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SUBJECT : Procedure concerning Licensing of papers.

TO : Colonel I.J. Munro, Chief Press Officer, PWB.

As I understand you have agreed with Major Bullock, who will now represent this Branch at AAI and in forward regions, that matters concerning the licensing of papers should be routed by AMG to Major Bullock, and that he will notify you of all developments after consultation with PWB heads at 5th and 8th Armies. I think that this is a good arrangement which falls into line with APB present policy. Do you wish me to instruct forward regions and Army AMG's to communicate directly with Major Bullock on all press matters, and would you, in that case, wish me to add any further instructions from you?

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Rome,
October 26, 1944

A.P.B. EFFORTS VIS-A-VIS THE ITALIAN PRESS COMMISSION

1. It should be put on record that APB's task has not been lightened since the creation of the Italian Press Commission. This is contrary to expectation and has proved a great disappointment to the Board. The aim of APB has been to build up a free press within the limits dictated by wartime conditions, on a sound economic basis, ready to hand over to the Italian people. Instead of cooperation from the Italian authorities concerned, APB has experienced frustration, misrepresentation and non-cooperation. Thus, in order to make the Italian authorities directly answerable to the Italian Press and people for their handling of newspaper affairs, decision has been taken at this time to hand over more responsibility.

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5. "From that day to this no overall plan has been submitted to the Allied Publications Board nor come to the knowledge of any Allied authority. Abortive attempts have been made from time to time to deal with the question piece-meal, e.g., the Government efforts with the MESSAGGERO; suggestions between the parties and Senator Bergamini of GIORNALE D'ITALIA; suggestions to revive the TRIBUNA under the name IL DIARIO But all these efforts faded out in Italian hands.

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6. "The Allied Publications Board, in view of the above, is therefore seen to be completely neutral in the whole matter, neither applying pressure nor making obstruction. The only thing which APB presses for and still awaits in vain is an answer to the letter above referred to dated 9 July."

7. Paragraphs 3 to 6, inclusive, formed the textual part of a communication addressed to the "Chairman, Italian Press Commission, Under-Secretariat for Press and Information", on 12 October. The Allied Publications Board felt constrained to forward this communication and took decision to do so at a meeting held on 9 October because "misinformed comments and statements were being circulated in Rome alleging that responsibility for delay in solving the problem of the Rome pre-Fascist papers was the fault of the Allied Publications Board." (Minutes of 9 October meeting of APB).

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Reallocation of Newsprint to the Roman Press

10. Contrary to APB representations on 28 August, the Italian Press Commission delayed taking requested action to bring the circulations of some of the Rome dailies down to the authorized figures originally accepted by the offending papers. Avv. Rossini, at APB meeting of 11 September, submitted, however, "that the whole question of the reallocation of newsprint to Rome papers was still being reviewed by the Italian Press Commission."

11. On October 12, the APB was constrained to remind the Commission that APB's representations were still unpresented; that Avv. Rossini's submission was still unimplemented; and that APB was being blamed for these shortcomings. An APB letter to the Chairman of the Italian Commission (Sig. Spataro) pointed out: "The Associazione Editori Giornali, and the Rome daily, AVANTI, have recently written to APB in a manner which would make it appear that the responsibility for reallocation of newsprint to the Rome papers is APB's. This is not so in accordance with minutes of the APB meeting held on 11 September. To date the Italian Press Commission has not put its recommendations before the Allied Publications Board."

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15. Nothing more has been heard about this undertaking to date. No attempts have been made to justify the claim of large stocks available. Nothing has been done to justify the raising of the licensing ban; but nonetheless the Italian Commission has continued to press for the publication of many new periodicals for Rome, openly and covertly blaming the Allies and APB for withholding licenses on unjustifiable grounds.

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Political Repercussions

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Still More for Rome

19. As the newsprint and paper shortage was handicapping the Italian Government in its administration and stationery necessities, the APB recorded its satisfaction on 19 September "that the mill at Foggia had been assigned to the Italian Government to meet its needs." On 22 October, APB learned from the columns of the Rome press that "on the intervention of the Secretariat of Press and Information seven hundred quintals of paper from the Foggia mills"had been"placed at the disposition of book and magazine publishers in Rome". Apart from the manner in which this was done, it will be noted that in spite of the situation described under "Political Repercussions" none of the 70[illegible] quintals was assigned to Sicily, Naples, etc. or even to nearby Bari for Foggia's own paper restricted province of Apulia.

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Press Plan for North

23. On August 28, 1944, the Board was informed that Sig.Rossini desired to submit an over-all plan for papers in territory not yet liberated. Sig. Rossini was informed that the Board would welcome such a proposal and was asked, in addition, to say that the Board would appreciate special consideration being given to the CORRIERE DELLA SERA. No plan has been submitted to date and no indication has been given the Board concerning the attitude of the Italian Press Commission or Government's attitude towards CORRIERE DELLA SERA.

24. Sig. Rossini, however, on being urged, explained to a meeting of APB that his plan for the North of Italy consisted in having each town in the Po Valley have one daily paper of one particular party, so that, for instance, Mantua might have a Social Democrat paper, Verona a Socialist paper, Padua a Liberal paper, and so on. The Executive Secretary pointed out to Sig. Rossini that this system of making an arbitrary allocation of parties to selected towns was not only undemocratic but the negation of that political re-education which all recognized was so necessary today. The Executive Secretary recommended that in these towns a non-political information sheet or a sheet representing the six parties as a whole should be brought out daily, with the addition of party weeklies as soon as newsprint allowed. The matter, as far as the Italian Press Office is concerned, has been there allowed to rest.

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AN A.P.B. CHRONOLOGICAL RECAPITULATION TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE WORK OF A.P.B. FROM THE BEGINNING, HAS AIMED AT EVENTUAL HAND-OVER TO THE ITALIAN PEOPLE

1. AFHQ Directive for the eventual restoration of a free Press to a free Italy has always been kept in view by APB and preparations for that eventuality have been advanced step by step.

2. The present proposal to delegate more authority and responsibility to the Italian Press Commission is another step forward to that end and falls into logical sequence with the work already done by the Board.

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9. At the same time it must also be noted that there has been little to justify complete confidence in the goodwill or clear-cut cooperation of the Italian Press Under-Secretariate which rules the Italian Press Commission.

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SUB COMMITTEE OF THE ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

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Procurement and distribution ofpaper to enable these licences to become effective in all of Liberated Italy is at present channelled by APB through ACC.

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3. After studying the position in the light of APB's established policy, the procurement and supply of paper, and the progressive restoration to the Italian authorities of administrative powers, the Sub Committee makes the following proposals for further delegation of APB powers:

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d. Nothing in this delegation of powers shall be construed to affect the existing status of PWB controlled, or to be controlled, papers in the territory under Italian Government jurisdiction.

e. The Allied Publications Board will continue to exercise its full powers in ACC territory.

4. If these proposals are adopted the procedure for procuring and distributing paper will need to be modified after the end of this year. The amount of paper to be imported before the end of the year has already been established.

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d. The division of stocks until the end of the year as between PWB and the Italian Press be made upon an actuarial basis.

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Submitted on behalf of the Sub Committee.

JAMES M. MINIFIE,
Chairman, Sub Committee.

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REPORT OF SUB COMMITTEE OF ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

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Mr. W.F. Schott (substituting for Major Fielden)
Lt. Col. Enoch Brown
Lt. Col. R.G. Munro.

The Sub Committee appointed at Tuesday's meeting of the Allied Publications Board met for the first time on Wednesday morning, 25th October, 1944, to discuss their terms of reference.

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b) The efforts of APB vis-a-vis the Italian Press Commission.

It was further agreed that both documents should be circulated to the Italian Government and others concerned. Mr. Schott recommended that Commodore Stone be invited to present them to Prime Minister Bonomi with the warning that the attitude of Avv. Rossini with APB had not been all that might have been desired for smooth co-operation, understanding and progress.

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2. Present procedure in terms of Order No. 89.

3. Future procedure as envisaged by these proposals.

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It was recognised that the procurement of paper for PWB-controlled zones, until the end of the year, was already arranged through APB's procurement agency, the Allied Control Commission.

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PWB will continue to receive, store and distribute paper for its own controlled papers through ACC until the end of the year.

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The following agenda items referred to the Sub Committee by APB were noted and tabled in view of the present fluid situation:

1. 1945 newsprint requisition.
2. Avv. Rossini's recommendation regarding reallocation of newsprint to the Roman press.
3. Published and uncovered re blotstocks.
4. Suspension of UNIONE PROLETARIA.
5. Licensing Questions:
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In view of the fact that the Naples Local APB claimed to have recommended to the Central Board only those applications which they considered essential, and in view of the fact that only about two tons of newsprint monthly were involved, the Sub Committee recommended that if the Central APB considered it appropriate, licences should be granted to the 18 outstanding applications before Naples was consigned to the Italian Press Commission, given adoption of the Sub Committee's recommendation with regard to Naples.

It was further agreed that the full circumstances concerning BOLLETTINO ECONOMICO FINANZIARIO should be put before the Board Thursday with a recommendation for favourable consideration.

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REDRAFT OF STANDARD OF CONDUCT DIRECTIVE

In compliance and sympathy with the objectives of liberation for which the United Nations are fighting, Marshal Badoglio, on October 29, 1943, declared that liberty of the Press was restored in Italy.

By virtue of such a disposition, all recognized political parties of the nation can openly publish their newspapers and freely spread their political ideas, not on clandestine or irresponsible sheets but on newspapers duly authorized.

The Allied authorities would call the attention of all responsible editors, managers and staffs to the wartime conditions to which the exercise of freedom of the Press must conform.

1. Grievances may be aired; opinions may be voiced; points of view may be advanced; differences may be debated; discussions may be developed, as is practised in all democratic countries.

2. But the Italian Press cannot be conceded a greater freedom from military censorship, decency of language, accuracy of facts and political restraint than that exercised in every democratic country, especially since such censorship, decency, accuracy and restraint are conducted more in a spontaneous sense of citizenship than by the imposition of restraining measures in wartime or otherwise.

3. Criticism should therefore be moderate and constructive; it must not be written or presented in such a way as to undermine Italian confidence in the Allies.

4. No writing to foment the public or party strife in a way calculated to lead to public disorder can be allowed.

5. The above does not mean any limitation on liberty of political opinions or political censorship.

6. Anything detrimental to the morale of the forces of any nationality fighting against the Germans must have no place in the Italian Press.

7. The foregoing dispositions refer not only to the printed word but to cartoons and designs.

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Il Collezionista
rivista trimestrale
dell'Associazione Collezionisti italiani
fondatore e direttore: Cav. Rag. MARIO ROMANO
Giffoni Valle Piana (Salerno)
ITALIA

Giffoni Valle Piana, 25 ottobre 1944.-

Spett. Commissione Alleata
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La rivista trimestrale IL COLLEZIONISTA che pubblico dal 1/1/1941, è l'organo ufficiale dell'Associazione Collezionisti Italiani.

La pubblicazione è apolitica.

Dal giugno 1943, a causa degli eventi bellici, dovetti sospendere la pubblicazione.

Ora, a richiesta di centinaia di filatelici italiani e di filatelici appartenenti alle Forze Militari Alleate, si rende necessaria la ripresa della pubblicazione.

Fin dal maggio 1944 richiesi, tramite R. Prefettura Salerno, l'autorizzazione per riprendere le pubblicazioni.

La pratica è ora presso la Commissione Nazionale della Stampa.

Tenuto presente che ogni numero della rivista può consumare 25 Kg. di carta-quindi un quantitativo minimo e trascurabile di carta-; che la rivista è l'unica e la più importante che tratta argomenti filatelici; che la fi-

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Fiducioso, ringrazio ed ossequio.-

Il Direttore

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MINUTES of meeting of the Central APB held in the Conference Hall, 62 Via Veneto, on 24 October 1944, at 3.00 p.m.

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2. Messaggero.

Avv. Rossini, in one of his replies, stated that "application for a morning paper of information is already before APB". This was

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incorrect. In accordance with the minutes of the last meeting: "Italian observers stated that, in agreement with the Ministers without Portfolio, the application to publish NUOVO MESSAGGERO was being held in suspense. The Board did not, therefore, discuss the question further".

3. Paper Allocations

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5. Consider the advisability of including the Naples area with the territory covered by these suggestions.

6. Prepare a recommendation with regard to the advisability of APB continuing to issue to newly authorised publications in territory under ACC jurisdiction the revised Standard of Conduct Directive.

Accordingly, the following Agenda items were referred to the Sub-Committee:

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1. 1945 newsprint requisition
2. Suggested reallocation of newsprint to Roman Press.
3. Published announcement re flatstocks.
4. Il MESSAGGERO.
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PLANS FOR THE NORTH.

The Executive Secretary reported that in the course of a tour with the Chairman of Umbria and Tuscany, he had an opportunity of discussing with the Committee of Liberation in Florence the plans envisaged for newspapers in the North. Claiming to be in touch with Committees in the North, the Florence NCL received with enthusiasm the suggestion that papers with a national reputation, such as LA STAMPA and CORRIERE DELL. SERA, should be recognised and treated as a national patrimony; that they should be set going as quickly as possible after the fighting interval; that very complicated legal and financial questions should not prejudice the immediate revival of the papers; that political prejudices should not be allowed to hold up their revival; that Allied authorities should set up a species of Commissario; that profits of the papers should be held in suspension; that no particular party should be allowed to claim them; that they would be either information or all-party sheets. The Committee representatives also agreed with the suggestion that in centres like Verona, information sheets only should be set in motion until such a time as communications with the larger centres were improved.

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Minutes of meeting held 10 October were tabled and the following extract noted:

> "It was agreed to point out to Rome as an over-all policy that it would be difficult to deal with the local situation in areas such as Florence and deny them the publications which they considered essential owing to shortage of paper, when light literature was being brought up from Rome. If APB Rome, besides serving the Rome area, were able to serve publications outside that area, it must lead to the presumption that they had too much paper."

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OTHER BUSINESS.

1. Naples Local APB minutes of 11 and 17 October were tabled. Despite the Local Executive Secretary's plea to license the Naples applications which had been recommended since 15 August, all of which were considered essential by the Local Board, the meeting voted to continue the freeze order.

2. After noting IL PARTIGIANO's defiance of authority, in its issue of 23 October, the Board agreed to refer the matter to the Italian Press Committee for whatever action it deemed appropriate.

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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D
Room 108, 62 Via Veneto
ROME

12th October 1944

Translation

To: Chairman,
Italian Press Commission
Under-Secretariate for Press and Information,
Rome.

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The Allied Publications Board, in view of the above, is therefore seen to be completely neutral in the whole matter and neither applying pressure nor making obstructions. The only thing which APB presses for and still awaits in vain is an answer to the letter above referred to dated 9 July.

The Associazione Editori Giornali and the Rome daily AVANTI, have recently written to APB in a manner which would make it appear that the responsibility for reallocation of newsprint to the Rome papers is APB's. This is not so. Like that of reviving the newspapers above referred to, responsibility is also that of the Italian Press Commission. This is so in accordance with the following excerpt of the minutes of the APB meeting held on 11 September: "Avv. Rossini said . . . the whole question of reallocation of paper stocks to the Rome

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papers was still being reviewed by the Italian Press Commission". To date the Italian Press Commission has not put its recommendations before the Allied Publications Board.

Copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Associazione Editori Giornali, to AVANTI, and to GIORNALE D'ITALIA.

(sgd) [illegible] Munro,
Lt. Col.,
Executive Secretary.

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI.
Sottosegretariato per la Stampa e le Informazioni.

Roma, 23 October 1944.

To: Lt. Col. I.S. Munro,
Executive Secretary of APB.
Via Veneto 62,
Rome.

SUBJECT: PLAN FOR THE ROMAN PRESS.

In reply to your letter of 10 October, I beg to advise that the Italian Government has taken the step of nominating Commissari for the pre-Fascist newspapers. These Commissari must now arrange to submit applications for future possible publications in the light of the existing financial and technical possibilities of the papers concerned.

At the present state of affairs, the newsprint situation does not permit of an unlimited increase in the number of publications while at the same time the suppression of any of the papers now publishing and which have all firmly established themselves is impossible. Furthermore, recent polemics have convinced the Government that it is impossible to republish these papers in Rome under the old titles; therefore the present picture of the Roman Press should be considered definite with the following possible additions and modifications:

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2. An afternoon paper of information only which could be produced by the "Giornale d'Italia" concern when the newsprint situation is better.

3. A weekly illustrated paper which should resume the tradition of the "Tribuna Illustrata" and which should be produced at the Tribuna printing plant.

4. In the same printing plant of the Tribuna there could be produced another journal, bound to no political party but of democratic character. The idea of its promotion is that it should substitute the daily "LA RICOSTRUZIONE" which would revert to a weekly as organ of the "Democrazia del Lavoro".

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More precise information on this proposal will be provided in due course.

I think that in this manner the problem of the pre-Fascist papers can be considered solved, and in the meantime I would ask you in the name of the Italian Government, to kindly urge APB to accord its consent to the daily information sheet L'ITALIANO.

(sgd) M. Rossini,
IL DIRETTORE GENERALE DELLA STAMPA

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI.
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SUBJECT: NEWSPRINT SITUATION.

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This office notes the decision to transfer to the Italian Press Commission the responsibility for allocation of paper supplies, but deems it necessary to point out that this responsibility should be as effective as possible.

I beg, therefore, to suggest the following arrangements, always subject to APB ratification of the Italian Commission's decisions.

At the end of each month the paper office, to be set up in this Ministry, should hold a meeting with the Allied paper experts. In this meeting the supplies of paper for dailies and weeklies should be ascertained and the quantities of paper for dailies, weeklies and books to be used in the following month should be fixed. The possibilities of increasing local production and the necessity for paper imports will be studied.

The allocation of paper to newspapers and publishing houses for the month's consumption could be made by the Italian Commission which could also concede, in accordance with the quantity agreed upon with

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For your information this Ministry is studying new measures on control over production and existing newsprint supplies as well as measures to hasten the resumption of production in paper mills still idle.

(s.) A. Rossini
Il Direttore Generale della Stampa.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION VIII
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

PRO

File Ref: RVIII/81/28 Date: 19 Oct 44.

SUBJECT: Newspaper for Monte MORETTO.

TO : Allied Publications Board, MAIS.

1. Reference your unnumbered letter dated 3 Oct 44 addressed to Major FISHER, IRO, HQ, AGS copy to this HQ (which was received on 15 Oct 44).

2. The RM wall bulletin referred to are not being received at this HQ. P.C.SIMA informs that a limited number (about 20/30) have until recently been received sporadically by him from the RM representative at HQ, AAI but these are not now forthcoming.

3. Could enquiries please be made, and arrangements effected thereby this HQ gets the 500 copies twice weekly, in order that a circulation down to those Provinces under Regional Control may be effected.

For the Regional Commissioner:

J. EDWARD SAUTER,
Major, R.A.,
Adjutant.

CV/am.

Copy to:- HQ, AAI (Attention P.R.O.)

HEADQUARTERS TOSCANA REGION A.C.C. 19 SEP 1944 OFFICIAL

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R2 15 Oct 1944.

SUBJECT : DRAFT OF CENSORSHIP CLARIFICATION

TO : Lieut. Colonel I.S. Munro, Executive Secretary,
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

1. Reference your Minute of October 11, 1944, and the attached draft of Censorship Clarification.

2. I am personally extremely doubtful whether this clarification is necessary or desirable at this point, and whether it is strictly a matter for the Allied Publications Board. It appears to me that the "Clarification" is in fact an imposition of political censorship at the discretion of military censors. Experience has shown that endless debate may arise on the point of distinction between military and political censorship. The attempt to clarify this unclarifiable point merely throws on to the Allied Publications Board a responsibility which should be taken by the Military Censors who should, within their own terms of reference, recommend action to the Board in doubtful cases.

3. If the clarification must be issued, I should recommend that the four paragraphs starting "Criticism should therefore be moderate ....." and ending "must have no place in the Italian press" be dropped. These paragraphs, in my opinion, are far too wide and allow the Military Censors a political power which they should not possess.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
A L L I E D P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D
Room 108, 62 Via Veneto
ROME

11 October 1944

Memorandum to: Mr. Edman
Mr. Dowling
Mr. Stewart
Mr. Caccia
Mr. Schott
Lt.Col. Scott Bailey
Lt. Col. Brown
Major Fielding ✓
Major Alexander
Major Colville
Mr. Minifie

1. In accordance with the desire of the special APB meeting held on 26 September, I herewith enclose draft Censorship "clarification". The suggestion, you will remember, was that this "clarification" should replace the existing "Standard of Conduct Directive" sent to all editors by APB.

2. If approved, the procedure for circulating the "clarification" in accordance with the decision taken, will be (a) by APB to all editors of new papers along with publication permit, and (b) by the Italian Press Commission to all editors of papers already licensed.

3. It will be noted that the document contains a contradition in terms, namely that as an official appendage of pre-publication Military Censorship regulations, it is nonetheless declared to be "without prejudice to the accepted principle of no -pre-publication political censorship."

4. It should also be noted that this "clarification" must be circulated by Censorship to all its officers in contact with Italian editors.

5. It is clear therefore that responsibility for the standard of conduct required by this "clarification" no longer rests with the editors but becomes the responsibility of the editors.

6. This, in addition, deprives APB of responsibility vis-a-vis Italian editors; all suggests and requests concerning the behaviour and discipline of the Press must in future be directed to Censorship. This will of course mean that in the event of any breach of this "clarification", Censorship will have no come-back on editors but on its owncensorship officers. The consequences of this, here and abroad, may be dire.

7. It will be recalled that the 26 September meeting decided that this new censorship "clarification" should be submitted to APB after its possible approval by APB. Please therefore let me know whether or not you approve without undue delay.

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I.S.Munro
Lt. Col.
Executive Secretary

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DRAFT OF CENSORSHIP "CLARIFICATION".

"Whereas Section 3, Sub-section (h) (MISCELLANEOUS), paragraph 4 of current Allied Military Censorship Regulations reads: "Nothing will be published harmful to the Allied cause or affecting the relationship between the Allies and between the Allies and neutral countries";

And in order to make more easy the work of the Censors and to avoid individual interpretations;

The following clarification of the above-stated clause is advanced, without prejudice to the accepted principle of no pre-publication political censorship:

Any infringement of Allied Military Censorship regulations will mean cancelling of offending items. In accordance with standard procedure, publication of prohibited matter, in defiance of Censorship, may lead to recommendation for immediate suspension of the publication.

Grievances may be aired; opinions may be voiced; points of view may be advanced; differences may be debated, discussions may be developed, as is practised in all democratic countries.

But the Italian Press cannot be conceded a greater freedom from military censorship, decency of language, accuracy of facts and political restraint than that exercised in every democratic country, especially since such censorship, decency, accuracy and restraint are conducted more in a spontaneous sense of citizenship than by the imposition of restraining measures in wartime or otherwise.

Criticism should therefore be moderate and constructive; it must not be written or presented in such a way as to undermine Italian confidence in the Allies.

No writing to foment the public or party strife in a way calculated to lead to public disorder can be allowed.

The above does not mean any limitation on liberty of political opinions or political censorship.

Anything detrimental to the morale of the forces of any nationality fighting against the Germans must have no place in the Italian Press.

The foregoing dispositions refer not only to the printed word but to cartoons and designs.

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Recommendations of Naples Local APB
14 August to 5 October

FOR CONFIRMATION

Name	Periodic	Character	Circulation
BOLLETTINO SOC. ITALIANA BIOLOGIA SPERIMENTALE (recommended by ACC Education Sub-Commission)	M.	Biological Society official reports	1,200
BOLLETTINO MENSILE INTERNO	M.	Communist Party Circular	500
L'ACROPOLI (sponsored by Gmodeo and Education Sub-Commission)	M.	Youth education	7,000
NAPOLI RIVISTA MUNICIPALE	M.	Naples Commune official publication	300 (50 pages)
MADONNA DELL'ARCO	Ev. 2 months	Sponsored by orphanage to raise funds	5,000
CORRIERE DEL COSTRUTTORE	Numero unico	Building industry survey	2,000
L'UNIVERSITA DI NAPOLI	W	Naples University paper	20,000
CORRIERE DEL LAVORO	W.	Information sheet for "Free" Unions (shop-keepers, etc.)	5,000
L'ORFANELLA DI SANTA GELTRUDE	M.	For support of the orphanage	8,000
IL FARO	Bi.M.	Port workers' organ	10,000

LA SOLIDARIETA - circulation increase from 5 to 10,000 recommended.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
PWB Unit 8 - APO 512

MINUTES OF MEETING of Naples Local Board held at 14,30 p.m. on Thursday, 5 October.

PRESENT: Capt. J.Whyte, A.C.C. Naples Zone (Chairman),
Lieut. E.L.Stuart, Executive Secretary,
Lieut. H.Occhi, Military Censorship.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 September were read and approved.

2. NEWSPRINT STATEMENT: 180 tons, week-ending 30 September, not all for APB.

3. POLITICAL PAPERS: Acting on decision of Central Board, circulations were allotted:

La Voce	70,000	daily
Il Giornale	37,000	daily
Demo-Christians	33,000	daily
L'Azione	35,000	twice-weekly

4. TRADE UNION PAPERS: After consultation with Central Board, "Battaglie Sindacali" was transferred from directorship of Enrico Russo to di Bartolomei, for Confederazione Italiana del Lavoro, in which organisation are now enrolled the Unions for whose servicing "Battaglie Sindacali" was authorised.

"Domani Sociale" it was agreed by the Council of the Confederation, was to continue for another month, but would later cease publication and its newsprint allotment be taken over by "Battaglie Sindacali".

5. EDUCATIONAL TEXT BOOKS: Letters to Lt.Col. Munro, Educational Sub-Commission & Section S.R. were referred to by Executive Secretary.

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L'ORFANELLA di Santa Geltrude. Monthly, 8,000. Same type as Madonna dell'Arco, already recommended. For financial support of orphanage.

IL FARO: Fortnightly, 10,000. Organ of port workers. Means of expression and control. Board felt special position and difficulties of port workers warranted authorisation.

LA SOLIDARIETA': Educational review, asks for increase from one quintal to two quintals monthly. First two numbers received good reception in Educational circles.

7. APPLICATIONS DEFERRED:

VOLONTA'("Alleanze Gruppi Libertari"): Political weekly, against Six Parties. Application taken direct to Chief

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Executive Secretary; credentials of organisation being examined here.

IL NOSTRO DOMANI: Every three months, 250 copies, of 8 pages. Review of activities of Oriental Istitute which claims to be entirely separate from Naples University. Claim being investigated.

8. APPLICATIONS REJECTED, subject to confirmation of Central Board.

LA PROPAGANDA: Weekly, 5,000. Paper of Socialist Rev. Youth Movement. Not possible to recommend, when recognised parties in Naples have no papers for youth movements. For short time published without authority. Offshoot of "Bandiera Rossa"?

LA VOCE DELL'ACCUSA: Fortnightly, 10.000. "Anti-fascist, for epuration". Published illegally as "L'Accusa", without any special merit.

FOGLI DEGLI ANNUNZI COMMERCIALI: Bi-weekly, 2,000. Commercial advertisements at low price. To be useful, circulation would have to be much higher. Dailies suffice, also "Corriere del Lavoro", already recommended.

9. NUMERO REALE: Weekly, 15,000. "Humorous and satirical, for expression of youth's ideas. Not essential.

L'ITALIA ENIGMISTICA: Weekly, 10.000. ½ quintal. Book of cross-word puzzles. Not essential. (BUT popular; depends on Central Board policy.)

CIVILTA: Fortnightly, 3,500. "Moral elevation". Catholic Association. Not essential.

SUD: "Cultural and Artistic". Fortnightly; circulation "as allowed by APB". Prepared to use "ritagli" of newspapers. Not likely to serve any useful purpose.

10. The meeting adjourned.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
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Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 98/14/CA. 29th September 1944.

SUBJECT: Allied Publications Board - NAPLES.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
SOUTHERN Region.

1. As you probably know, the Allied Publications Board has a local Board in NAPLES which is still functioning under the original directive as it applies to AMG Regions.

2. There are at present great difficulties about the supply and distribution of newsprint and the NAPLES local board appears to find it difficult to persuade AMG to send a representative to their meetings and to help in their troubles, particularly as regards paper supply.

3. Will you please take notion in this matter.

(Sgd) M.S. Lush
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

LF/JG.

Copy to: P.R.C.
Mr.G.W.Edman, A.D.P.W.B.(Italy)(Lib),
PWB Unit No.12, USA P.O. 512. ---- refer
your letter dated 23.Sep.1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Education Subcommission

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29 September 1944

SUBJECT : Approval of educational publications.

TO : PWB, Singer Bldg, Naples.

1. We have received from you a batch of applications for approval of secondary school books, etc. for publication.

2. When we were in Naples we were able to handle such things readily because (a) you gave us the pertinent books and manuscripts; (b) we had a committee of local Italian educators to advise us; and (c) we had a staff there on the ground. None of these conditions prevail at present.

3. Dr. Anna Di Lorenzo in the Naples education office was in charge of this work for us and knows the ropes. The simplest way for you to handle the matter would be to arrange with the Regional Commissioner to have Dr. Di Lorenzo, with the help of the Provveditore agli Studi, set up an examining commission to check the value of and need for each book. There is a consorzio of publishers in Naples, with which Dr. Di Lorenzo is in touch, which can advise such a committee as to the availability or need of books in each field. Any books approved by Dr. Di Lorenzo with the advice of such a committee may be considered as approved by this Subcommission.

4. We can, of course, set up a committee in Rome to advise us on value of books submitted by you, but a committee in Rome would not know about needs and availability of substitutes in Naples. Further more, the sending of the books or manuscripts here and their return to you involves inconvenience, delay, and possible loss. Yet, obviously, we can give no intelligent recommendation in regard to books we have never seen.

5. Please instruct us as to your wishes in the matter and as to the disposition you wish us to make of the large number of applications recently sent to us.

For the A/Director of Education:

Carleton W. Washburne

CARLETON W. WASHBURNE
Major, AUS
D/Director of Education.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Circulation copy

PRB/R2 29 Sep 1944.

Subject: "Draft of a circular to prefects".

To: Colonel I.S. Munro, Executive Secretary, APB.

Reference your minute of 28 Sep I concur in the recommendations suggested, but would like to make one small suggestion. On page 2, para ii, it is stated that books should not be "frivolous". To me it seems that this is a dangerous and quite unnecessary generalization: it is also rather offensive to the Italian Press Commission. I can't myself see why the Italian public shouldn't have some "frivolous" books if it wants them (God knows we have them!) and, after all, a pro-Ally Pinocchio might be "frivolous" but very useful. I suggest you drop this out.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Room 108, 62 Via Veneto
ROME

28 September 44.

SUBJECT : Draft Italian Press Law.

TO : Colonel Wilmer.
Mr. Dowling.
Mr. Cascia.
Mr. Schott.
Major Fielden. ✓
Major Alexander.
Major Colville.

1. On 20 September, minutes of meeting held 15 September were distributed together with recommendations in connection with "Draft of a Circular to Prefects", for your written approval.

2. As further action is being delayed, pending receipt of your reply, we would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Pol. Sects are
satisfied saying they
have no objection —
do you concur?

I. S. MUNRO,
Lt.Col.,
Executive Secretary.

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AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting.
2. Newsprint Situation. No Editors wanting to reduce circulation No Suggestions wanting papers.
3. Powers of Commissarios. Secretary of Board of Directors
4. MESSAGGERO: Appointment of Commissario.
   Protest by Perrone.
   Future of "Messaggero". ? Conflict between Italian Government on powers of
5. Publication of Anti-Nazi brochure. Not
6. Florence attitude to Rome Press. Wear Fri after hours 2 pm
7. Naples Local APB (Minutes attached).
   Political Papers.
   Battaglie Sindacali.
   Recommendations from 15th Aug. 1944 (list attached).
8. Italian Press Commission.
   Authorisations held up owing to shortage of paper.
   Recommendations
9. Other Business.

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Room 108, 62 Via Venet
ROME

MINUTES of meeting of the Central APB held in the Conference Hall, 62 Via Veneto, on 27 September 44, at 9:30 a.m.

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Lt.Col. I. S. Munro PWB (Executive Secretary).
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Major I. C. Alexander, Censorship.
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Major Colin A. MacKenzie, Economic Section, ACC.
Mr. James M. Minifie, PWB-ACC Liaison.
Mr. Michael Stewart, Press Attaché, British Embassy (Observer)
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Polish Wall Bulletin

Lt.Col. Scott Bailey said Polish Army officials had reproduced the text of a German broadcast in praise of the Poles, and made use of it as a wall bulletin without reference to Allied Military Censorship authorities. To prevent recurrences of the kind, the matter was being discussed at AFHQ, and it was expected that some sort of control over Army unit wall bulletins would be initiated.

Admonitions

The Board concurred in the opinion expressed by the Italian Press Commission, namely that repeated vulgar and crude attacks published by LA RAGAZZA (IL PARTIGIANO supplement), and a picture series in 23 September edition of STAR warranted admonitions, and therefore approved the Italian authorities taking the required action.

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It was therefore decided to seek leagal council from ACC in connection with the phrase "per la temporanea gestione" which appears in the decree legalising the appointment of Commissarios.

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Naples Local APB

Minutes of 26 September meeting were tabled. The Board approved LA PRUA's change of name to LA LANTERNA. It also confirmed the Local Board's recommendation with regard to L'ACROPOLI, subject to betterment in the newsprint situation, and readjustment of daily circulation of party papers as follows:

LA VOCE (combined Socialist-Communist paper) - 70,000
IL GIORNALE (Liberal) - 37,000
Demo-Christian paper (to be named) - 33,000.

As an added concession, the last named paper was authorised to publish in the morning. LA VOCE and IL GIORNALE were authorised as evening papers.

