation.

The Chief Commissioner desires that APB continue its supervisory control of the Italian press in AMG territory.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:

Message Centre No: G 2916

Date/Time of Origin: NOVEMBER 5/2112A

Date Time Rec'd: NOV 6/0815A

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD MILAN

TO : LT COLONEL BURGIN PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

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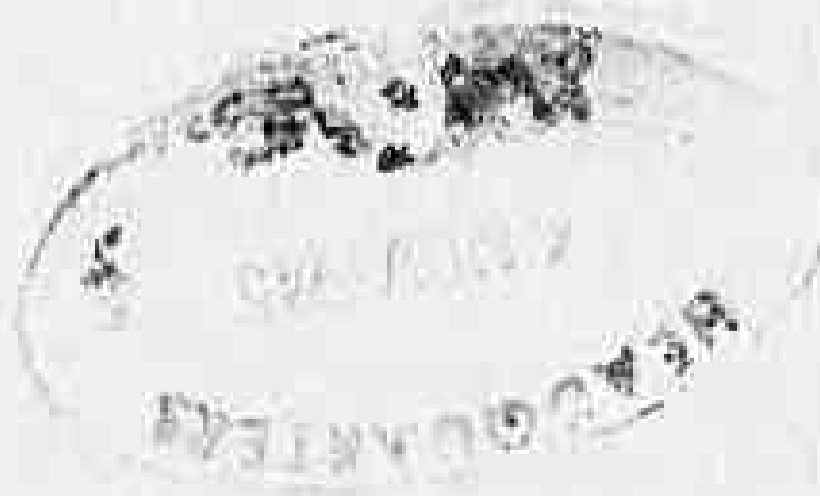
Will Colonel BURGIN please pass following message to Major SINCLAIR NORLE Allied Publications Board meeting Mr EDMAN in ROME on TUESDAY November 6 please contact Major LUND Provincial Commissioner CREMONA soonest telephone number is CREMONA 2258

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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Ref. 101/PRB

1st November 1945

SUBJECT : Action of APB Officer in Turin.

TO : Major Noble, Secretary APB, Milan.

1. The attached will explain the purpose of this note.

2. Not knowing any more about it I am inclined to believe that the story is exaggerated and Ellison was probably merely carrying out our recommendation to see to it that information papers do not engage in politics. However anything you may be able to find out about it would be gratefully received. Perhaps it can be clarified at the next APB meeting.

THOMAS G. BERGIN,
Lt.Col., NMB,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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~~Col Bergin~~

~~Think you will get
Bando this is~~

October 30, 1945.

~~Handwritten notes and scribbles~~

TO: Lt. Col. Thomas G. Bergin

FROM: G. Stewart Brown

Tom - Thought you should read the attached comment from Dante Gnudi, our branch manager in Milan.

As I am no longer a member of the APB, I suggest that you might wish to look into this either through your own channels or Mr. George Edman, Deputy Director of PWB and chairman of the APB.

~~JB~~

~~Handwritten notes: I don't think I will get
to Edman with this
my feeling is to let it
roll and mention it at
APB meeting~~

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October 24, 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

TO: Mr. Stewart Brown
Chief of USIS
USIS Headquarters

Colonel Fiore, City Commissioner of Turin, notified me that Anthony Ellison called in editors of the local daily newspapers telling them to stop or play down their anti-communist editorials.

Colonel Fiore feels that Ellison exceeded his power as Press Officer for APB.

Dante Gnudi
Head of USIS - Milan

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CONFIDENTIAL

J. J. [unclear]

30th October, 1945

Ref: FNB/M/A/35

To: Mr. George W. Edmon, Deputy Director, FNB AFH.
Mr. Charles M. Johnston, Deputy Director, FNB AFH.

Copies to - Chief Commissioner, AC. ✓
Lt. Colonel Hergin, PRO, AC.

Allied Publications Board

With reference to your joint memorandum to me dated 20th October, 1945, I approve the recommendations which you have made as being the best way of handling this situation for the time-being.

I assume that action is in hand to give effect to the recommendations regarding the expenses of locally hired civilians and to the accrued leave of these civilians, as this would appear to be implicit in your recommendation paragraph.

I. K. METHERELL

Brigadier
Director

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CONFIDENTIAL

23 October 1945

To: Brigadier, G. F. Bethwell, Director, PWG AFHQ

From: George F. Quinn, Deputy Director PWG AFHQ
Charles E. Johnston, Deputy Director, PWG AFHQSubject: The Allied Publications Board

The Deputy Directors of PWG AFHQ discussed the future of The Allied Publications Board with Rear Admiral Stone, Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission and Lt. Colonel Thomas Vergin, Public Relations Officer of the Allied Commission on 23 October 1945 in the office of Admiral Stone at Rome.

PWG pointed out that it was anxious to relinquish its responsibilities in APB as soon as possible, because of the shortage of personnel and particularly because of the lack of funds due to the limitation of the Office of War Information. The shortage of personnel has made it extremely difficult to do a satisfactory control job. For a time, because of the departure of Major Victor Warrall, there has been no press officer in Turin. Anthony Allison, the only American press officer on the staff, was able to devote only part time to the job in Turin, because of commitments made some time ago for Allison to serve with OWI. The latter press officer has been on the OWI payroll since about the middle of August.

In the opinion of PWG, with the existing restricted force, it has only been possible to do a very limited control job, but this job has been well done. It would be possible, in view of this limited job, to have the functions of APB taken over in toto by AC/AMG without changing fundamental procedures for supervising the press in AMG territory, or without reducing the effectiveness of APB's work. An Italian organization has been established to take over APB functions when Allied controls are relinquished in the North. This organization has been authorized by the Italian government. It has worked with APB and is familiar with the problems of licensing publications and the procurement and distribution of newsprint. In all of its transactions in the North, APB has maintained a close liaison with the Public Relations Officer of AC and the Allied embassies. This picture would not be altered by APB's absorption into AC/AMG.

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23 October 1945

2. Brigadier J. W. Sutherland, Director PWD AFHQ

The Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission was cognizant of AFHQ's problem, but objected, he said, to AFHQ assuming any powers of censorship. We pointed out that AC/AFHQ had agreed to assume housekeeping costs for AFHQ. This such, he said, AC/AFHQ was willing to do but he was emphatic in opposing liquidation of AFHQ at this time, recalling the latest order from AFHQ, dated 13 July 1945, Reference No. 18180, signed Alexander to PWD Milan, Milan, to the effect that AFHQ would remain on in skeleton form as long as AFHQ. We also pointed out that in the imminent turnover of territory to Italian jurisdiction, certain areas undoubtedly would remain under Allied control, and it would be necessary for AFHQ to continue its functions in these limited areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

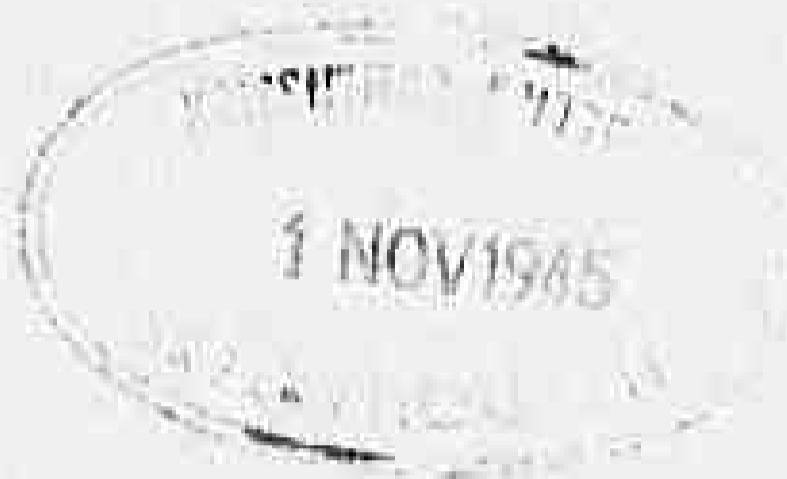
In view of the probable imminence of a turnover of most of Italy in the North to Italian jurisdiction; in view of the objections voiced by the Chief Commissioner to AC/AFHQ assuming any responsibility for censorship; it is recommended that PWD retain its responsibilities in AFHQ and that AFHQ continue. At the same time it is agreed by AC/AFHQ and PWD, that PWD no longer will be responsible for expenses of locally-hired civilians on AFHQ's staff and other housekeeping expenses necessary for proper maintenance of AFHQ's skeleton force in the North; that these expenses will be assumed by AC/AFHQ. It is further recommended that any accrued leave to the credit of locally-hired civilians be assumed by AC/AFHQ. The Chief Commissioner has already issued instructions that the housekeeping expenses be met by AFHQ in the North, while the PWD of the Allied Commission will discuss the matter of accrued leave with the proper AC/AFHQ authorities.