The Board also approved application of the Action Party's L'AZIONE to publish 35,000 bi-weekly editions, and noted that the Party also wanted to publish daily as soon as technical and economic difficulties could be overcome.

Florence APB

The Board approved the action taken by the Executive Secretary in giving instructions to form a Florence Local APB.

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The meeting adjourned.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
PWB Unit 8 - APO 512

MINUTES OF MEETING of Naples Local Board held at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday 26 September.

PRESENT: Capt. J.Whyte, A.C.C. Naples Zone (Chairman)
Lieut. E.L.Stuart, Executive Secretary
Lieut. M.R.Corsetti, Military Censorship

1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 September were read and approved.

2. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS

Executive Secretary stated that the applications referred to in previous minutes had been left in the hands of ACC at Rome for necessary action.

3. UNAUTHORISED PUBLICATIONS

The meeting was informed that the printer of IL BASSE had been sentenced as forecast and that it was understood that the campaign was having a growing effect on similar unauthorised papers. The Questura had not yet been able to accumulate sufficient evidence against BANDIERA ROSSA to justify a prosecution.

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6. BATTAGLIE SINDACALI AND DOMANI SOCIALE

Executive Secretary stated that since interviewing responsible directors of these two Trade Union papers, he had been informed that the organizations which they represented had been consolidated in the Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro; he was arranging for a meeting between them and the Naples Council of this confederation, to reach an agreement as to the future of the two papers.

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7. APPLICATION RECOMMENDED SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE CENTRAL BOARD

CORRIERE DEL LAVORO

Weekly - 5.000 - To provide general information and means of expression to association of "free" unions, mainly of shopkeepers and small proprietors. Largely administrative.

8. APPLICATION REFUSED

BATTAGLIE D'OGGI

Weekly - 5.000 - Review of political and civil affairs - not considered likely to satisfy any particular need.

The meeting adjourned.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

FRB/R2 25 Sep 44

SUBJECT : POLITICAL PUBLICATIONS

TO : Lieut. Colonel S. Pickering,
Region V HQ. R.P.S.C.

1. Reference your R5/514/10 dated 14 August 44.

2. The above communication was passed to Mr. Barney of the Allied Publications Board, for his comments - attached herewith - and the long delay in replying to your query is greatly regretted.

3. As you will see from Mr. Barney's letter, there is no objection whatsoever to the Pamphlet being published provided AMG Security Branch agree. The text is therefore returned herewith for any action you see fit as APB are not responsible for any publications in forward areas, which are left to AMG to deal with.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

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21 September 1944.

Major Fielden,

The Italian Government feels that it is a good thing, in general, to allow the 6 parties of the P.N.L. to publish their programmes in newly liberated areas, as soon as the local Allied Military Authorities agree that this may be done.

In the case in question, Macerata has been freed for quite some time, and they feel that all of the 6 parties should be allowed freedom of expression. They would, therefore, welcome the granting of this P. d'Azione request.

(Sgd). J.E. Barney.
P.W.B.

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TO : Public Relation Branch HQ. A.C.C.

FROM : Region V HQ. R.P.S.O.

SUBJECT : Political Publications

REF : R5/514/10

DATE : 14 August 1944

Herewith copy of letter M/7/10 dated 12 August 1944 received from Macerata Province.

May we please be advised on this application.

For Regional Commissioner

S. PICKERING
Lt. Colonel
R.P.S.O.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
MACERATA PROVINCE

12 Aug.44

REF : M/7/10.

SUBJECT : Political Publications.

TO : HQ Region 5, AMG, CMF.

1. The Action Party, also known as "Free Italy" , has made application to print and circulate the attached political pamphlet in Macerata Province.

2. Request that this HQ be advised whether the application is approved or denied.

For the Provincial Commissioner,

(Signed) W.T.Boone

W.T.BOONE,
Capt. CMP,
Administrative Officer

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

c/o PWB, Room 108, 62 Via Veneto
ROME

25 September 44.

MEMORANDUM TO : Mr. Edman. Lt.Col. Brown.
Mr. Dowling. Major Fielden. ✓
Mr. Stewart. Major Alexander.
Mr. Cuccia. Major Colville.
Mr. Schott. Mr. Winfrie.

Attached are:

Copy of Lt.Col. V. E. Scott Bailey's letter of 2 September.
Executive Secretary's Memorandum to Chairman, APB.
Redraft of Standard of Conduct Directive.
Two letters from Lt.Col. Scott Bailey concerning L'UNITA.

Arising out of these documents, Allied authorities concerned will be required (1) to agree to text of the redrafted Standard of Conduct Directive and its implementation and (2) to consider the charges against L'UNITA and to arrive at a decision as to the action indicated.

A special meeting is therefore called for Tuesday, 26 Sept. 44, at 0130 a.m. It will be held in the Conference Hall, Ground Floor, 62 Via Veneto.

The regular meeting of APB is postponed until Wednesday, 27 Sept., and will be held as usual in the Conference Hall at 0130 a.m.

I. S. MUNRO,
Lt.Col.,
Executive Secretary.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Press and Radio Censorship Branch
Detachment "A"
APO 539

2 September 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Press

TO : Chief, Information and Censorship Section

1. The attached letter is being sent to AGC for approval and it is hoped that as a result a chief Military Press Censor for the Italian Government will be appointed. It is felt essential that this step is taken in order to minimise our work and to ensure consistency of censorship throughout Italy.

2. In connection with this letter, I have been considering the directives which it will be necessary to issue for censorship in all liberated territories. It is intended that allcensorship will be entirely of security nature and under no circumstances or pressure will we initiate or support political censorship.

3. I have discussed this matter with the Allied Officers working on Italian Press Censorship and find that they are daily faced with difficult problems such as the following:

a) Are the press permitted to attack or criticise, either by written articles or by caricatures or photographs, Italian personalities holding military or administrative positions and consequently actively collaborating with the Allies? In such articles or caricatures frequent reference is made to past history and to associations with the enemy.

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b) Is it permissible for the ex-king of Italy to be caricatured, ridiculed, and criticised for his past activities?

c) Is it permissible for the press, particularly that which is anti-monarchist, to criticise and make reference to past history of Prince Umberto, the present Lieutenant

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General of the Realm?

a) Should the Italian Press be allowed to criticise either Allied policy or the behaviour of Allied troops, or Allied administration? Criticism on administration is often on such matters as the small amount of petrol available for civilian purposes and consequent effect upon the disposition of food stuff. This gives rise to comment about the shortage of food in the cities and the fact that food is rotting in the country.

4. My opinion, after considering this matter, is that it is impossible to issue any clearly-defined Allied directive covering the above points. I do not think that criticism of any sort should be prohibited, but I feel that it should be moderate and constructive and should not be written in such a way as to undermine Italian confidence in the Allies or to stimulate party warfare amongst the Italians.

5. The way in which such undesirable material can be best eliminated from the press is not by censorship but through the agencies of PWB and Public Relations, Allied Control Commission. They are the people who should be educating the Italians and who should issue explanatory correctives to false and ignorant articles.

6. This problem will arise in all countries eventually controlled by Allied Force Headquarters. I would therefore be glad if you would discuss this matter with Russell and see if he can do anything to issue a directive to his staff. I also think it is PWB who should take up the matter with ACC.

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V.E.SCOTT BAILEY,
Lieutenant Colonel, G.S.,
Chief, Press and Radio Censorship Branch.

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MEMORANDUM TO : Chairman, APB.

It will be recognized ~~ex~~ that the Allied Publications Board has sponsored and promoted the policy of no pre-publication political censorship. The Board also approved and adopted, in agreement with the then Chief Commissioner of ACC, the APB Standard of Conduct Directive as the measure of our post-publication political scrutiny. Every licensed publication receives a copy of the Directive--now being redrafted--and is given to understand that any violation will invite immediate disciplinary action.

The policy of no- pre-publication political censorship has created, and continues to create, difficulties. I myself, for instance, am very often asked why the Press is allowed to say this or that. On the other hand that same policy has been an achievement on two counts (a) it provides a significant element of Allied propaganda and (b) it has given the death blow to the rising of a clandestine Press which would have required a Gestapo to deal with it. Having promoted and accepted responsibility for no pre-publication political censorship the problem now before the Board is to determine where military censorship ends and political censorship begins.

As Executive Secretary I am more personally aware of the conflict of ideas than perhaps any member of the Board. All requests or orders for contact with the actual editors percolate through to me. What I want to ask are clear-cut instructions. But before embarking on these it might be useful to table some of the difficulties experienced in the past which may waylay us in the future if the Board's decisions are not well considered.

1. There is the strong-hand school which would like to see a more vigorous action taken against newspapers which do not conform to Allied standards nor to Allied political directives, and are thus non-cooperative from the Allied point of view.

2. There are the defenders of free expression who claim that balanced criticism, no matter how severe, is healthy for all concerned and constitute a real contribution to the common war effort--as well as a safety valve.

The devil of the thing is that both sides are dealing with <u>opinions</u> when it comes down to specific cases, even when they agree on general principles.

Perhaps this would be better illuminated by a case in point. Col. Scott Bailey, in an admirable statement of principle, says:

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All opinions are here in agreement, and that statement of principle has been embodied in my redraft of the Standard of Conduct Directive.

But when it comes down to defining what is "moderate" and what is written in such a way as to "undermine confidence", or to "stimulate party warfare", we find ourselves slap bang back in inevitable conflicts of opinion. The one example I take is the prominent publication in L'UNITA of the following statement:

"Among all the problems of high policy it would be a good thing also to keep this in mind: there are 200,000 unemployed in Rome who die of hunger and 800,000 fixed wage workers who live in hunger."

The strong-arm school would challenge the figures and maintain that the whole statement is symptomatic of an attitude deliberately anti-Allied, and that the paper should be brought to book.

The other school would maintain that even if the figures were exaggerated the sentiment of keeping that problem before the minds of statesmen--Italian no less than Allied--is not a hostile act but is, on the contrary, a constructive reminder.

The first obstacle to the strong-arm method is the very present complication inherent in suspension of a newspaper, the repercussions of which suspension might defeat its own end by creating so-called martyrs and giving prominence, in Italy and in the Press abroad, to what, when boiled down, is a matter of opinion.

The obstacle to the other school is that those responsible must be prepared to face recurring instances of the kind in question.

For my part, I feel that the Italian Press has justified the trust we placed in it. Only on eight occasions since early April, when the principle of no pre-publication political censorship was adopted, have editors been guilty of a breach of faith, and only once was the offence considered sufficiently serious to justify suspension. On one notable occasion AFHQ, after investigation by the appropriate authorities and on their recommendation, upheld a newspaper which made certain justifiable--it was learned--criticisms of Allied administration.

The issue is perhaps not whether a political or military directive has been violated. The real criterion for political action against a paper might be: "Who will benefit?"

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It will be noted, in the attached redraft of the Standard of Conduct Directive, that no specific reference is made to the King or to the Lieutenant General of the Realm. You will remember that when the Draft Press Law came up for discussion it was agreed that Article 13, which dealt with insults to the head of the state, foreign diplomats, etc., was open to unjust interpretation and therefore dangerous. Consequently, it was decided to recommend to the Italian authorities substitution of an Article dealing with "seditious or blasphemous matter" which would have a general application.

After text of the redraft of the Standard of Conduct Directive has been agreed to, there is still the problem of its implementation. My instructions were to submit the redraft for approval of the Board and afterwards to discuss it with the Italian authorities with a view to their adopting the text. In its present form, the Directive is a purely Allied document and it may be that the Italian authorities will wish to make it appear as coming from themselves. Are we prepared to allow changes in the text once we are in agreement on it? And is it merely a temporary measure, as has been suggested, which will become non-operative once the new law is in force?

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I. S. MURRO,
Lt.Col.,
Executive Secretary, APB.

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DRAFT OF STANDARD OF CONDUCT DIRECTIVE

In compliance and sympathy with the objectives of liberation for which the United Nations are fighting, Marshal Badoglio on October 27, 1943, declared that liberty of the Press was restored in Italy.

By virtue of such a disposition, all recognised political parties of the nationxx can openly publish their newspapers and freely spread their political ideas, not on clandestine or irresponsible sheets but on newspapers duly authorised.

The Allied authorities have already called the attention of all responsible editors, managers and staffs to the wartime conditions to which the exercise of freedom of the Press must conform. Repeated abuses by some newspapers have made this additional and revised warning necessary.

1. The Italian Press cannot be conceded a greater freedom from military censorship, decency of language, accuracy of facts and political constraint than that exercised in the countries of the Allied Nations themselves, especially since such censorship, decency, accuracy and restraint in the Allied countries is conducted more in a spontaneous sense of citizenship than by the imposition of restraining measures in wartime or otherwise.

2. Criticism must therefore be moderate and constructive; it must not be written or presented in such a way as to undermine Italian confidence in the Allies or cobelligerents, ~~or to stimulate party warfare amongst Italians themselves.~~

3. No writing calculated to disturb or foment the public or calculated to lead to public disorder can be allowed.

4. The above does not mean any limitation on liberty in political opinions.

~~5. Abuse of that liberty, however, will not be tolerated.~~

6. Grievances may be aired; opinions may be voiced; points of view may be advanced; differences may be debated; polemical discussions may be developed, as is practised in all democratic countries.

7. Incitations of class against class; vulgar epithets; anonymous accusations; insinuations and ~~[illegible]~~; personal vilification, wilful accusations will no longer be allowed.

8. Anything detrimental to the morale of the forces of any nationality fighting against the Germans must have no place in the Italian Press.

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9. The foregoing dispositions refer not only to the printed word but cartoons and designs.

Any infringement of this order will mean not only the cancelling of the offending items, but the suspension of the publication, the Allied authorities reserving themselves any further action considered necessary.

To avoid such inevitable consequences, the authorities appeal to all newspaper Direttori Responsabili to think more of the importance of a dignified Press than of a free one.

I. S. MUNRO,
Lt.Col.,
Executive Secretary, APB.

September 44.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
PRESS AND RADIO CENSORSHIP BRANCH
Detachment "A", APO 794

22 September 44.

Dear George,

Since writing you my previous letter on L'UNITA, there have been two further instances which I wish to record and to be included in the records against this paper. I give you herewish an extract from a report which I requested:

"Yesterday's edition gives chief prominence to a local incident at Caltanisetta. The Italian censor tried to induce the editor to modify the publicity given to this news. Other papers, in fact, either did carry it or gave it a small and insignificant paragraph. But the Editor of L'UNITA maintained that the news was of special interest to his paper as an organ of the Communist Party. He was unwilling, also, to modify the sensational headlines. The Italian Censor, in view of the Editor's arguments, withdraw his objections.

"Today's edition of L'UNITA contains a column headed 'Il popolo no deplora - il popolo vuole giustizia'. The Italian Censor pointed out that he had not been shown this article in galley form together with every other item of news. He noticed it in the final page-proof. He cut it in spite of protest. But, during the ensuing argument, he was told that copies were being run off containing the offending article. He insisted that the run should be stopped, but it would appear that the greater number of copies were run off before he could induce the editor to comply.

"Copies of L'UNITA submitted to this office, to PWB and other official quarters do not contain the offending article. On the other hand, copies on sale in the streets contain the article and therefore constitute a deliberate evasion of censorship.

"UNH duty Censors complain that the editor of this paper constantly questions the competence of the Italian Censors and insists upon referring to the Allied Censor at UNH. The Allied Censor has, in every instance, supported the Italian Censor."

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I presume that the whole subject will be discussed in the next APB meeting and would be glad if you will let me know the date as I am most desirous of being present and lending all possible weight to the strong handling of this publication.

You may be interested to know that I had a long talk with General Beaumont-Nesbitt, head of the AFHQ Liaison Section, this morning and he is very distressed indeed about the material published in Italian Communist Party papers.

I have given him a copy of my letter to you of the 21st and I am assured of his support of proposed action.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Scott

Mr. George Edman,
Allied Publications Board,
Rome.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
PRESS AND RADIO CENSORSHIP BRANCH
Detachment "A", APO 794

21 September 44.

Dear George,

I am sorry I was not at the last meeting of the APB but, unfortunately, I had no knowledge it was taking place on Tuesday, otherwise I should have made every effort to be present in connection with the letter I wrote to General McCrystal regarding the tone of the Italian Press.

I am now writing you as I feel I must put on record the fact that I consider the action taken by the Board against L'UNITA has been quite inadequate, and, as a result, they go from bad to worse in the type of material they publish. Had we taken a strong line with them at the start, the position might have been different.

There are, I know, diplomatic reasons why we do not wish to fall out with the Russians, but I can see no reason why we should be delicate with the Communist Party in a defeated country which is extremely fortunate in the treatment which it is receiving from the Allies.

The first particular instance I remember of trouble with L'UNITA was their impertinent reply to a letter pointing out that they had published an article which constituted a breach of security. I may say that I discussed this later with Sir Noel Charles who, while not in possession of the full facts, considered that the paper should have been at least suspended for a certain period.

Subsequently, an article appeared on the 13th of August written about the Poles which caused a great deal of trouble. This particular article was brought to my notice after some considerable time by Colonel Rankin of AFHQ who said that it had been very damaging to Polish morale. This I had confirmed by my liaison officer with the Polish Corps.

In considering the matter, I feel that the Board must take into account my position which is not only being responsible for the censorship of the Italian press but also, amongst other things, responsible for the censorship of the papers published by the Polish Public Relations Section.

As you can appreciate, the position is extremely difficult as between the Poles and the Russians. The Poles, however, have proved themselves to be responsible and have appreciated the situation and been most moderate in their expressions regarding the Russians. When the position was put to General Anders, he gave

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instructions that there was to be no argument with the Allied authorities regarding material which was considered undesirable on the subject of the Russians. In view of the cooperation which we receive from the Poles, who have always been and still are fighting on the Allied side, I must ask for support to see that both L'UNITA and the Italian Communist organisation are brought to order. If the Allied Publications Board cannot achieve this, I shall have to get support from the Chief of Staff in conjunction with the Political Advisers at AFHQ.

Since writing the above, I have had my attention drawn to a tabloid announcement in L'UNITA of the 13th of September giving figures of unemployed in Rome and of people working on a starvation ration. I understand that Captain Stone takes exception to this. It would, therefore, seem that we have no lack of supporters in any concerted action which we might wish to take.

MY suggestion is that we do not try and drag up the past with L'UNITA, but that a careful scrutiny be made of their past issues and of letters addressed to them by the Board. The very next opportunity we have of taking action against them, the full case of L'UNITA should be presented to the Board, that the paper be suspended and publicity be given to the fact in order that the rest of the Italian Press are in no doubt as to our views.

If it is considered that this incident would complicate the work of the diplomatic advisers at AFHQ vis-avis the Russians, I suggest that the file should be sent to Mr. Macmillan and Mr. Kirk in order to get their views before instituting action.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Scott

(V. E. Scott Bailey,
Lt.Col., G.S.,
Chief, Press & Radio Censorship Branch)

Mr. George Kdman,
Chairman, Allied Publications Board,
Rome.

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AIDE-MEMOIRE

Polish Public Relations
Foreign Press Office
NEW YORK, 20 Sept. 44

It is kindly requested that residents of this Aide-Memoire may bear the following facts in mind when dealing with news that affects Polish interests:

I. IT HAS BEEN STATED OR IMPLIED IN ANTI-POLISH PRESS REPORTS, THAT THE POLISH GOVERNMENT IN LONDON IS NOT LEGALLY CONSTITUTED

The present Polish Government was formed according to the current 1935 Constitution of the Polish Republic. Under this Constitution the Polish President nominates a successor to succeed him in the event of his being unable to continue to perform his functions. Thus President Prof. I. Mościcki appointed WŁADYSŁAW to succeed him when he resigned. President Raczkiewicz by right of the powers vested in his office appointed General SIKORSKI as Prime Minister, and, after the death, Premier ARCISZEWSKI who formed the present Polish Government.

The legality of the above procedure was recognized by all the Allied Governments, neutral States and the Holy See. It was also accepted by the Soviet Union which entered into agreements with General Sikorski's Government. It was for reasons unconnected with any academic legal scruples that the Soviet Union ultimately broke off relations with and refused to recognize the legality of the Mikolajczyk Government.

Subsequently the Soviet Union formed its own Polish Government. First it gave recognition to a "Union of Polish Patriots", headed by a woman - Wanda WASILEWSKA. When the Red Army entered Polish territory this "Union" became a "Committee of Liberation" and was recognized by the USSR as an interim legal Polish government. Although in the Polish Parliament, founded according to 1921 Constitution, upon which the "Committee" wants to be based, out of 444 members only two were Communists the interim "Government" of 15 "Ministers" includes 9 Communists, some notorious characters and the most complete nonentities. The "President" - BIERUT - was once a member of the Polish Communist Party and between the years 1931-1939 a Comintern official in Moscow. Again his title of "President" is alleged to be based on the 1921 Constitution, which was cancelled by the 1935 Constitution. To this "Government" has been entrusted the administration of Polish territory East of the Ribbentrop-Molotov line (which approximates to the notorious Curzon line). Under its command is a "Polish Ar-

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III. THE POLISH UNDERGROUND ARMY HAS NOT ALLOWED ITSELF TO BE DRAWN INTO UNITED ACTIVITY OR RIVALRY WITH THE RED ARMY.

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The final betrayal of the Polish Underground movement occurred at Warsaw. As the result of a request from the Red Army (published in full in the Vatican "Osservatore Romano" subsequently) the Warsaw Underground Army rose and achieved considerable ini-

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tinal success. Instead of giving assistance the Red Army then denounced this movement as premature, ill advised and even criminal and swung away 20 kms. further to the south of the capital. It subsequently refused until very recently (for 49 days, to be exact) even the use of aerodromes and fighter cover for Allied planes supplying Warsaw. As a result both the Allied Airmen and the Warsaw Army have suffered exceedingly heavy casualties. Now Soviet troops with their "Polish Army" are supplying and "liberating" the devastated and decimated city in a blaze of glory and publicity.

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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
A L L I E D P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D

Room 108, 62 Via Veneto
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20 September 44.

SUBJECT : Draft Italian Press Law.

TO : Mr. Edman.
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Mr. Dowling.
Mr. Hopkinson.
Mr. Caccia.
Mr. Schott.
Lt.Col. Brown.
Major Fielden. ✓
Major Alexander.
Major Colville.
Mr. Minifie.

1. An important point in the Draft Law, which requires correction, escaped attention at the meeting of 15 September.

2. Article XIX reads: "Anyone who intends to continue, or initiate, the publication of a newspaper....", etc. The words "to continue" must be cancelled; otherwise all the papers already licensed by APB will be obliged to make new application through the Italian Commission.

3. If you approve this deletion, kindly acknowledge.

I. S. MUNRO,
Lt.Col.,
Executive Secretary.

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1. I enclose Minutes of Special Meeting on the above subject, held on 15 September.

2. With reference to para (g), page one, of these minutes, I enclose the recommendations for your written approval.

3. On receipt of your approval, the matter of the Exchange of Letters referred to in the Minutes will be taken up with Brigadier Upjohn and Colonel Wilmer.

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MINUTES of special meeting called to give a first reading to the Draft Press Law submitted by the Under-Secretariat for Press and Information for the consideration of Allied authorities concerned. The meeting convened in the Conference Hall, 62 Via Veneto, on Friday, 15 September 44, at 3 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr. George W. Eiman, ADPWO Italy (Lib), and Chairman, APB (presiding). ~~APB (presiding).~~
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c) That text of a secret exchange of letters drawn up by the Legal Sub-Commission, ACC, and designed to safeguard Allied rights and responsibilities under the Armistice Terms and under AFHQ Administrative Memorandum 89, should be consigned, together with the Draft Press Law in its approved form, to the Italian authorities for their required acceptance and circulation to functionaries concerned;

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d) That, as a matter of principle, the Allied authorities could do no more than approve the eventual Press Law and could not be considered as having advocated it;

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g) That Lt.Col. Brown and Lt.Col. Munro should redraft the proposed "Circular to Prefects" and circulate their recommendations for approval of those present.

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Background

The Chairman called on Lt.Col. Munro, as Executive Secretary of the Allied Publications Board, to review the negotiations undertaken to date with the Italian authorities and to comment on the Draft.

Col. Munro said that the Italian Government, in agreement with AC, APB and PWB, had created an Italian Press Commission to work along parallel, but subsidiary, lines with APB and to function in territory under Italian Government jurisdiction.

In announcing the creation of the Italian Press Commission and the Press Regulations in force in the Kingdom of Italy, APB sought to boost the prestige of the Italian authorities by not specifying APB as the ultimate authority in the regulations, but naming instead a "Commission" and backing this up with a letter between APB and the Italian Under-Secretary for Press and Information, making it clear that responsibility of APB under Order 89 remained unaffected.

The above arrangement was, however, looked on as merely a working one pending the translation of these arrangements into a Decree. The Italian Government undertook to draft that Decree and to submit it for the comments and approval of the Allied authorities concerned.

Col. Munro noted that instead of translating the existing arrangements into Articles of a proposed law, the Italian Government had produced two documents, one devoted to the proposed text of the law and divided into Permanent and War Duration Articles; and the other designed to instruct Prefects on permit-demand procedure.

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Brigadier Upjohn supported the Draft, in its present form, on the grounds that it ensured a democratically constituted Italian National Press Commission. Col. Munro's objection could be overcome by a strongly supported Exchange of Letters which would guarantee APB's authority. Col. Munro concurred.

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Queries

Colonel Wilmer said he had been advised that the Italian version of the Press Law contained the following drafting errors:

a) Article VII. Should read "per atto pubblico...."

b) Article VIII. "Multa" should be "ammenda" cp Articles IX and XVI

c) Article XXV. "Reclusione" should be "arreste,"

It was agreed to query the Italian authorities on these, and the following, points:

1) Does Article III apply to Article II?

2) Article III. Is it reasonable to anticipate the absence of "author and proprietor"?

3) Article V. Is not "40 days after its preparation" too vague? Annual balance sheets might be drawn up at some unspecified future date, even ten years hence.

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4. That Article XIII be confined to "seditious and/or blasphemous matter." (According to the legal and political experts present this clause, as drafted, was open to unjust interpretation, and therefore dangerous.)

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5. That the "ordinary procedure" referred to in Article XV apply also to "offences specified under Article XIII." Such offences would not, therefore, come within the competence of "the Court of Assizes."

6. That Prefects be required to forward applications to the National Press Commission within a specified time.

7. That APB be represented on all "regional or inter-regional committees" envisaged under Article XXII. (Italian authorities would signify their agreement in the Exchange of Letters).

8. That a breach of Article XXIV be made punishable in a special way.

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In accordance with the wish of the Allied authorities assembled Friday, 15 September 44 (to give a first reading to the Draft Press Law, as submitted by the Italian Government), Lt.Cols. Enoch Brown and I. S. Munro met Saturday, 16 September, to scrutinise the "Draft of a circular to Prefects regarding the Application of the Press Law."

In the opinion of Lt.Cols. Brown and Munro:

1. Para 3, as drafted, is incompatible with AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 89, creating the Allied Publications Board. Under that Order APB is charged with the responsibility of controlling all paper imported into, found in, or derived from Italy. The Board cannot, therefore, in any circumstances, allow books to be published freely, as suggested. In view of Order 89, all stocks of paper are "blocked"--or an other words APB-controlled--and no applicant can claim to have "his own paper." This false distinction, as between "blocked" and "unblocked" stocks, occurs throughout the draft.

   Books, on the one hand, and leaflets and non-periodical printed matter, on the other, should be treated separately.

   In the case of books, all applicants should be required to comply with the procedure advanced in the Draft, and not merely those who request paper.

   As regards "leaflets and non-periodical matter" the procedure set forth in paragraph beginning "Le Prefetture decideranno direttamente" is acceptable because paper in quantity is in no way affected.

2. Direttori Responsabili, and not Prefects, should be required to notify "any change of proprietor, director...", etc. It would be more logical, therefore, to incorporate the instructions in question in Section VII, as a temporary regulation.

3. The bracketed phrase, "ove sia richesta....", etc., in the penultimate paragraph, should be deleted.

4. Printers should deliver to the Prefettura three copies of every publication, instead of two copies, as stated in the final paragraph of the draft.

It is therefore recommended that the Italian Press Commission be required to redraft the "Instructions to Prefects", as submitted, in compliance with the above.

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It is further recommended that the proposed Exchange of Letters include (a) a paragraph dealing with books, and (b) a paragraph covering the requirements of Allied Military Censorship, as previously stated by their representatives, namely that the Italian authorities be required to forward to Allied Military Censorship one copy of "every publication" (see para 4, above).

With respect to (a), assurance must be given:

i) That decisions of the Italian Press Commission, with respect to books, are referred to APB for ratification;

ii) That books approved by the Italian Press Commission are not frivolous, in no way violate Allied Military Censorship regulations, and contain nothing prejudicial to the Allied cause, and

iii) That APB is informed of the amount and kind of paper involved, and where located.

Lastly, it is recommended that the Italian Press Commission be queried as to the intent of the phrase "pubblicata commerciali e industriali" (in para beginning "Le Prefetture decideranno direttamente"). If, as it appears, reference is made to advertising of a purely commercial character, then deletion of the phrase is strongly recommended. To compel advertisers to apply for permission to advertise does indeed seem an unnecessary piece of red tape.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
PWB Unit No. 8 - APO 512

MINUTES OF MEETING of Naples Local Board held at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday 19 September.

PRESENT: Capt. J.Whyte, A.C.C. Naples Zone (Chairman)
Lieut. E.L. Stuart, Executive Secretary
Lieut. M.R. Corsetti, Military Censorship

1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 September were read and approved.

2. Executive Secretary reported that, as forecast at the meeting of 29 August, applications had been received for the publication of Elementary School textbooks, requiring a paper allotment of at least 170 tons. It was decided to refer this matter to the Central Board, it being clear that a special arrangement would have to be made.

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4. DAILY PAPERS

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5. L'AZIONE

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6. BATTAGLIE SINDACALI and DOMANI SOCIALE

Executive Secretary reported that both the Trade Union papers had agreed to await the result of the October conference before requesting any changes in paper allottment.

7. LA LANTERNA

The Board agreed to approve, subject to confirmation, the request for the change of name of LA PRUA to LA LANTERNA.

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8. APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED, subject to confirmation of the Central Board.

L'UNIVERSITA' DI NAPOLI

Deferred at last meeting. Since stated by Naples University to be essential. Official Bulletin of examinations, Faculty regulations and reports. Special plea made for issue of 1 October to inaugurate academic year.

9. APPLICATIONS REJECTED

LA VOCE DELLA DOMENICA: Weekly, 100,000.

LA VOCE DEI GIOVANI: Weekly, 50,000.

Self-explanatory offsprings of the Soc.-Com. daily LA VOCE. Would involve authorisation for other parties. Impossible.

C'E' PERMESSO? - Fortnightly, 3,000. Artistic and literary. Not essential.

L'ORDINE

Fortnightly, 3,000. "ONNI", anti-fascist organisation, activities. Previous application for LE QUATTRO GIORNATE, weekly of similar organisation, already rejected. Not essential.

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LA PARTITA DI CALCIO

Single number, 7,500. For the football match Rome v. Naples. This event will be adequately covered by dailies.

10. The meeting adjourned.

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—BOOKS—

OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Room 108, 62 Via Veneto
ROME

A G E N D A

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting. ✓
2. Arising out of Minutes: BATTAGLIE SINDACALI ✓
UNITA ✓
Paper Sub-Committee's Recommendation re APB paper responsibilitie ✓
3. Newsprint Situation. ✓ Plenty of printing ink
4. Polish Wall Bulletin. ✓
5. Admonitions: STAR? ✓
[redacted] ✓
LA RAMAZZA
6. Florence and Local APB.
7. Naples Local APB (minutes attached).
8. Italian Press Commission: Italian scrutiny of APB papers.
Supplements' Titles
Publication of Commissary.
NUOVA MESSAGGERO.
9. Other Business.

Major Holden undertook to inform the U.S. Board of names of the Commissar connected with the Press and submitted by the Italian Govt to the ACC

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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
A L L I E D P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D

Room 108, 62 Via Veneto
ROME

MINUTES of meeting of the Central APB held in the Conference Hall, 62 Via Veneto, at 2.30 a.m., 19 September 44

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Standard of Conduct Directive. The Italian Commission had not, as yet, been invited to adopt the Directive because a letter had since been received from Lt.Col. Scott Bailey, Chief, Press and Radio Censorship Branch, AFHQ, which raised several points unconnected with the current Conduct Directive. The Executive Secretary tabled the letter. He was instructed to take the initiative in redrafting the Standard of Conduct Directive so as to include reference to (1) cartoons (2) points raised by Lt.Col. Scott Bailey (3) morale of the fighting forces; the redraft to be submitted for the approval of the Board and discussed afterwards with the Italian authorities.

Newsprint Situation

Capt. Piscop said the Nomentina Mill had been given extra power; the Tiburtina Mill was also producing. Despite this, there was barely enough paper to meet present commitments and none available for new authorisations. The entire output of the Nomentina Mill was being

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turned over to ACC while the mill at Foggia had been assigned to the Italian Government to meet its needs.

Major MacKenzie reported two deliveries of imported newsprint due to arrive in the near future. One consignment of 447 tons was scheduled for delivery in Naples on or about 25 September; Livorno would receive 89 tons at an unspecified date. In accordance with ACC instructions 50 of the 447 tons would be dropped en route at Catania.

Major MacKenzie said that several ACC Sub-Commissions were assigning to the appropriate Italian authorities their various responsibilities. He asked if APB was prepared to do the same with respect to newsprint. The Chairman asked the Paper Sub-Committee to consider the advisability of such a move and to make its recommendation at the next meeting of the Board.

Books

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By adopting this procedure, it was felt that hidden stocks would be brought to light.

Printing Equipment

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The Board therefore agreed to recommend to the Acting Chief Commissioner, ACC, that a survey be undertaken by the appropriate authorities in the immediate future.

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MESSAGGERO

Questioned about the status of the MESSAGGERO, Italian observers said that the Italian Press Commission, at its next meeting, would consider an application sponsored by the President of the Council of Ministers for license to revive the paper. It was agreed that the Board could not express an intelligent opinion on the proposal until details came to hand. The Chairman, however, reaffirmed his personal opposition to any Government owning and/or operating a newspaper.

L'UNITA

The Executive Secretary reported that in accordance with a written request of the Labour Sub Commission, ACC, he had instructed the Responsible Director of L'UNITA to see Col. Bostock, chief of that Branch. According to the latter, the Labour Branch of Allied Area Command had advised that [illegible] only published in the local

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Italian Press and most particularly in L'UNITA, had commented adversely and reported incorrectly conditions of employment of civilians of the Allied Forces in works and installations under Rome Allied Area Command. Lt.Col. Bostock desired that these reports should be corrected and erroneous reports no longer be published and therefore asked for an interview with the Editor of L'UNITA.

The Executive Secretary was instructed, in accordance with the expressed wish of the Acting Chief Commissioner, ACC, (1) to admonish L UNITA for publishing, on 13 August, an anti-Polish article which was reported to have had an adverse effect on the morale of Polish troops, and (2) to question the Editor of the same paper as to the facts on which he had based the following statement, published 13 September: "Among all the problems of high policy it would be a good thing also to keep this in mind: there are 200,000 unemployed in Rome who die of hunger and 200,000 fixed wage workers who live in hunger."

Naples Local APB

Minutes of 11 Sept. LA LIBERTA's request to change name of paper to IL GIORNALE confirmed. In view of ban on licenses, judgement deferred on recommended applications. Rejections confirmed.

Italian Press Commission

Minutes of 7 Sept. No action. The Board noted that Avv. Rossini, at the last Central APB meeting, had raised all points covered in the minutes.

The meeting adjourned.

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To Jon Dickson
for your
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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

A G E N D A

19 September 44

1. Approval of Minutes.
2. Arising out of Minutes - BATTAGLIA D'ITALIA.
3. Newsprint Situation.
4. L'UNITA warning.
5. Published attack on Committee of Liberation.
6. Bari and linotypes.
7. MESSAGGERO.
8. Naples Local A/P Minutes - 11 Sept.
9. Italian Press Commission Minutes - # 7 Sept.
10. Any other business.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Education Subcommission

ED/2.24/A.C

17 September 44

SUBJECT: Paper for School Books

TO : A.P.B.
Att. Capt. Piscop
Via IV Novembre

1. I am directed to ask that the undermentioned paper be authorized by A.P.B. for use in the Ministry of Public Instruction's Elementary school book printing programme.

2. The paper affected is indicated in the attached pro-memoria prepared by the Ministerial representative for Elementary school books from the original requisition (made on official form and signed by Maj. Washburne).

3. This paper was apparently "requisitioned" by Maj. Washburne of this Subcommission without reference to A.P.B., shortly after the Liberation of Rome. Any irregularity is greatly regretted.

For the A/Director of Education:

H. R. BEARD
Capt.

Copy to: Maj. Fielden, Hq., ACC
Prof. Giordani, Ministry of PI

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CARTA RICHIESTA PRESSO LA DITTA ALDO CHICCA DI

T I V O L I

Proprieta' Signorelli.

	(Printing Paper 76x108	s. 85.000	about	ql.	85,--
foglio	(UNDER RUINS				
9/2	(Printing Paper 68x108	s. 81.000	"	"	64,8
	(" " 76x108	s. 44.000	"	"	33,6

Proprieta' Chicca.

(Printing Paper 64x88	s. 50.000	about	ql.	35,--
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(" " 64x88	s. 41.000	"	"	15,--
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Requisizione firmata dal Major Fenburne e con la firma di accettazione del Sig. Aldo Chicca proprietario delle Arti Grafiche di Tivoli

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Tivoli li, 14 luglio 1944.

Questa carta e' stata requisita per servire alla stampa del libro di testo per la scuola elementare e precisamente per i volumi destinati alla classe II (copie 70.000), IV sussidiario (copie 50.000), V lettura (copie 35.000).

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R2 Col. Simson I replied sent to Col. Munro. 14 Sep 44

SUBJECT : ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS (CLANDESTINE)

TO : Lieut. Colonel H.B. Simson, P.C. Naples.

1. As I expect you know, all newspapers in Italy are licensed by the Allied Publications Board, which now works in cooperation with a National Commission set up by the Italian Government. Newspapers published without license are normally sequestrated by the police.

2. It appears that recently there has been an outbreak of clandestine newspapers in Naples. The Italian Commission state that they have no jurisdiction there and cannot take action against them. The following unauthorised newspapers are now being circulated from Naples:

"SPARTACO"
"IL PAESE"
"BANDIERA ROSSA"
"L'ACCUSA"
"LA VOCE DEL POPOLO"
"IL PROLETARIO".

Copies of the last reached Rome and were sequestrated by the police on September 10.

3. Could you kindly see that steps are taken to suppress these publications at once.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

Copy to : Colonel Munro.

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Room 108, 62 Via Veneto
ROME

Passed by Col. Bellows,
Vice Pres. Con. Comm. &
& Forwarded by him. 13/9.

13 September 44.

SUBJECT : Draft Press Law.

TO : Major Lionel Fielden,
Public Relations Director,
ACC.

Referred & noted to Engl. Text

Italian text of the Draft Press Law is herewith attached. In accordance with the Board's decision it will come up for discussion at a meeting in the Conference Hall, Ground Floor, 62 Via Veneto, on Friday, 15 September, at 6 p.m.

L. J. HUMPHREY,
Lt. Col.,
Executive Secretary.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission,ACC. Rome

To : Public Relations Branch HQ ACC.

Date : 13th September 1944

Ref. : AFSC/R/334/ORG.

NEWSPRINT FOR I.A.F. JOURNAL

With reference to letter PRB/R2 dated 17th August 1944 the contents of which was communicated to the I.A.F., enclosed herewith copy of translation of letter C580/ST dated 5th September 1944, received from the Italian Air Ministry, Printing Office.

J.WALTON,S/LDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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From : Air Ministry,Printing Office

To : Air Forces Sub Commission

Date : 5th September 1944

Ref. : Prot. N° 0580/st.

PRINTING PAPER FOR THE "GIORNALE DELL'AVIATORE"

Reference to 2nd Comma of AFSC*s letter 334/ ORG. of the 18th August 1944.

For the "Giornale dell'Aviatore" we need monthly Kg. 1100 of paper of the white type cm. 54 X 88 of medium impasting, weighing Kg. 25,26 every ream.

The Chief Of The Printing Office
Mg. Magini,Sgd.

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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
62 Via Veneto
ROME

13 September 44.

SUBJECT : Clandestine Papers in Naples

TO : Major Lionel Fielden,
Public Relations Director,
ACC.

Avv; Rossini has followed up his remarks on the unauthorised Naples newspapers with a letter, copy of which is attached. At Tuesday's meeting you agreed to bring this matter to the attention of the competent authorities in ACC Region #II.

As recent minutes of Naples Local APB meetings indicate, the Board has been cracking down on unauthorised sheets with considerable energy. But I feel certain that they will be more than grateful for any cooperation ACC is able to give them.

For your information I also attach an excerpt from Naples Press Officer's Weekly Report.

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I.S.MUNRO
Lt. Col.,
Executive Secretary

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Sottosegretariato per la Stampa e le Informazioni

Divisione II Sez. II — Roma, 12.9.44

Prot. N. 1923 Allegati

Al Signor BARNEY
Allied Publications Board
Via Veneto, 62, ROMA

OGGETTO : Periodici clandestini

Le accludo l'elenco dei periodici clandestini che risultano editi a Napoli e la cui circolazione è estesa in altre regioni.

Oltre questi è da segnalare anche IL PROLETARIO che risulta ristampato a Napoli nella stessa tipografia di BANDIERA ROSSA fatto sequestrare a Roma il giorno 10 da questo Sottosegretariato.

Le pubblicazioni clandestine sono:

SPARTACO
IL PAESE
BANDIERA ROSSA
L'ACCUSA
LA VOCE DEL POPOLO

Il Capo dei servizi Stampa
(Avv; A. Rossini)

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EXCERPT FROM NAPLES PRESS OFFICE

Activities report for week ending 8 September 1944

UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATIONS

The case against l'Idea has aroused considerable interest and following so closely after the case against Bandiera Rossa No.2, has had a salutary effect. I have followed this up by publishing in Risorgimento a list of periodicals authorized to be printed in Naples, and a warning to printers. It is too nearly as yet to assess the result of the new campaign but the Questura reports that two or three lesser papers have already gone out of business.

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

SOTTOSEGRETARIATO PER LA STAMPA E LE INFORMAZIONI

Divisione II *Sez.* II *Roma,* 12.9.44

Prot. N. 1923 *Allegati*

Risposta al f. del

Div. *Sez.* *N.*

S/Il Magg. FIELDEN
Commissione Alleata di
Controllo - Via Veneto, 62
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"L'ACCUSA";
"LA VOCE DEL POPOLO".

p. IL CAPO DEI SERVIZI STAMPA
(Avv.A.Rossini)

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
P.B Unit No. 8 -APO 512

MINUTES OF MEETING of Naples Local Board held at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 11 September.

PRESENT: Capt. J. Madill, Public Safety Department, A.C.C., Naples Province. (Chairman) Lieut. E.L. Stuart, P.B., Executive Secretary, Lieut. H.L. Occhi, Military Censorship.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting held 5 September were read and approved.

2. Executive Secretary read extracts from the Central Board minutes of 28 August.

3. NEWSPRINT SITUATION

Stock in hand on 9 September 156 tons, not all available for Naples.

4. UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATIONS

Executive Secretary stated that case against "L'Idea" had been adjourned, but that conviction was expected. Other cases were pending notably against"Il Paese".

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10. APPLICATIONS REFUSED

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The meeting adjourned.

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MINUTES of meeting of the Central APB held in the Conference Hall, 62 Via Veneto, Monday, 11 September 44, at 3 p.m.

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Newsprint Situation

Col. Brown said the Rome dailies had been issued 10-days' allotment with only 10 tons of paper on hand, however, which was the present position, APB could not possibly meet outside demands. In addition to PWB's operational requirement, the Italian Government had asked for the whole of the output of the Nomentina Mill for the first 15 days of September. In Col. Brown's opinion the Board could not comply with this request. The meeting supported his view and further agreed that only when newsprint was an urgent operational necessity should APB be expected to give up its stocks. The Education Sub-Commission, the Italian Government and other outside agencies should make their own paper arrangements.

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The Board rejected, with a unanimous vote, Avv. Rossini's proposal to license the fourteen publications "with their own paper", and also voted to continue the freeze order.

It was pointed out that no publication could claim "to have its own paper." By order of AFHQ, all paper imported into, found in, or derived from, Italy automatically came under APB control. Furthermore, the Board was still opposed to licensing more Rome papers until the newsprint situation eased up elsewhere in Italy.

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Capt. Piscop and Capt. Wardley took strong exception to Avv. Rossini's suggestion that the publication of books should be "free." It was not only a question of paper shortages, but of printing supplies generally, all of which were in short supply. Avv. Rossini undertook to reconsider the question of books when the Press Commission next assembled.

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IL POPOLO warning

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On motion of Mr. Schott, the Board approved the action taken.

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Plans for the North

The Board, with the invited and expected support of the Italian Commission recommended, on principle, that in publication centres north of Rome that two daily papers be authorised, to the exclusion of party weeklies until paper possibilities were assessed, one for the advancement of Allied information and the other for the advancement of Italian Committee of Liberation information and exposition; and that the cities of Milan and Turin be dealt with, in conjunction with the Italian authorities, as problems apart.

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Other Business

Minutes of the Italian Press Commission meeting of 30 August were tabled.

On suggestion of Avv. Rossini, Major Fielden undertook to invite the cooperation of ACC Regional officials in stamping out unauthorised publications in Naples.

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It was agreed to take no action against MARFORIO, against which several complaints had been made.

Application of LA VOCE DI VITERBO was tabled for future consideration.

The meeting adjourned.

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1. Arising out of Minutes
   a) Commissario Decree.
   b) Christian Democrat Party (Naples) complaint.
   c) Result of PWB cable to Washington re priorities. APB request to G-5 for higher priorities (through ACC).

2. Newsprint Situation
   a) Lt.Col. Brown.
   b) Avv. Rossini's memorandum (see attached).

3. Draft Press Law (translation attached). Special meeting?

4. Suspension Questions
   a) UNIONE PROLETARIA.
   b) VOCI.
   c) AL MUSTAGILL.

5. Warning to IL POPOLO re cartoon.

6. Warning to MARFORIO.

7. Proposal: That the Italian Press Commission adopt APB Standard of Conduct Directive. ⟶

8. Licensing Questions
   a) Florence.
   b) Viterbo.

9. Naples Local APB
   a) Minutes of 29 Aug. and 5 Sept.
   b) ALFABETO.

10. Italian Press Commission Minutes (attached).

11. Weekly Board Meetings?

12. Any other business.

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TO : Members of the Central APB.

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Please note translation of the Draft Press Law herewith attached, as submitted by the Italian Press Commission. Text in Italian will be distributed at tomorrow's meeting.

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Subject: The Paper Supply for Press Requirements

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The National Commission have taken into consideration the question of the authorization of books. The Commission hold that the only criterion to apply in this sector, is the one concerning the paper and not any political criterion, this being in accordance with the general principles adopted also by the P.W.B. which has always pronounced against the withdrawal from circulation of anti-democratic and anti-Soviet book already printed.

In this sector, therefore, only the military and "propaganda" requirements, and the school requirements, must be taken into account. The Commission accordingly hold that it is sufficient to block in the paper-mills the production covering these requirements and that, once this has been done, the publishers should remain free.

Therefore, if the publishers are supplied with non-blocked paper (old or newly produced), they would not have to apply for an authorization. This should be requested, only if the publisher asked for the unblocking of a stock of paper lying in his stores, or for the allotment to him of a stock of paper to be blocked after production in the paper-mills.

A measure of this kind would give the Italians the confidence that the freedom of the Press is being actually restored to the country, and would not affect in any way the paper supplies required for military and school purposes.

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DRAFT PRESS LAW

SECTION I

Article 1. The Press is free. Offences committed by means of the Press are punishable under the common penal law.

Article 2. For offences committed by means of periodicals the author of the article is responsible; where the author is not identifiable by signature or otherwise, the editor or "redattore responsabile" are liable.

For offences committed in non-periodicals, the author is responsible and, where he is not identifiable by signature or otherwise, the editor, and if he is missing, the printer, so that one of these is always held subsidiarily responsible in place of the other.

The ordinary rules still apply on personal concurrence in the offence.

Article 3. For offences committed by means of the Press civil responsibilities fall jointly on the author and the proprietor of the publication and in their absence on the editor, or on the printer if the editor is missing.

Article 4. Periodicals must show the name of the editor or "redattore responsabile" and of the printer. Non-periodical publications must show the name of the editor, of the printer and the date of publication. Furthermore, any daily newspaper or other periodical must bear the name of the proprietor. If this is a company, a list must be given of the Board of Administration.

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SECTIONII

Article 5. The proprietor of a newspaper or other periodical must:

a) Keep a register of the number of copies printed and put on sale.

b) Keep a register of paid insertions showing the number and price charged.

c) Attach to the balance sheet a statement of all revenues not indicated in registers kept under a) or b).

d) Deposit at the Chancellery of the competent court for the territory, the annual balance not later than

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forty days after its preparation or after its approval, if requested to do so, together with registers called for under a) and b) and the statement as per para c).

The balance sheet and above registers and statement must bear immediately after the last entry, the declaration of the person responsible for depositing them with the court, that the balance sheet, registers and statement are true to fact.

The application of the above rules to commercial companies does not constitute any change in the civil code regulations in this connection which remain in force.

Article 6. The submission to the court called for in Article 5 must be announced in the paper or periodical.

The registers mentioned in a) and b) cannot be withdrawn from the court before thirty days after the date of the announcement of their submission which has appeared in the paper.

Article 7. Contracts creating companies or associations whose main or subsidiary aim is the publication of papers or periodicals must be made by legal or private document, otherwise they are void. Such contracts must be registered according to the terms described by existing laws on the tasse del registro, otherwise they are void.

Registry offices, notaries, chancelleries and in general all public officers where these contracts are exhibited in the original or copies, are obliged to let anyone see them on request and are obliged to supply an authentic copy on unstamped paper at the expense of the applicant.

Article 8. Violation of the preceding article will be punished by a fine up to ten thousand lire. Regulations set forth in Article 5 and 6 do not apply to publications put forth by public administrations, scientific academies, artistic and literary academies legally constituted, religious authorities recognised by the state, neither to scientific or literary periodicals.

Article 9. No direct or indirect subsidy on the part of foreign governments can be accepted under any form whatsoever. Offenders in this connection are liable to imprisonment up to one year.

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SECTION III

Article 10. The printer, when delivering or circulating printed matter of any sort must deliver four full copies to the Procuratore del Regno at the court having jurisdiction over the locality of the print shop.

Article 11. The Procuratore del Regno will keep one copy for his own file, will send one copy to the Florence National Library, one to the Library of the Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia which will keep for itself publications of juridical nature and will send the others to the Vittorio Emmanuele Library of Rome, and one to the nearest public library.

Article 12. Anyone not complying with the regulations of the preceding articles is liable to a fine up to 10,000 lire.

SECTION IV

Article 13. At the beginning of or subsequent to penal action, the judge in question can order the sequester of the printed matter when it is a question of an insult to the honour of the head of the State or the Pope, of the heads or representatives of foreign states, of blasphemy and insults to the state religion or authorised creeds, instigation to crime, when said crimes are permitted by means of the Press.

Under the same circumstances, matter which offends public morals can be sequestered.

Article 14. Under the same circumstances printed material can be sequestered which reproduce accounts of istruttoria penale or accounts of cases held behind closed doors, or accounts of secret ~~sessions~~ sessions of the legislative assembly. In no case can preventive sequester of printed matter take place.

SECTION V

Article 15. The Court of Assizes is the one competent to deal with offences specified under Article 13.

In proceedings of other offences and for offences committed by means of the Press, the orginary procedure will apply.

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SECTION VI

Article 16. Offences against the dispositions of this legislative decree must be dealt with within three months.

Article 17. The present legislative decree abrogates the following laws and decrees:

RDL 15 July 1923 No.3288 on the qualification of the responsible administrator and his removal. Procedure for offences of the Press.

RDL 10 July 1924 No.1081 putting into force the preceeding law.

Law 31 December 1925 No.2307 containing regulations on periodicals.

RDL 4 March 1926 No.371 approving the preceeding law.

RDL 24 November 1932 No.1550 containing approval of the list of public libraries to which in every province the third copy of all printed matter must be sent.

RDL 24 October 1935 No. 2040 containing the powers of the Ministero ~~della Stampa e Propaganda~~ della Cultura Popolare re printed matter.

RDL 8 June 1936 No.1313 completing the list of public libraries, for every province, where the third copy of all printed matter must be sent.

Law of 2 February 1939 No.374 containing instructions for the delivery of samples of printed matter and publications.

RDL 12 December 1940 No.3052 containing the approval of the preceeding law.

RDL 14 January 1944 No.14 containing rules on the authorisation of publications.

Furthermore, all instructions of other laws and decrees contrary to the rules of the present decree are to be considered abrogated.

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SECTION VII

TEMPORARY REGULATIONS

Article 18. Until the cessation of the state of war and in relation to the exigencies of said war the following temporary regulations will be in force.

Article 19. Whoever intends to continue or to commence the publication of papers or other periodicals, must obtain authorisation by request to the Prefecture of the province in which the publication is or will be produced.

Article 20. A national press committee, in Rome, will decide these requests. This Committee also has the power to suspend or revoke authorisations already granted.

Article 21. The National Press Committee is presided over by the Under-Secretary of State for Press and Information or by his delegate, and is composed of three representatives of the National Press Federation, one representative of the association of newspaper editors, one representative of the association of Editors of Books and Reviews, by an official of each of the following bodies:

Ministero dell'Interno,
Ministero dell'Istruzione Pubblica

and by two officials of the Sottosegretariato per la Stampa e le Informazioni.

The members of the Commission are nominated by a decree of the Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri.

Article 22. By decree of the Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri and following the favourable opinion of the National Press Committee, all the duties of the latter, or part of same, can be delegated to regional or inter-regional committees. The same decree will decide the composition of these committees and of the organs which should nominate same.

Article 23. The authorisation, suspension or cancellation of the publication will be ordered by decree of the Prefects in conformity with the decision of the National or Local Committee.

Article 24. The publication of news and comments of a military character or which may have any connection with military matters is subject to preventive censorship.

Article 25. Offences against the regulations of Section 7 are punishable by imprisonment up to six months with a

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fine up to 50,000 lire.

If it is a question of the publication of news forbidden under article 24, the judicial authority may at the commencement of a penal action, order the sequester of the printed matter concerned.

In no other case other than as contemplated in article 13, can sequester of printed matter occur, whose publication has been made in accordance with the regulations of the present decree.

Article 26. Further to the copies shown in Articles 10 and 11, the printers must send two to the Prefettura.

Article 27. Until regulations regarding the professional register of journalists are set forth, the duty of maintaining such registers devolves upon the regional and national professional association.

Article 28. The present legislative decree will come in force on the day following its publication in the Gazzetta Ufficiale.

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PREFECTS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF THE PRESS LAW

The new Press Law, under the Temporary Regulations, stipulates that whoever intends to continue or commence the publication of papers or other periodicals must obtain the authorisation by request to the Prefecture of the Province in which the publication is or will be produced.

The request for authorisation, to be presented in two copies, must contain the information set forth in the attached Form A, i.e. (then follows a list of the headings of Form A).

The publication of books, leaflets and non-periodical printed matter of commercial and industrial publicity, is free, as long as no provision of paper is asked for or unfreezing of blocked paper stocks.

In these latter cases, a request for authorisation of the publication must be made. The requests must be presented by the Publisher and be accompanied by a summary of the publication of not more than 500 words.

The request must contain information called for on form C, copy attached, that is, in addition to the information under headings A, B, C, D, F, L, M, N, Q and R of Form A, the following:

Name and address of the publisher.
Name and address of the author.
Editor or compilor of the work.
Number of copies it is proposed to print.
Size and number of the pages.
Estimate of the quantity and kind of paper necessary.

All the requests will be examined by the Prefectures with a view to ascertaining the correct lists of the information contained therein, and will then be sent on as quickly as possible, and with the recommendation arrived at, to the National Press Committee at the Sottosegretariato della Stampa e Informazione, or the the Regional or Inter-Regional Committee for the territory concerned.

Prefectures will decide directly on the requests for authorisation for leaflets and non-periodical matter of commercial and industrial publicity, when the unfreezing of paper stocks is requested, by placing their stamp "PUBLICAZIONE AUTORIZZATA il...." on both copies of the requests, of which one will be handed to the applicant and the other retained with a signature of receipt on the part of the applicant.

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Please note that any change of proprietor, director, editor, administrative director, political tendency, declared aims of the periodical, and of the name and place of the publication, as declared by applicant on forms A and C, must be notified immediately through the same channels as the original request.

Failing said notification, the authorisation already granted will be considered revoked as from the date of the change which has taken place.

Please note further that when it is a question of translation of foreign books, when there is a request for provision for unfreezing of paper, the request for authorisation must be accompanied by a certificate proving the regular concession of copyright.

The Press Law provides also, always under the Temporary Regulations, that the printer must deliver to the Prefettura two copies of every publication, in addition to those delivered to the Procura del Re.

Please note that the said two copies must be forwarded as quickly as possible to the Sottosegretariato Stampa e Informazione.

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SCHEMA DI LEGGE SULLA STAMPA

TITOLO I

Art. 1°) - La stampa è libera.
I reati commessi a mezzo della stampa sono puniti secondo la legge penale comune.

Art. 2°) - Dei reati commessi a mezzo della stampa periodica risponde l'autore dello scritto e, ove l'autore non sia sottoscritto o altrimenti identificato, il direttore o redattore responsabile.
Dei reati commessi a mezzo di pubblicazioni non periodiche risponde l'autore e, ove l'autore non sia sottoscritto o altrimenti identificato, l'editore e, ove l'editore manchi, il tipografo, in modo che l'uno sia sempre tenuto sussidiariamente in luogo dell'altro. Sono tuttavia applicabili le norme ordinarie sul concorso di persona nel reato.

Art. 3°) - Civilmente responsabili per i reati commessi a mezzo della stampa sono solidalmente l'autore ed il proprietario della pubblicazione e, in loro mancanza, l'editore ovvero il tipografo, ove anche l'editore manchi.

Art. 4°) - Le pubblicazioni periodiche debbono portare stampata l'indicazione del direttore o del redattore responsabile e del tipografo.
Le pubblicazioni non periodiche debbono portare stampata la indicazione dell'editore, del tipografo e della data di pubblicazione.
Inoltre qualsiasi giornale quotidiano o altro scritto periodico deve portare l'indicazione del proprietario. Qualora si tratti di società dovrà essere riprodotta la lista dei componenti il Consiglio di Amministrazione.

TITOLO II

Art. 5°) - Il proprietario di un giornale od altro periodico deve:

a) tenere apposite e distinte registrazioni delle copie stampate ed esitate;

b) tenere apposite e distinte registrazioni delle inserzioni pubblicate, purchè da risulti il numero e la

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c) allegare al bilancio un estratto di tutti i proventi non compresi nelle registrazioni indicate nelle precedenti lettere a) e b);

d) depositare nella Cancelleria del Tribunale competente per territorio il bilancio annuale non oltre quaranta giorni

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dopo la sua compilazione o dopo la sua approvazione, se questa sia richiesta, insieme ai registri indicati alle lettere a) e b) ed all'allegato di cui alla lettera c).

Il bilancio, i registri di cui sopra e gli allegati devono contenere, subito dopo l'ultima scritturazione, la dichiarazione di chi è tenuto ad effettuare il deposito, che il bilancio, l'allegato ed i registri sono conformi a verità.

L'applicazione delle norme suddette alle società commerciali non costituisce deroga alle norme del codice civile in materia, che rimangono egualmente in vigore.

Art. 6°) - Il deposito di cui al precedente articolo dovrà essere annunziato nel giornale o periodico. I registri di cui alle lettere a) e b) non potranno essere ritirati dalla Cancelleria del Tribunale se non dopo trascorsi 30 giorni dalla data dell'annuncio del deposito comparso nel giornale.

Art. 7°) - Devono farsi per atto o per scrittura privata, sotto pena di nullità i contratti con cui si creano società od associazioni aventi per scopo principale od accessorio la pubblicazione di giornali o periodici.

Tali contratti devono essere registrati, a pena di nullità, nel termine prescritto dalle vigenti leggi sulle Tasse del Registro.

Gli Uffici del Registro, i notai, i cancellieri od in generale tutti i pubblici ufficiali presso i quali si trovino depositati in originale od in copia gli atti di cui sopra, sono tenuti a lasciarne prender visione a chiunque ne faccia richiesta, e dovranno anche rilasciarne copia autentica in carta libera, a spese del richiedente.

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Art. 8°) - La violazione delle precedenti disposizioni sarà punita con la multa fino a 10 mila lire.
Le disposizioni di cui agli articoli 5 e 6 non si applicano alle pubblicazioni fatte da pubbliche amministrazioni, Acca

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demie scientifiche, artistiche, e letterarie legalmente costituite, da autorità religiose riconosciute dallo Stato, nè ai periodici scientifici e letterari.

Art. 9°) - Nessuna sovvenzione diretta o indiretta da parte di governi stranieri può essere accettata sotto qualsiasi forma. I contravventori incorrono nella pena dell'arresto fino ad un anno.

TITOLO III

Art. 10°) - Di qualsiasi stampato il tipografo, all'atto della diffusione e della consegna al committente, è tenuto a rimettere quattro copie complete al Procuratore del Regno presso il Tribunale nella cui giurisdizione territoriale ha sede la tipografia.

Art.11°) - Delle copie ricevute, le Procure del Regno tratterranno un esemplare per il proprio archivio, invieranno un esemplare alla Biblioteca Nazionale di Firenze, uno alla Biblioteca del Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia, la quale tratterrà per sè le pubblicazioni di indole giuridica e trasmetterà le altre alla Biblioteca Vittorio Emanuele di Roma, e una alla Biblioteca pubblica più vicina.

Art.12°) - Chiunque contravvenga alle disposizioni dell'articolo precedente è punito con la ammenda fino a lire 10 mila.

TITOLO IV

Art.13°) - Contemporaneamente all'inizio dell'azione penale o successivamente può essere ordinato dal giudice competente il sequestro degli stampati quando si tratti di offesa all'onore del Capo dello Stato e del Sommo Pontefice, dei Capi e dei rappresentanti di Stati esteri, di vilipendio e di offesa della religione dello Stato e dei Culti ammessi, di apologia di reato, di istigazione a delinquere, quando i delitti medesimi siano commessi per mezzo della stampa. Nelle medesime circostanze può altresì ordinarsi il sequestro degli stampati nei casi di offese al pudore.

Art.14°) - Nelle medesime circostanze può infine ordinarsi il sequestro degli stampati che riproducono atti di istruttoria penale o resoconti di dibattimenti svoltisi davanti alla autorità giudiziaria a porte chiuse, o resoconti delle sedute segrete delle assemblee legislative.
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TITOLO V

Art.15°) - Appartiene sempre alla Corte di Assise la cognizione dei delitti di cui all'art. 13.
Nei procedimenti per gli altri delitti e per le contravvenzioni commessi col mezzo della stampa si applicano le norme ordinarie di competenza.

TITOLO VI

Art.16°) - Le contravvenzioni alle disposizioni del presente decreto legislativo luogotenenziale si prescrivono in tre mesi.

Art.17°) - Il presente decreto legislativo luogotenenziale abroga le seguenti leggi e decreti:

R.D.Legge 15 luglio 1923 n.3288 sui requisiti del gerente responsabile, sua diffida e revoca. Procedimenti per reati su stampa;

R.D.Legge 10 luglio 1924 n.1081 contenente norme di attuazione del R.D.Legge 15 luglio 1923 n.3288;

Legge 31 dicembre 1925 n.2307 contenente disposizioni sulla stampa periodica;

R.D.Legge 4 marzo 1926 n.371 contenente l'approvazione del regolamento relativo alle disposizioni sulla stampa periodica;

R.D.Legge 24 novembre 1932 n.1550 contenente approvazione elenco biblioteche pubbliche alle quali è destinato in ogni provincia il terzo esemplare d'obbligo di ogni stampato;

R.D.Legge 24 ottobre 1935 n.2040 contenente attribuzioni del Ministero della Cultura Popolare in materia di stampati;

R.D.Legge 8 giugno 1936 n.1313, completante l'elenco delle biblioteche pubbliche destinatarie, per ciascuna provincia, del terzo esemplare d'obbligo di ogni stampato;

Legge 2 febbraio 1939 n.374 contenente norme per la consegna obbligatoria di esemplari degli stampati e delle pubblicazioni.

R.D.Legge 12 dicembre 1940, n.2052 contenente l'approvazione del regolamento per l'attuazione della legge 2 febbraio 1939 n.374;

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R.D.Legge 14 gennaio 1944 n.14 contenente norme sulla autorizzazione delle pubblicazioni.

Sono considerate altresì come abrogate tutte le disposizioni delle altre leggi e decreti contrarie alle disposizioni del presente decreto.

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TITOLO VII

DISPOSIZIONI TRANSITORIE

Art.18°) - Fino alla cessazione dello stato di guerra, o in relazione con le esigenze della guerra medesima, saranno in vigore le seguenti disposizioni transitorie.

Art.19°) - Chiunque intenda continuare o iniziare la pubblicazione di giornali o di altri scritti periodici, deve ottenere la autorizzazione con domanda alla Prefettura della Provincia in cui la pubblicazione si effettua o deve effettuarsi.

Art.20°) - Sulle domande giudica una Commissione nazionale per la stampa con sede in Roma, alla quale è parimenti delegato il potere di sospendere o revocare le autorizzazioni già concesse.

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Contemporaneamente all'inizio dell'azione penale, qualora trattisi di pubblicazione di notizie di cui sia vietata la divulgazione, ai sensi dell'articolo precedente, può essere ordinato dall'autorità giudiziaria il sequestro degli stampati.

In nessun altro caso, oltre quelli contemplati nell'articolo 13 o dal precedente capoverso può procedersi al sequestro degli stampati la cui pubblicazione sia avvenuta in conformità delle disposizioni del presente decreto.

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Art.27°) - Fino a quando non saranno emanate norme circa gli albi professionali dei giornalisti, il compito della tenuta degli albi stessi è demandato alle associazioni professionali, regionali, e nazionale.

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SCHEMA DI CIRCOLARE AI PREFETTI IN APPLICAZIONE
ALLA LEGGE SULLA STAMPA

La nuova legge sulla stampa, nelle norme transitorie, stabilisce che chiunque intenda continuare od iniziare la pubblicazione di giornali od altri scritti, di carattere periodico, deve ottenere l'autorizzazione con domanda alla Prefettura della Provincia in cui la pubblicazione si effettua o deve effettuarsi.

La domanda di autorizzazione, da presentarsi in duplice copia, deve contenere i dati di cui al modulo A, che si allega, e cioè:

a) Titolo e luogo della pubblicazione;
b) scopo della pubblicazione;
c) finanziamento dell'impresa;
d) eventuale tendenza politica;
e) periodicità;
f) prezzo di vendita;
g) sede della direzione e della amministrazione;
h) nome, cognome e indirizzo del direttore, e, ove questinon assuma la qualità di responsabile, nome, cognome e indirizzo del redattore responsabile;
i) nome, cognome e indirizzo del direttore amministrativo;
l) nome, cognome e indirizzo del proprietario oddei proprietari;
m) nome, cognome e indirizzo dell'editore;
n) nome e indirizzo della tipografia e del suo direttore;
o) tiratura;
p) formato e numero di pagine;
q) preventivo del fabbisogno di carta con la indicazione del luogo, dove si ritiene di poterla trovare;
r) quantitativo della carta già disponibile al momento della domanda e luogo dove si ritiene di poterla trovare;
s) preventivo delle richieste mensili di carta(con l'indicazione se in foglio o in bobine);
t) zona e mezzi di distribuzione.