 DEWIS H. LEWIS
 Deputy Director, PWD AFHQ

 JAMES H. JENNISON
 Deputy Director, PWD AFHQ

cc: Chief Commissioner, AC
 Lt. Col. Brown, PWD, AC ✓
 Mr. C. H. Johnston, Deputy Director, PWD AFHQ

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30th October, 1945

Ref : FNB/M/1/35

To: Mr. George E. Owen, Deputy Director, FNB AFHQ.
 Mr. Charles M. Johnston, Deputy Director, FNB AFHQ.

Copies to - Chief Commissioner, AC.
 Lt. Colonel Bergin, PRO, AC.

Allied Publications Board

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I assume that action is in hand to give effect to the recommendations regarding the expenses of locally hired civilians and to the accrued leave of these civilians, as this would appear to be implicit in your recommendation paragraph.

J. A. McFARLAND

Brigadier
 Director

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Handwritten:
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 APP minutes

Subject: Anti Italian Army Propaganda.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
 (M. M. I. A.)

ROME.
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24 Oct 45.

To: ALLIED COMMISSION (For Lt. Col. Thomas G. BERGMAN, Director,
 Public Relations Branch).

It would be appreciated if at the next Allied Publications Board Meeting you would mention the frequent attacks made on the Italian Army by certain sections of the Italian Press with a view to devising some means of counteracting the effects of these attacks.

This H.Q. takes a serious view of the matter and, though justified criticism is not resented nor is undeserved praise expected, it is felt that everything possible should be done to present a fair picture of the Italian Army at a time when its morale and prestige are of great importance.

Handwritten signature: S. M. Ingleson
 Major General
 M. M. I. A.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFG 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

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20 October 1945

SUBJECT: Payment of Allied Publications Board Personnel

TO : IFO Liguria
Lombardia
Piemonte
Venezia

1. Attached are copies of self-explanatory correspondence from the Executive Commissioner.

2. In accordance with the authorization received, please arrange to place the AFB employees in your Region on an AFG payroll. AFB has been instructed to notify you of the names and locations of the employees.

(Signed) B. E. L. TIMMONS
Major
DEPUTY

Director,
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

copies to: AFA (Financial Accounting Unit)
IFO (for action with AFB per para. 2 above) ✓

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER
APO 394

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October 1945

SUBJECT: Payment of Allied Publications Board Personnel

TO : Director, Finance Sub-Commission

At the request of the Allied Commission regional staffs of the Allied Publications Board were retained in the North after the withdrawal of PWB. The personnel, previously on the payroll of PWB, has not been paid since the withdrawal of that agency. I have informed the APB representative that payment of the personnel in question will be assumed by AC for the past month and for the remainder of the time AMG is in existence. May I request you to take proper action? Itemized account enclosed.

/sgl/ M.S. LUSH, Brigadier
for ELERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner

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MILAN - HQ & Press Office Lombardy

- Italian Asst. to Chairman
- " Secretary and Press Reader
- " Printing and Paper Adviser
- " Driver with own car

11,800	lire monthly		
6,800	"	"	"
10,000	"	"	"
<u>9,000</u>	"	"	"
37,600	"	"	"

plus office cleaning, heating, etc.

TURIN -

- Italian Assistant
- " Secretary and Press Reader
- " Driver with car

8,720	"	"	"
6,800	"	"	"
<u>9,000</u>	"	"	"
24,520	"	"	"

VENICE -

- Italian Assistant
- " Assistant (Tyrol)
- " Secretary and Press Reader
- " Driver with car

8,000	"	"	"
12,000	"	"	"
6,800	"	"	"
<u>9,000</u>	"	"	"
35,800	"	"	"

GENOA -

- Italian Driver with car

9,000	"	"	"
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TOTAL APPROX.

106,920 lire monthly

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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R101/PNS

20 October 1945

SUBJECT: Payment of APB personnel

TO : Maj. Noble, Secretary APB,
MILAN.

1. I have taken up the matter which was broached at the last APB meeting. The Chief Commissioner has agreed that AC will assume responsibility for payment of the personnel. I attach his letter to the Finance Sub-Commission.
2. Col. Menapace, Director of the Finance S/C, suggests that the proper procedure is as follows. The personnel will be paid through the Regional Finance Officer of their respective Regions. The names of the individuals should be submitted to the Regional Finance Officers concerned. This of course you will be able to do. On his part Col. Menapace will send the proper instructions to the Finance Officers so that they will be prepared.
3. This another subject but I thought I would tell you that Col. Jones, G-1 British, has approved the transfer of Captain Howard Owen to the post of Press Officer, attached to AMG, Diguria. He has already issued an order on the matter, I believe. If not he will do so shortly.

THOMAS G. BERGIN,
Lt Col, AUB,
DPR, AC.

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October 1945

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TO : Director, Finance Sub Commission

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W. S. LUSH *Signature*

for HENRY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

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MILAN - Hq & Press Office Lombardy

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GENOA -

Italian driver with car	9,000	" "
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TOTAL APPROX. = 106,920 lire monthly

Col. [unclear]
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

NPS/jrs

G-5: 000.76

17 October 1945

SUBJECT: Press Plan for Northern Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Public Relations Branch).

Reference your R101/PRB of 25 September, subject as above and previous correspondence.

Approval is given to the continued suppression of IL SECOLO XIX for the reasons stated.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

18 OCT 1945

Norman P. Seagrave
NORMAN P. SEAGRAVE,
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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R101/PRB

25 September 1945

SUBJECT: Press Plan for Northern Italy.
TO : Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, AFHQ
Attention: Major C. O. Benson

Reference your G-5:000.76 dated 5 September.

There is attached herewith a report from the Chairman of the Allied Publications Board which gives the information requested in your memorandum.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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COPYALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARDVia Cesare Cantu' No. 3.,
Milan.

20th September 1945

TO : Mr. G. Stewart Brown,
Director,
Public Relations Branch,
HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION.

FROM: Major G.M. Sinclair Noble,
Chairman,
Allied Publications Board.

Subject; IL SECOLO XIX, Genoa.

Reference your R101/PRB of September 7 and G+5 AFHQ
memo.COB/irf G-5: 000.76 of 5 September.

This Genoese daily was founded in 1885 and continued
publishing up till the liberation of Genoa in April 1945. Like the
MESSAGGERO in Rome, it was the property of the Perroni Brothers.

On the entry of the Allies into Genoa the opinion of
local authorities and parties was asked concerning the above mentioned
paper which was due to be revived under the terms of the Press Plan
for Northern Italy as being a newspaper with a pre-Fascist tradition.

The reaction was unanimous. The Prefect, the Sindaco
and the leaders of all the parties declared themselves absolutely
contrary to the re-emergence of the daily.