La pubblicazione di libri, opuscoli e stampati non periodici di pubblicità commerciali e industriali è libera, purchè non venga richiesta assegnazione di carta o sblocco di partite di carta vincolate. In questi casi dovrà essere presentata domanda di autorizzazione alla pubblicazione. La domanda deve essere presentata dalle-

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C, di cui si allega un esemplare e cioè, oltre a quelli delle lettere a, b, c, d, f, l, m, n, q, ed r, del modulo A, i seguenti:

1) Nome, cognome e domicilio o residenza dell'editore o degli editori;
2) nome, cognome e domicilio o residenza dell'autore, direttore o compilatore dell'opera;
3) numero di copie che si intende stampare;
4) formato e numero di pagine;
5) preventivo del quantitativo di carta occorrente e relativo tipo.

Tutte le domande saranno istruite dalle Prefetture al fine di accertare la veridicità dei dati in esse contenuti e quindi trasmesse il più sollecitamente possibile e con parere motivato alla Commissione Nazionale per la Stampa presso il Sottosegretariato Stampa e Informazioni, ovvero alla eventuale Commissione regionale o interregionale competente per territorio.

Le Prefetture decideranno direttamente sulle domande di autorizzazione concernenti opuscoli e stampati non periodici di pubblicità commerciale o industriale, ove sia richiesto lo sblocco di carta, apponendo il timbro "pubblicazione autorizzata il ....." su entrambe le copie della domanda di autorizzazione, di cui una sarà restituita all'interessato e l'altra sarà tenuta con firma di ricevuta da parte dell'interessato stesso.

Si avverte che ogni cambiamento di proprietà, del direttore, del redattore responsabile, del direttore amministrativo, della tendenza politica, dello scopo dichiarato della pubblicazione periodica e del nome e del luogo della pubblicazione, come dichiarati dal richiedente sui moduli A e C, deve essere immediatamente notificato per lo stesso tramite della domanda originaria. In mancanza di detta notizia l'autorizzazione già concessa si intende revocata alla data della intervenuta variazione.

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Si avverte altresì che, qualora trattisi di traduzione di libri stranieri (ove sia richiesta l'assegnazione e lo sblocco di carta), la domanda di autorizzazione deve essere corredata di un certificato attestante l'avvenuta regolare cessione del diritto d'autore.

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La legge citata sulla stampa sancisce inoltre, sempre nelle norme transitorie, che lo stampatore è tenuto a consegnare alla Prefettura due copie di ogni pubblicazione, in aggiunta a quelle consegnate alla Procura del Re. Si precisa che tali due copie devono essere trasmesse con la massima sollecitudine al Sottosegretariato Stampa e Informazioni (Emeroteca).

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
Sottosegretariato per la Stampa e le Informazioni

VERBALE DELLA QUINTA RIUNIONE DELLA COMMISSIONE NAZIONALE PER LA STAMPA TENUTASI IL GIORNO 7 SETTEMBRE 1944 ALLE ORE 16,30 NEL SALONE DEL SOTTOSEGRETARIATO PER LA STAMPA E LE INFORMAZIONI = VIA VENETO 56 =

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Segretario il Dr. Vito Lazzara.

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AZZARITA - Chiede la parola per una mozione d'ordine. Accenna alla cessione dell'autorizzazione del quindicinale "CINENOVELLA" e afferma che sarebbe opportuno revocare le autorizzazioni quando risultino cambiati i componenti dell'amministrazione

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PRESIDENTE - Chiarisce che ogni variazione del complesso editoriale deve essere comunicata al Sottosegretariato, sicchè si ha un controllo delle variazioni in parola e quindi la possibilità di adottare provvedimenti in proposito.

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PIGNATARO - Chiede che l'Ufficio faccia una relazione fornendo elementi e non esprima un parere motivato.

PRESIDENTE - Risponde che ciò non è possibile per ragioni pratiche e che nell'ordine del giorno vengono indicati già tutti gli elementi sufficienti per l'orientamento dei commissari. Egli chiede inoltre maggiori precisazioni su quanto esposto da Azzarita sulla cessione di autorizzazioni.

VERNOCCHI - Informa che "CINENOVELLA" è stata venduta da Agnini ad Alulli.

PRESIDENTE - Assicura che saranno fatte investigazioni.

ROSSINI - Legge alcuni tratti della lettera inviata dall'A.P.B. con la quale viene annunziata la sospensione dei visti di approvazione da parte di quella Commissione finchè non sarà risolto il problema della carta. Egli comunica che ha chiesto di partecipare alla Commissione centrale dell'A.P.B. per esporre il punto di vista italiano in merito a tale problema. A questo proposito aggiunge che esiste un certo dissenso fra le autorità italiane e quelle alleate sull'apprezzamento della situazione della carta e dopo di avere esposto i dati che risultano dalle indagini informa che da notizie avute di recente risulta che nell'Italia settentri

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VERNOCCHI - Fa delle riserve sulle comunicazioni dell'Avv. Rossini. Afferma tuttavia che le restrizioni prospettate dalle autorità alleate sembrano intempestive. Per quanto riguarda la possibilità di riduzione della tiratura dei quotidiani re-

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mani, prospettata pure dall'A.P.B., osserva che sarebbe opportuno fare delle indagini precise per conoscere le rese di ciascuna pubblicazione poichè solo in questo modo è possibile accertare l'orientamento dell'opinione pubblica che non deve essere costretta attraverso il razionamento della carta a dirigersi verso determinate correnti politiche.

BARNEY - Informa che era nelle intenzioni dell'A.P.B. di ridurre del 50% la tiratura dei quotidiani romani perchè la tiratura non autorizzata cresceva in modo preoccupante. Si tratta di tagliare l'abito secondo la stoffa. La situazione impone qualche precauzione.

ROSSINI - Osserva che la Commissione alleata ha esagerato nei criteri restrittivi e spera che da uno scambio di notizie e di proposte possa apparire una soluzione soddisfacente. Aggiunge che bisogna fare una premessa d'ordine generale, vale a dire se esiste o meno una disposizione normativa che disponga il blocco. A tale proposito osserva che il R.D.L. n.13 del 14 gennaio 1944, disponeva la denunzia della carta e non il blocco. Comunque il decreto contemplava le giacenze a quella data e non le successive disponibilità.

BARNEY - A tale proposito osserva che gli alleati appena liberata una zona, bloccano la carta esistente nelle tipografie per i bisogni del momento.

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DE FEO - Chiede di conoscere quale autorità ha deciso l'autorizzazione al "PASQUINO".

BARNEY - Dà spiegazioni, informando che l'autorizzazione fu concessa dall'A.P.B. il 14.8.44.

VERNOCCHI - Osserva che l'A.P.B. evidentemente non aveva precise informazioni sull'attività del Pasquino durante il periodo nazi-fascista.

BARNEY - Obietta che dalle informazioni risultava che molti elementi dell'amministrazione avevano operato in tale periodo a favore degli alleati.

AZZARITA - Chiede in che cosa consistesse il doppio giuoco e da quali elementi risultasse.

BARNEY - Afferma che elementi di fiducia degli alleati erano nell'amministrazione.

ROSSINI - Fa presente che sarebbe opportuno far cambiare la testata prima ancora che il "PASQUINO" venga pubblicato per ovviare discrepanze con quanto disposto nell'ultima seduta del Consiglio dei Ministri.

BARNEY - Assicura che da parte dell'amministrazione si accetterà il cambio di testata.

VERNOCCHI - Insiste sulla questione del doppio giuoco affermando che si tratta di una questione di dignità politica. Azioni di questo genere non possono essere tollerate.

PRESIDENTE - Riassumendo la discussione propone di invitare l'amministrazione del "PASQUINO" a cambiare il nome prima ancora

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Così rimane stabilito.

ROSSINI - Espone la questione del prezzo unico dei quotidiani.

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PRESIDENTE - Osserva l'opportunità di tale unificazione e prende spun-
to per osservare che un eventuale aumento di tiratura por-
ta ad una più sana amministrazione dei giornali evitan-
do così la possibilità di finanziamenti illeciti.

La Commissione incarica il Presidente di svolgere le pratiche necessarie perchè il Ministero dell'Industria fissi in £.1.= il prezzo unico dei quotidiani.

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Vengono approvati i seguenti mensili per i quali il Vaticano fornisce la carta :
"L'ADDOLORATA";"ACTA ORDINIS SERVORUM";" LEGA MISSIONARIA STUDENTI";"MISSIONI DEI SERVI DI MARIA".

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Si rimette alla Prefettura, per competenza, la pratica per l'opuscolo "50 BARZELLETTE ANTIFASCISTE".

Viene autorizzata la ristampa della grammatica inglese del Prof. Achille Sardo, mentre viene sospesa l'istanza relativa alla pubblicazione de "IL PROCESSO DI VERONA".

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1 Brigadier Upjohn. (Admin Sec).

You may be interested to see this file of Col Bellamy has our already shown it to you. I began to wonder should we should not change it to Press Law 5 September 44. Government - to apply that is to become a treatment.

Office Memorandum

Fielden
PR Branch ACC.

This morning I telephoned Avv. Rossini and asked him why it was possible for the draft Press Law to have been submitted to the Italian Press Federation and not possible for it to be submitted to AFB before the end of September or the beginning of October, as stated in the Under-Secretary's letter. I told him that the Allied authorities were more than anxious to know what was going on.

Avv. Rossini said that the project was being discussed with the Press Federation again tomorrow and that on the day after tomorrow he would send the draft to me. I asked him to attach to it comments of the Press Federation.

Avv. Rossini told me that the Press Federation had taken exception to the references to AFB (sic) in the part of the draft law concerning warti e measures. He explained that the draft was in two parts one of which represented an established Press Law and the other representing a wartime measure. I told the Avv. that no Freedom of the Press could be acquired through a Press Law and that as far as the Allies were concerned the whole measure under consideration was a wartime one. The Avv. said that on such a serious question they felt it necessary to keep the public informed.

I later wrote Avv. Rossini (copy attached) with special reference to proposed publicity.

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ALLIED OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Room 108, 62 Via Veneto
ROME

8 September 44.

SUBJECT : Proposed Press Law.

TO : Avv. A. Rossini,
Press Chief,
Under-Secretariat of Press and Information.

A note of our conversation by telephone this morning has been handed on to all Allied authorities concerned. In view of the extreme inadvisability of publicising or discussing any aspect of the proposed Press Law before such draft has been examined by the Allied authorities and before their comments can be made known, please take note that any such premature publicity is to be avoided. Please send me concurrence by return.

I look forward to receiving the draft project, as promised, on the day after tomorrow.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
AFHQ Unit 6 - APO 512

MINUTES OF MEETING of Naples Local Board held at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 5 September.

PRESENT: Capt. J. Madill, Public Safety Department, A.C.C., Naples Province. (Chairman)
Lieut. H.L. Stuart, F.A.O., Executive Secretary
Lieut. L. Romano, Military Censorship

1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 August were read and approved.

2. NEWSPRINT SITUATION

Stock in hand on 2 September 26 1/2 tons. Remainder of consignment from Rome has not yet arrived.

3. UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATIONS

The Chairman agreed with the Executive Secretary's suggestion that the campaign concerning unauthorized publications be directed mainly against the printers, and arranged to keep in touch with the Questura and the Legal Section, A.C.C. A list of authorized publications was handed to the Chairman.

4. RADIO NAPLES

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6. APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED

Subject to confirmation of the General Board.
L'Acropoli - Deferred from previous meeting. Not recommended allotment of 5 quintals, subject to upward revision when paper situation improves. This should give circulation of 7,000 monthly.

"Napoli" Rivista Municipale - Activities and statistics of Naples commune. Official publication. Monthly, circulation 300, of 50 pages. Does not require any paper.

7. APPLICATIONS REFUSED

La Scuola de Popolo - Monthly, 3,000. Review of problems of teachers. Teachers' Union. Libera Scuola, already authorized, seems sufficient.

Asso di Picche - Fortnightly, 2,000. Literary and humorous review. Not considered essential.

L'Ostetrica - Fortnightly, 4,000. Organ of

Union of

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Union of Midwives. Not considered essential in view of Rome publication, La Clinica Ostetrica.

O.K. - Monthly, 100. Cultural and recreational. Nothing to recommend authorization except the modest demand.

Il Pinocchio Illustrato - Weekly, 10,000. Children's paper. Giornale dei Ragazzi, already authorized. Not considered timely to have another.

Cimarosa - Weekly, 500. Cultural. Not considered necessary.

Verita' Massonica - Fortnightly, 2,000. News of activities of Masons. Little activity at present to warrant authorization. Recommended to apply again later.

Il Faro - Fortnightly, 10,000. Interests of port workers. Not considered essential at present in view of general publications of Unions. Recommended to apply again later.

8. The meeting adjourned.

ELS:MG
5 September 1944

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R2

7 Sept. 1944

SUBJECT : Your memo of Sept 2 regarding Publications in the Field.

TO : Major T.L. Bullock

1. The idea of the Secretary of APB, with which I agree, was that the instructions should go to all CAO's in order to avoid the constant references made either to him or to me by forward CAO's on questions of applications for licenses. If they all go to you, that's fine: but in fact they dribble down here in quantities and we wished to stop it.

2. Of course AMG is the proper channel. There is no other. All APB communications to officers of AMG must naturally go through AMG.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC RELATIONS
IN THE FIELD

2 September 1944

SUBJECT : PUBLICATIONS IN THE FIELD

TO : PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Ref your PRB/R2 dated 24 August 1944 addressed to SCAO, AMG Eighth Army.

1. I have been asked whether SCAO, AMG Eighth Army should forward to his Spearhead CAOs the APB communication on Newspaper Authorizations dated 18 August 1944. Group Captain BENSON feels that as long as PWB Eighth Army is issuing and distributing the CORRIERE and the BOLLETINO in all towns where our Spearhead CAOs operate the question of allowing a local paper to publish will not come up. The first stage at which the issue can arise is when the Provincial CAO takes over.

2. There might be exceptions in the case of larger cities, but there we shall all have planned together in advance precisely what we intend to do.

3. I think the proper thing to do with this Directive is for me to issue it to all Provincial Commissioners who are still under AMG Fifth and Eighth Armies. But before I do that I want to check with PWB Fifth and Eighth Armies to see if they agree that AMG is the proper channel for such a communication. I am anxious to avoid in the Field the overlapping which I am afraid exists in ROME between our Branch on the one hand and both PWB and PR AFHQ on the other. We have great distances to cover out forward and cannot always get in touch with each other on short notice as you are able to do in ROME. Therefore any organization like APB which, at the top, brings both AMG and PWB together, should function down for action through only one of our two organizations, the other receiving notice of what has been done for information only.

4. What is happening right now is that all queries about local publications in the Eighth Army area have been coming to me, and I have been turning them over to PWB Eighth Army for Major BEAUCLERCK to decide what he wants to do. So far, his decision has been to allow one paper to publish locally if it agreed to carry UNNS Basic news and were set up initially with one of his men sitting in.

5. I shall have to find out what procedure AMG Fifth Army has been following.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR ACC/AMG IN THE FIELD

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
Sottosegretariato per la Stampa e le Informazioni
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VERBALE DELLA QUARTA RIUNIONE DELLA COMMISSIONE NAZIONALE PER LA STAMPA TENUTASI IL GIORNO 30 AGOSTO 1944 ALLE ORE 17 NEL SALONE DEL SOTTOSEGRETARIATO PER LA STAMPA E LE INFORMA= ZIONI = VIA VENETO = 56 =

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La Commissione prende atto.

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Si legge una lettera inviata dall'A.P.B. al riguardo.

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BARNEY - Teme che si possa favorire in questo modo il mercato nero.

ROSSINI - Obietta che chi ha interesse ad avere la carta per un fine privato de la deve trovare da sè e non può pretendere, nel-

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le condizioni attuali, che lo Stato si preoccupi di procurargliela.

TINO - Afferma che le restrizioni e le procedure complesse non risolvono la questione.

DORE - Afferma che si corre il rischio che la carta destinata ai libri venga ad essere utilizzata per la stampa periodica per cui ritiene necessario il censimento di tutta la carta esistente onde poter fare un'equa distribuzione fra gli editori di giornali, gli editori di libri e le cartolerie stabilendo, più particolarmente, assegnazioni globali alle diverse case editrici.

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PRESIDENTE - Insiste sul principio di libertà di stampa per i libri affermando che in questo modo si fa un passo avanti verso l'effettiva libertà..

TINO - Fa delle riserve per le pubblicazioni non perfettamente consone al momento che possono costituire un vero e proprio reato.

PRESIDENTE - Risponde che in questi casi spetta alle Prefetture prendere i provvedimenti del caso.

Si passa quindi all'esame del punto 3°): "PROCEDURA DELL'APPROVAZIONE DEGLI OPUSCOLI, MANIFESTINI, SCHIZZI, AFFISSI MURALI, ecc."

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Si è d'accordo nel demandare alle Prefetture le autorizzazioni di questi stampati e si richiama all'osservanza delle disposizioni vigenti sui formati dei manifestini.

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La discussione del punto 4°) :"LIBRI DI TESTO PER IL I E II CORSO DI MEDICINA" si rinvia in attesa del parere del Ministero della Pubblica Istruzione.

I punti 5°) e 6°) sono assorbiti da discussioni precedenti.

Si discute sull'opportunità o meno di riconoscere l'autonomia di testata per i settimanali del lunedì (punto 7°).

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Si passa quindi all'esame del punto 8°) :"PROBLEMI DELLA STAMPA SICILIANA".

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La Commissione concorda su questi criteri di massima.

ROSSINI - Propone la costituzione a Napoli di una Commissione

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interregionale per l'Italia del Sud in considerazione delle difficoltà di comunicazione.

Dopo una lunga discussione si decide di soprassedere poichè si reputa prematura l'innovazione.

Viene esaminato il punto 10°) : "REVOCA DELL'AUTORIZZAZIONE DI "UNIONE PROLETARIA".

ROSSINI - Informa che questo giornale è stato autorizzato dall'A.F.B. il 14 agosto.

PRESIDENTE - Osserva che dato il carattere del giornale e il contenuto dell'articolo "Piano economico" pubblicato nel n.1 è evidente che i dirigenti hanno carpito la buona fede di chi ha concesso l'autorizzazione.

Vari Commissari rilevano che il personale del giornale è politicamente sospetto e propongono la revoca dell'autorizzazione.

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ROSSINI - Informa che questo giornale è stato autorizzato dall'A.P.B. il 14 agosto.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
PWB Unit 8 - APO 512

MINUTES OF MEETING of the Naples Local Board held at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 29th August, 1944

PRESENT: Major A. Watts, Regional Security Officer, A.C.C. Region III, (Chairman)
Lieut. E.L. Stuart, PWB, Acting Executive Secretary
Lieut. P. Romano, Military Censorship

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Communist Party news circular and summary.
Required by Party mainly for internal circulation.

Bollettino dell'Istit. Sanat. Principe Piemonte
Monthly - 500 copies - 1/4 quintals.
Already authorized by A.C.C. and on Rome list of 15 July.

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7. APPLICATIONS DEBARRED

L'Acropoli - Monthly - 10,000 copies - 64 pages.
Re-education of young people in politics. Recommended by Educational Sub-Commission. Director, Omodeo, Rector of Naples University. Needs 8 quintals.
To be held over until paper situation improves.

L'Eco dei Gioveni - Students' paper - weekly - 5,000 copies.
Strongly supported by students of University. In view of previous refusal of applications of this kind, Executive Secretary instructed to write to Omodeo asking him to recommend officially a students' paper.

8. APPLICATIONS REFUSED

Stelle e Filmi - Weekly - 30,000 copies - 35 quintals.
Film publicity. Application accompanied by letter from Mr. S. Pallos, PWB Film Section.
Board considered if this were PWB publication, paper should be furnished by PWB; if private publication, authorization not justifiable. Letter to be sent to Mr. Pallos.

Uomini e Donne - Monthly - 2,000 copies.
Cultural, educational review. Not essential in view of paper situation.

L'Ospedale Psichiatrico - Twice monthly - 300 copies - 70 pages.
Published by Psychiatry Hospital, Naples. Review of psychiatry and neurology etc. Not considered essential to have publication of this kind in Naples.

9. The meeting adjourned.

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Room 108, 62 Via Veneto
ROME

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28 August 44

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1. Minutes of last Meeting.
2. Report re Pre-Fascist Papers.
3. TRAVASO referred to Italian Press Commission.
4. Position of Press Law.
5. Copies of Guide to Rome.
6. Report re delay in circulation out.
7. Newsprint Report.
8. IL CORRIERE.

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9. Minutes of 14 and 21 August.
10. Letter from Christian Democrats of Naples.

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11. Minutes of 17 and 22 August.
12. Any other business.

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MINUTES of Meeting of the Central APB held in the Conference Hall, 62 Via Veneto, on 28 August 44, at 5:00 p.m.

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Newsprint Situation

Col. Brown said he had been informed that the next shipment of imported newsprint could not be expected before the third maintenance period of September. Higher priorities accorded other commodities and supplies was the reason given by AFHQ for the delay in deliveries. ACC, while accepting responsibility for the importation of newsprint, took the stand that they could not press for higher priorities. If APB undertook to do so, any request they might care to make would be forwarded by ACC to AFHQ for communication to G-5 in Washington.

The following excerpt from letter addressed to the Chairman by PWB Chief in Sicily, was tabled:

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"I note that the newsprint situation is bad and threatening to become worse. The point I would like to re-emphasize, however, is that all along we have held down circulations here in Sicily and have also held down the number of licenses granted. The total authorized circulation of all newspapers - dailies, semi-weeklies, magazines, reviews and miscellaneous publications - totals only 160,300 copies, of which 90,000 is the authorized circulation of three dailies, held down to tabloid size. Four of the party weeklies have an authorized circulation of only 5,000 copies each, for all of Sicily, and the fifth has an authorized circulation of only 3,000.

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The Executive Secretary communicated Sig. Rossini's recommendation that the Board refrain, for the present, from ordering a general circulation cut, his contention being that the next few weeks might reveal considerable stocks, and mills in working order, in territories

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In view of the above it was decided:

1. To urge G-5 in Washington, through AFHQ, to give the highest possible priorities to future shipments of newsprint;

2. To put before OWI in Washington the newsprint position and to invite their support, on PWB's behalf, of MFB's above-noted request for priorities;

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3. To inform ACC that the Board required to be informed of possible shortages in monthly requisitions;

4. To defer for the present any general cut in the circulation of authorised publications;

5. To freeze all licenses as of August 15 and to put a ban on new licenses until the newsprint position bettered;

6. To express to the Italian Press Commission the Board's grave concern at reported political manifestations in Sicily, and to urge them to consider the all-Italy Press position before giving favourable consideration to further applications from prospective publishers in Rome, even after the ban on licenses was lifted;

7. To invite the Italian Press Commission immediately to undertake a survey of paper stocks in Rome, it being pointed out that although publishers and printers, etc., had been ordered to declare their holdings, it now appeared not all had complied, and it being further pointed out that the sooner the exact position was known the sooner the ban on licenses, in Rome and elsewhere, could be expected to be lifted;

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2. The Board noted Sig. Rossini's appeal on behalf of IL CORRIERE of Salerno and tabled it until the Italian Press Commission could take note of the exchange of letters already made between the Prime Minister, Sig. Bonomi, and the Acting Chief Commissioner, ACC. 5664

   In the course of the discussion of IL CORRIERE's position, the Chairman expressed the personal view that it was unwise for any Government to own and/or to operate a newspaper.

3. In connection with the Board's recommendation to the Italian Press Commission that it make a total plan covering all pre-Fascist papers for submission to the Board, the Executive Secretary said he had been informed by Sig. Rossini that the question would come

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before the Council of Ministers, for discussion, on 31 August.

4. The Executive Secretary tabled a communication, dated 21 August, from the Under-Secretary for Press and Information in which it was said that the proposed Press Law would be submitted to the Board, in draft form, for discussion and decision.

Italian Government observers informed the Board that the draft had been submitted to Roman Editors for their comments and possible recommendations.

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6. The Board noted and tabled minutes of the Italian Press Commission meetings of 17 and 22 August.

Naples Local APB

The Executive Secretary tabled a letter under date of 7 August addressed to the Allied Control Commission by the Christian Democratic party of Naples and forwarded for the Board's consideration. The party claimed it would be unable to avail itself of the opportunity to publish a daily paper in Naples, as afforded by APB's authorisation, because of the limitation placed upon the proposed paper's circulation (DB.000).

It was agreed that the communication should be referred to the Naples Local APB as the Central Board had been given to understand that all parties concerned approved the over-all plan for Naples presented to the Central APB at its meeting on 31 July, and ratified by the Board at that time.

The Executive Secretary was authorised to deal with the Chrisitian Democrat's letter on the basis of the Naples Local Board's reply.

Local Board minutes of 14 and 21 August were tabled.

Other Business

The Executive Secretary distributed copies of ROME THE ETERNAL, the guide to Rome authorised by the Board at its first meeting in the capital. He was instructed to thank the publishers on behalf of the

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The Executive Secretary tabled a letter under date of 7 August addressed to the Allied Control Commission by the Christian Democratic party of Naples and forwarded for the Board's consideration. The party claimed it would be unable to avail itself of the opportunity to publish a daily paper in Naples, as afforded by APB's authorisation, because of the limitation placed upon the proposed paper's circulation (15,000).

It was agreed that the communication should be referred to the Naples Local APB as the Central Board had been given to understand that all parties concerned approved the over-all plan for Naples presented to the Central APB at its meeting on 31 July, and ratified by the Board at that time.

The Executive Secretary was authorised to deal with the Chrisitian Democrat's letter on the basis of the Naples Local Board's reply.

Local Board minutes of 14 and 21 August were tabled.

Other Business

The Executive Secretary distributed copies of ROME THE ETERNAL, the guide to Rome authorised by the Board at its first meeting in the capital. He was instructed to thank the publishers on behalf of the Board.

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The meeting adjourned.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R2 24 August, 1944

TO: Regional Commissioners, Regions V, VIII, IX, Z,
All Provincial Commissioners, Regions V VIII, IX, Z
Senior Civil Affairs Officers, 5th and 8th Armies AMG.

The attached is circulated for information and we should be grateful if you would send copies to C.Os so that the procedure for licensing publications is generally known and understood.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director

OFFICE OF THE
A L L I E D P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D

62 Via Veneto
ROME

18 August 44.

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c) Do not authorise political or party papers. These will be taken care of by APB in due course as indicated in para 6 of this note.

d) Allow approved papers the financial fruits--and risks--of their enterprise.

5. P.W.B. can provide a news service within the limits of whatever communications exist or may be established. Contact the local PWB Combat Team Press Officer or PWB Chief Press Officer (through HQ ACC) for details as required.

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6. All papers provisionally approved by local AMG and set going will, if proven desirable, be given first consideration by the Allied Publications Board when the editors (or CAO on their behalf) make an eventual demand for APB authorisation. Forms on which to make such demands can be got on application to "Executive Secretary, Allied Publications Board, c/o HQ, ACC." This procedure will ensure that such publications are safeguarded for the future and will come within the compass of APB Press Plan which takes care of eventual Party organs and in due course merges Allied Control with Italian responsibility for a free Press.

I.S. MUNRO,
Lt.Col.,
PWB Chief Press Officer, and
Executive Secretary, APB.

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ALLIED FORCE HEAD UARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
PWB ITALIAN THEATRE HEAD UARTERS
Unit No.12 APO 512 U.S. Army

22 August 44.

STATEMENT ON PRESS PLAN

ITS PURPOSE, APPLICATION AND FUTURE

PWB Press Office operations have been consistently conducted with a view to their eventual consignment into the hands of the Italian people. Its stated short-term policy is "to follow official Allied directives; to see constructive freedom of expression put into practice without fear or favour; to make Italian editors take more interest in news than in polemics; and to promote Italian concentration on a common war effort." PWB Press Office long-term policy is "to be prepared to fade out of the scene, when ordered, in such a way that we leave behind us a loyal and respected instrument for the social reconstruction of Italy on democratic lines; and, in cooperation with the Italian Government, to create the machinery of the Press in a manner calculated to facilitate its eventual transition to the Italian people."

When PWB Press Office began the task of translating these aims into facts it was aware that it had embarked on an experiment unique in the history of journalism and perhaps unique in the history of war, namely, foundation of free expression of the printed word among an ex-enemy people who had not exercised that privilege for two generations, and the development of a free Press in a country which was still a theatre of operations.

PRESS PLAN

To reconcile Italian Press freedom with war conditions, the PWB Press Plan was devised. It had to take care of PWB propaganda obligations, military security, economic (newsprint) restrictions and local effervescence. An examination of that Press Plan (Annex A) will reveal that the economic difficulty was met by the device of priorities. Allied propaganda demands, Italian political expression and social needs were thus served. Military censorship was stipulated. Newborn journalistic exuberance was checked with a "Letter of Conduct" (Annex B) put into the hands of all Editors. Newspapers became authorised and responsible.

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It is obvious that the PWB Press Plan could not be put into effective operation without the help and cooperation of other departments vitally concerned such as Censorship, Policy and Supplies. The Allied Publications Board was set up (Annex C). The Press Plan and Letter of Conduct to Editors were officially adopted. Each may be adjusted as circumstances dictate; the Plan has, in fact, been modified in recent weeks to encompass political expression which had the support of a substantial body of public opinion outside the National Front of Liberation. The machinery was thus set going. PWB and APB worked, and still work, in harness and in harmony. Thanks to that the position of the Press in Italy today is a successful translation of PWB's short-term aims into facts.

What are these facts?

Sicily Sardinia and the mainland as far North as Rome has a network of 22 dailies and 194 other periodicals of all colours and character run by proven anti-fascists (ACC takes care of epuration), and designed to inform and stimulate the populace. Allied news and views have their expression in editorially controlled dailies at key points. All serve a liberated populace of some twenty million souls. The papers are free from pre-publication political censorship. With negligible exceptions the editors and people have risen to that trust. PWB news services open vistas for them beyond polemics and their own parishes, laying foundations for recovery of European thought and world cooperation.

As the liberation of Italy moves northward, so does the PWB-APB network put out new strands. Umbria and Tuscany are now being organised in coordination with AMG and ACC (Annex D).

TOWARDS ITALIAN RESPONSIBILITY

As ACC territory on the other hand passes back to Italian jurisdiction, so does APB coordinate its labours with the Italian authorities. The first step was an invitation to the Italian Government to have a representative at APB meetings as an observer and consultant. The next step was to enlist the assistance of the Italian Government Press Office, the Giunta, and the National Federation of the Italian Press in the examination of applications to APB for newspapers and periodicals. Useful understanding was built up all round, because ACC Sub-Commissions also assist in judging the applications dealing with specialised subjects.

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From this position the transfer of authority to an Italian counterpart of APB was easy. When the Allied Publications Board, on 1 August, transferred responsibility to an Italian Press Commission for the Press in territory under Italian Government jurisdiction,

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subject, of course, to [illegible] ratification, [illegible] Press Office saw its long-term policy coming to fruition.

PRESENT STATUS OF ITALIAN PRESS COMMISSION

Negotiations for New Press Law

An Italian Press Commission has been formed with the delegated power to grant, suspend and repeal newspaper licenses in territory under Italian jurisdiction, subject to APB approval.

It includes representatives from the Ministries of Interior, Press, Justice and Education; Newspaper Publishers Association; National Federation of the Italian Press.

APB is insisting that it also include a delegate from the Ministry of National Economy, for newsprint questions.

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Press licensing regulations, with reference to the Commission, are to be embodied in a new Press Decree.

That proposed Decree is still in the draft stage. Until that is ready a Modus Operandi consisting of a "Circular to Prefects" and an "Exchange of Letters" (Annexes E and F) makes the wheels go round.

These documents have not got the force of law. They provide an experimental phase pending formulation of the new Decree.

ACC continues to import, distribute, store and sell newsprint. It has not relinquished that responsibility--and power--to the new Italian Commission.

Precautions: - Any eventual Decree must encompass repeal of the Press Decree of 16 January 44, which measure, on a literal reading, puts power of license in the hands of the Prefects.

APB is alive to the fact that any Press decree putting licencing or suspension powers into the hands of a Commission or any other official body or person, is a war-time measure necessitated by economic and non-political motives, and that the

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proposed new Decree should not be operative after the Allies abandon control over Italian Press affairs. For this reason precautions have been taken to ensure that copies of the draft Press Decree are sent to the PWB Press Office before the law is put into effect so that AFHQ, ACC, APB and PWB can scrutinise and decide the war-time and post-war potentialities of the proposed text.

THE FUTURE

(WITH RECOMMENDATIONS)

Experience has shown that the approach of the Italian Commission to the issuance of licenses tends to be political and influenced by extraneous high-placed backers, and not economic, which is just the opposite from the approach of APB. To prevent any such political or other favouritism and to eliminate Press control as a monopoly in the hands of officials or any Commission, PWB Press Office strongly recommends that APB, before it is dissolved, makes sure that (a) the Decree of 14 January 44 is revoked; (b) the existing Modus Operandi be formally cancelled by APB and the Italian Government; and (c) the proposed new Decree as a war-time measure be stopped, or, if passed, revoked.

Newsprint Problems

The problem of an equitable distribution of imported newsprint will still remain when APB is gone.

For that reason the Press Office recommends that the critical question of newsprint imports be brought to the attention of the Allied post-war economic planning authorities, for adjustment with Article IV of the Atlantic Charter.