It was stated that the paper had taken the lead in
showing servility to the Fascist Regime. Having, in fact, been
obsequious to every government in turn, it had no definite position
and no definite character, unlike the STAMPA of Turin and the CORRIERE
DELLA SERA of Milan. Moreover, apart from lack of political integrity
the paper was regarded by all witnesses as having been totally devoid
of journalistic merit; the question was indeed asked why there should
be any intention of reviving this paper and not, for example, IL
LAVORO, IL CAFFERO or IL CORRIERE MERCANTILE, none of which was inferior
to IL SECOLO XIX.

In view of the hostility to the reappearance of the
paper and on the recommendation of the Regional and Provincial Commis-
sioners, Lt.Col. H.Klein, PWB Chief, Genoa, decided in his turn to
recommend that the paper be not revived. Central APB made the same
recommendation.

Copy to George Edman

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/cb

R101/PRE

September 7, 1945

Dear George:

In a letter of recent date you sent me a statement giving the reasons for the opposition to the reappearance of SECCIO XIX in Genoa. This report and accompanying documents were sent to G-5, AFHQ.

The attached has been received from G-5 asking for further information before a waiver is given.

It will be appreciated if you would supply the information desired.

Sincerely,

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

Mr. George W. Edman
Chairman
Allied Publications Board
Via Cesare Cantu' 3
Milan

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

COB/irf

G-5: 000.76

5 September 1945

SUBJECT: Press Plan for Northern Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.Reference your R101/PRB dated 23 August and conversation
Mr. Brown - Major Benson

1. The question of approval of the suppression of "Il Secolo XIX" cannot be considered until more facts with regard to the nature of this newspaper are given.
2. It is not made clear why the paper is regarded as worthless, as stated in the report of Lt. Colonel Klein. Is it because epuration of the paper is not complete, in which case, there is no question of allowing it to reappear, or is there some other reason, which has not been stated? What is the objection to the Perronis?
3. It is requested that the matter be resubmitted, giving full reasons for the proposed suppression, and all possible information on Il Secolo XIX.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

C. O. Benson
C. O. BENSON
Major, R.A.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512



COB/mcc

3 Sep 45

SUBJECT: Press Plan for Northern Italy.
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394

Reference your #101/PRB dated 23 Aug 45.

The question of whether or not Il Secolo XLY should be revived is under consideration. You will be informed of the decision in due course.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Macartman
C.O. BENSON
Major P.A.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

Meeting in Admiral Stone's Conference Room, H.Q. Allied Commission, Via Veneto, Rome, called for 1500 hours Thursday, 18th October, 1945.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. Business arising out of the minutes.
3. Chairman's report on Press situation in Northern Italy:
 - (a) Cases involving disciplinary action.
 - (b) Independent press - guarantees of non-party policy.
 - (c) Observations of G.O.C. 2 District on Press control.
 - (d) Applications for licenses.
 - (e) APB Administration.
4. Other business.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin: OCT 15/1959A

Message Centre No:

G 1087

Date Time Rec'd:

OCT 15/2100A

Precedence:

IMPORTANT

FROM: ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD MIDAN
 G STEWART BROWN DIRECTOR PUBLIC RELATIONS AC, INFO: MR HOPKINSON POLITICAL SEC AC,
 TO : MR WESLEY JONES POLITICAL SEC AC ROME, MR MICHAEL STEWART PRESS ATTACHE BRITISH
 EMBASSY ROME, MR J G BARNEY MINISTRY OF INFORMATION BRITISH EMBASSY ROME, MR
 ANDERSON PRESS ATTACHE BRITISH EMBASSY ROME MR JERRY ROSS UNITED STATES INFORMA-
 TION SERVICES ROME

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Special meeting of Allied Publications Board to be held on Thursday next
 October 18 in ALLIED COMMISSION building ROME at 1500 hours important

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ACTION : F RELATIONS BR

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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 POLAD (B)
 MR M STEWART (B EMB)
 MAJOR ANDERSON (B EMB)
 MR J G BARNEY (B EMB)
 MR ROSS (USIS)
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HEADQUARTERS
 16 OCT 1959

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD,
MILAN.

12th October, 1945.

TO: MR. G. STEWART BROWN,
Director, Public Relations,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

URGENT
BY HAND

FROM: E. S. Farmer,
A.P.B. MILAN.

Dear Mr. Stewart Brown,

Mr. Edman was anxious to have the enclosed draft of the Rome minutes before he left, but unfortunately they were not completed. He said he would be calling upon you to discuss various matters and I am going to ask you to be good enough to let him have the enclosed letter when he arrives.

Your receptionist was kind enough to lend me the enclosed copies of past minutes but as the meeting lasted so long I was not able to return them to her. Thank you very much for the loan of them.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all success at U.S.I.S!

Sincerely yours,

E. S. Farmer.

Secretary to Major Noble.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MILITARY PUBLICATIONS BOARD - MILAN

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12 October, 45

VICTORY

BY AIRMAIL TO

UNITED STATES MILITARY PUBLICATIONS BOARD FOR MILAN AIR FORCE MILAN
FROM MILAN AIR FORCE MILAN

FOR INFORMATION YOU ARE UNABLE TO RETURN BY AIR AT THIS TIME FOR
SPECIAL DELIVERY OF COURSE AS THESE OFFICERS (LITHUANIA) DO HAVE NO OTHER
CONNECTIONS HERE TO AS POSSIBLE CONNECTION SUPPORT YOU ARE LEAVING WITH
THESE MEN EMPLOYED WITH THE US CONSULATE GENRAL TO FOLLOW
THE BOARD FOR YOU AND HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE YOU WILL BE IN
GENOA TO HANDLE ANY PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT ARISE AS IT WILL BE NEAR
YOUR POINT OF DEPARTURE YOU GET SOME REPRESENTATIVE GENOA TO DO IT FOR
THE BEST INTEREST OF YOUR VALUES FOR REASON THIS IS NOT VERY
SATISFACTORY SOLUTION BUT IT WOULD BE BETTER THAN NOTHING TO

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Public Relations Branch

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G.J. LEONE,
CWO, USA,
Asst. Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GMB/cb

R101/PKB

9 October 1945

SUBJECT: UNITA' of Turin

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. The above subject was discussed at the meeting of the Executive Commissioner on October 11.
2. There is attached hereto three pertinent papers:
 - a) translation of the article in question
 - b) translation of article appearing in GAZETTA d'ITALIA (Opposition paper to UNITA') regarding the trial by AIG
 - c) A memorandum from the Chairman, APB, regarding his views as to the handling of the matter.
3. The severity of the sentences was discussed at a meeting of the Allied Publications Board on October 8. It was the view of the Board, including the Political Advisors, that the sentences were too severe for the offense. It was recommended that the Allied Commission investigate the matter to determine whether the sentences might not be lightened on the hearing of the appeal.
4. Discussion at the APB meeting brought out that there had been other incidents between AIG and the press in North Italy where AIG officials had taken action against newspapers for alleged offensive leaders without first consulting either the Regional Press Officer of APB or the Chairman of APB. In several instances it was the belief of the press officers that the incidents could have been smoothed over without leaving so much bad feeling on both sides. The APB recommended that regional and provincial commissioners again be informed by AIG that they should

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consult with their Press Officer or the Chairman of the AFB before taking precipitate action against a newspaper unless public order would be endangered by any delay.

5. For your consideration there is attached (at D) draft of telegram to Regional Commissioners on this procedure.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

Info copies to: Political Advisor (A)
Political Advisor (B)

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SIGNAL TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS FROM
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

RECENT INCIDENTS WITH PRESS IN NORTHERN ITALY
INDICATE NECESSITY FOR CLOSER COORDINATION CONSULTATION
BETWEEN AMG OFFICIALS AND PRESS OFFICERS OF APB PD
UNLESS PUBLIC ORDER ENDANGERED AND DELAY WOULD BE UNWISE
PLEASE CONSULT PRESS OFFICER YOUR REGION OR CHAIRMAN ALLIED
PUBLICATIONS BOARD MILAN CMA MAJOR SINCLAIR NOBLE CMA VIA
CESARE CANTU THREE CMA TELEPHONE TWELVE THREE THREE EIGHT
CMA BEFORE TAKING ACTION AGAINST NEWSPAPERS FOR INACCURTE
OR OFFENSIVE INFORMATION PD IN MANY INSTANCES PROPER
CORRECTIONS OR APOLOGIES CAN OBTAINED WITHOUT TAKING PUNITIVE
ACTION WHICH OFTEN CREATES EVEN WORSE SITUATION PD

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

A Meeting of the Central Allied Publications Board will
be held on Monday next, the 8th October, 1945, at
Allied Commission Headquarters, Via Veneto, Rome, at 3 p.m.