As the conception of the Allied Publications Board is economics and is dictated by the newsprint situation, it stands to reason that it should be succeeded in post-war Italy by Allied observers trusted with the duty of seeing that Italian quotas of imported items continue to be distributed on a democratic basis without any infiltration of biased control or Government monopoly.

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ACC has initiated the revival of paper mills in Italy, but even at the best the importation of paper and raw materials will always be necessary.

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PWB Controlled Newspapers

At this moment PWB has a direct editorial control over five dailies by private agreement. This editorial control was acquired because there was no other way by which APB directives could be put into propaganda operation without asking favours of anyone and without giving orders to Italian editors in the Fascist manner. Any eventual handover in this category is one of a simple business nature without reference to Government.

News Agencies

No paper can exist without a blood-stream of news and an arterial agency system to carry it. The departure of UNRRA will therefore cause fatal anaemia to the AFS Press network. But the democratic character of that network will be ruined by the establishment of any monopoly, state or otherwise, replacing UNRRA. This office therefore recommends that any Italian news agency be organised on a non-official cooperative basis with an international hook-up and on equal terms with the recognised world agencies. (See PWB News Operations Plan. Annex G).

Penal Code

It so happens that the still non-abrogated Penal Code is one of Mussolini's vaunted triumphs. Freedom of the Press confronted by the Fascist Penal Code has a chance of survival something less than that of a rabbit in the jaws of a hyena. In addition to the Press Plan "Letter of Conduct" (Annex H), an attempt has been made to file at least one of the fangs of the hyena by inserting in the "Circular to Prefects" (Annex S, para 8c), for inclusion in the new Press Law, an all-important parenthesis that any prohibitions exclude "political crimes" - so called in the Fascist Code.

FINAL WARNING

In conclusion PWB Press Office cannot too strongly warn and urge:

(i) That the Fascist Penal Code be abolished in favour of the pre-Fascist Code;
(ii) That a Habeus Corpus Act be introduced, and
(iii) That summary courts of justice be created to deal swiftly and severely with libel.

Without these basic reforms and institutions our Press accomplishments to date in Italy will just fade away.

I. S. MUNRO, Lt.Col.,
Chief Press Officer, Italy.

ANNEX A

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

4 March, 1944.

PRESS PLAN FOR ITALY

1. The following Press Plan, based on the principles of the Atlantic Charter, has been set up. It is based on a system of priorities designed to reconcile the freedom of the press, without discrimination, with military exigencies.

2. First Priority Papers

The first priority will be the establishment in Palermo, Bari and Naples respectively, and eventually Rome, of four page (two-sheet) newspapers under the immediate direction of PWB and with circulations in ratio to demand. The functions of these newspapers will be to:

Carry straight news, principally based on the United Nations News Service:

Maintain a neutral and objective attitude towards all parties;

Carry official and semi-official communications duly marked as such, of the Italian Government and of the Allied authorities;

Develop Allied Directives in editorials and layout.

Publish material submitted by political protagonists when space allows, if fully signed and presented as outside viewpoints.

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To safeguard PWB interests, PWB will appoint a business manager to audit and supervise the business and contractual sides of publications under the editorial direction of PWB.

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5. The future of the seven weekly papers of the second priority will

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depend on their own performance. If any of them reveal after a fair trial that there is a real demand for bettering their circulation, this will be favourably considered with a view to allowing an increase in circulation and/or an increase in the number of pages.

6. Third Priority Papers

The third and last priority is for any other paper useful for social development.

7. Publication Centres

Publication of second and third priority papers, other than in Palermo, Bari, Naples and eventually Rome, must be governed largely by transport and distribution considerations.

8. Complaints

No complaints from Italian sources will be entertained unless lodged with the local PWB Press Officer within four days after publication of the items complained of.

9. Contact

Acting on guidance from the PWB Press Chief, the local PWB Press Officers will keep in contact with local editors of the newspapers and with local Government officials.

10. Combat Zone

The above priority plan will not apply to the A.A.I. zones of operations. Any Italian language publications in those areas remain the PWB Combat Teams' respective responsibility under the direction and control of the Military Commander in whose areas they are operating.

(SGD) I. S. MUNRO,
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ANNEX B

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

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with the Allied Forces will be allowed.

7. No writing calculated to disturb or foment the public or calculated to lead to public disorder can be allowed.

8. In order to lighten the task of those responsible for military censorship, no material concerning the work of Italian individuals or units, operating with the Allies, are to be allowed.

9. Any infringement of this order will mean not only the cancelling of the offending items, but the suspension of the publication, the Allied Authorities reserving themselves any further action considered necessary.

10. To avoid such inevitable consequences, the Authorities appeal to all newspaper "Direttori Responsabili" to think more of the importance of a dignified Press than of a free one.

I.S. MUNRO
Lt. Col.
Executive Secretary, A.P.B.

April, 1944

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ANNEX C

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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11 December 1943.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
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e. Enforce the directives of the various sections concerned with publication problems, and to issue censorship and policy directives as are necessary to the proper carrying out of this authority.

4. Stars and Stripes, Union Jack, Yank, and other officially designated troop morale newspapers are specifically exempt from Allied Publications Board control and supervision except for paper stocks, materials and facilities acquired in or derived from ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA, which shall be allotted by APB based upon need and availability, it being understood that in the event of acute facility shortages officially designated troop morale publications will be permitted to participate in the use of available facilities

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on a "share and share alike" basis with other licensed publications. The APB will not exercise any control or supervision over army expeditionary radio stations, British or American.

5. It shall be the duty of the Board to report its activities and submit any recommendations beyond the scope of this order to this headquarters via Allied Military Government or Allied Control Commission, depending upon which of these organisations has territorial jurisdiction.

6. The place for this Board to sit will be determined by said Board; and its initial session shall be called by the Chairman at a mutually convenient location.

(AG 000.76-7 INC-AGM)

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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16 August 44.

SUBJECT : Newspaper Authorisations.

TO : Allied Control Commissions (For all AMG CAO's in Combat Territory or forward areas not yet under ACC Administration).

The following notes are written in response to requests for information and guidance made by various CAO's in forward areas to this office and to PWD Combat Team Press Officers.

1. Experience shows that liberated towns and areas have a hunger for news almost equal to that for food.

2. Moreover, experience also shows that AMG and other Allied authorities need an immediate publicity outlet for their Proclamations, regulations and advisory instructions. Controlled local news sheets and wall bollettinos fulfill these functions.

3. PWB Combat Teams operating with 5 and 6 Armies have Press Officers who take care of these things in close cooperation with local AMG. But these Press Officers move forward with the advancing operations. They may not therefore be available when demands may be made locally for AMG permits to publish a newspaper.

4. In such cases the following points should be noted by AMG officials:

a) Suspend all existing papers. This is to prevent the survival of Fascist or Fascist-inspired or politically uncontrolled sheets.

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b) Provisionally authorise the publication of one non-party or Committee of Liberation information paper devoid of political party editorials and comment ex-

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cept such as may be approved or inspired by AMG or PWB.

c) Do not authorise political or party papers. These will be taken care of by APB in due course as indicated in para 5 of this note.

d) Allow approved papers the financial fruits — and risks — of their enterprise.

5. PWB can provide a news service within the limits of whatever communications exist or may be established. Contact the local PWB Combat Team Press Officer or PWB Chief Press Officer (through HQ ACC) for details as required.

6. All papers provisionally approved by Local AMG and set going will, if proven desirable, be given first consideration by the Allied Publications Board when the editors (or CAO on their behalf) make an eventual demand for APB authorisation. Forms on which to make such demands can be got on application to "Executive Secretary, Allied Publications Board, c/o HQ, ACC." This procedure will ensure that such publications are safeguarded for the future and will come within the compass of APB Press Plan which takes care of eventual Party organs and in due course merges Allied control with Italian responsibility for a free Press.

I.S. MUNRO,
Lt. Col.,
PWB Chief Press Officer, and
Executive Secretary, APB

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ANNEX E

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
Undersecretary of the Press Office and Information

N.1074/ST
(Circular)

Rome, July.....

TO all Prefects of Territory under Italian Jurisdiction

SUBJECT : Directives of the Press.

Considering that the D.R.L. 10 January 44 N.14 does not fully discipline all printed matter for the Press, and while awaiting that new ligislative directives be given, Your Excellency will please adhere to the orders of the present circular:

1. Whoever actually publishes, or intends to start the publication, the printing, or the reproduction of newspapers or other literary matter, even if not of a periodical nature, must ask for authorisation to the provincial Prefects where the publication is or is to be published. The requests will have to be forwarded from the Prefecture to the Under-Secretary of the Press Office and Information to undergo the examination of a Commission to which is delegated power to athorise any publication whatever. This Commission is equally authorised to suspend or revoke any authorisation. Till new orders are given, the authorised newspapers may continue, however, to be published without asking for a new athorisation

2. If periodical publications are concerned, the requests must contain the following:

(Text of Module a)

3. If non-periodical publications are dealt with requests for authorisation must contain the following details, besides those already asked for in the preceding paragraph, in the letters a), b), c), d), f), i), j), n), o) and p):

a) Full name and address of the Editor or Editors and the author or managing Editor. 5648
b) Number of copies which one intends to publish.
c) Size and number of pages.
d) An estimate of the quantities and kind of paper requested.

4. Any change regarding the property, the administrative or editorial management, the political tendency, the aim stated by the periodical and the name and locality of the publication itself, as declared by the applicant, according to paragraphs

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5. The publications dealt with in paragraph 1 are subject to preventive censorship only for news and comments of a military nature or which may have any relationship whatever with military matters.

6. As soon as whatever material is printed the printer must send a copy to the Prefettura and three copies to the Procuratore del Re presso il Tribunale Competente of the place where the printing works is established.

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7. After having dated the copies received the Procuratore del Re must send one of them to the National Library of Florence, one to the Ministry of Justice, which will keep the publications or a juridical nature for itself and send the others to the Victor Emmanuel Library of Rome, and one to the nearest Governmental Public Library. The Prefectures will send two copies to the Under-Secretary for the Press and Information and will keep the third for their own files.

8. Sequestration of the written or typed publications may be ordered in the following cases:

a) Violation of the orders given in paragraphs 1 and 4 or the present circular;

b) The publishing of news and comments banned by the censor according to the fifth paragraph of the present circular.

c) The publishing of writings or designs dealing with incitements to commit crime, defence or a deed which the penal laws regard as criminal (political crimes excluded), incitement to disobey laws, offence towards the head of the State or other organs of the legislative power or of the Pope, offence towards the prestige and honour of the head of a foreign country or towards Ambassadors, Ministers, Attaches or other diplomats of foreign countries, publishing of documents regarding legal enquiries or legal disputes in cases in which the legal proof of facts is not allowed, publishing or debates heldprivately before judges and Courts.

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ANNEX F

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ROME

21 July 44.

His Excellency,
The Under-Secretary for Press and Information,
Rome.

Your Excellency,

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The Mandate and authority assigned to the Allied Publications Board by Allied Force Headquarters in Administrative Memorandum No. 89 and amendments, remain inviolate and unaffected. Copies of Order 89 and all amendments todate are attached hereto in addition to the copies which have been sent to the Italian Government in the past.

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Dispositions, present and future, by the Allied authorities for Military Censorship remain unaffected by this exchange of letters. Dispositions, present and future, for organs directly or indirectly under editorial control of INC, PWB, likewise remain unaffected. They remain the responsibility of Allied Force Headquarters.

(Sgd) I. S. MUNRO, Lt.Col.,
Executive Secretary, APB.

This is to confirm the contents of the above letter and to agree to the fulfilment of its contents. (Sgd).....

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Annex 6

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH (INC)
A.P.O. 794

NEWS OPERATIONS PLAN FOR LIBERATED ITALY

FOREWORD:

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1. giving the Italian more and more responsibility in the restoration of news and press activities in Liberated Italy;
2. for determining the point at which privately owned news agencies, both foreign and domestic, shall be allowed to take over the news functions in Italy now carried out by PWB, and
3. for insuring at least the foundation of a free press in Italy once Allied military and diplomatic authorities have decreed that all news and press activities can be entrusted to the foreign news agencies and to the Italians themselves.

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I. INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITALIANS

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PWB's English-speaking staff, using the facilities at the disposal of PWB, provides in English an ample flow of world wide news (of the war, of Allied war efforts, of post-war plans, etc.). PWB's Italian-speaking staff translates this world-wide flow and adds to it news about liberated Italy (political developments, economic progress, ACC achievements, etc.). Thus the Italian press and radio received a militarily secure, policy-guided news agency service in which Italians can assume an increasingly important role.

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II. WHEN TO ADMIT PRIVATE NEWS AGENCIES

The question of when privately owned news agencies (Reuter A.P.U.P., a new Italian agency, etc.) should be permitted to operate within liberated Italy is of course one which must be settled on the highest military and diplomatic levels. From a military viewpoint, there are at least three important considerations:

1. Propaganda is a vital war weapon, and its control and direction are as important as the control and direction of any other weapon. News, of course, is the largest single element in propaganda.

2. Uncensored news might result in the dissemination of information which could aid or comfort the enemy.

3. Order in community life, co-operation of civilians, and other rear-area factors all affect military operations and all are affected by news.

On the political or diplomatic front there are other grave considerations. If it is accepted that of the four freedoms "the first is freedom of speech and expression", it appears in order to say that the Allies should not relinquish th their influence unless and until they have set in motion the machinery which would give the Italians at least a fighting chance for a free press in the future.

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No press in any country can be labelled "free" unless the news agencies supplying the news are also free. A publisher may be able to report at will on the events in his immediate area, but he is at the mercy of the news agency for a dependable interpretation of the news from other parts of his own country or the world. If, for example, the news he receives from these agencies is angled according to the designs of an unprincipled group of owners, or is controlled by a government determined to extend its power, the publisher is helpless unless he can turn to a more reliable source.

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1. News is free at the source. (This stimulates competition and forces the hand of any one who would twist the news to his own interests. His accounts must stand up against those released by competition.)

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2. The trend is toward co-operative news agencies.

(Because few if any publishers have the facilities to cover all of the news at its source, they are relying more and more on news agencies for coverage of certain types of news. And since a given news agency must service a variety of customers, it is prompted to deliver a product which will be of the greatest value to the greatest number of clients -- to be as unbiased as possible in its reporting.
This, in turn, has led to the trend toward co-operative news agencies--agencies in which both ownership and control are being shared by more and more publisher members.)

IV. CAN ITALY HAVE A FREE PRESS?

In Italy, perhaps more than in any other country in Europe, the Allies have an opportunity to lay the foundation of a free press. A simple, straightforward approach to the problem will discourage the countless political and economic pressures which are bound to be brought to bear by interests anxious to cash in on a rare opportunity. Moreover, because this approach is one which would offer no single group an advantage over another group, it is probably the only one that can be taken which will receive the approval of all concerned.

Currently PWB is functioning as the only agency distributing news to the press and radio in Italy. It is organized in such a way that the approved anti-fascist personnel now being assembled and trained to collect and distribute Italian news can form the nucleus of an effective domestic news agency ready to carry on when the Allied authorities decide that Italy can manage its own affairs. By calling in Reuter, United Press, Associated Press, International News Service, and other privately owned news agencies, and asking them to provide the world-wide news now being supplied by PWB, this group would be in a position to offer a rounded news agency service.

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pro-rata share of the operating costs, and full his weight in its management.

Details of organization, voting rights, communications facilities and other problems will have to be worked out, but these should be chiefly the task of such organizations as the Press Committee of the National Committee of Liberation, the National Federation of the Italian Press, and existing and prospective Italian newspaper publishers, working with ACC and PWB. The chief contribution from the Allied authorities at this time would be a high-level decision to encourage the development of a co-operative, non-profit news agency for Italy.

Such a decision should meet with general approval. No single group - political or financial - would be justified in objecting to it, since it would not encourage special privileges for any. No outside news agency (Reuter, AP., U.P., INS., etc.) could object, since each would be free to sell its service or any part thereof to either the Italian agency or direct to any other client in Italy. Few if any newspaper publishers could object, since it would offer the means of creating, and the means of preserving, a free press in Italy.

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VERBALE DELLA TERZA RIUNIONE DELLA COMMISSIONE NAZIONALE DELLA STAMPA TENUTASI IL 22 AGOSTO 1944 ALLE ORE 16 NEL SALONE DEL SOTTOSEGRETARIATO PER LA STAMPA E LE INFORMAZIONI =VIA VENETO=56=

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BARNEY -Risponde che per far ciò occorre avere in seno alla Commissione un tecnico della carta per i necessari contatti con le corrispondenti Autorità Alleate.

Si stabilisce che in attesa di altro esperto il Dott. Dore svolga questa funzione per la sua specifica competenza.

Si legge la comunicazione dell'A.P.B. che approva le decisioni prese dalla Commissione Nazionale nella seduta del 17 corrente.

ROSSINI - Dice di aver notato nelle edicole romane l'apparizione di periodici non approvati. Quindi è necessario provvedere al sequestro di tali pubblicazioni inviando un elenco aggiornato dei giornali autorizzati alla Prefettura.

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Si passa quindi all'esame delle pratiche messe all'ordine del giorno.

La pratica relativa al settimanale "FOLIA" è sospesa in attesa di informazioni.

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ROSSINI - Illustra la situazione dei giornali sportivi romani e stima opportuna la comparsa di un altro foglio sportivo perchè vi sia un certo equilibrio anche in questo campo. In pratica ciò sarà possibile, riducendo a sei i sette numeri settimanali del "CORRIERE DELLO SPORT", con adeguata riduzione della carta assegnata e autorizzando quindi la pubblicazione di "NUOVO SPORT", settimanale, con la carta resasi così disponibile, vale a dire 3000 copie.

Viene così stabilito.

Vengono sospese le pratiche per "ORIZZONTE" ritenuta prematura e "PER LEI" in attesa di informazioni.

Si approva la pubblicazione dell'opuscolo "TOSCANINI".

Si esamina la pratica de "LA LIBERA PAROLA".

ROSSINI - Espone come questo foglio dovrebbe essere l'organo della Massoneria italiana detta di Piazza del Gesù. Avverte che per quanto riguarda la Massoneria si è in attesa di una regolamentazione. Secondo il Governo la Massoneria potrà sussistere se rinuncerà al segreto. La pratica quindi dovrebbe essere sospesa.

VERNOCCHI - Dichiara di essere contrario alla licenza in qualsiasi caso e avverte che, fra l'altro, il richiedente è un mutilato per la causa fascista.

FERRUZZI - Asserisce che in tutti i casi la pratica non è da

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campo. In pratica ciò sarà possibile, riducendo a sei i sette numeri settimanali del "CORRIERE DELLO SPORT", con adeguata riduzione della carta assegnata e autorizzando quindi la pubblicazione di "NUOVO SPORT", settimanale, con la carta resasi così disponibile, vale a dire 3000 copie.

Viene così stabilito.

Vengono sospese le pratiche per "ORIZZONTE" ripresentata prematura e "PER LEI" in attesa di informazioni.

Si approva la pubblicazione dell'opuscolo "TOSCANINI".

Si esamina la pratica de "LA LIBERA PAROLA".

ROSSINI - Espone come questo foglio dovrebbe essere l'organo della Massoneria italiana detta di Piazza del Gesù. Avverte che per quanto riguarda la Massoneria si è in attesa di una regolamentazione. Secondo il Governo la Massoneria potrà sussistere se rinuncerà al segreto. La pratica quindi dovrebbe essere sospesa.

VERNOCCHI - Dichiara di essere contrario alla licenza in qualsiasi caso e avverte che, fra l'altro, il richiedente è un mutilato per la causa fascista.

FERRUZZI - Asserisce che in tutti i casi la pratica non è da approvarsi trattandosi della Massoneria di Piazza del Gesù, gravemente compromessa col fascismo.

Le domanda è respinta all'unanimità.

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La pratica relativa alla "RASSEGNA DELLA STAMPA" è sospesa perchè prematura. Si accorda l'autorizzazione al mensile "AL MUSTAQILL" dell'Istituto Orientale con tiratura di 2000 copie.

La domanda de "L'UMANITA'" viene sospesa per informazioni sul richiedente.

Viene esaminata la richiesta della rivista "RINASCITA" che chiede il trasferimento a Roma e l'aumento da 2 mila a 25 mila copie. Si decide di autorizzare il trasferimento con una tiratura di 15 mila copie.

Si sospendono come premature le pratiche: "LA NOSTRA LOTTA", "IL CUORE DEI PICCOLI", TUTTILMONDO", GUIDA MONACI", "BOLLETTINO UFFICIALE DELL'ENTE NAZIONALE PER IL CAVALLO ITALIANO",è il "BOLLETTINO DELL'ENTE NAZIONALE PER LE CORSE AL TROTTO".

Si approva la pubblicazione di "NOVELLE DI TUTTI I PAESI" con tiratura di 10 mila copie.

Vengono approvate le domande della guida "INDICATORE GIGLI" con tiratura di 20.000 copie e de "L'ECONOMISTA" quest'ultimo come quindicinale e con tiratura di 2000 copie.

Si respingono le pratiche relative a "L'AGENZIA d'EUROPA", "LE ALLEGRE NOVELLE", "L'ARALDO COMMERCIALE" "L'ARDIMENTOSO"ILLUSTRATO","INTERPRESS".

Si decide un supplemento di istruttoria per "L'AVVENIRE ECONOMICO".

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"L'INTRANSIGENTE" viene autorizzato con assegnazione di carta in fogli piani e non in bobine e con tiratura di 10.000 copie.

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Viene approvata la pratica mensile "GIOVENTU' ITA= LICA" subordinatamente alla sostituzione del Direttore e con tiratura di 1000 copie.

Si esamina la pratica per la pubblicazione di "UMANITA' NUOVA" organo del Partito Comunista Libertario.

BARNEY - Dice che è stata autorizzata "L'UNITA' PROLETARIA" alla quale sono stati invitati a collaborare tutti i movimenti dissenzienti di sinistra così come è stato fatto per i dissenzienti di destra. Quindi ogni tendenza politica ha foglianutorizzati il cui colore è molto vicino al proprio sicchè non è consigliabile stabilire un precedente col concedere un giornale separato al movimento comunista libertario.

VERNOCCHI -Insiste affermando che si tratta di un movimento che ha una tradizione nella storia politica italiana? Si tratta del partito anarchico. Fra tutti i quotidiani citati dal Sig. Barney questo è senza dubbio il più limpido.

BARNEY -E' sempre del parere contrario per non costituire precedenti per l'altra ventina di movimenti politici.

VERNOCCHI -Dissente dicendo che mentre è stato creato un organo della confusione si rifiuta il riconoscimento di una corrente ben distinta e che ha una tradizione politica.

TINO -Tre regicidi.

Viene decisa la sospensione della pratica per deficienza di carta.

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Si respinge la domanda de "LA CAPITALE" per il tipo della pubblicazione. 5637

Si esamina la pratica di "ECHI E COMMENTI".

TINO -Asserisce che non può autorizzare la pubblicazione di una rivista che ha avvelenato per venti anni l'Italia.

FERRUZZI -Sostiene che malgrado i cambiamenti parziali non è opportuno autorizzarla.

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[illegible] -- Sostiene che tutti i redattori hanno possibilità di scrivere altrove e che non è necessario essere accolti in "[illegible] CO[illegible]" che non costituiscono l'ambiente più indicato.

[illegible] - Osserva che vi sono articoli che per il loro carattere e la loro levatura non possono essere pubblicati su giornali.

[illegible] Conviene nell'osservare che il lungo [illegible] dei redattori la cui buona fede viene colpita è il pericolo di abili profittatori.

[illegible] -Osserva che non vi è attualmente una rivista del genere che è desiderata da molti circoli culturali.

[illegible] -Informa che si sta cercando di addivenire ad un accordo fra le più piccole grandi firme.

[illegible] -Rileva che gli articoli vengono tolti alla casa editrice.

[illegible] -Insiste sul fatto che il corpo redazionale può coordinare e collaborare sui giornali esistenti e occorre rivedere ed epurare tutte le case editrici.

[illegible] -Chiede che se è necessaria un'epurazione delle case editrici, la si faccia presto.

[illegible] -Concludendo propone che si facciano indagini e si affronti in pieno il problema editoriale.

Così resta stabilito e la domanda di "[illegible] CO[illegible]" è respinta.

V [illegible] -Chiede che venga esaminata la possibilità di dare al "[illegible]" una [illegible]

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[illegible] - Conviene nel osservare che il gruppo industriale dei redattori la cui buona fede viene sorpresa è il peggiore dei nostri sfruttatori.

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[illegible] - Informa che si sta cercando di addivenire ad un accordo fra le più grandi firme.

[illegible] - Rileva che gli appunti vengono fatti alla casa editrice.

[illegible] - Insiste sul fatto che il corpo redazionale può continuare a collaborare sui giornali esistenti e occorre rivedere ed epurare tutte le case editrici.

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Così resta stabilito e la domanda di "[illegible]" è respinta.

V [illegible] - Chiede che venga esaminata la possibilità di dare al "[illegible]" una tecnica propria senza che occorra riportare quella dell'"[illegible]".

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[illegible] - Osserva che non si può fare eccezione per l'"AVANTI" perchè sono modalità stabilite indistintamente per tutti i settimanali del lunedì come organi dei movimenti giovanile e femminile.

[illegible] - Chiede al Sig. Barney se si tratta di un provvedimento di carattere formale o vi siano degli altri motivi.

BARLEY - Afferma che si tratta di un provvedimento di carattere formale suggerito, del resto, dagli stessi partiti.

ROLLIN - Propone di farne argomento di discussione a parte nella prossima seduta.

Così resta stabilito.

La seduta è tolta alle ore 18,26.

La prossima riunione è fissata per il giorno 30 agosto alle ore 16.

Roma, 27 agosto 1944

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IL PRESIDENTE

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
PWB Unit 8 - APO 512

MINUTES OF MEETING of the Naples Local Board held at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 21st August, 1944.

PRESENT: Major A.Watts, Regional Security Officer, A.C.C. Region III, (Chairman)
Lt. E.L.Stuart, PWB, Acting Executive Secretary
Lt. M.R.Corsetti, Military Censorship

1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10th August were read and approved.

2. NEWSPRINT SITUATION

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TRAGUARDO - Cultural fortnightly of 2 pages. Circulation 2,000. Not essential. 5634

CINEVARIETA'- Asked for by show people. Weekly of 2 pages. Circulation 5,000. Appears to be more an advertising agency than a magazine.

LE QUATTRO GIORNATE - Anti-Fascist weekly of 4 pages for 'Campanian Patriots'. Circulation 10,000. Has refused authority at previous meeting and warned to cease unauthorised publication. Publication has now duly ceased and explanation offered by letter. Might possibly be authorised if paper situation improves.

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4. ALFABETO - Executive Secretary stated that on instructions from Central A.P.B. the application of the late editor of the CORRIERE for this weekly had been forwarded to Rome. Further action would depend on Central Board decisions.

5. NOI DONNE - Executive Secretary read a letter from Executive Secretary A.P.B. Rome informing Naples Board that this fortnightly had applied to move to Rome, and that the Naples publication would cease.

6. The meeting adjourned.

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Segretario il Dr. Vito LAZZARA.

Viene presa in esame l'istanza del "CORRIERE" di Salerno per la continuazione della pubblicazione nella stessa città.

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Rossini - Espone cronologicamente la situazione del "CORRIERE".

Vernocchi - Domanda se si tratta di un giornale monarchico.

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Tino - Non trova opportuna tale pubblicazione perchè considera la vicinanza di Salerno a Napoli e la facilità di comunicazioni e obietta che Salerno non ha mai avuto un quotidiano e che la situazione è identica ad Avellino e Benevento.

Lazzara - Risponde che non si sono avute istanze in quelle città e che quindi non si può suscitare l'iniziativa individuale.

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Tino - Asserisce che le domande vi sono state ma che i Prefetti sembra non le abbiano inoltrate.

Presidente - Risponde dicendo che il "CORRIERE" non fa la domanda come nuova pubblicazione ma chiede di continuare le sue pubblicazioni. E' un giornale che ha fiancheggiato il governo in momenti critici senza chiedere alcuna sovvenzione da parte dello Stato.

Pignataro - Aggiunge che la questione non pregiudica quelli che sono i criteri direttivi della Commissione e che data l'eccezionalità della questione non si possono fare obiezioni di carattere generale.

Barney - Accenna ai criteri direttivi seguiti dall'A.P.B. rilevando che fra questi sono state tenute sempre presenti le condizioni delle comunicazioni fra i diversi centri favorendo maggior numero di pubblicazioni là dove le comunicazioni erano più difficili.

Rossini - Osserva che le obiezioni sollevate sarebbero giustificate qualora si trattasse di un giornale nuovo.

Vernocchi - Osserva che trattandosi di un giornale soppresso, se ha interesse a riprendere le pubblicazioni, deve chiedere nuova autorizzazione.

Rossini - Precisa che non si tratta di una vera e propria soppressione e spiega come si è venuta a creare la situazione attuale che può considerarsi assolutamente sui-generis. Il giornale che provvisoriamente si stampa a Napoli, dove l'A.P.B. non permette che prosegua a stamparsi, chiede la continuazione delle sue pubblicazioni a Salerno.

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Uditi questi chiarimenti, la Commissione all'unanimità approva la domanda. 5632

Si passa, quindi, all'esame del secondo punto.

Rossini - Propone che l'autorizzazione alla pubblicazione di opuscoli, manuali, manifestini e simili sia devoluta

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alla competenza delle Prefetture che comunicheranno, di volta in volta, al Sottosegretariato il numero e il carattere degli stampati autorizzati.

Così rimane stabilito.

Si passa all'esame del punto terzo. Pubblicazione delle edizioni straordinarie.

Rossini - Chiede che la Commissione esprima l'avviso che per l'avvenire debba essere applicata a tutti la legislazione sulla stampa tuttora vigente contraria alle edizioni straordinarie.

Azzarita - Chiede che allo stesso regime siano sottoposti anche i fogli del P.W.B.

Rossini - Risponde che ciò non è possibile dato il modus-vivendi esistente.

La Commissione conferma il divieto delle edizioni straordinarie.

[illegible] - Ritiene che sia giunto il momento di affrontare il problema della pubblicazione dei supplementi nella giornata del lunedì e chiede quali disposizioni esistano in proposito.

[illegible]rney - Chiarisce che tali pubblicazioni sono consentite per dare posto alla stampa giovanile e femminile dei partiti con la clausola che tali edizioni settimanali non sono state riconosciute come nuovi giornali ma come supplementi tanto è vero che dovranno servirsi della carta assegnata al quotidiano di cui devono riportare il titolo nella testata.

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Rossini - Trae spunto per riportare l'attenzione sulla osservanza del riposo festivo.

[illegible]no - A nome della Federazione Stamp è d'accordo per l'osservanza dellridisposizioni in materia.

[illegible]silente - Afferm che per l'avvenire tutti dovranno rispettare le

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le disposizioni normative e non dovranno più verificarsi infrazioni a tale riguardo.

Si passa quindi all'esame del n.5 sulla pubblicazione della "TRIBUNA ILLUSTRATA"e del " TRAVASO" raccomandata alla A.P.B.

Barney - Espone la situazione delle maestranze del gruppo "TRIBUNA" e accenna a disponibilità di carta formato speciale sufficiente a 7 mesi di pubblicazione.

Tino - Chiede maggiori informazioni sul gruppo "TRIBUNA" e sui finanziatori e chiede pertanto un supplemento di istruttoria.

Rossini - Propone il rinvio dell'esame di una settimana.

Presidente - Propone, viceversa, il rinvio di 15 giorni.

Così resta stabilito.

Si passa all'esame della domanda all'ordine del giorno :"BOLLETTINO INFORMAZIONI COMMERCIALI".

Presidente - Considerato che vi sono molte domande per fogli del genere consiglia di metterli al confronto e prendere in esame quelle che danno maggior affidamento e propone, di conseguenza, che la pratica sia sospesa.

Così rimane stabilito.

La pratica per "ANNUARIO CINEMATOGRAFICO" ritenuta prematura viene sospesa.

Le pratiche relative ai periodici "VITA", "LEGGERE" e "LA GAZZETTA" si rinviano per supplementà di informazioni sui richiedenti.

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La pratica per "ANNUARIO CINEMATOGRAFICO" ritenuta prematura viene sospesa.

Le pratiche relative ai periodici "VITA", "LEGGERE" e "LA GAZZETTA" si rinviano per supplementi di informazioni sui richiedenti.

La domanda per "FERMENTI" è respinta mentre quella per il settimanale "IMPARZIALE", organo del partito Misti mista è rinviata per supplemento di informazioni sulla affiliazione politica.

Si esamina la domanda del settimanale "LA POLE-

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MICA" sostenitore dell'idea monarchico costituzionale. Si ha una lunga discussione.

Lino - Ammira il coraggio e l'onestà del richiedente e li confronta col tentativo di camuffamento di altri.

Azzarita - Chiede informazioni sul richiedente.

Rossini - Risponde che esso è conosciuto.

De Feo - Si oppo,e alla pubblicazione di un foglio monarchico considerando che già esistono diversi bollettini militari definiti da lui "strumenti di propaganda di istituzioni sorpassate.

Rossini - Propone che la domanda sia accordata ma per un quindicinale.

De Feo - Afferma che gli scrupoli di De Feo li ha anche lui come uomo di parte ma che in tempo di libertà di stampa non può opporsi a pubblicazioni di tutte le tendenze.

Vecchi - Afferma che tutti i membri della Commissione sono uomini di parte. Tutti debbono essere concordi nell'evitare la rinascita del vecchio regime e aprire bene gli occhi per impedire il risorgere della dittatura.

Lino - Precisa al riguardo che non bisogna confondere il principio della libertà di parola con quello di complicità passiva della commissione ed esorta ad essere guardinghi per reprimere i tentativi della reazione senza però vulnerare il principio della libertà di parola anche per l'avversario.

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Azzarita - Aggiunge: "Sopratutto come rappresentanti della Federazione Stampa".