G. H. Sinclair Noble
G. H. SINCLAIR NOBLE,
Major. The Buffs.
Executive Secretary.

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
A.F.H.Q.
APO.512. U.S.Army.

APB

5th October, 1945.

TO: Mr. G. Stewart Brown,
Director,
Public Relations Branch,
ALLIED COMMISSION. Rome.

FROM: George W. Edman,
Deputy Director,
PWB-AFHQ.

Dear Stewart,

I want first to say I am sorry to miss what should be an interesting meeting of the Allied Publications Board. Unfortunately I had made arrangements for another meeting in Trieste also on Monday. I have discussed the agenda for the APB meeting with Major Noble and we are in complete agreement on our recommendations to the Board except on one issue - involving L'UNITA of Turin. Even on this issue we are agreed in principle but I would go further than Major Noble and have asked him to discuss my point of view very fully with you and, if you consider it advisable, with Admiral Stone, prior to the meeting.

In my opinion the Allied authorities have made a grievous mistake in fining the editor 80,000 lire and throwing the writer into the jug. My feeling is that Allied authorities could regain respect and prestige by admitting graciously that they have committed a mistake. I will let Major Noble give you the full picture of just what happened.

Major Noble had a very constructive meeting of all the editors of Milan dailies two days ago. The difficulties of the present situation were explained fully and frankly. The reaction was excellent, just the sort of thing that will happen anywhere when there is an understanding of human nature. I don't think there will be any more trouble in Milan for the moment. It would be helpful I am sure if a similar meeting could be held in Turin (also Genoa) but it's no good trying to have a meeting in Turin under the present circumstances. The editors will play ball if they are treated with some consideration and respect. What makes the Turin situation worse is the fact that the editor has constantly demonstrated his pro-Allied sentiments.

I will cut this short since Major Noble will go over the agenda with you as we have discussed it here. My man hunt for Venezia


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Giulia is a little promising. I am seeing Bowman in Trieste and Norman Fiske back here in Milan on Wednesday.

Thanks for your hospitality last week and my compliments to Mrs. Brown. I hope to see you next Friday or Saturday if you are not tied up.

Sincerely yours,


GEORGE W. EDMAN,
Deputy Director,
PWR-AFHQ.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

Telephone 12333.

Via Cesare Cantù No. 3,
MILAN.

25th September, 1945.

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C. C. C.
No. 2 District.

Subject: News items involving No. 123456(V)
Pte. A. VENTER.

Reference your letter 2019 G (Ops) of 22 September:

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 Accornaro (associated with Venter) and de Rogibus by the father, aunt and uncle of de Rogibus. The letter written by Venter, indicating that he had been living with Accornaro 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 September 8, after relatives of Accornaro and de Rogibus 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 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 C.B.N. (Italian representative of *THE TIMES*, the most openly pro-British of the Italian editors, appointed

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20th September, 1945.

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 *COMIERS D'INFORMATIONS* 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 APB, which comprises representatives of British and U.S. Embassies, A.C. and G-2 Branch APB.

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

RSO
MAJOR G. F. SINCLAIR HUME,
Chairman,
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

Copies to:
Director, Public Relations, A.C.
Deputy Director, *TMB-APB*.
Regional Commissioner, Lombardy Region.
Regional Public Safety Officer, Lombardy.
H.Q. 6 (S.A.) Armd. Div.
G.S.I. 2 District.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

RRB

Originator's Reference: TW02199
Date/Time of Origin: SEP 080935Z

Message Centre No: P/6908
Date Time Rec'd: SEP 081215Z
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM : A I S TRIESTE
TO : FVE AFHQ RMTD AC ROME

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To ILLI BARNES STEWART BROWN from BILAN.

Major FISCOP's departure would create greatest confusion at a time when AFHQ staff already at critical minimum and when it is urgent from Allied point of view to hand over in orderly fashion to Italian authorities. Recommend everything be done to retain FISCOP until AFHQ closes.

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Reference attached

R101/PFB

Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner

August 23 5

Reference is to the attached message from the chairman of APB.

The Director of PFB consulted with Mr. Arpesani of Mr. Parri's office who confirmed the Government's intention of delegating the licensing and paper distribution powers to the press officer of the CENAI. A telegram has been sent from Rome to the CENAI dated August 18 naming Mr. Paolo della Giusta as Special Commissioner for these matters in the North.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

cc: Mr. Russell Barnes
PFB, Naples

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INCOMING MESSAGE *PRB*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:

Message Centre No: F/4854

Date/Time of Origin: AUGUST 17/RTT

Date Time Rec'd: AUGUST 22/2130B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: CHAIRMAN APB MILAN

TO : ACTION: PRB ALCOM ROME INFO: PWB AFHQ NAPLES

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Following message for MR STEWART BROWN repeat to MR RUSSELL BARNES.
Can you come prepared to inform Allied publications board on August 22 as
to the Italian authority to whom APB will hand over. This means both licence
authority and plans for distribution of newspaper. Press office CINAI inform
us they have been delegated by PARRI to take over. Can this be confirmed

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INCOMING MESSAGE PRB

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:
 Date/Time of Origin: AUGUST 17/NET
 Message Centre No: F/4854
 Date Time Rec'd: AUGUST 22/2130H
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: PRESIDENT APB MILAN
 TO: PRB COMMISSION ALLIEE ROME
 INFO: FWB AFHQ NAPLES

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LE MESSAGE SUIVANT POUR MR STEWART BROWN DOIT ETRE RETRASMIS A MR RUSSELL
 BARNES. POUVEZ-VOUS VOUS EN PAYER A INFORMER LA CHAMBRE DES PUBLICATIONS ALLIEES
 LE 22 AOUT QUELLES SONT LES AUTORITES ITALIENNES AUXQUELLES APB POURRA TRANSMETTRE
 SES POUVOIRS. CELA SIGNIFIE LES POUVIRS POUR DELIVRER LES AUTORISATIONS ET LES
 PLANS POUR LA DISTRIBUTION DES NOUVELLES. L'OFFICE DE PRESSE CLMAI NOUS INFORME
 QU'IL A ETE DESIGNE PAR PARRI POUR REMPLACER APB. CELA PEUT IL ETRE CONFIRME.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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R101/PBR

August 23, 1945

SUBJECT: Press Plan for Northern Italy.

TO : G-5, AFHQ

Reference the minutes of Central Allied Publications Board of 11th June, paragraph 5 (11) - PWB Paper in Genoa which read as follows:

"PWB paper in Genoa: Mr. Edman read the following extract from the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of APB held in Milan on June 5th:

"After general discussion, it was decided that G.C. Genoa should submit a report to APHQ through the APB, saying that point 7 of the Press plan could not be put into operation, giving reasons, and asking for the opinion. It was agreed that Lt. Colonel Klein should instruct the interested parties to apply to APB for license to start a new independent paper after PWB closes down, and that in the meantime they could carry on with negotiations for its production.

"The board passed a motion ratifying these decisions in principle, pending receipt of the report and application in question."

Attached is the requested report giving the reasons for opposition to the reappearance of Il Secolo XIX.

Attached also is a copy of the guarantee of the non-party character of the new independent daily which was authorized instead of Il Secolo XIX when the PWB paper closed down. This report and guarantee were sent to the Allied Commission by Mr. George W. Edman, Chairman, Allied Publications Board with

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the request that they be forwarded to AFHQ in order that exemption in the case of Genoa from Paragraph 7 of the Press Plan may be authorized.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

Enclosures:

1. Report
2. Guarantee

Copy to:

Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)
Russell Barnes, PAF, Mexico

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH - AFHQ

Unit No. 19

C.M.F.

12 July, 1945

TO : Mr. George Edman
 Chairman, A.P.B. Milan

FROM: Lt. Col. H. Klein
 C.C. PWB Unit No. 19

Subject: IL SECOLO XIX

Il Secolo XIX was a paper which existed prior to Fascism and had a large number of readers in Liguria; there were, however, several other daily papers - Il Lavoro, Il Caffaro, Il Corriere Mercantile, and Il Cittadino, the first of which - Il Lavoro - had a higher circulation than Il Secolo XIX.

Unlike the Corriere della Sera and La Stampa, Il Secolo XIX did not develop a journalistic reputation nor a reputation for honest reporting, even before Fascism; in the words of the Prefect of Genoa "it was servile to each Government in turn and especially servile to the Fascist Government".

On arrival in Genoa, it was found that the parties of the C.E.N. unanimously opposed the bringing out of the Secolo XIX, which opposition was if anything more forcibly expressed by the Prefect and the Sindaco. This opposition was in part based on the personal figure of the Verronis but stemmed mainly from the alleged utter worthlessness of the paper concerned. They could not understand why the Allies could possibly want to "resuscitate this particular corpse". AMG were afraid that the bringing out by force of Secolo XIX might have serious political consequences, an opinion in which PWB concurred.

It was in the light of these considerations that PWB.GENOA decided to recommend the abandonment of the plan to re-establish Il Secolo XIX in the terms of the Press Plan for Northern Italy and to recommend in its place the foundation of an independent information paper on the cessation of the P.W.B. daily.

Signed : H. Klein
 Lt. Col.
 C.C. PWB Unit 19

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"DOMINIO DEL POPOLO"
GENOVA

Genova, 13 Luglio 1945

I sottoscritti richiedono che il COMITATO DEL POPOLO
ammetta il nome ora sopra fatto di giornale d'informazione
e di ricerca politica assolutamente indipendente da qualsiasi
partito o gruppo o interesse.

Sugli s'è convenuto e far sì che il giornale conservi in
ogni caso tutta la massima obiettività.

Firma:

Il Presidente del Consiglio
d'Amministrazione.

(Marchese Gianetto de' Cavi)

Il Direttore del Giornale
(Dot. Arnaldo Costantini)

Consigliere d'Amministrazione
(Massa Paolo Vittorio)

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH - A.P.H.Q.

Unit No. 19.

C.M.F.

TO: Mr. George Edman,
Chairman, A.P.H. Milan.

12th July, 1945.

FROM: Lt. Col. H. Klein,
O.C. P.W.B. Unit No. 19.

Subject: IL SECOLO XIX.

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It was in the light of these considerations that P.W.B. GENOA decided to recommend the abandonment of the plan to re-establish Il Secolo XIX in the terms of the Press Plan for Northern Italy and to recommend in its place the foundation of an independent information paper on the cessation of the P.W.B. daily.

(Signed) H. KLEIN,
Lt. Col.
O.C. P.W.B. Unit 19.

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S. P. A. E. O.
SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI - EDITRICE LIGURE
"CORRIERE DEL POPOLO,"
GENOVA

SEDE DELLA SOCIETÀ: VIA S. LORENZO 8 - TEL. 21425 - 24079
 AMMINISTRAZIONE DEL GIORNALE: PIAZZA DE FERRARI 2 - TEL. 21913 - 25113 - 22495

N. _____ di prot.

Genova 13 luglio 1945

Risp. al foglio N. _____

del _____

OGGETTO:

I sottoscritti dichiarano che il CORRIERE DEL POPOLO
 assumerà il carattere specifico di giornale d'informazione
 e si atterra pertanto assolutamente indipendente da qualsia-
 si partito o gruppo o interesse.

Essi si impegnano a far sì che il giornale conservi
 in avvenire tali sue essenziali caratteristiche.

Il Presidente del Consiglio d'Ammin.
 (Marchese Giannetto de Cavi)

Giannetto de Cavi

Il Direttore del Giornale
 (dott. Arrigo Ortolani)

Arrigo Ortolani

Consigliere d'Amm. ne
 rappresentante delle maestranze
 (Messa Paolo Vittorio)

Paolo Vittorio Messa

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

Telephone: 12339.

Via Cesare Cantù No.3.,
MILAN.

TO: Mr. G. Stewart Brown,
Director, Public Relations,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

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

*Press Plan for No Italy
20 April
Paragraph 7*

Reference the minutes of Central Allied Publications Board
of 11th June, paragraph 6 (ii) - PWB Paper in Genoa:

Attached is the requested statement giving reasons for
opposition to SECOLO XIX. Attached also is a copy of the
guarantee of independent policy of the new independent daily which
was authorized instead of SECOLO XIX when the PWB paper closed down.

May report and guarantee please be forwarded to AFHQ, in order
that exemption in the case of Genoa from Paragraph 7 of the Press Plan
may be authorized?

George W. Edman
GEORGE W. EDMAN,
Chairman,
Allied Publications Board.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:
Date/Time of Origin: AUG 17 NET

Message Centre No: E/4245
Date Time Rec'd: AUG 180930B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM CHAIRMAN APB MILAN
TO PRESS ALSO: ROMA RPT PWE, AFHQ

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Following message for Mr STEWART BROWN repeat to Mr RUSSELL BARNES. Can you come prepared to inform Allied Publications Board on August 22nd as to the Italian authority to whom APB will hand over. This means both licence authority and plans for distribution of newsprint. Press office CIMAT informs us they have been delegated by FARRI to take over. Can this be confirmed.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

P.A.B.

Originator's Reference: MR 10740
Date/Time of Origin: AUGUST 10/1500B

Message Centre No: F/3451
Date Time Rec'd: AUGUST 11/0900B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM : FWB MILAN
TO : HQ ALCOM ROME

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FOR BROWN from NOBLE EDMAN. your signal 3233 reference APB meeting.
Agree wednesday August 22 at 11 AM. Will send out new notices

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CENTRAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.
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Please note that the date of the next meeting
of the CENTRAL ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD is amended to:

11 P.M. on Wednesday, August 22nd.

at Via Cesare Santu, No. 3, MILAN.

G. H. Sinclair Noble
Major

G. H. SINCLAIR NOBLE,
Major. The Buffs.
Executive Secretary.

10th August, 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of Political Adviser (A)

August 9, 1945

TO: Director, Public Relations Branch.
SUBJECT: Milan Edition of IL GLOBO.

In view of the somewhat doubtful political character of some of the people publishing IL GLOBO in Rome and APB's apparently strong objection to approving a Milan edition of this paper, I would suggest that we leave this decision to the Italian publications board which will succeed APB in North Italy within the next few weeks. For the present I would suggest that we accept APB's recommendations and so inform Signor Proelio.

J. Wesley Jones
J. Wesley Jones
Political Adviser (A)

Copy to Political Adviser (B)

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Director,
Public Relations Branch, AC

Subject: Milan edition of *Il Globo*

Reference your memorandum RM/101/ of August 6th.

I suggest that the whole question be discussed at the next meeting of the Allied Publications Board.

So far as I am aware it is not in accordance with the original press plan for the North to authorize the publication of such papers as *Il Globo* and *Libera Stampa* in Milan but the press plan, as we all know, has already been considerably modified. Apart from this and from the question of newsprint, there seems to me to be no valid reason for refusing to authorize a responsible non-party paper. Moreover, after September 1st next, the Italians will presumably be able to license such papers as they wish so that it would be ineffective on our part to refuse an authorization outright.