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[illegible]rita - Aggiunge: "Sopratutto come rappresentanti della Federazione Stampa". 5629

[illegible] - Riafferma che il nocciolo della questione politica deve essere discusso in altra sede vale a dire in seno ai partiti e per essi in seno al Governo.

Si decide un supplemento di istruttoria sui precedenti dei richiedenti.

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Il settimanale "L'OPINIONE ILLUSTRATA" viene autorizzato quale supplemento settimanale de "L'OPINIONE".

Si approva la pubblicazione del libro "IL NEMICO".

Barney - Richiede che sia incluso nella Commissione un esperto della carta e spiega le difficoltà per quanto riguarda il fabbisogno di rotocalco.

Viene autorizzata la ripubblicazione di "DEMOCRAZIA INTERNAZIONALE" con tiratura limitata a dieci mila copie.

La domanda per il settimanale "L'IDEA LIBERA" organo dell'"Alleanza Contadino-Artigiana-Marinara" viene respinta.

Viene autorizzata la pubblicazione de "L'ITALIA MARINARA" e de "LA STRADA" per la quale viene ridotta la tiratura a due mila copie, mentre si respingono quelle del "BOLLETTINO UFFICIALE JOCKEY CLUB ITALIANO", "ITALIA FILATELICA "L'ENIGMISTICA TASCABILE", "IL PICCOLO ENIGMISTA"," TUTTO SPORT","CINEGIORNALE", "INFORMAZIONI CINEMATOGRAFICHE","CINEMA", CINEMAGAZZINO, "IL NUOVO CANZONIERE DELLA RADIO", "L'ERRE-CI.TI.", "TERRA MARCHIGIANA" e "STELLE E FILMS". Per "LE AVVENTURE ILLUSTRATE" si autorizzano eccezionalmente le otto copie già stampate.

Le pratiche del settimanale "L'UOMO QUALUNQUE" e di "EUROPA" sono sospese in attesa di informazioni sui richiedenti.

Si passa all'esame del punto 6) sulla autorizzazion dei libri e pubblicazione delle traduzioni dei romanzi str

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Si approva la pubblicazione.

Barney - Richiede che sia incluso nella Commissione un esperto della carta e spiega le difficoltà per quanto riguarda il fabbisogno di rotocalco.

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Barney - Espone i criteri direttivi della Commissione alleata per tale pubblicazione.

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Tessini - Propone di far presentare dagli editori un prospetto di collane di pubblicazioni.

Ermocchi - Appoggia la proposta che viene approvata.

Si approvano le pubblicazioni dei libri "PARTITA A QUATTRO" di Manzari e "LO SCANDALO MACKENZIE" di Maugham.

De Feo - Legge un telegramma dell'Azione proletaria di Potenza.

La questione di carattere amministrativo viene rimandata all'ufficio competente.

La prossima riunione è fissata per giovedì 22 corrente alle ore 16 nel salone del Sottosegretariato per la Stampa e le Informazioni.

Roma, 17 agosto 1944

IL SEGRETARIO

IL PRESIDENTE

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AUTHORISED NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER PERIODIC PUBLICATIONS IN LIBERATED ITALY

15 August 44 (Amended as regards PWB-controlled newspapers as at 10 Nov 44.)

Locality	Name	Periodic	Character	Circulation
Rome	CORRIERE DI ROMA	Daily	PWB-Controlled	180,000
	AVANTI	"	Socialist	42,000
	UNITA	"	Communist	40,000
	IL POPOLO	"	Christian Democrat	23,000
	ITALIA LIBERA	"	Party of Action	28,000
	RICOSTRUZIONE	"	Demo. del Lavoro	23,000
	RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE	"	Liberal	23,000
	ITALIA NUOVA	"	Monarchist	10,000
	TEMPO	"	Independent	25,000
	VOCE REPUBBLICANA	"	Republican	20,000
	QUOTIDIANO	"	Catholic Action	13,000
	CORRIERE DELLO SPORT	"	Sport	2,000
	VOCE OPERAIA	Weekly	Catholic Communist	10,000
	PARTIGIANO	"	Partisans	10,000
	L'OPINIONE	"	Independent	5,000
	BATTAGLIE SINDACALI	"	Confederazione Generale del Lavoro	35,000
	UNIONE PROLETARIA	"	Sponsored by 20 left wing groups	10,000
	LAVORO	Bi-M	Sponsored by Monarchist groups	10,000
	GIORNALE DELL'AVIATORE	Weekly	Air Force Morale Sheet	10,000
	BUONA GUARDIA	"	Navy Morale Sheet	20,000
	DOMENICA	"	Political, literary	20,000
	COSMOPOLITA	"	Literary	20,000
	MERCURIO	Monthly	Literary	10,000
	INVENTARIO	Weekly	Artistic, literary	10,000
	PERSONE	Monthly	Literary	1,000
	BOLLETTINO UFFICIALE	Monthly	Catholic Action	2,500
	IL MAESTRO	Alt.months	" "	4,000
	COLOMBO	Weekly	" "	5,000
	VITTORIOSO	Weekly	Boys' Adventure Sheet (Cath.Action)	20,000
	BOLLETTINO DI PIAZZA	Monthly	Religious	500

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	ITALIA LIBERA	"	Party of Action	28,000
	RICOSTRUZIONE	"	Demo. del Lavoro	23,000
	RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE	"	Liberal	23,000
	ITALIA NUOVA	"	Monarchist	10,000
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	QUOTIDIANO	"	Catholic Action	13,000
	CORRIERE DELLO SPORT	"	Sport	2,000
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	BATTAGLIE SINDACALI	"	Confederazione Generale del Lavoro	35,000
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	LAVORO	Bi-M	Sponsored by Monarchist groups	10,000
	GIORNALE DELL'AVIATORE	Weekly	Air Force Morale Sheet	10,000
	BUONA GUARDIA	"	Navy Morale Sheet	20,000
	DOMENICA	"	Political, literary	20,000
	COSMOPOLITA	"	Literary	20,000
	MERCURIO	Monthly	Literary	10,000
	INVENTARIO	Weekly	Artistic, literary	10,000
	PERSONE	Monthly	Literary	1,000
	BOLLETTINO UFFICIALE	Monthly	Catholic Action	2,500
	IL MAESTRO	Alt.months	" "	4,000
	COLOMBO	Weekly	" "	5,000
	VITTORIOSO	Weekly	Boys' Adventure Sheet (Cath.Action)	20,000
	BOLLETTINO DI PIAZZA CAVOUR	Monthly	Religious	500
	LA PAROLA DI DIO	Feastday leaflet	Religious	80,000
	REGINA DEGLI APOSTOLI	Monthly	Missionary Magazine	500
	IL MESSAIA	"	" "	10,500
	IL MONTE CARMELO	"	" "	1,200
	THE PYLON	Quarterly	" "	5,000
	CHARITAS	Monthly	Religious	1,500
	ARA COELI	"	"	800
	IL CROCIATO DELL' EUCARISTIA	"	"	5,000
	SANTA LEGA PRO CLERO	Thrice-M.	"	6,000
	KNIGHTS OF MALTA	Alt. Months	"	1,400
	MESSAGGERO S. CUORE	Monthly	"	6,000
	CUORE DI GESU NELLA FAMIGLIA	"	"	4,000

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ADVENIAT REGNUM TUUM	Ev.4 M.	Religious	80,000
IL POLICLINICO	Weekly	Medical	6,000
CUORE E CIRCOLAZIONE	Monthly	"	500
LA CLINICA OSTETRICA	"	"	1,000
IL VALSALVA	"	"	800
RIVISTA DI MALARIOLOGIA	Ev.2 M.	"	900
L'ATTUALITA MEDICA	Monthly	"	1,500
ANNALI D'IGIENE	Monthly	"	1,000
IL NOTARO	Bi-M	Legal	3,000
IL CORRIERE GIUDIZIARIO	Weekly	"	4,000
LA SETTIMANA DELLA CASSAZIONE	"	"	2,000
QUADERNI DI ARCHITETTURA	Bi-M	Architectural	2,000
URBANISTICA	"	Town Planning	800
POLITICA ESTERA	"	Foreign Press Review	10,000
IL PERIODICO DEGLI STATALI	"	Civil Service Organ	2,000
RIVISTA ITALIANA DI RAGIONERIA	Qtly.	Accountant's Organ	2,000
LA PREVIDENZA	Bi-M	Insurance Organ	1,000
L'ACQUA	Monthly	Hydraulics	1,800
ATLANTE	Bi-M	Geographical	10,000
CUCINA ITALIANA	Monthly	Food Magazine	10,000
LA CACCIA	Monthly	Shooting	6,000
NOI DONNE	Bi-M	Women's Interests	20,000
CINEMODA	Weekly	Fashions	10,000
VOCI	"	Radio	7,000
L'AVVENTURA	"	Boys' Magazine	10,000
GIRAMONDO	"	" "	7,000
STAR	"	Films	25,000
CINENOVELLE	"	Film novelettes	3,000
CRONACHE SCOLASTICHE	Qtly.	School Teachers'	10,000
DIRITTI DELLA SCUOLA	Monthly	" Organ	10,000
LA VOCE DELLA SCUOLA	Ev.20days	" "	2,000
CANTACHIARO	Weekly	Humorous	30,000
RUGANTINO	Thrice-W	"	5,000
PASQUINO	Weekly	"	20,000

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URBANISTICA	"	Town Planning	800
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CANTACHIARO	Weekly	Humorous	30,000
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PASQUINO	Weekly	"	20,000

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Locality	Name	Periodic	Character	Circulation
Naples	RISORGIMENTO	Daily	PWB-Controlled	120,000
	IL GIORNALE DEL POPOLO	"	Christian Democrat	15,000
	LA VOCE	"	Communist-Socialist	50,000
	LIBERTA	Weekly	Liberal	50,000
	IL LAVORO D'ITALIA	"	Demo. del Lavoro	12,000
	AZIONE	"	Party of Action	50,000
	IL GIORNO	"	Demo-Liberal	30,000
	BATTAGLIE SINDACALI	"	Confed. Generale del Lavoro	20,000
	IL DOMANI SOCIALE	"	Confed. Italiana di Lavoratori	20,000
	LA TRIBUNA DEI FERROVIERI	Bi-M	Railwaymen's Trade Union	2,000
	LAVORATORE DEL MARE	Weekly	Seamen's Union	5,000
	PANORAMA	"	Independent	
	BOLLETTINO DELL'ISTITUTO SANITORIALE	Monthly	Medical Review	500
	IL PROGRESSO MEDICO	Monthly	Official Medical	2,000
	FOGLIO ANNUNZI LEGALI DELLA PREFETTURA	Bi-M	Legal notices	1,000
	GIUSTIZIA	Weekly	Legal	5,000
	CIMENTO	Weekly	Art Review	10,000
	RENDICONTO DELLA SOCIETA REALE	Yearly	Royal Society of Scientists	500
	IL PROFUGO	Monthly	Literary Review	2,000
	ARETHUSA	"	" "	2,000
	STOA	"	Scientific, pol.	500
	GIOVENTU	"	School paper	500
	LIBERA SCUOLA	Bi-M	Teachers' Organ	5,000
	SOLIDARIETA	Monthly	Educational	3,000
	LA PRUA	Weekly	High School Organ	15,000
	BOLLETTINO ECCLESIASTICO DELL' ARCHIDIOCESI DI NAPOLI	Monthly	Church notices	2,500
	GIORNALE DEI RAGAZZI	Weekly	Children's Paper	15,000

NOTE: IL GIORNO authorised to publish 30,000, 4-page edition

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Salerno	LA LIBERTA	Weekly	Committee of Libera-	5,000
	IL LAVORO	"	Socialist tion	7,000
	DEMO. DEL LAVORO	"	Demo. del Lavoro	3,000
	L'ORA DEL POPOLO	"	Christian Democrat	7,000
	ALBA REPUBBLICANA	"	Action Party	5,000

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	BOLLETTINO DELL'ISTITUTO SANITARIALE	Monthly	Medical Review	500
	IL [illegible] MEDICO	Monthly	Official Medical	2,000
	FOGLIO ANNUNZI LEGALI DELLA PREFETTURA	Bi-M	Legal notices	1,000
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	ALBA REPUBBLICANA	"	Action Party	5,000
	LA VERITA	"	Religious	1,000
	DON CHISCIOTTE	Bi-M	Humorous	15,000
	LA RINASCITA	Weekly	Communist	2.000
Fratta-maggiore	IL PELLEGRINO	Monthly	San Rocco Parish	500
Sorrento	LA RIVIERA	Weekly	Catholic	15,000
Lucera	AZIONE DEMOCRATICA	Weekly	Local news	2,000

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Locality	Name	Periodic	Character	Circulation
Bari	GAZZETTA DEL MEZZOGIORNO	Daily	Club Controlled	70,000
	L'IDEA LIBERALE	Weekly	Demo Liberal	15,000
	CIVILTA PROLETARIA	"	Communist	35,000
	ITALIA DEL POPOLO	"	Partito d'Azione	15,000
	IL RISVEGLIO	"	Christian Democrat	12,000
	AVANTI	"	Socialist	20,000
	LA RASSEGNA	"	Independent	12,000
	IL SECONDO RISORGIMENTO		Youth Organ	5,000
	GIOCONDA	"	Woman's Magazine	
	RACCONTI	Bi-M	Stories	
	GRILLO PARLANTE	"	Humorous	10,000
	FIAMMA	Monthly	Boy Scouts	3,000
	L'ECO	Bi-M	Foreign Press Srv.	8,000
	RADIOCORRIERE	Monthly	Mutual	5,000
	PENSIERO E VITA	Bi-M	Religious	
	VITA CARMELITANA	Monthly	"	500
	L'OPERAIO	Weekly	" (Workers)	5,000
	EDUCARE	Monthly	"	1,500
	DOMENICA RELIGIOSA	Monthly	"	8,000
	LA FAMIGLIA	Bi-M	"	10,000
	BOLLETTINO DIOCESANO	Monthly	"	
	L'AURORA SERAFICA	Monthly	"	5,000
Casmassi	LA CROCE	Bi-M	Religious	700
Molfetta	MILES CHRISTI	Bi-M	Seminar periodical	1,500
Foggia	L'AMICO DELL'ORDINE	Monthly	Religious	5623
Taranto	LA VOCE DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Monarchist	
	LA RINASCITA	"	Demo-Liberal	
	FORZE UNITE	"	Committee of Liberation	3,000
	GIUSEPPE MICHELI	"	Demo-Christian	5,000

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	GIOVINEZZA	"	Woman's Magazine	
	RACCONTI	Bi-M	Stories	
	GRILLO PARLANTE	"	Humorous	10,000
	FIAMMA	Monthly	Boy Scouts	5,000
	L'ECO	Bi-M	Foreign Press Rev.	8,000
	RADIOCORRIERE	Monthly	Musical	5,000
	PENSIERO E VITA	Bi-M	Religious	
	VITA CAMPESTRE	Monthly	"	500
	L'OPERAIO	Weekly	" (Workers)	5,000
	EDUCARE	Monthly	"	1,500
	DOMENICA RELIGIOSA	Monthly	"	8,000
	LA FAMIGLIA	Bi-M	"	10,000
	BOLLETTINO DIOCESANO	Monthly	"	
	L'AURORA SERAFICA	Monthly	"	6,000
Casmassi	LA CROCE	Bi-M	Religious	700
Molfetta	MILES CHRISTI	Bi-M	Seminar periodical	1,500
Foggia	IL LAVORO DELL'APPENNINO	Monthly	Religious	5622
Taranto	LA VOCE DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Monarchist	
	LA RINASCITA	"	Demo-Liberal	
	FORZE UNITE	"	Committee of Liberation	3,000
	GIUSTIZIA SOCIALE	"	Demo-Christian	5,000
Lecce	LIBERA VOCE	Weekly	Party of Action	
	IL SALENTO	"	Demo-Liberal	
	IL TRIBUNO SALENTINO	"	Socialist	3,000
	DEMOCRAZIA DEL LAVORO	"	Partito del Lavoro	4,000
	IL LAVORATORE DEL SALENTO	"	Communist	4,000
	LA BOTTEGA		News sheet	5,000
	ITALIA	"	Army Morale Sheet	
	LA FIAMMA	Monthly	Religious	600
	RITORNO	Monthly	Literary	150
Andria	L'IDEA DI ANDRIA	Monthly	Local News	

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Brindisi	L'UNIONE	Monthly	Monarchist	
Potenza	L'ORDINE	Thrice-M	Demo-Christian	2,000
	IL LAVORATORE	Monthly	Non-party	1,000
	AZIONE PROLETARIA	Weekly	Communist	2,000
	IL GAZZETTINO	Bi-M	(Has local authority to publish)	
Muro Lucano	RINASCITA	Bi-M	News sheet	4,000
Catanzaro	NUOVA CALABRIA	Daily	News sheet	8,000
	LA VOCE DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Communist	6,500
	CALABRIA AVANTI	"	Socialist	6,000
	L'IDEA CRISTIANA	"	Christian-Democrat	8,000
	IL RINNOVAMENTO	"	Liberal-Democrat	4,000
	L'AMICO DEL POPOLO	"	Republican	4,000
	LA VETRINA DELLA CULTURA	Monthly	Cultural	3,000
	LA CALABRIA GIUDIZIARIA	"	Legal	2,000
Vibo Valentia	IL LAVORO	Bi-M	Labor-Democrat	1,000
Nicastro	IL PROLETARIO	Weekly	Communist	2,000
	LA CALABRIA	"	Demo-Liberal	2,000
Reggio Calabria	IL TEMPO	Daily	News sheet	12,000
	IL LAVORATORE	Weekly	Communist	4,000
	L'AZIONE	"	Action Party	3,000
	DEMOCRAZIA	"	Labor-Democrat	2,500
	VOCE DELLA CALABRIA	"	Christian-Democrat	8,000
	LA LUCE	"	Socialist	4,000
	L'AMICO DEL POPOLO	"	Confed. of Labour	8,000
	IL COMMERCIO CALABRESE	"	Commercial	3,000

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Muro Lucano	RINASCITA	Bi-M	News sheet	4,000
Catanzaro	NUOVA CALABRIA	Daily	News sheet	8,000
	La VOCE DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Communist	6,500
	CALABRIA AVANTI	"	Socialist	6,000
	L'IDEA CRISTIANA	"	Christian-Democrat	8,000
	IL RINNOVAMENTO	"	Liberal-Democrat	4,000
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Cosenza	IL LA NUOVA	Daily	News sheet	5,000
	ORDINE PROLETARIO	Weekly	Communist	4,000
	LA PAROLA SOCIALISTA	"	Socialist	5,000
	EMANCIPAZIONE	"	Action Party	3,000
	DEMOCRAZIA CRISTIANA	"	Christian Democrat	2,500
	CALABRIA DEMOCRATICA	"	Liberal	3,000
	CIVILTA	Bi-M	Catholic Chruch	1,000
	CALABRIA MEDICA	Monthly	Medical Society	1,500
	SCUOLA COSENTINA	Monthly	Teachers' Society	1,000
	L'AGRICOLTURA CALABRESE	Bi-M	Agric. Assoc.	1,000
	LA VESPA	Weekly	Humorous	500
Castro-villari	LA VOCE LIBERALE	"	Liberal	500

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Locality		Periodic	Character	Circulation
	Corriere di Sicilia			30 000
Palermo	GIORNALE DI SICILIA	Daily	PWB--Controlled	50,000
	L'AZIONE DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Party of Action	3,000
	LA VOCE DEI COMUNISTI	"	Communist	5,000
	POPOLO E LIBERTA	"	Christian Democrat	5,000
	L'ORA NUOVA	"	Demo. del Lavoro	3,000
	LA VOCE SOCIALISTA	"	Socialist	5,000
	BOLLETTINO DEL LAVORO PER LA SICILIA	Monthly	Labour Office Bulletin	1,000
	SICILIA AGRICOLA	Monthly	Lega Agricoltori	2,000
	IL LAVORATORE	Weekly	United Syndicates	2,500
	FORO SICILIANO	Monthly	Legal	2,000
	LA LEGGE	Monthly	Legal, jurisprudence	1,000
	ECONOMIA SICILIANA	Bi-M	Economic	2,000
	GIORNALE DI MEDICINA	Monthly	Scientific	1,000
	SCIENZA E UMANITA	Monthly	Scientific, educational	500
	BOLLETTINO DELLA SOCIETA DEI CONCERTI DEL CONSERVATORIO	Bi-M	Musical sheet	500
	LA NUOVA CRITICA	Monthly	Literary, artistic	1,000
	NOVELLA SETTIMANALE	Weekly	Light reading	2,000
	RADIO RIVISTA	Weekly	Radio review	3,000
	LA RONDINE SPORTIVA	Weekly	Sport	1,000
	LA VOCE CATTOLICA	Bi-M	Religious	3,000
	AI NOSTRI AMICI	Monthly	Religious	2,000
	IL BECCO GIALLO	Weekly	Satirical	10,000
Catania	CORRIERE DI SICILIA	Daily	PWB-Controlled	30,000
	BOL. D.L. SOC. MED. QUIRUG.	Qtly.	Medical	200
Enna	IL SOLCO	Thrice-W	News sheet	2,000
Trapani	LA GAZZETTA DEL POPOLO	Bi-W	News sheet	1,000
	BOLLETTINO MEDICO	Qtly.	Medical	300
Caltanissetta	LA VITA SICILIANA	Bi-W	News sheet	2,000
Ragusa	LA GAZZETTA	Bi-W	News sheet	5,000
	VITA NUOVA	Monthly	Literary	300

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	IL LAVORATORE	Weekly	Official Syndicate	3,000
	FORO SICILIANO	Monthly	Legal	2,000
	LA LEGGE	Monthly	Legal, jurisprudence	1,000
	ECONOMIA SICILIANA	Bi-M	Economic	2,000
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Messina	NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA	Daily	News sheet	10,000
Alcamo	ALCIONE	Bi-M	Art, literary	1,000
Cagliari	L'UNIONE SARDA	Daily	News sheet	30,000
Sassari	RISCOSSA	Bi-M	Independent	10,000
	L'ISOLA	Daily	News sheet	30,000
	LIBERTA	Weekly	Catholic	7,000
Nuoro	L'ORTOBENE	Bi-M	"	9,000
Oristano	LA SARDEGNA CATTOLICA	"	"	5,000
	ARBOREA	Monthly	"	5,000

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OFFICE OF THE
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Room 108, 62 Via Veneto
ROME

MINUTES of Meeting of the Central APB held in the above offices on 14 August 44, at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr. George W. Edman, PWB (Chairman).
Lt.Col. I. S. Munro, PWB (Executive Secretary).
Mr. H. A. Caccia, Political Section, ACC.
Mr. Wm. Schott, Political Section, ACC.
Lt.Col. Enoch Brown, Liaison, ACC.
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By the end of August stocks in Naples (Region III), in Sardinia (Region VI) and Catanzaro (Region VII) would be completely exhausted. It was planned, therefore, to ship:

120 tons from Rome to Naples;
30 tons from Palermo to Reggio (Region (VII), and
25 tons from Bari to Cagliari, via Naples.

Local production had eased somewhat the position in Rome. The Tiburtina mills had turned out 240 tons of newsprint todate and it was hoped soon to start producing at Nomentana at the rate of 100 tons per month. The Rome press was not drawing on ACC paper but was relying exclusively on stocks found, or produced, locally, these being sufficient to carry through until 10 September at the present rate of consumption.

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Imported newsprint was not arriving on schedule. Of the 650-ton monthly consignment requisitioned for in April and due from July through December, only 156 tons had been received. That tonnage was landed in July. There had been no shipments in August and none were expected. Their responsibility in the matter of imported stocks had again been pointed out to the Economic Section of ACC.

With regard to the Rome Press, Col. Brown said that independent and reliable investigation revealed that several of the dailies were exceeding their newsprint quotas. The position was as follows:

Newspaper	Authorised Circulation	Actual Circulation
AVANTI	42,000	75,000
L'UNITA	40,000	45,000
IL POPOLO	23,000	35,000
RICOSTRUZIONE	23,000	30,000
RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE	23,000	35,000
IL TEMPO	25,000	40,000

It followed, therefore, that these papers were buying on the black market for which reason the Board was agreed that their authorised quotas should be cut by 50%. The Executive Secretary was instructed so to inform the Direttori Responsabili.

The Board rejected the Executive Secretary's suggestion that the news - print thus saved should be turned over to partisan groups who were clamouring for their own newspapers.

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The Chairman added that PWB planned to hold weekly meetings with representatives of the Rome Press for the purpose of filling them in on background information, explaining the Allied approach to problems and developing a better understanding all round.

L'UNIVERSO

The Executive Secretary reported that in accordance with the Board's instructions (see Minutes of 31 July), L'UNIVERSO's application had

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[illegible] referred to [illegible] to ascertain if the proposed paper would serve some useful military purpose. Reply to the query had been that OSS would make use of the paper; it was not sponsoring it, however, and neither would it take responsibility for the paper. Further, L'UNIVERSO definitely desired authorization as a Rome daily and most of its circulation would be directed to the Capital.

The Board voted to reject the application.

Pro-fascist papers

The Executive Secretary said that the Under-Secretary of Press and Information had been invited, on 2 July to submit to APB a proposal with regard to the revival of the pre-fascist Rome newspapers. The proposal had not yet been forthcoming but on Sunday (30 July) the Regional Commissioner's Office had called the Executive Secretary's office to say that Prime Minister Bonomi had requested Col. Poletti to appoint a Commissario for the MESSAGGERO before the end of the month as the Italian authorities could not legally do so.

The Italian Government observers said that the Under-Secretary's office had no knowledge of the Prime Minister's action. The Prime Minister had been informed of the position with regard to the pre-fascist papers, but in this instance they could only assume that he had been acting on his own initiative.

The Executive Secretary was instructed to clarify the position through Col. Poletti's Office and to ensure that no Commissario was appointed.

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Italian Press Commission

The Board reviewed minutes of the Italian Press Commission's meeting of 9 August and approved the following decisions:

1. Permit to RITORNO, literary magazine of Lecce, with a circulation of 150 copies per month;

2. Six-day publishing week in keeping with Italian law;

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2. Revision of title-heads where confusion could arise through duplication.

The Board agreed to conform to the title-head and six-day publishing week decisions in respect of future applications from those parts of Italy not yet consigned to Italian Government jurisdiction. The Executive Secretary pointed out that PWB-controlled newspapers could not be subject to any peace-time laws which might affect the duty of presenting war news.

Bari Local APB Minutes of 26 July

In accordance with recommendation, license approved for FORZE UNITE, Taranto weekly sponsored by Committee of Liberation, with circulation of 3,000 copies weekly. Books approved as listed.

Naples Local APB Minutes of 7 August

STOA, scientific and political monthly, with circulation of 500 copies approved. IL GIORNO circulation increase approved.

Rome Local APB Minutes of 11 August

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
PWB Unit 8 - APO 512

MINUTES OF MEETING of the Naples Local Board held at 10.30 on Monday, 14th August, 1944.

PRESENT: Major A.Watts, Regional Security Officer, ACC Region 3, (Chairman)
Major G.M.Sinclair Noble, PWB, Executive Secretary
Lt. Romano, Military Censorship

OBSERVER: Lt. E.L.Stuart, PWB, Press Office.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 7th August were read and approved.

2. Newsprint situation: The newsprint in stock on the 13th August was 34 tons.

3. APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED

BOLLETTINO SOCIETA' ITALIANA BIOLOGIA SPERIMENTALE - Monthly of 1200. Official reports of Biological Society. Approved and recommended by ACC Educational Sub-Commission.

4. APPLICATIONS REFUSED, subject to confirmation by Central Board.

ORGANIZZARE - Monthly, 5,000. Business reorganisation. No letter, particulars or recommendation. Not considered essential to have a periodical of this type.

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5. APPLICATIONS DEFERRED

ALFABETO - Weekly, 20,000. Paper covering all 'family' interests. Responsible Director late Editor of CORRIERE. To come up again when paper situation is settled.

6. LA VERITA'- No answer received yet from Curia, Salerno. Executive Secretary requested to write again.

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7. LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA - Already recommended. Withdrew application. Executive Secretary advised Central Board not to confirm but was not aware at the time that the applicants for LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA were applying to publish the paper under the name of LA REPUBBLICA in order to avoid confusion with LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA of Rome. Authorisation of LA REPUBBLICA recommended. Circulation, 4 000 weekly.

8. The meeting adjourned.

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HQ MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED COASTAL AIR FORCE
APO 394

REFERENCE : ACS/ACIC/A/L. 27 Jun 44

SUBJECT : Sale of "Gazzetta Ufficiale" to Public in Allied Territory.

TO : Secretary Allied Publications Board
c/o PRC, ACC, Naples.

1. The Publisher of the "Gazzetta Ufficiale" is desirous of placing the Official Gazette on sale for the public in Allied Territory through the usual methods of the newspaper vendors, booksellers, etc.

2. As this is a Government publication used by both Italian and Allied authorities it is assumed that there would be no difficulty in so far as the Board is concerned in granting a license for such sale and distribution, if such be desired by.

3. Your early advice hereon will be appreciated together with indications as to what steps the Publisher should take to obtain the desired result.

A. R. Thackeray
A. R. THACKERAY,
Lt. Colonel,
for Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to : The Publisher of the "Gazzetta Ufficiale"
Ministero di Giustizia, Salerno.

To Col. Munro
PWB
Rome

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
:
NUMBER 24) 2 June 1944

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

The following AFHQ Administrative Memoranda are rescinded and instructions below substituted therefor:

Section	Administrative Memorandum
All	89/43
I	96/43
All	10/44
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II	13/44

1. a. The Allied Publications Board comprised of representatives of each of the following has been created:

(1) Psychological Warfare Branch, PWB. (Chairman)
(2) Censorship Branch, PWB.
(3) G-2 Section.
(4) Allied Control Commission.

b. Allied Control Commission will be represented by the following:

(1) Representatives of the Political Section.
(2) Representatives of the Economic Section.
(3) Public Relations Officer.

c. Psychological Warfare Branch will be represented by the following:

(1) A.C.P.W.B. (Lib) Italy (Chairman)
(2) Press Chief, PWB Italy (Executive Secretary)
(3) Liaison Officer with A.C.C.

2. G-1 Section NATOUSA in conjunction with G-1 (British) will designate a representative who will sit as a member of the Board whenever a question involving any of the officially designated troop morale newspapers (e.g. Stars and Stripes, Union Jack, Eighth Army News and Yank) is before the Board.

3. The Board is empowered to draft such regulations and perform such functions as are necessary to properly carry out the following:

a. Grant and revoke licenses for the publication of newspapers, magazines, books, posters, placards, brochures, and similar publication products.

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AFHQ Adm. Memo No. 24 (cont'd)

b. Control the flow into ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA of all newsprint and other forms of paper used for printing publications referred to in paragraph 3a, to control and distribute all such paper found in ITALY, SICILY, and SARDINIA; to perform such functions as are necessary to maintain adequate supply of such paper.

c. Control the allocation to specific publications and news organizations of all such communications facilities as are made available by the Chief Signal Officer, this headquarters, for collecting and disseminating news and press matter within ITALY.

d. Direct the consolidation, movement or rehabilitation of all equipment necessary for publication production.

e. Enforce the directives of the various sections concerned with publication problems, and to issue censorship and policy directives as are necessary to the proper carrying out of this authority.

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By command of General WILSON:

(Signed)
J.V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
167, Corso Umberto,
NAPLES.

MINUTES of meeting of Naples Local APB
held at the above offices
at 10.30 a.m., 22 May, 1944.

PRESENT : Capt. J.N. Lummus,
Capt. Henry Haas,
Major I.C. Alexander,
Mr. Ralph Meryll.

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Capt. J.N. Lummus, Region III, ACC (Chairman).
Major I.C. Alexander, Censorship.
Major R.N. Holmes, Economics & Supply Section,
Region III, ACC.
Mr. Ralph Meryll, PWB Press Officer,
(Executive Secretary).

On the motion of Major Alexander, it was agreed to inform Col. Charles Poletti, Regional Commissioner, Region III, ACC, of the formation of the Naples Local APB and to request him to notify Major R.N. Holmes, Economics & Supply Officer, ACC, of his election to the Board.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

APPLICATIONS.

The following applications were approved for recommendation of the Central Board.

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Naples	LA CROCE	Official religious weekly.	20.000	Weekly.

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On the motion of Capt. Haas, the application of l'AVANTI & L'UNITA' was approved on the condition that it remained the joint organ of the Communist and Socialist parties, replacing their two parties weeklies, and that it would publish 20.000 copies daily. If this new paper achieves success, it was recommended that the circulation be increased and that a supplementary supply of paper should be granted.

The application for the weekly religious organ "LA CROCE" sponsored by the Archbishop of Naples was approved on the

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following conditions :

(a) the circulation will not exceed 20.000 copies, single sheet ;

(b) that it will circulate throughout Liberated Italy as the only authorized Catholic paper ;

(c) that it will be exclusively religious in character, and will abstain from expressing political views of any nature.

The Communist weekly for Salerno, "LA RINASCITA", was automatically approved since it is the organ of one of the six parties of the FNL.

The following applications were refused.

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Naples	LA TERRA	(Rejection of April 3rd - see minutes - confirmed).		
Naples	ATTUALITA' COMMERCIALI	(Rejection of March 27, - see minutes - confirmed).		
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Torre del Greco	LO SQUILLO	Independant	Bi-monthly	Outside FNL & served from Naples.
Salerno	IL RISORGIMENTO SALERNITANO	Art, Literature	Monthly	Non-essential
Salerno	GALLERIA D'ARTE CINEMA-TEATRO.	Cultural	Bi-Monthly	Non-essential.

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The question of approval for a periodical dealing only with legal matters was again brought before the Board. Owing to the paper shortage, it was agreed that the two applicants for"JUS GENTIUM" and "GIUSTIZIA" be invited to create a single paper of this type, exclusively legal in character, and it was suggested the applicants should be reminded that it must not express political opinion.