On the other hand, if we refer the question to the Allied Publications Board (which I believe is not due to meet until about August 27th) we should have the advantages of discussing the whole question, of being able to send a courteous and reasonable reply to Signor Rossi and of not committing ourselves to a precipitate decision one way or the other at a time of newsprint shortage.

You ask whether there are both Roman and Milan editions of *Avanti* and *Unita*. I am not aware of any Milan editions of the Roman *Avanti* and *Unita*. I was under the impression that the two papers which appeared in Milan under these names were independently controlled.

A. Kaplan
Asst. Political Advisor (29)

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Copy to Poland (A)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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August 5, 1945

SUBJECT: Reference Attached.

TO : Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)

Your attention is invited to the attached letter from Mr. Manlio Brosio, my letter to the Chairman of AFE and his reply to me.

Personally I am not entirely convinced with Edman's arguments against authorizing a Milan edition of IL GLOBO.

I understand that there are both Rome and Milan editions of AVANTI and L'UNITA. Do you know if this is correct?

In any event IL GLOBO is a specialized newspaper dealing in economics and finances. Since it does not have any party bias I do not see how it can upset the political balance in the Milan press. The argument that there is no newsprint is the only valid one in my opinion.

Your comment would be appreciated, especially as to whether the question should be brought up at a formal meeting of AFE.

I have not as yet informed Mr. Brosio of Mr. Edman's reply.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

Attachments

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE

1 AUGUST 1945

RE: [Illegible]

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU ADVISE THE DIRECTOR OF THE FBI OF ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE [Illegible] CONCERNING THE [Illegible] OF THE [Illegible] IN THE [Illegible] AREA.

YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER IS APPRECIATED.

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WILLIAM J. [Illegible]
4771 [Illegible]

WILLIAM J. [Illegible]
[Illegible] [Illegible]
[Illegible] [Illegible]

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
LOMBARDY

Telephone No. 12234
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PRESS OFFICE, F.W.B.
VIA CESARE CAVALLI NO. 3
MILANO

31 July 1945

To: Mr. G. Stewart Brown, PRO, Allied Commission Hq. Rome

From: George W. Edman, Chairman, AFB, Milan

Dear Mr. Brown:

I have your letter of July 23rd regarding a Milan edition of the newspaper "IL GLIACO", together with the letter from Mr. Mahlio Brosio, Vice President, Council of Ministers. I have discussed the proposal with the Chief Press Officer and the Press Officer for Lombardy and we are agreed that the application should not be acted upon at this time. There are the following objections:

1. We have made it a rule not to authorize Milan editions of any Rome papers. If exceptions are made it will result in our receiving applications for Milan editions of most of the 27 Rome dailies.
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.
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 Gaperotto, et als).

cc: Mr. Barnes
Major Noble
Mr. Harari
Col. Poletti

George W. Edman
GEORGE W. EDMAN, CHAIRMAN
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

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To: Mr. G. Stewart Brown, FRO, Allied Commission E1, Rome

From: George N. Ecken, Chairman, AFS, Milan

Dear Mr. Brown:

I have your letter of July 23rd regarding a Milan edition of the newspaper "IL GLOBO", together with the letter from Mr. Manlio Brosio, Vice President, Council of Ministers. I have discussed the proposal with the Chief Press Officer and the Press Officer for Lombardy and we are agreed that the application should not be acted upon at this time. There are the following objections:

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- 4. It has been the rule that AFS 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 Economi; His Excellency Gagarotto, et als).

cc: Mr. Barnes
Major Noble
Mr. Harari
Col. Poletti

James W. Edman
GEORGE N. EDMAN, CHAIRMAN
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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July 23, 1945

Dear Mr. Edman:

Attached is a letter from Mr. Manlio Brosio, Vice President, Council of Ministers, requesting that the Allied Publications Board authorize a Milan edition of the newspaper IL GLOBO. I understand an application has been forwarded to the Milan Allied Publications Board.

In view of this official request of the Italian government it is my feeling that we should authorize a Milan edition of IL GLOBO.

Yours very truly,

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director
Public Relations Branch

Mr. George Edman
Chief, Press Officer
PWB, Milan

Enclosure:
As mentioned

cc: Col. Charles Poletti
Regional Commissioner
Lombardia Region

Miss Vining
Allied Publications Board
PWB

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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 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 utilizzata ai fini della ricostruzione nazionale.

f.to Manlio Brosio

COMMISSIONE ALBERGA
Sottocommissione per la Stampa

ROMA

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12th June, 1945.

DIRECTIVE FOR A.P.B.

I. AIMS

1. To secure a fair and objective presentation of world and domestic news to Italian public opinion.
2. To secure the elimination from the Italian Press and Radio of all irresponsible material likely to inflame public opinion, or in any other way hinder the work of the Allied authorities.
3. To assist AC/AMG in the administration and rehabilitation of territory under Military Government.
4. To assist the reconstruction and re-education of the Italian Press in Democratic methods.

II. DIRECTIVE

1. We encourage the Italian Press and Radio to present a fair and objective picture of contentious issues, and to restrict their comment to a straightforward presentation of their own case, avoiding unnecessary misrepresentation.
2. We encourage Italian writers to avoid violent comments and the reporting of unconfirmed rumours in cases where this is likely to cause public unrest and public disorder.
3. We endeavour, by the supply of long-term material and features not otherwise available to the Italian Press and Radio, to provide them with the means of presenting a balanced picture of world events and of events in other countries.
4. We endeavour, by means of personal influence, to ensure that work necessary for the reconstruction and the efficient administration of the country is given proper publicity over the Italian Press and Radio.
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 - 4. Local or general industrial unrest or strikes.
 - 5. Expropriation trials of high ranking Fascists.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

20th April, 1945.

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PRESS PLAN FOR NORTHERN ITALY

1. This Press Plan for Northern ITALY supersedes all previous instructions. Responsibility for carrying out this Press Plan lies with P.W.B. 15th Army Group, through P.W.B. Chief Press Officer, in conformity with AFHQ directives, but subject to 15th Army Group Military Command and in strict cooperation with A.C. and Allied Publications Board.
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3. Combat Team Information Sheet. FwB Combat Teams will issue "Corriere Alleato" as an emergency news and information sheet. The conduct, allocation and duration of these Combat Team papers will be on the initiative and at the discretion of FwB Combat Teams with the respective armies, acting under general FwB 15th Army Group directions. In addition to news, they will carry AMG and Army proclamations, as required. The personnel of such papers form a part of FwB 15th Army Group.
4. Treatment of Clandestine Press. Newspapers and other periodicals favorable to the Allied cause and publishing clandestinely prior to Allied liberation may continue to publish openly, keeping their periodicity in general, subject to para. 10 in the case of dailies, on the following conditions:
 - (a) Application for a provisional permit (see para. 11) must be made within seven days of the military Governor's proclamation.
 - (b) All papers must be subject to military censorship (see para. 14).
 Lists of the more important clandestine papers, known to be in existence in each region prior to Allied entry, will be supplied to the C.A.O. of AMG by the Chief Press Officer, P.W.B.
5. Non-Fascist Papers. Non-Fascist papers (if any) and papers of a technical nature may apply to continue publication on the same provisional permit conditions, subject to military needs.
6. New Papers. Papers other than the ex-clandestine ones referred to in paragraph 4 may submit applications for provisional permits to publish.
7. Pre-Fascist Papers. Papers with a pre-Fascist history, which had, however, been taken over and run as Fascist periodicals, will be suspended on Allied entry, pending the appointment of a Commissario by the AMG

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Any profits accruing will be frozen by the Commissario who will retain control until the area is returned to Italian administration. Questions of ownership and eventual political control will then be settled in accordance with procedure to be laid down by the Italian Government, which has agreed that none of these papers will be returned to the control of Fascist owners.

8. PwB Information Papers. As freedom of the Press automatically excludes the rights of the Allies to impose their own information directives or policy on Italian editors, the Allies will reserve their own channel by means of openly declared Allied news sheets which may be published in the Italian language at the following centres: BOLOGNA, MILAN, TURIN, GENOA, VENICE, TRIESTE. These papers will be Italian-owned and administered, but all leading articles, comments and general layout will follow PwB directives. PwB will furnish paper, ink and other operational supplies. In no case will articles or comment be signed by their editorial writers.

These information papers will rank as operational activities, which may be opened up or closed down by the Allied Publications Board without obligation or reference to any Italian commercial or proprietary interest other than formal notification of the decision taken by the Allied Publications Board. Each of these newspapers will be called "Corriere" with an indication of the region it serves (e.g. "Corriere Emiliano" in BOLOGNA). The phrase "a cura del PwB" will appear as part of the masthead. In cases where PwB editorial control is brought to an end, provision will be made for the cancellation of the titles of these papers.

PwB will bring out wall news bulletins as required, also marked "a cura del PwB" as part of the masthead.

9. C.N.L. In order to prevent discrimination among applicants and to help towards the equitable distribution of available newsprint or flatbed paper, it is recognised on principle that the parties of the C.N.L. shall have first priority when applications for political papers are being eventually considered.

10. Dailies and Weeklies. With reference to paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 and with reference to the publication of newspapers in general prior to the restoration of the Northern areas to Italian jurisdiction, all daily papers everywhere should be information sheets only (all party or no party) and party papers should be weeklies. However, if the local Committees of National Liberation recommend that party organs be allowed as dailies and provided such arrangements are approved by AMG, Allied Publications Board will judge the matter of ratification solely from the point of view of newsprint available. It is recognised that MILAN and TURIN present special problems in this regard and that if the local Committee of National Liberation ask for party dailies, such requests would receive consideration provided that it were possible to supply the necessary newsprint.

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Such provisional permits are at all times subject to suspension or withdrawal by order of the Military Governor.

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12. Allied Publications Board. As soon as conditions permit, Allied Publications Board will set up Regional Boards to which all applications for permits will thereafter be made. Provisional permits granted in accordance with the preceding paragraph will be referred to these Regional Boards for action by Allied Publications Board. In allotting newsprint to the ex-clandestine and other early applicants, Allied Publications Regional Boards will take into account the requirements of the non-party papers referred to in paragraph 7.
13. Finance and Management. With the exception of P.B.'s responsibility for the combat "Corriere Alleato" publications, neither P.B nor AG will concern themselves with the financial or administrative side of newspapers or other periodicals. In the case of the P.B Information papers referred to in paragraph 8, Italian groups will be financially and administratively responsible, P.B confining itself to editorial control and supply of operational necessities, such as paper and ink.
14. Military Censorship. Military censorship is essential. No permits will be considered or allowed unless military censorship control on the spot can be guaranteed and sustained.
- In the large cities (BOLOGNA, MILAN, TURIN, GENOA, VENICE, TRIESTE) AFHQ Press Censorship Offices will be established and will assume responsibility for military censorship for local Press and radio, as at present in FLORENCE.
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15. Circulation Proviso. No party or other newspapers published outside the 15th Army Group area will be allowed to enter any point within the said area without the specific approval of the Military Commander on recommendation from P.B.
16. Paper Stocks. As each town or area is entered by the Allied troops, every stockholder of newsprint or flatbed paper will be required by P.B Printing Officer to declare what stocks and resources he has in hand and to what purpose they are being used.
17. News Service. P.B will provide on demand a free Italian language news service, special articles, maps and photographs, to all authorized publications within the limits of whatever communications exist or may be established. No other news or photographic service will be permitted to operate in the Army Group area until such time as the Allied Commission permits the resumption of normal commercial news and picture distribution.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
ITALY

3, Via Cesare Cantù - MILAN
14 Dec. 1945

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Venice

FROM: Major G.M. SINCLAIR NORRIS
A/Chairman & Chief Press Officer, A.P.F.

SUBJECT: Report on A.P.F. press and radio activities for the month's
of Nov. & Dec. 1945

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18 Oct. 45. Since that date no meeting has been convened, since
only a few isolated cases have arisen requiring decision, and
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Control during the past two months has of necessity been
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 Regional Commissioners: AIC, Lombardy
 Piemonte
 Venice

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A large number of applications for periodicals have been received in all regions. Since flatted paper is uncontrolled, authorisations have been automatic after vetting by Italian Press authorities, who have been working with AFHQ in a consultative capacity.

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The circulation of the daily papers have been adjusted accordingly following the checking of numbers of copies printed, on the principle of numbers printed plus 10% for wastage.

Reference is made to the technical capacity of the North Italian paper mills could triple the present production (daily covers northern authorisations even now); it would be necessary, however, in order to attain the greater production, to have a higher priority in electric power and coal for the mills, with transportation facilities, and the expediting of the relations for the importation of cellulose and other necessary raw materials. Once these facilities are available, mills newspapers throughout Italy should be a free commodity rather than politically controlled.

Radio, northern Italy, has presented no problem apart from a complaint that news-commentators Radio Milan were not sufficiently objective, having a tendency towards the left. News commentators are now being listened to by the North Italy Press Commission, CIN.41.

Responsible committee to produce a new version.

2. REGIONS

Lombardy

Two cases arose last month of distortion of fact by "Unità". Satisfactory rectifications and explanations were published and the editor was warned both by the Regional Commissioner and by ATB against further irresponsible articles; behaviour has since been exemplary.

An application was made by the Rome independent daily EPOCA for permission to transfer to Milan. It was printed, but by the Lombardy Board that ATB policy has been against the publication of Rome papers in the north, and it was agreed that EPOCA gave no reason to change the policy and create a new precedent at this late stage.

Another application was made by a group of young IAG employees, headed by a lieutenant called G., for an independent Milan daily under the pro-Fascist title *EMERGENCY*. At first the Regional Commissioner was in favour of the application, but after the Lombardy Board had discussed the case, agreeing that the group had very little journalistic rights, and no political right, to a daily, G. agreed to a recommendation that the group be put in touch with the journalists representing the Italian army daily *LA FANTIA* as an independent (see minutes of Central IAG meeting of 18 Oct., page 4) with a view to collaboration. Discussions are now in progress between the two groups.

Present authorised circulation of Milan dailies are as follows:

NAME	Classification	Circulation
CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE	independant	360.000

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radio, northern Italy, was presented no problem apart from a complaint that the broadcaster's Maria Miller was not sufficient objective, having a tendency towards the left. Some commentators are now being listened to by the North Italy Press Commissions, CUN, AI.

Religiosity was the problem in the north

2. REGIONS

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An application was made by the Rome independent daily EPCC for permission to transfer to Milan. It was pointed out by the Lombardy Board that the policy has been against the publication of Rome papers in the north, and it was agreed that EPCC gave no reason to change the policy and create a new precedent at this late stage.

Another application was made by a group of young AIG employees, headed by a lieutenant aged 27, for an independent Milan daily under the pro-fascist title "L'ESPRESSO". As first the Regional Commissioner was in favour of the application, but after the Lombardy Board had discussed the case, agreeing that the group had very little journalistic right, and no political right, to a daily, AIG agreed to a recommendation that the group be put in touch with the journalists representing the Italian army and in fact it is an independent (see minutes of Central IPI meeting of 18 Oct., page 4) with a view to collaboration. Discussions are now in progress between the two groups.