The weekly "LA DEMOCRAZIA DEL LAVORO" of Salerno was authorized to change its title to "LA GAZZETTA DI SALERNO" on the condition that its character remained unaltered.

Capt. Haas informed the Board that ACC recommends approval of the Prefettura Bulletin "FOGLIO ANNUNZI LEGALI". The Board approved. Capt. Haas also called attention to the desirability of granting a license for newsprint to be assigned to the Italian Ministry of Agriculture. This paper is of extreme importance to the Ministry since it is to be used for printing all the forms and instructions necessary for the harvest control. Despite the large amount of paper involved, it was decided this application should be granted.

The meeting adjourned.

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Minutes if the seventh meeting of the Sicily Local Allied Publications Board, held at the A.C.C. offices in Palermo at 10:30 a.m., 15 May, 1944.

Present : R.G. Shorney, PWB Press Officer, Sicily (chairman)
Major Ouseley, A.C.C.
Lieut. Pike, A.C.C.
Capt. J.B.Costanzo, Allied military press censor
Sig. Giorgianni, press representative of High Commissioner for Sicily
R.J. Frantz, Chief, PWB, Sicily, (executive secretary)
Hubert Howard, of PWB Unit N°6 (observer).

Minutes of the last meeting were approved. The chairman then called on Mr. Frantz to give a brief summary of the press situation as of 6 May, on the basis of Col. Munro's outline of the situation of that date. After this was done, Mr. Frantz read to the board the communication from the Central A.P.B. regarding action taken at the Sicily board's last meeting, on 24 April.

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This led to a discussion of the "liberty of the press" situation. Many applicants for licenses state that they have their own paper supply; the supply of A.C.C. newsprint on the island of Sicily is very limited and needed for authorized papers and administrative purposes; therefore, when the board turns down an application on the grounds of lack of paper, when the applicant is prepared to furnish his own paper, it leaves the board open to the charge that it is using the shortage of official paper merely as an excuse on which to deny liberty of the press. After considerable discussion, the board agreed :

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1. To ask the High Commissioner and the Prefects to enforce decree requiring declaration of all privately-owned paper stocks. Sig. Giorgianni promised to furnish members of the board with a copy of the decree.

2. To recommend approval of no applications hereafter unless, in the opinion of the Board, allocation of A.C.C. paper was justified and possible.

3. To ask the Central A.P.B. to take measures to insure a steady supply of newsprint for the island of Sicily, in order that the board might feel on surer ground in considering applications for new publications.

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4. To suggest to the Central A.P.B. that the work of the local boards is made more difficult by the frequent pronouncements by high Allied officials about restoration of "Liberty of the press". Members of the local board have frequently been reminded that our actions do not keep pace with our promises. It is felt that a little more qualification and restrictions should be included in any public pronouncements about press freedom, in view of the fact that Italy is still a war theater and that lack of newsprint as well as other considerations, including military censorship, precludes full liberty of the press.

The board then passed to consideration of applications for licenses to publish, such applications to be submitted to the Central A.P.B. with the Sicily local board's recommendations. Following is a summary of action taken :

1. L'Economia Siciliana. This organ, which is a publication representing all the chambers of commerce and industry of Sicily, was originally approved at the 17th April meeting of the Sicily Board, but without allocation of paper. The application asks for permission to publish either weekly or semi-monthly, with a circulation of 2,000 copies, four pages, tabloid size. The board voted approval of this application, as a semi-monthly paper, and agreed to allocation of the necessary newsprint to provide for 2,000 circulation. Approval by the Central A.P.B. is recommended.

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d) That, finally, the Central Board accept or reject the application for publication of the Corriere, but if the application is granted, that the license of the Notiziario be withdrawn, since two newspapers are not justified in a town the size of Messina.

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now being published under a temporary PWB nulla osta, should be considered together, although only the application of Il Solco was presented at the board meeting. Il Solco carries news and political articles, and is monarchist in tendency. It is published four times a week, with a circulation of 3,000. Unite Proletaria ~~ix~~ carries news and political articles, and is also published four times a week, with a circulation of 3,000. It is Communist in tendency, and announces itself as the organ of the Fronte del Lavoro. It is printed in the same plant as Il Solco, on alternate days, but both papers publish on Sundays. The directors of the two papers are reported to be close friends though of opposite political views.

It is the recommendation of the Sicily Board that the Central Board reject the application of Il Solco and request the suspension of both newspapers; however, feeling that Enna, because of communications difficulties with Palermo and Catania, has need of a newspaper, suggests that the directors of these papers be urged to unite and publish a thrice-weekly apolitical newspaper, free of all partisan comment, for which news could be supplied by the United Nations News Service. One other objection to the present situation is that no Italian censor has as yet been named for that province, to provide the necessary pre-publication military censorship, nor are these papers submitting copy before publication to the Allied military press censor at Palermo.

5. "31 & 47". This is a proposed humorous publication, sponsored by the same persons who published Risata, but with a cleaner brand of humor, for which authorization is asked only for a "numero unico", with a circulation of 4,000. According to the dummy copy submitted, the paper consists of four pages of jokes and caricatures. It has been the experience of the Sicily Board in the past that publications which are sometimes granted a license for a "numero unico" begin publishing on a continuous basis. In view of the Central Board's rejection of the application of La Risata, the Sicily local board feels it would be unjustified in recommending approval of any other applications for humorous publications. Therefore, in view of this and the shortage of paper, the Sicily Board recommends ~~ix~~ rejectionof this aplication.

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7. Il Diritto e il Proletariato. This application is submitted by Avv.Marino Torre fu Gaspare, who wants to publish a semi-monthly juridical and political paper, with circulation of 1,000 copies. He has already published four issues the last two without authorization, and has stated verbally that he will continue to publish whether or not granted a license. The paper often expresses Communist views, althouth not officially connected with the party, which has its own authorized weekly in Palermo. The Sicily board recommends rejection of this application, in that this paper does not fit into any of the categories provided for in the Press Plan for Italy, and also

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in view of the shortage of newsprint, Sig. Giorgianni has expressed the intention of having the questura warn the publisher of this paper that he is publishing without authorization, and call to his attention the penalties provided in the R.D.Legge N°14 which he cites in his application. It is further recommended by the local board that the Central Board request, through the Ministry of Interior or other channels, that the Palermo Prefect take action if publication of this paper continue without legal authority.

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9. Nostro Tempo. This is a proposed cultural weekly, with a circulation of 3,000 copies. The would-be director is an ex-Fascist who once published the Squadristi paper, and the financial backer has an unfavorable police record. The Sicily Board recommends rejection of the application.

10. Letture Domenicali. This is a proposed weekly Catholic paper for Sunday reading, with a requested circulation of 3,000. Its sponsors are reported tobe strongly pacifist in sympathy. In view of the fact that two Catholic church papers -- La Voce Cattolica and A Nostri Amici -- are already being published in Palermo, the Sicily Board recommends rejection of this application.

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RALPH J. FRANTZ
Chief, PWB, Sicily
and
Executive Secretary, Sicily
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OFFICE OF THE
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NAPLES

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PRESENT : Lt.Col. I. S. Munro, PWB (Executive Secretary and Acting Chairman).
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The Executive Secretary tabled a letter from the Legal Sub-Commission, ACC, in which the view was expressed, after consultation with the Min Ministry of Justice, that TRIBUNA FORENSA was not a representative legal publication. The application was therefore rejected by the Board.

As Col. Poletti withheld any positive recommendation concerning VOCE DI NAPOLI, the Board rejected the application but instructed the Executive Secretary to advise the editor to re-apply in two months' time.

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The Executive Secretary expressed the view that Naples was adequately served, in view of the paper shortage, with Third Priority papers and that future applications should be considered in light of this circumstance. The Board agreed in principle.

Constitution of Naples Local APB

The Board approved the following proposal:

> "The Local APB requests the Central APB to consider the advisability of creating the Naples Local APB on the same lines as the other local Boards in Bari and Palermo, etc., and recommends approval of the following:
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> "The Naples APB shall consist of a representative of Region III ACC; Economics and Supply, Region III ACC; PWB (Executive Secretary; Censorship."

It was agreed that if the proposal was approved by the Central Board PWB and Censorship would name their representatives and the Regional Commissioner would be invited to appoint Major R. N. Holmes, Economics and Supply Officer, Region III, to sit on the Local Board.

The meeting adjourned.

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PRESENT: Major E. C. Hoffmann, U.S.A., PAB (Chairman)
Capt. Negotaff, CCC,
Capt. A. Buzzin, Italian High Commissioner's office,
Capt. D. N. de la Rochetiere, Censorship, (Secretary)
1st Lieut. R.J. Moseto (Civil Censorship), Observer.

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th, were approved.

2. Priority ONE Newspapers

The Chairman reminded the Board of the Central A.P.B.'s ruling that Priority 1 papers should be full-controlled dailies. The decision, taken at the last meeting, to retain the "UNIONE SARDA" and the "NUOVA" with their present editorial arrangements, implied no diminution of such control. The fact that these two dailies, with the aid of a full UNR service, and for some time and of their own free will, pursued a policy in keeping with that of PAB, was all to the advantage of the latter. But Editors should be informed that a Priority 1 licence, in that it gave official sanction to the present set-up, carried with it an obligation to adhere to PAB policy, more formal and concrete than was the case in the past.

He therefore submitted the following motion: "That the "UNIONE SARDA" and the "NUOVA" be given, on principle, priority 1 licences. Editors to be informed in writing that: a) they would be expected at all times to conform with PAB policy, b) they would be required to allot ample space to UNR, and c) they would be subject to Allied post-publication scrutiny." Carried.

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3. Priority 2 papers

The Chairman explained that on the mainland, Priority 2 papers were Party weeklies, but following upon the formation of a coalition Government, the Central APB had advocated the merging of these weekly assets into 3 daily newspapers. However, since there were as yet no regular Party weeklies, the question of merger in Sardinia did not arise. He therefore tabled the following motion:

"That an all-Party weekly be sponsored and that the various Parties be allowed to publish single editions (numeri unici) at the discretion of the Board and licensed ad hoc."

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Capt. Hein felt that a pluri-Party weekly would be unworkable because the Editor would almost inevitably be a Party man. Indeed, the maintenance of equilibrium between the parties would present a well-nigh insoluble problem. For better that the newsprint be used for numeri unici which would at least have the advantage of satisfying one party at a time.

In addition to the numeri unici, the Secretary favoured a weekly political, literary, artistic review on the lines of the Cairo "Fronte unito" with adequate photo and feature coverage etc, provided, of course, the political parties agreed to collaborate with it. Otherwise such a weekly would naturally fall into Priority 3.

Capt. Hein, while agreeing on principle, reserved his opinion regarding one weekly per party or at least the licensing of numeri unici to the exclusion of all other Priority Two's.

Capt. Hagstorm preferred to try out the numeri unici first.

The Board agreed to investigate the possibility of authorising a United-Front review on the lines suggested by the Secretary and to try out the numeri unici system before allotting other Priority 2 licences.

4. Priority 3 Publications

The Chairman read out the latest directive from the Central AFB advocating the grouping of religious, professional, etc., papers into 1 organ for each category, or at least keeping them down to a very minimum. He quoted the merger of parochial organs to which the Archbishop of Naples had agreed. He added, however, that this principle did not necessarily apply in Sardinia owing to the widely dispersed population and bad communications, but that, with a view to saving newsprint, a very minimum was certainly desirable.

Capt. Hein, quoting the same reasons of dispersed and bad communications, argued in favour of maintaining at least one Catholic organ in each province. The Chairman pointed out that Priority 3 licences could be issued to these organs only if they maintained a strict non-Party attitude.

Members agreed that publications of social interest should be reduced to one per category or at least kept down to a bare minimum.

5. "Folgore"

The Secretary tabled the following motion: 5605

"That in view of the departure from the Island of the "NEMBO" Parachute Division, publication of the review "Folgore" should cease forthwith." Carried. Executive action to be taken by the Chairman.

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The Chairman suggested that the Board might do well to investigate the circumstances which had surrounded the printing and distribution of "POLCOM" in the first place. Also, to ascertain how many copies of the latest edition there were left. Agreed.

6. Licence for "Rerum novarum" leaflet.

The Chairman stated that during the week he had authorized the publication in Cagliari and Sassari, of a leaflet entitled "Rerum novarum", and being the text of Pope Leo XIII's Encyclical bearing the same name. The Board approved, but agreed that Editors should be warned that they must submit applications for licences sufficiently in advance to enable the Board to consider them.

7. Political leaflets and circulars through the mails

1st Lieut. Roseto (Civil Censorship, Inc) drew attention to the fact that there had been several cases of mimeographed minutes of political meetings and other political literature circulating in the mails. He enquired whether action in this respect was within the province of the Board. The latter agreed that it only had a direct interest in these leaflets if they were stamped on newsprint. Their political content was a matter for the G-2 Office, Allied Garrison.

8. The meeting adjourned.

Distribution:-

A.F.H.Q. Central	6
A.F.H.Q. Local	6
Brigadier Carr,	1
Prefects (Cagliari, Sassari, Nuoro)	3
Lt.Col. Forbes,	1
G.2. Allied Garrison,	1
Allied Censorship Control,	1
Press Officer, Sassari	1
A.C.C. (Cagliari, Sassari, Nuoro)	3

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14a 20 May 1944

Subject : "Il Corriere Finanziario"

To : Lt.Col.C.T. Francis, Regional Public Safety Officer
Region 3.

Reference your Administrative Instruction N°22 of April 13, the Allied Publications Board is anxious to know whether action against "Il Corriere Finanziario" is contemplated at an early date.

This publication, although its application for license was refused, has published six issues, and has also the effrontery to state that it is licensed by the A.P.B.

Action would be appreciated.

(Sd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director

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Copies to RCs Rs I II III IV V VI VII and SCAOs 5th & 8th Army AMG (see PRB 14A dated 16 April)

Following is a list of newspapers and other periodic publications authorised, as of 13 May 44, in Liberated Italy -

A. By the Allied Publications Board;

B. Prior to creation of, and still to be confirmed by, APB

A. A U T H O R I S E D B Y A P B

ACC-CONTROLLED TERRITORY

Locality	Name	Periodic	Character	Circulati
Naples	RISORGIMENTO	Daily	PWB-Controlled	140,000
	L'UNITA	Weekly	Communist	50,000
	AVANTI	Weekly	Socialist	50,000
	LIBERTA	Weekly	Liberal	30,000
	IL LAVORO	Weekly	Demo. del Lavoro	7,000
	AZIONE	Weekly	Party of Action	35,000
	IL POPOLO	Weekly	Christian Democrat	25,000
	IL GIORNO	Weekly	Demo-Liberal	40,000
	BATTAGLIE SINDACALI	weekly	Confederazione Generale del Lavoro	20,000
	IL DOMANI SOCIALE	Weekly	Confederazione Italiana di Lavoratori	20,000
	CIMENTO	Weekly	Art Review	10,000
	FOGLI ANNUNZI LEGALI DELLA PREFETTURA	Bi-M	Legal notices	1,000
	GIOVENTU	Monthly	School Paper	500
	IL PROFUGO	Monthly	Literary Review	2,000
	ARETHUSA	Monthly	Literary Review	2,000
	BOLLETTINO DELL' ISTITUTO SANATORIALE PRINCIPI DI PIEMONTE	Monthly	Medical Review	500
	LIBERA SCUOLA	Bi-M	Teachers' organ	5,000
	LAVORATORE DEL MARE	Weekly	Seamen's Union	5,000
	GIORNALE DEI RAGAZZI	Weekly	Children's Paper	10,000

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	LIBERA SCUOLA	Bi-M	Teachers' organ	5,000
	LAVORATORE DEL MARE	Weekly	Seamen's Union	5,000
	GIORNALE DEI RAGAZZI	Weekly	Children's Paper	10,000
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Frattamaggiore	IL PELLEGRINO	Monthly	San Rocco Parish Magazine	500
Ischia	ISCHIA NUOVA	Weekly	Local News	1,000
Sorrento	LA RIVIERA	Weekly	Catholic	10,000
Lucera	AZIONE DEMOCRATICA	Weekly	Local news	1,000

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Locality	Name	Periodic	Character	Circulation
Andria	L'IDEA DI ANDRIA	Monthly	Local News	
Brindisi	L'UNIONE	Weekly	Monarchist	
Catanzaro	LA NUOVA CALABRIA	Daily	Local News	8,000
Potenza	POTENZA PROLETARIA	Weekly	Communist	2,000
	IL LAVORATORE	Bi-M	Socialist	1,000
	L'ORDINE	Every 10 days	Christian Democrat	2,000
	TEMI LUCANA	Monthly	Legal	500
Palermo	SICILIA LIBERATA	Daily	PWB-controlled	20,000
	L'AZIONE DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Partito d'Azione	3,000
	LA VOCE DEI COMUNISTI	Weekly	Communist	5,000
	POPOLO E LIBERTA	Weekly	Christian Democrat	5,000
	LIBERTA	Bi-M	Liberal	
	ROSALBA	Weekly	Humorous	6,000
	LA VOCE SOCIALISTA	Weekly	Socialist	5,000
	NOVELLA SETTIMANALE	Weekly	Light Reading	2,000
	IL BECCO GIALLO	Weekly	Satirical	10,000
	FORO SICILIANO	Monthly	Legal	
	AI NOSTRI AMICI	Monthly	Religious	
	GIORNALE DI MEDICINA	Monthly	Scientific	1,000
	LA RISATA	One no.	Humorous	8,000
	LIBERTA E PROLE-	One No.	Juridical	2,000

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Catanzaro	LA NUOVA CALABRIA	Daily	Local News	8,000
Potenza	POTENZA PROLETARIA	Weekly	Communist	2,000
	IL LAVORATORE	Bi-M	Socialist	1,000
	L'ORDINE	Every 10 days	Christian Democrat	2,000
	TEMI LUCANA	Monthly	Legal	500
Palermo	SICILIA LIBERATA	Daily	PWB-controlled	20,000
	L'AZIONE DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Partito d'Azione	3,000
	LA VOCE DEI COMUNISTI	Weekly	Communist	5,000
	POPOLO E LIBERTA	Weekly	Christian Democrat	5,000
	LIBERTA	Bi-M	Liberal	
	ROSALBA	Weekly	Humorous	6,000
	LA VOCE SOCIALISTA	Weekly	Socialist	5,000
	NOVELLA SETTIMANALE	Weekly	Light Reading	2,000
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	FORO SICILIANO	Monthly	Legal	
	AI NOSTRI AMICI	Monthly	Religious	
	GIORNALE DI MEDICINA	Monthly	Scientific	1,000
	LA RISATA	One no.	Humorous	8,000
	LIBERTA E PROLETARIATO MARINO TORRE	One No.	Juridical	2,000
Catania	CORRIERE DI SICILIA	Daily	PWB-Controlled	
Enna	LIBERTA	Bi-M	Local News	

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Locality	Name	Periodic	Character	Circulation
Salerno	IL CORRIERE	Daily	Government Organ	35,000
	LA LIBERTA	Weekly	Com. di Liberazione	5,000
	IL LAVORO	Weekly	Socialist	7,000
	DEMOCRAZIA DEL LAVORO	Weekly	Democrazia del Lavoro	3,000
	L'ORA DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Christian Democrat	7,000
	L'AZIONE	Weekly	Partito d'Azione	5,000
	LA VERITA	Weekly	Religious	10,000
	POLITICA ESTERA	Bi-M	Foreign Press Review	10,000
	DON CHISCIOTTE	Bi-M	Humorous	12,000
Bari	GAZZETTA DEL MEZZOGIORNO	Daily	PWB-controlled	60,000
	L'IDEA LIBERALE	Weekly	Demo-Liberal	15,000
	CIVILTA PROLETARIA	Weekly	Communist	35,000
	ITALIA DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Partito d'Azione	15,000
	IL RISVEGLIO	Weekly	Christian Democrat	12,000
	AVANTI	Weekly	Socialist	20,000
	LA RASSEGNA	Weekly	Impartial	12,000
	IL SECONDO RISORGIMENTO	Bi-M	Youth organ	5,000
	GIOCONDA	Weekly	Women's magazine	
	RACCONTI	Bi-M	Stories	
	PENSIERO E VITA	Bi-M	Religious	
	LA TRIBUNA DEI FERROVIERI	Bi-M	Railwaymen's Trade Union	
	VITA CARMELITANA	Monthly	Religious	500
Casamassi-nia	LA CROCE	Bi-M	Religious	700

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	L'ORA DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Christian Democrat	5,000
	L'AZIONE	Weekly	Partito d'Azione	5,000
	LA VERITA	Weekly	Religious	10,000
	POLITICA ESTERA	Bi-M	Foreign Press Review	10,000
	DON CHISCIOTTE	Bi-M	Humorous	12,000
Bari	GAZZETTA DEL MEZZOGIORNO	Daily	PWB-controlled	60,000
	L'IDEA LIBERALE	Weekly	Demo-Liberal	15,000
	CIVILTA PROLETARIA	Weekly	Communist	35,000
	ITALIA DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Partito d'Azione	15,000
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	LA RASSEGNA	Weekly	Impartial	12,000
	IL SECONDO RISORGIMENTO	Bi-M	Youth organ	5,000
	GIOCONDA	Weekly	Women's magazine	
	RACCONTI	Bi-M	Stories	
	PENSIERO E VITA	Bi-M	Religious	
	LA TRIBUNA DEI FERROVIERI	Bi-M	Railwaymen's Trade Union	
	VITA CARMELITANA	Monthly	Religious	500

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Casamassi-nia	LA CROCE	Bi-M	Religious	700
Taranto	LA VOCE DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Monarchist	
	LA RINASCITA	Weekly	Unofficially Demo-Liberal	
Lecce	IL SALENTO	Weekly	Demo-Liberal	
	IL TRIBUNO SALENTINO	Weekly	Socialist	3,000
	DEMOCRAZIA DEL LAVORO	Weekly	Partito del Lavoro	4,000
	LA FIAMMA	Monthly	Religious	600

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B. AUTHORISED LOCALITY TO PUBLISH - STILL TO BE CONFIRMED BY APB

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TERRITORY

Locality	Name	Periodic	Character
Eboli	RINASCITA	Weekly	Local News
Taranto	BUONA GUARDIA	Weekly	Navy Morale Sheet
Lecce	GIORNALE DELL'AVIATORE	Weekly	Air Force Morale S
	ITALIA	Weekly	Army Morale Sheet
	LA PROVINCIA DI LECCE	Weekly	
	LIBERA VOCE	Weekly	Partito d'Azione
Cosenza	ITALIA NUOVA	Daily	Independent
	LA LIBERTA	Weekly	Independent
	LA RISCOSSA	Weekly	Anti-Fascist
	DEMOCRAZIA CRISTIANA	Weekly	Christian Democrat
	EMANCIPAZIONE	Weekly	Partito d'Azione
	CALABRIA DEMOCRATICA	Weekly	Demo-Liberal
	LA PAROLA SOCIALISTA	Weekly	Socialist
	ORDINE PROLETARIO	Weekly	Communist
	PAROLA DI VITA	Weekly	Religious
	MAGNA SILA	Weekly	Literary
	LA VESPA	Weekly	Humorous
	CALABRIA MEDICA	Weekly	Medical
	LA SCUOLA COSENTINA	Weekly	Teachers' Organ
	MARCELLA		Women's paper
Catanzaro	LA VOCE DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Communist
	IL RINNOVAMENTO	Weekly	Demo-Liberal
	L'IDEA CRISTIANA	Weekly	Christian Democrat
	L'AMICO DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Republican
	DISCO ROSSO	Weekly	Independent - Cultu
	IL BIVACCO	Weekly	" "
Potenza	IL GAZZETTINO	Bi-M	Independent
Vibo Valentia	CALABRIA AVANTI	Weekly	Socialist
	L'AZIONE	Weekly	Partito d'Azione
Locri	LA REPUBBLICA FEDERALE	Weekly	Republican

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Lecce	GIORNALE DELL'AVIATORE	Weekly	Air Force Morale S
	ITALIA	Weekly	Army Morale Sheet
	LA PROVINCIA DI LECCE	Weekly	
	LIBERA VOCE	Weekly	Partito d'Azione
Cosenza	ITALIA NUOVA	Daily	Independent
	LA LIBERTA	Weekly	Independent
	LA RISCOSSA	Weekly	Anti-Fascist
	DEMOCRAZIA CRISTIANA	Weekly	Christian Democrat
	EMANCIPAZIONE	Weekly	Partito d'Azione
	CALABRIA DEMOCRATICA	Weekly	Demo-Liberal
	LA PAROLA SOCIALISTA	Weekly	Socialist
	ORDINE PROLETARIO	Weekly	Communist
	PAROLA DI VITA	Weekly	Religious
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	LA VESPA	Weekly	Humorous
	CALABRIA MEDICA	Weekly	Medical
	LA SCUOLA COSENTINA	Weekly	Teachers' Organ
	MARCELLA		Women's paper
Catanzaro	LA VOCE DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Communist
	IL RINNOVAMENTO	Weekly	Demo-Liberal
	L'IDEA CRISTIANA	Weekly	Christian Democrat
	L'AMICO DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Republican
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Vibo Valentia	CALABRIA AVANTI	Weekly	Socialist
	L'AZIONE	Weekly	Partito d'Azione
Locri	LA REPUBBLICA FEDERALE	Weekly	Republican
Palmi	LA FALCE	Weekly	
Muro Lucano	RINASCITA	Weekly	
Nicastro	LA CALABRIA	Weekly	Monarchist
	IL PROLETARIO	Weekly	Communist
	A SGUMBA	Weekly	Humorous

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Locality	Name	Periodic	Character
Rossano	NUOVA ROSSANO	Weekly	Anti-Fascist
	U. VOMO	Weekly	Humorous
Cassano	SUD	Weekly	Independent
Reggio	VOCE DELLA CALABRIA	Daily	Christian Democrat
	LA [illegible]	Daily	Socialist
	L'UNITA	Weekly	Liberal
	L'ANELLO DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Trade Union
	DEMOCRAZIA	Weekly	Demo-Liberal
	IL LAVORATORE	Weekly	Communist
	L'AZIONE	Weekly	Party of Action
	IL COMMERCIO CALABRESE	Weekly	Commercial
Messina	NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA	4 Issues Weekly	Independent
	LA VERITA	Weekly	Communist
	IL POPOLO	Weekly	Christian Democrat
	IL LAVORO	Weekly	Dem. del Lavoro
	LA LIBERTA	Weekly	Liberal
	L'AVANTI DI SICILIA	Weekly	Socialist
Cagliari	L'UNIONE SARDA	Daily	Independent
Sassari	L'ISOLA	Daily	Independent
	LIBERTA	Weekly	Catholic
Nuoro	L'ORTOBENE	Monthly	Catholic

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MINUTES OF BARI APB MEETING HELD ON 10TH MAY 1944.

PRESENT:- Mr. A.A. Micocci, (Executive Secretary)
Capt. E.D.H. Astley, INC.
Capt. Vessels (Observer)

In the absence of Major Fiore, Chairman, the meeting was conducted by Mr. Micocci.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

2. Communications from the Central Board were read and discussed. Before the next meeting the Secretary of the Board will contact Archbishop Mimmi to discuss Catholic publications and the editors of the political papers to discuss the wished-for reduction of six weeklies to three dailies.

3. Paper situation.

The ACC has not yet reached the point of distributing paper, as required. PWB is growing restive in continuing to handle the paper since it is undertaking more operations with a relative limited personnel. Will the Central Board use its influence on the ACC to hasten the transfer of this job?

4. Authorizations.

a. Papers held over from previous meeting.

There are no new developments in the case of "L'Italia". "Filo d'Oro" and "L'Aurora Sanfrica" are held over pending a discussion with the Bishop. "Bollettino degli Ingegneri" is held over with a view to persuading the gentlemen to merge with their all-Italy syndicate, or with the paper we approved at our meeting of May 3rd in the field of farming, economics and commerce.

b. Papers approved for Central Board confirmation.

"L'Eco", a fortnightly review of the international press. PWB has for some time been planning just such a publication for Italy, paralleling the "Documents de la Quinzaine" which it publishes in Algiers, but is quite happy to have the publication come out under private auspices.

"La Capitanata", approved by us for Foggia Province, has no political affiliations but has the blessings of the COAO of the province, who very much feels the lack of a press in his area. This is the second publication to be approved by us for the Foggia Province.

c. Non-recurring publications. 5597

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"Cu're". Capt. Vessels reported that in his capacity as Educational Officer for this region he had consulted some of the 'Provveditori degli studi' (superintendents of schools). They reported that "Cu're" was not an essential book at this time. However, this Board feels that if the publisher is willing to cut down his edition from 20,000 to 10,000 he ought to be permitted to finish the book.

5. Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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APPLICATIONS APPROVED.

Title.	Locality.	Character	Publication	Edition
L'Eco	Bari	Review of International press.	Bi-monthly	7,000
La Capitanata	Puglia	General no political affiliation	Weekly	20,000
Sbrego Tutto	Cosse di Mola (Bari)	Troop morale	single issue	2500

APPLICATIONS REJECTED.

Il Picchio	Cerato (Bari)	Cerato not a publishing centre
Il Convegno	Lecce	Backing not strong enough
Buon Senso	Barletta	Not in publishing centre

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167 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

MINUTES of meeting of the Naples Local APB held at the above offices on 8 May 44, at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT : Mr. George W. Ehman, PWB (Chairman).
Major I. C. Alexander, Censorship.
Capt. J. N. Lummus, ACC Region III.
Capt. A. C. C. Barcroft, G-2.
Capt. D. C. Orback, Censorship, Catania (Observer).
Lt. Col., I. S. Munro, PWB (Executive Secretary).

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Applications

The following applications were rejected:

Locality	Name	Character	Periodic	Reason
Naples	O SCURPIATO	American policy explained	Weekly	Paper shortage
Naples	CIELI	Literary, artistic	Monthly (32 pages)	Paper shortage
Naples	LA CONCHIGLIA	Literary, artistic	Bi-M (4 pages)	Paper shortage
Naples	CORRIERE FINANZIARIO	Financial	Bi-W	Not timely
Naples	ROMA	Government opposition	Daily	At variance with Press Plan
Salerno	L'AMICO DEL POPOLO	Agrarian Party	Weekly	Outside FNL
Salerno	LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA	Republican Party	Weekly	Outside FNL

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PRESENT : Mr. George W. Elman, PWB (Chairman).
Major I. C. Alexander, Censorship.
Capt. J. N. Lummus, ACC Region III.
Capt. A. C. C. Barcroft, G-2.
Capt. D. C. Orback, Censorship, Catania (Observer).
Lt.Col., I. S. Munro, PWB (Executive Secretary).

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Applications

The following applications were rejected:

Locality	Name	Character	Periodic	Reason
Naples	O SCURPIATO	American policy explained	Weekly	Paper shortag
Naples	CIELI	Literary, artistic	Monthly (32 pages)	Paper shortag
Naples	LA CONCHIGLIA	Literary, artistic	Bi-M (4 pages)	Paper shortag
Naples	CORRIERE FINANZIARIO	Financial	Bi-W	Not timely
Naples	ROMA	Government opposition	Daily	At variance with Press pl
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Books

The Executive Secretary said book MSS were screened in accordance with procedure approved by the Board (see minutes of 21 Feb. 44). He also pointed out that even when a MSS was found to be acceptable and was approved for publication, a paper permit could not be issued to the author owing to the fact that the Board had under its control no stocks of paper suitable for book publication purposes.

Applications to publish LA DEMOCRAZIA CRISTIANA and IMPAREGGIABILE BIBI were approved; LA GLORIA DI NAPOLI was rejected, and other MSS were referred to experts for advice and guidance.

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Proposals

The following proposals were approved for recommendation to the Central Board:

1. "That the APB requests, through proper channels, information from the Italian Government concerning the Decree of January 19 about the declaration of paper stocks. The Board wishes to know if any action has been taken by the Government and if so, with what results."

2. "a) That the Secretaries of Local Boards be invited to keep Regional Public Safety Officers informed of all authorised newspapers;

"b) That they invite the Regional Public Safety Officers to communicate such information to G-2 and any others concerned, and

"c) That they likewise pass on information concerning unauthorised papers and invite appropriate action."

The Chairman and Executive Secretary were authorised to draft a proposal regarding consitution of the Naples Local Board for consideration of the Local Board at its next meeting, and for recommendation to the Central Board.

Other Business

The following were tabled: a) Report (dated 6 May 44, through Capt. Lummus) on action taken against unauthorised papers, and b) signal from Capt. Haas (ref. F 42188, dated 6 May 44) relative to newsprint.

The meeting adjourned.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14A. 7 May 1944.

Subject: "Azione Democratica" of Lucera.

To: Lt Col I.S. Munro, APB.

I attach correspondence from Lucera which explains itself. I presume that the change should be notified to the APB at its next meeting.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

I have acknowledged Lt Col Fielden's letter

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14A. 7 May 1944.

Subject: "Azione Democratica" of Lucera.

To: Lt Col S. Pickering, Regional Public Safety Officer,
Region V.

1. Your letter of May 4 (reference R5/514/10) regarding the change in the directorship of the "Azione Democratica" of Lucera is acknowledged.

2. It is presumed that since the continuation of the paper under the new director has been permitted there are no objections to the change on the part of the Provincial Commissioner and yourself.

3. The change will be notified to the next meeting of the Allied Publications Board on 15 May.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
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Public Relations Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

PRB 14a

7 May, 1944

Subject: L'Unita Allegation

To : Lt. Col. I.S. Munro, Executive Secretary, APB.

1. We return your papers herewith.

2. Our Security Branch is investigating the allegations but the results are not yet to hand

3. We will apprise you as soon as we have definite information.

For the Director

(Sgd)
John P. Leonacos
Captain, AUS.
Public Relations Branch.