Present authorized circulation of Milan dailies are as follows:

NAME	Classification	Circulation
COMITATO D'INFORMAZIONE UNITA'	independent	500,000
COMITATO LIGURICO	communist	100,000
AVANTI	independent	100,000
POPOLO	socialist	100,000
GAZZETTA DELLO SPORT	demo-christian	52,800
LIBERIA	sport	60,000
MILANO SERA	liberal	49,870
ITALIA LIBERA	independent	45,750
OSSERVATORE	action party	38,350
IL SOLE	catholic	31,250
IL MATTINO D'ITALIA	economic	23,000
IL QUOTIDIANO DEL POPOLO	monarchic	22,350
	republican	19,450

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Comitato d'informazione unita' - 500,000
Avanti - 100,000
Popolo - 100,000
Gazzetta dello sport - 52,800
Liberia - 60,000
Milano sera - 49,870
Italia libera - 45,750
Osservatore - 38,350
Il sole - 31,250
Il mattino d'Italia - 22,350
Il quotidiano del popolo - 19,450

Piemonte - The only argument in this region was the authorization by the Regional Board, of a daily paper to the Democratic Labor Party. Since the party was recognized to have the right to a daily with the precedent of the Milan LAVORO PAVIA (see Central Board Minutes 3 Oct., page 3, heading IL MONTAGNO and IL SOCOLO NUOVO) it was not considered necessary to refer the Piemonte application to the Central Board. The title of the paper is not yet decided. Its circulation is 35,000 *Estimated circulation for 3,000 papers* present authorized circulation of Turin dailies are as follows:

NAME	CLASSIFICATION	CIRCULATION
LA NUOVA GALLIA	Independent	150,000
IL GAZZETTA DI MILANO	Independent	90,000
IL MONTAGNO	-liberal	72,000
IL SOCOLO NUOVO	Non-Christian	76,000
IL MONTAGNO	socialist	72,000
IL MONTAGNO	communist	72,000
IL MONTAGNO	action party	50,000
IL MONTAGNO	Independent Lavoro	35,000

Veneto - Nothing of a consequence has occurred in this Region. Press and media organization in Veneto is still under and under instance that is pending so for the duration of the administration. Present circulation of the daily press (submitted) are as follows:

NAME	CLASSIFICATION	CIRCULATION
IL QUOTIDIANO	Independent	200,000
IL QUOTIDIANO	C.L.N.	35,000
IL QUOTIDIANO		40,000
IL QUOTIDIANO		40,000
IL QUOTIDIANO	C.L.N.	32,000
IL QUOTIDIANO	liberal	25,000
IL QUOTIDIANO	C.L.N.	20,000
IL QUOTIDIANO	C.L.N.	30,000
IL QUOTIDIANO	subsidized	35,000

Liguria - Nothing of value importance has been authorized circulation:

Venezia -

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 IL NUOVO CITTADINO

CLASSIFICATION

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 socialist
 communist
 ind. student
 action party
 republican
 catholic

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75,000
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3. HAND-OVER FROM APB TO ITALIAN AUTHORITIES

It is expected that APB will close and will hand over jurisdiction to the Italian authorities with the closing of ANO in November, 1953. Instructions are awaited from the local Italian press commission, designated by the Italian Govt. to take over from APB on transfer, have already been working with APB in consultative capacity for some months and are fully conversant with files and routine. It will only remain for Chief Press Officer and the representative of the Italian authorities to visit regional offices together.

With effect from date of hand-over approximately two weeks will be required for administration - closing and derequisitioning of offices etc., removal of equipment, disposal of files and deployment of personnel.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES

C-1 and C-2 District called in the Chief Press Officer to discuss the press situation after hand-over. Concern was expressed by 2 District that with the closing of ANO and APB there would be no control of press and radio. Letter is being written from 2 District to C-2 ANO requesting some form of protection against possible attacks in the press for the period in which Allied troops are stationed in Northern Italy.

5. FINAL REPORTING OF APB

Notification is awaited from PH-10 of date of final meeting of the Control Board.

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4. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

C-1 and C-2 District called in the Chief Press Officer to discuss the press situation after hand-over. Concern was expressed by C-2 District that with the closing of ACP and IFF there would be no control of press and radio. A letter is being written from C-1 District to C-2 with request for some form of protection against possible attacks in the press for the period in which allied troops are stationed in Northern Italy.

5. FINANCIAL REVIEW OF ACP

Notification is emitted from PR-10 of date of final meeting of the Central Board.

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ALLIED PUBLICATION BOARD

Minutes of the Final Meeting of the Central Allied Publication Board held in Rome at 3.30 p.m. on the 10th January 1945.

- PRESENT: Maj G.M. Slaughter Noble - Chief Press Officer AEB (Chairman)
 Lt Col A.C. Taylor - Director, Public Relations, A.C.
 Lt Col Robertson - British Embassy & ICI
 Mr Stewart Brown - USCIB
 Mr J.W. Jones - U.S. Embassy
 Mr Paul Cayrol - Press Attache, American Embassy
- GOING: Capt. T. Isolardi - AEB Press Officer, Venezia
 Dr Izardna - Italian Govt.
 Mr. Angelo Cavallotti - "

1. The minutes of the 2nd meeting held on Dec. 18, 1945 were correct as read.

2. The press conference of 1945

a) Para 1, Para 3, AVANTI and ITALIA. Milan: Major Noble referred the Board to the decision to suspend publication of above daily newspapers for one day as a disciplinary measure following the publication of an unauthorized "Sports" edition in the first page and of an unauthorized 4-page edition in the second. A few representations had been made to the British Commissioner and to Major Noble by all four in Italy and the two would consider and a decision to publish a 4-page edition would be made. It was decided that neither a suspension for one day nor the newspapers should suffer a 10% reduction in circulation over 10 days. Individual members of the Board were consulted through Lt. Col. 43 and the discussion was continued.

b) Para 3, Para 3, AVANTI, D'ITALIA, Turin: This para referred to proposed political content. He carried out by a newspaper authorized as an independent. Major Noble stated that following discussions with the editor and commissario after the last meeting, there had been no further cause for complaint. Para 3, Lt. Col. 43: This was an Italian Army daily authorized by the Board at the last meeting to continue publication under another title as an independent. Major Noble pointed out that although a license was granted three months ago, the newspaper had not yet been into publication. 3. Chief Press Officer's report on Press and Radio, Northern Italy:

15 J. F. Jones -- U.S. Embassy
 10 New Canaan -- Paris Address, American Embassy
 (Continued) Chief, I. Tollo -- U.S. State Dept., Foreign
 De Liaison -- Italian Legat.
 Emanuele Cavallotti -- "

1. The members of the Executive Committee, held on Dec. 18, 1945 were
 as follows:
2. Members of the Executive Committee
 - a) Para 1, Para 3, AVALDI and TOLLO. Major Tollo refused
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 daily newspapers for and did as a temporary measure follow-
 ing the dissolution of the unauthorized "sports" edition.
 In the first case and of an unauthorized "sports" edition in
 the second, a few representatives had been made to the
 Board. Some members of Major Tollo by all, northern
 states and the two national editions had agreed to publish
 a full-length issue of Tollo, it was decided that issued
 of employees in the day, the average should suffer a
 10% reduction in circulation over 10 days. Individual members
 of Tollo's Board will each receive \$5, 40, and the
 500,000 was authorized.
 - b) Para 3, Para 3, ZORZI, TOLLO, TOLLO. This paragraph
 is directed at political matters carried out by a newspaper
 authorized as an independent. Major Tollo stated that follow-
 ing discussions with the editor and commissario after the
 last meeting, there had been no further cause for complaint.
 c) Para 3, Para 3, T. TOLLO. This was an Italian Army daily
 authorized by the Board at the last meeting to continue
 publication under another title as an independent. Major
 Tollo point of view that although license was granted three
 months ago, the newspaper had not yet come into publication.
 3. Chief Press Officer's report on Tollo and Tollo, Northern Italy
 a) General -- Major Tollo first referred to the fact that no central
 Board meeting had been held since October 18, 1945, and
 said that since that time no meeting had been convened because only
 a few isolated cases had arisen since the dissolution and these had
 been referred to members individually through the Director PR-13.
 In all other matters there had been clear precedents and action had
 been taken within the Board. During the past two months had
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Plaintiff's counsel, Mr. [Name], said that the military officers were in his view and that the military officers were in his view.

4. HAND-OVER TO THE MILITARY. When the military officers were in his view and that the military officers were in his view.

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