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OFFICE OF THE
A L L I E D P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D

167 Corso Umberto,
NAPLES

22 April 44.

SUBJECT : L'UNITA Allegation.

TO : Allied Control Commission.

1. On instructions of the Allied Publications Board I enclose correspondence relative to allegations contained in L'UNITA (N.14, March 44) concerning "il maresciallo dei carabinieri."

2. It is the Board's desire that ACC initiate investigation into the truth or otherwise of the allegation. Will you please inform me of results in order that I may report back to the Board, and return at your early convenience the attached file.

I. S. MUNRO,
Lt.Col.,
Executive Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
A.C.C. Building- Via Roma.
CAGLIARI - SARDINIA.

MINUTES of the Second Meeting of the Sardinia Local A.P.B. held at the above offices on May 6th.,44, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Major E.O.Siepmann, R.M., PWB (Chairman)
Major R.G.S.Alexander, ACC.
Capt. A. Maxia (Italian High Commissioner's Office.)
Lieut. S.R. de la Mahotiere, Censorship (Secretary).

1. The Minutes of the last meeting held on April 29th. were approved.

2. Publications. Capt. Maxia provided a provisional list of publications at present authorised by the Italian Authorities- provisional because the Sassari data had not yet arrived.

The Chairman then pointed out that the local A.P.B. had begun its activities late on the Island, but found that a satisfactory free Press had developed spontaneously. This consisted of two dailies, with circulations of 20.000 each (Isola, Unione Sarda); but Isola had meantime sunk to 10.000 through newsprint shortage. Besides the dailies, there were three Catholic periodicals and various numeri unici which appeared from time to time representing the various parties. Fears of undue influences being exerted on the Press from any quarter had proved groundless, so that the present position only needed to be "tidied up" by the allocation of linceces, and secondly, "watched over" by A.P.B. Arrangements for the "watching" had been made by the appointment of a Press Officer at Sassari, and by Lt. Mahotiere's voluntary services as Press advisier to the APB at Cagliari. Obviously, the motive of A.P.B. "control" was positive, not negative; to ensure freedom, not to restrict it. He therefore moved that, pending the allocation of priorities, the Board should commit itself in principle to keeping - as a very minimum - both these dailies, and at least one Catholic and one other political periodical going. At an earlier stage, it had been thought probable that it would be necessary to merge the two dailies into one P.W.B.- controlled newspaper. The situation was now different. The fact that both dailies had run satisfactorily for some time, the disappearance of influences which had formerly seemed to threaten the freedom of the Press, and the special difficulties of distribution on the Island, suggested that it would be wiser to encourage the newspapers to continue in their present form- fed with U.N.N., and kept aware that they were

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The Board agreed unanimously on the desirability to keep both dailies going.

On the subject of periodicals, Capt. Maxia strongly urged the continuation of all three Catholic papers.

Major Alexander was of the opinion that as many as possible of the existing papers should be maintained.

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The Secretary (Lt. de la Mahotiere) pointed out that the Isola was at present non-party but owned by a former Liberal, and the Unione Sarda was largely the organ of Leftist anti-Fascist opinion and seldom used by the Demo-Christians (the Director is a Socialist). He therefore urged, that the balance should not be further weighted in favour of the Left, but rather redressed when it came to licencing periodicals.

It was aggreed that all bhe above considerations should be taken into account when it came to allotting priorities.

2. Stocks.

Capt. Maxia produced a list ~~(attached)~~ of all existing stocks of newsprint, which amounted only to about 15 tons in Sardinia (apart from the 50 tons which have just arrived, and of which 5 tons have already been issued to Isola). Prefects had been asked to have a search made for clandestine stocks in their own Provinces, but he did not think that such stocks existed in large quantities.

Capt. Maxia asked if the Board controlled all paper stocks including those for stationery etc.

Itwas agreed that the Board was concerned only with the control and issue of newsprint for publications.

3. Freezing.

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It was agreed that all executive correspondence on A.P.B. matters should in future be circulated between members of the Board.

Capt. Maxia undertook to inform Prefects that A.P.B. regulations applied also to numeri unici, and took charge of the application forms of which a limited number were available.

6. Allied Censorship Control. (mail).

It was agreed that the Allied Censorship Control should be provided with a list of authorised publications to guide him in dealing with publications through the mail. For our purpose was agreed to obtain a full list from A.P.B. (Central) The censors Control should again be invited to send a representative to attend meeting of A.P.B. as observer.

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7. Books.

It was agreed that the question of books did not arise yet, and must be adjourned until priorities for publications had been alloted to periodicals and dailies.

8. Applications already received.

The Chairman said that applications for Licences, containing all the required information, had been received from Isola, Liberta and Rinnovamento before the official application forms had been distributed. He proposed that, in order to save time, the applications be considered in the form submitted. Agreed.

9. Action taken since last Meeting.

Press Regulations published. G2, allied Carrison, approached re clandestine stocks. Five tons of newsprint issued to Isola.

DISTRIBUTION:

A.P.B. (Central.)	6
A.P.B. (Local)	6
Brigadier Carr	1
Prefects (Cagliari, Sassari, Nuoro	3
A.C.C. (Cagliari, Sassari, Nuoro)	3
Lt. Col McPhee	1
G.2.	1
Allied Consorship Control	1
Press Officer (Sassari)	1

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MEETING OF APB BARI HELD ON MAY 3RD 1944.

PRESENT:- Major H.M. Flore (In the Chair)
Mr. A.A. Micocci (Executive Secretary)
Capt. E.D. Astley, INC.
Mr. G. Picard PWB Press Head, Bari.
Col. McCleary, ACC (Observer)
Capt. Vessels, ACC (Observer)

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

1. Communications from Central APB.

a. Note was taken of the possibility that authorizations to publish may be worked out on a functional basis, i.e. the Church, schools, etc.
b. Mr. Picard gave a resume of the Central Board meeting he had attended earlier in the week.

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3. Authorizations.

a. Taranto as a publishing centre.
Please advise us definitely on this point. On April 19, 1944, this Board approved the publication of "Voce del Popolo" and "La Rinascita" at Taranto. The first paper is the oldest weekly in southern Italy and has never stopped publishing. If this paper were suppressed now it would cause a bad reaction. It was understood that the request to publish was merely a matter of conforming to current regulations. At any rate, this Board

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feels that Taranto is actually, if not geographically, so far off the track of either Lecce or Bari that it should be recognized as a publishing centre and so recommends.

b. "Mezzogiorno d'Italia." While this Board approves this paper, it would like to point out that the "Mezzogiorno" part of the title may cause confusion with the corresponding part of the title in "Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno", not to mention that a paper of that name, now defunct we are told, existed in Naples. We recommend that this paper be authorised with a different name.

c. "Postelegrafico." This paper, like its counterpart already authorized, the "Bollettino dei Ferrovieri" plans to satisfy the needs of its members in all of liberated Italy. Therefore they have asked for a rather large edition, 12,000. What line should this Board take in connection with periodicals that intend to serve all of Italy instead of just the region under the jurisdiction of this Board?

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Since there was no further business the meeting adjourned.

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May 4, 1944.

Applications approved by Bari APB for submission to Central APB.

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Mezzogiorno d'Italia	Bari	economic agriculture, commerce	bi-monthly	5000	Sponsors competent Need for such a paper.
Giustizia Sociale	Taranto	demo-Christian	weekly	5000	A party in N.L.F.

Applications held over for further study.

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Il Filo d'oro	Bitonto-	Catholical action for soldiers	monthly	300	Awaiting study of possible Press plan for Catholic publications.

Applications Rejected.

Sforzo Tutto	Mola (Bari)	Troop morale	bi-monthly	2500	Superfluous See Minutes
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I Giorni	Bari	Cultural	weekly	10,000	Application sponsored by former Minister of Interior. Editor now writing on Corriere at Salerno. Superfluous.
La Riscossa	Locorotondo Bari	left-wing socialist	bi-monthly	3000	(Not publishing (centre. Party (not in Fr.Naz.Lit.
Giovani Liberi	Gioia (Bari)	lib.party	weekly		

1,000 - Superfluous - not in publishing centre.

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OFFICE OF THE ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
A.C.C. Building - Via Roma
CAGLIARI - SARDINIA

MINUTES of First Meeting of the Sardinia Local A.P.B. held at the above address on April 29th, 1944 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT : Major E.O. Siepmann, R.M., PWB, (Chairman)
Major R.C.S. Alexander, ACC Legal Department.
Captain F.J. Aulisi, ACC.
Captain A. Maxia (Italian High Commissioner's Office)
Lieut. S.R. de la Mahotière, (Censorship) (Secretary)

1. Authority for Sardinia Local APB

The Chairman quoted the AFHQ Order under which the Central Allied Publications Board was instituted, and from which the Sardinia (Local) Branch derives its powers.

2. Membership

It was agreed that the Chairman of the Board should be the PWB Representative

The Chaiman explained that since the High Commissioner's Office held jurisdiction over the three Prefectures, a representative of that Office had been invited to sit on the Board rather than a Representative of each individual Prefect.

Capt. A. Maxia was therefore welcomed as the Representative of the High Commissioner, General PINNA.

The Chairman then proposed:

(a) that a Representative of Local Allied Communications Censorship be present as an Observer at future meetings of the Board. Carried.

(b) that the Office of the G-2, Island Garrison, be consulted on all matters which, in the view of the Board, might have a bearing on the issuance or revocation of licences, etc. Carried.

3. The Chairman moved that Lt. de la Mahotière (Censorship), be appointed Secretary to the Board. Carried.

4. Announcement to be made in the Press.

The Chairman read a statement to be published in the press announcing the existence of the Local APB and explaining:

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1. Authority for Sardinia Local APB

The Chairman quoted the AFHQ Order under which the Central Allied Publications Board was instituted, and from which the Sardinia (Local) Branch derives its powers.

2. Membership

It was agreed that the Chairman of the Board should be the PWB Representative

The Chaiman explained that since the High Commissioner's Office held jurisdiction over the three Prefectures, a representative of that Office had been invited to sit on the Board rather than a Representative of each individual Prefect.

Capt. A. Mazia was therefore welcomed as the Representative of the High Commissioner, General PINNA.

The Chairman then proposed:

(a) that a Representative of Local Allied Communications Censorship be present as an Observer at future meetings of the Board. Carried.

(b) that the Office of the G-2, Island Garrison, be consulted on all matters which, in the view of the Board, might have a bearing on the issuance or revocation of licences, etc. Carried.

3. The Chairman moved that Lt. de la Mahotière (Censorship), be appointed Secretary to the Board. Carried.

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(b) that all applications for licences should be submitted by a certain date.

(c) that newsprint would be sold to Publishers, at the discretion of the Board, at 175 Dollars per ton.

Major Alexander proposed that a clause be inserted announcing the Board's power to warn Editors, recommend the suspension of licences, etc. Carried.

It was agreed that the text should be redrafted, with minor amendments, by Major Siepmann and Major Alexander, and published without further discussion.

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5. Order for the Freezing of Paper Stocks

The Chairman stated that one of the first steps of the Board should be to freeze all paper stocks on the Island.

Capt. Mannis stated that after a meeting between General Pinna and Major Siegman, the High Commissioner's Office had placed a temporary embargo on the sale and issue of all paper. Noted.

Major Alexander enquired as to the exact meaning of the word "freeze". He explained the machinery for placing a lien on all paper stocks and stated that action in this respect would, at the request of the Board, be initiated through the ACC.

The Chairman mentioned that the subject was already under discussion between Brigadier CARR, the Regional Commissioner, and General PINNA.

6. Existing Stocks

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8. Newsprint Requirements

The Chairman explained the system of priorities as laid down by the Central Board.

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The Secretary suggested that although individual publishers might submit their requirements, the allotment of newsprint was governed primarily by the policy of the Board with regard to priorities. Agreed.

9. Urgent Newsprint Needs

The Chairman proposed that, pending further investigation, [illegible] (5) tons of Allied Newsprint be issued immediately to the "ISOLA" of Sassari. Carried.

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It was agreed on principle and independently of priorities, that certain paper stocks, both Allied and Italian, should be allocated to the A.C.C. for administrative purposes.

Capt. Aulisi suggested that the price of newsprint on the black market be ascertained. Agreed.

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11. Date and Time of Meetings

The Chairman proposed that the Board meet weekly, on Saturdays, at 10.00 a.m. Carried.

12. Executive Action

With a view to expediting the business of the Board, members agreed that between meetings, they would take all possible executive action on matters concerning them.

The Meeting ~~was~~ adjourned.

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OFFICE OF THE
A L L I E D P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D

167 Corso Umberto,
NAPLES

MINUTES of meeting of Naples Local APB held at the above offices at 10.30 a.m., 24 April 44.

PRESENT : Mr. George W. Edman, PWB (Chairman).
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Capt. Henry Haas, Economic Section, ACC.
Capt. John P. Leacacos, PRO, ACC.
Capt. J. N. Lummus, Region III, ACC.
Mr. Anthony Ellison, PWB (Observer).
Mr. R. Meryll, PWB (Observer).
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Minutes of the Local Board meeting, held 17 April, were approved.

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Capt. Leacacos introduced Capt. J. N. Lummus, Executive Officer, Region III, ACC, and nominated him as ACC representative on the Naples Local Board. The nomination was unanimously approved.

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The Executive Secretary read a report of a meeting between Dott. R. Gallico, responsible Chief Sub-Editor of L'UNITA, and Mr. Edman, Lt.Col. Munro and Mr. J. G. Barney, PWB Press Section (report dated 21 April 44; Subject - Reprimand; Reference - APB minutes of Naples Local meeting of April 17).

On motion of Capt. Haas, the Board unanimously approved the action taken.

The Executive Secretary undertook to forward to the Political Section, ACC, copy of the report, together with draft of a covering letter to the Head of the Communist Party in Naples, for scrutiny and advice.

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The following applications were approved:

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Locality	Name	Character	Circulation	Periodic
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Potenza	POTENZA PROLETARIA	Communist	2,000	Weekly
Potenza	IL LAVORATORE	Socialist	1,000	Bi-M.
Potenza	[illegible]	Christian Democrat	2,000	Tri-M.
Potenza	TEMI LUCANA	Legal	300	Monthly

The following applications were rejected:

Locality	Name	Character	Periodic	Reason
Naples	IL LAVORATORE DEL CREDITO	Organ of the still unorganised Bank Employees Union	Bi-M.	Not timely

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Locality	Name	Character	Periodic	Press
Naples	CIVILTA	Education in world civilisation	Weekly	Paper short
Salerno	ARCOBALENO	Artistic, literary, educational	Weekly	Paper short
Benevento	L'IDEA SOCIALISTA	Socialist Party	Bi-M.	Served from Naples
Benevento	STELLA ROSSA	Communist Party	Bi M.	Served from Naples

The Board instructed the Executive Secretary to seek acursel and advice (1) from the Education Sub-Commission re IORNALE DEI RAGAZZI, ROBA NOSTRA, FRUSTA COLLABRICA and L'ATENEO; (2) from the Archbishop of Naples re LA MADONNA DELL'ARCO; (3) from the Commissioner, Region III, ACC, [illegible] (4) from the [illegible] Sub-Commission, ACC, re IL LAVORATORE DEL MARE.

A proposal by the Executive Secretary was approved by the meeting for recommendation to the Central Board on the advisability of enlisting the counsel of experts when papers dealing with specialised community interests were under consideration.

Other Business

Capt. Lummus was asked to secure from the Public Safety Officer, Region III, a report on action taken, in accordance with the Board's recommendation, against unauthorised papers.

The Executive Secretary was asked to prepare, for consideration of the Central Board, a list of centres at which second priority papers might be considered automatic.

The meeting adjourned.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Psychological Warfare Branch (INC)
PWB Unit No.6 - APO 550
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Minutes of the sixth meeting of the Sicily Regional Allied Publications Board, held at the A.C.C. Offices in Palermo at 10:30 a.m., 24 April, 1944.

PRESENT: R.G.Shorney, PWB Press Officer, Sicily (chairman)
Lt.Col.A.N.Hancock, A.C.C.Regional Commissioner for Sicily
Major Chseley, A.C.C.
Lieut.Pike, A.C.C.
Capt.J.B.Costanzo, Allied military press censor
Sig.Giorgianni, press representative of High Commissioner for Sicily
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Capt.Costanzo brought up the question of the ban on crossword and other puzzles being printed, which had been issued by the High Commissioner at the request of the board, for reasons of military security. Capt.Costanzo pointed out that several pleas had been made for exemption from the ban. All members of the board agreed that no exceptions could be made, and that the ban on all forms of printed puzzles should stand.

Capt.Costanzo told the board unless Italian censors are soon appointed for pre-publication military censorship of all publications, he would have to demand that all copy be submitted to him for pre-publication military censorship, regardless of where in Sicily a publication is printed (exclusive of the territory for which Capt.Orback, Allied military press censor at Catania, is responsible). Capt.Costanzo again urged that action be taken to set up an Italian censorship personnel for all the provinces. Sig.Giorgianni reported that names of two censors submitted three weeks earlier to serve in Palermo Province had not yet received the approval of Allied authorities. The Board agreed to again request the various Allied agencies concerned to speed the vetting of all Italian censorship personnel.

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One correction was submitted for the minutes of the last meeting, with reference to the annex containing the list of publication applications passed on by the board. It was pointed out that the application of "L'Economia Siciliana", a bi-weekly economic publication with a circulation of 2,000 copies, was approved at the 17 April meeting, with the understanding that no paper would be alloted for this publication.

With this correction, the minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

Mr.Frantz then read the following paraphrase of wired instructions from Col.Munro, executive secretary of the Central Allied Publications Board: That while the local sub-commission of

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A.C.C. is working on a press licensing law for all A.C.C. territory in liberated Italy, and for its acceptance by the Italian government, the local boards must therefore refrain from taking any executive action without reference to the Central A.P.B., and that all licensing recommendations of local boards should be air mailed to the Central Board for action.

Col.Hancock expressed the opinion that as far as Sicily was concerned, the press situation was still very confused, and would remain so until new Italian decrees were issued that were in harmony with A.P.B. policies and instructions. He pointed out that the prefects are still guided solely by Italian decrees which make no mention of the A.P.B., and are actually within their legal rights in granting licenses to publish without consultation with the board, and that the only grounds on which the board could oppose unauthorized publications was on the grounds of military security; that is, failure to provide adequate measures of military pre-censorship of all copy.

Mr.Frantz proposed the following resolution, in connection with Col.Munro's telegram:

"Resolved, that on the basis of Lt.Col.Munro's telegram instructing local Allied Publications Boards not to take executive action without reference to the Central Board, and to send by air courrier their licensing recommendations to the Central Board, this Sicily Regional Allied Publications Board proceed to the task of examining requests for licenses to publish, and, after due consideration, to pass these requests on to the Central Board, with our recommendation for approval, rejection or postponement."

Col.Hancock proposed an amendment that the Central Board be asked to confirm the licensing action taken by the Sicily Board at its 17 April meeting, several days prior to receipt of Col. Munro's telegram. After a brief discussion, Col.Hancock's amendment and Mr.Frantz's resolution were unanimously approved.

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An application from "Il Medico di Domani", a monthly medical paper with a proposed circulation of only 600 copies, was considered. The board voted to recommend authorization to publish, but without any allotment of paper.

An application from Pedagogia, tri-monthly apolitical education periodical, with a proposed circulation of 500 copies, was then considered. The board voted to recommend the license, but without any allotment of paper.

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The fourth application considered was that of "Novella Settimanale", a weekly review devoted to short stories and other light reading. This magazine has already published seven issues, and submitted its application in order to regularize its status. It also submitted a request for authorization to purchase A.C.C.paper. The paper had received a PWB and Prefectural nulla osta before creation of the Sicily Board, and the board voted to recommend that a license be granted but that no paper allotment be granted at present.

The fifth application was from "La Ricotta", an apolitical weekly humorous paper with a proposed circulation of 8,000. Sig. Gioergianni announced that the Prefecture had no objection, and the board voted to recommend a license, but without granting any allotment for paper.

In connection with all the foregoing papers for which no paper allotment was approved, it was agreed that as long as no action was taken to uncover hidden supplies of paper on the island, and that these publications were willing to pay black market prices, they should be allowed to publish on that basis, especially since the A.C.C. was unable to bring in sufficient paper at present for all publishing needs.

The final application considered was that of "Il Becco Giallo", a weekly satirical political sheet, which had once been published in Rome until it was suppressed by the Fascists. Mr. Shorney pointed out that this paper could become a valuable weapon of Allied propaganda against the Fascist-Axis combine, and said he had arranged with the proposed publisher for PWB supervision of the paper; furthermore, that while the paper would be issued at present in Palermo, there might be an arrangement worked out for part of its circulation to be distributed on the mainland. The board voted to recommend licensing of this weekly with an authorized circulation of 10,000, and with an allotment to purchase A.C.C. paper.
(See Annex for detailed information about application considered by the Board).

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Lieut.Pike, A.C.C. newsprint officer for Sicily, pointed out that newsprint is taking up an increasing amount of his time, although he is also the A.C.C. agricultural officer for the island, and he suggest that the Central Board might recommend to A.C.C. to send an officer to Sicily to handle newsprint alone.

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Capt.Costanzo brought up the question of posters and manifestoes. Members of the board agreed that since these were definitely related to questions of public and military security, they should be passed upon by the Questura, the A.C.C., PWB and the Allied military press censor, but that it would not be necessary to hold them over for the board's weekly meetings.

All other business was held over for the next meeting on Monday, 1 May, and the meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.

RALPH J. FRANTZ
Chief, PWB, Sicily
Acting Executive Secretary,
Sicily Regional A.P.B.

Distribution:

No. of copies	For
10	Central A.P.B., Naples
2	Lt.Col.Hancock, A.C.C.
1	Major Ousoley, A.C.C.
1	Lieut.Pike, A.C.C.
2	Sig.Giorgianni, Ufficio Stampa, Prefettura
2	Capt.Costanzo, Allied Military press censorship
1	R.G.Shorney, PWB Press Officer, Sicily
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1	PWB files, Palermo
1	Censorship Branch, AFHQ
1	O.C., PWB Unit No.7, Catania
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ANNEX To MINUTES

Applications for publishing licenses approved by Sicily Regional A.F.B. at its 24 April, 1944, meeting, and sent to the Central A.F.B., Naples, with the recommendation that these licenses be granted.

Name of Publication	Published by	Character	Frequency	Circulation/Paper Approved/Allotment	
La Voce Socialista	Avv.Taormina for Socialist Party	Political	Weekly and Numero Unico for May 1	5,000	Approved
Il Medico di Domani	Vincenzo Mutolo Palermo	Student's Medical	Monthly	600	None
Paedagogus	Francesco Carollo Palermo	Educational	Tri-monthly	500	None
Novella Settimanale	Pier Luigi Ingrassia-Palermo	Light reading	Weekly	2,000	None
La Risata	Prof.Aronica Palermo	Humorous	Weekly	8,000	None
Il Becco Giallo	Avv.Sclafani, Palermo	Satirical Political	Weekly	10,000	Approved.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/20/26/CA. 20 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Publications - Offensive Matters.

TO : Security Branch.

1. There are forwarded for the information the following letters :

(a) Letter from P.R.O. to this Branch dated 18 April 1944.

(b) Letter from Allied Publications Board addressed to Col. Norman E. Fiske dated 14 April 1944.

(c) Translation of letter addressed L'Unita by APB dated 4 Apr 44.

(d) Letter from 5th Army AMG to this Section dated 25 Mar 44.

2. From the above letters it will be seen that Editor of L'Unita has already called upon the APB and claimed that the Carabinieri referred to by his paper was an active fascist. Under the circumstances it is desirous that these accusations be confirmed or dispelled. Please therefore investigate and report to this Branch as soon as possible.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: 5th Army AMG (Ref. your 203/12 of 25 Mar 44)
P.R.O. (Your PRB 144 of 18 Apr refers)

NEAR HEADQUARTERS.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

HEADQUARTERS
22 APR 1944
A. C. C.

ACC/14083/PS.

SUBJECT: Press criticism of GCRR. 19 April 1944.

TO: Major Fielden. P.R.O.

1. The Commanding General of the Carabinieri has represented to me that recently there have been published in the press, criticisms of his service which have not been justified. The offending newspapers have been 'L'UNITA' and BANDIERA ROSSA.

2. The morale of the CC.RR. is very susceptible to this criticism and I am most anxious that whenever it is possible that such comments should be withheld from publication. This is particularly important in view of the constructive measures which this Sub-Commission is taking to increase and uphold the prestige of the CC.RR. in the eyes of the public.

3. I should be most grateful if you would pass this matter to the P.W.B., for their attention and assistance so that as far as possible unnecessary criticism might be prevented in the future. This Sub-Commission would of course be willing to advise on any particular item which is intended for publication.

4. I am very appreciative of the help which you have already afforded in this matter which has been of real assistance.

5. Is there yet any information regarding the publication of the article that was handed to you by Col. Young, giving the other side of the picture ?

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PAUL G. KIRK.
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Allied Force Headquarters
Psychological Warfare Branch, Bari.

MEETING OF BARI APB ON 19TH APRIL
IN PREFECT'S OFFICE AT 1600 HOURS.

PRESENT: Major G.M. Reveley (In the Chair)
Mr. A.A. Micocci (Secretary)
Capt. E.D.H. Astley
Prefect G. Li Voti (observer).

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

1. Report from Prefect on contacts with his government.

The Prefect said that he had still not received any official instructions from his Government as to his position with APB but that discussions were going on between ACC and the Minister of the Interior. He therefore did not feel that he could take part in further meetings.

2. Report from INC.

Capt. Astley informed the Prefect that hereafter the question of military censorship will be the latter's responsibility and asked that he appoint someone to undertake this work which will be carried out in the local P'B Press Office. The Prefect agreed and seemed inclined to appoint Capt. Del Mare, a person who is acceptable to Capt. Astley.

3. Report from ACC.

Major Reveley said he very much regretted that he had been unable to attend to the paper situation as he was still without the necessary personnel required to handle the work. He hoped, however, to be able to deal with it within the next ten days.

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4. Report from P.W.B.
(a) Report on papers authorized by Central APB
(b) Local applications.

With regard to applications for authorizations of various newspapers, Mr. Micocci said he had received about twenty requests recently. Most of these had been sent originally to the Central APB and now forwarded to the local APB. These were submitted for action along with new applications originating in this area.

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Capt. E.D.H. Astley
Prefect G. Li Voti (observer).

. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

1. Report from Prefect on contacts with his government.

The Prefect said that he had still not received any official instructions from his Government as to his position with APB but that discussions were going on between ACC and the Minister of the Interior. He therefore did not feel that he could take part in further meetings.

2. Report from INC.

Capt. Astley informed the Prefect that hereafter the question of military censorship will be the latter's responsibility and asked that he appoint someone to undertake this work which will be carried out in the local P'B Press Office. The Prefect agreed and seemed inclined to appoint Capt. Del Mare, a person who is acceptable to Capt. Astley.

3. Report from ACC.

Major Reveley said he very much regretted that he had been unable to attend to the paper situation as he was still without the necessary personnel required to handle the work. He hoped, however, to be able to deal with it within the next ten days.

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4. Report from P.W.B.
(a) Report on papers authorized by Central APB
(b) Local applications.

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Mr. Micocci first outlined for the benefit of the other members of the local Board, the criteria established by the Central APB for the evaluation of requests to publish.

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APPLICATIONS APPROVED.

Locality.	Name.	Character.	Circulation.
Bari	Vita Carmelitana	Religious	500 monthly
Casamassima	La Croce	Religious	700 fortnight
Taranto	Voce del Popolo	Old, non-party .	7000 weekly.
Taranto	La Rinascita	Unofficially demo-liberal	3000 weekly.
Lecce	(Democrazia del (Lavoro	(Partito italiano (del Lavoro	4,000 weekly.

APPLICATIONS REJECTED OR HELD OVER.

Locality	Name.	Character.	Grounds for refusal.
Taranto.	Il Tridente	Cultural-literary	(Premature, (unwarranted.
Bari	La Nuova Italia	Information-cultural	unwarranted
Bari	Il Giornalino	For children	Held over for investigation.
Bari	Corriere della Stampa	(Political - (literary-art	unwarranted
Bari	Cultura Nostra	artistic -literary	unwarranted
Bari	Per Voi Enigmistici	Escape	Security
Bari	Omnia	artistic-literary	unwarranted
Bari	Italia Sportiva	sporting news	premature
Bari	Rinnovamento	daily paper	not in press plan
Bari	Enigmistica	escape	security
Monopoli	Il Filippetto	Student publication	(Monopoli not a (publishing center
Brindisi	Il Progresso	(Organ Liberation (Committee	Held over for investigation.
Brindisi	Il Gazzettino delle Puglie	Political - cultural	Brindisi not a publishing center

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Francavilla-Fontana	Ricostruzione	Demo-Liberal	Fr. Fontana not a publishing center.

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This Board is operating on the assumption that Taranto is a publishing center, along with Bari and Lecce.

The Prefect will not attend future meetings until his position has been clarified.

No further points were raised and the meeting was adjourned.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/291/33/CA. 19 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Communications with Regions.

TO : Director of Public Relations.

1. In reply to your letter PRB 14A of 17 April 1944. There is no objection to your corresponding direct on technical matters with Regional Commissioners.

2. I agree that it is difficult to decide in PRO matters what is technical and suggest that in case of doubt you send copies of such letters to Civil Affairs Branch.

3. It might be as well if there is any doubt over a question of despatch of material to Regions to bring up the matter at the Daily Conference whenever possible.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Capt Kallacos.
To see.



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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14A. 18 April 1944.

Subject: "L'Unita" editorial offense.

To: Colonel N.E. Fiske, Deputy Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference is made to the attached action file, received this afternoon.

2. This matter was presented by this Branch to the regional board of the Allied Publications Board which yesterday took the following action:

a. The Public Relations Branch was requested to ask the proper authority to investigate the truth or falsity of the newspaper in question, "L'Unita", as to whether the carabinieri were Fascists or did abuse their powers.

b. The editor of "L'Unita" was summoned to appear in person before the chairman of the APB and its executive secretary to receive a severe personal reprimand.

c. After the event under b., a letter outlining the situation was to be sent to Ercoli, leader of the Communist Party, pointing out the need for responsible expression in his party organ and also the necessity for disciplining his party members.

3. Your attention was about to be invited to a. when we received this file, particularly in the matter of instituting an investigation into the facts of the case through the Security Branch of ACC.

4. May we, therefore, now ask that the Security Branch do investigate the truth of these charges?

For the Public Relations Director

(S.D.)

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

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14A. 17 April 1944.

Colonel N.E. Fiske,
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

You will remember that I promised Regional Commissioners that I would send them lists of publications licensed and under consideration by the APB. I did so as attached. I am not quite sure whether I have tripped up on procedure and whether such letters should go over your signature. I understand that "technical" matters can be sent direct to RC's, but I don't know whether this is technical or not. I know you do not want unnecessary red tape: nor do I: perhaps it would be possible to lay down some principle? I can, of course, always send copies of all letters to RC's to the CA Branch.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public
Relations.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14A. 16 April 1944.

Subject: Action against unauthorized publications.

To: Lt Col I.S. Munro, APB.

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The enclosed speaks for itself.

I trust I am correct in understanding that the list of authorized papers will be issued monthly.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of
Public Relations.

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Appendix A.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

16 April 1946.

PRB 144.

Subject: Action against unauthorized publications.

To: Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II, III, IV, V and VI.
Senior Civil Affairs Officers, A.G Fifth and Eighth Armies.

1. The Allied Publications Board, with the concurrence of the ACC members of the board, considers that the time has come when appropriate action, without discrimination, should be taken against all unauthorized newspapers or periodicals, i.e. those not included in the list enclosed.

2. The enclosed list is the latest issued by APB. It is requested, however, that action against publications listed as "under consideration" be delayed until issuance of the next list of authorized publications, which list will hereafter be issued monthly.

3. A directive on the subject issued by Region III is also enclosed for your information.

(Sgd) LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public
Relations.

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Appendix B

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION)
:
NUMBER 22)

13 April 1944

1. With reference to the list of newspapers issued by the Allied Publication Board on 4 March 1944, indicating those for which approval had been given to circulate or those still under consideration for circulation in liberated Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. A further list is now forwarded in respect of Salerno Province. (A copy of this list sent to Provincial Public Safety Officers of Avellino, Benevento, Salerno and Naples Province only.)

2. The Board considers that the time has not come when appropriate action, without discrimination should be taken in Naples against all unauthorised newspapers or periodicals, i.e. those not included in the list.

3. Before action is taken against unauthorised papers in Region 3, outside of Naples, please make sure that such outlying papers have not been authorised by the local Allied authorities and not yet notified to the A.F.B.

4. Although prosecutions will normally be undertaken by or thru local Questori, A.F.B. are prepared to send a representative to Court where prosecutions ensue, in order to certify that a paper has been rejected by A.F.B.

5. Questori are therefore to be suitably instructed in accordance with the terms of this directive, in order that the necessary measures to seize all unauthorised newspapers and periodicals, and institute all necessary proceedings against offenders be taken.

6. P.S.O.s are to ensure that all seizures and prosecutions under the circumstances indicated are reported to this office.

For the Regional Commissioner:

C. T. FRANCIS
Lieutenant Colonel
Reg Pub Safety Officer

DISTRIBUTION:
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10 - Public Safety Section
Hq Region 3

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NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER PERIODICALS
authorised to publish in
LIBERATED ITALY, SICILY, and SARDINIA

4 April 1944

LOCALITY	AUTHORISED BY APB		AUTHORISED PRIOR TO CREATION OF APB AND NOT YET CONFIRMED BY APB. (LIST UNDER CONSIDERATION.)
	ACC-CONTROLLED ITALY		
Naples	RISORGIMENTO	(D)	
	L'UNITA	(W)	
	AVANTI	"	
	LIBERTA	"	
	IL LAVORO	"	
	IL POPOLO	"	
	ITALIA LIBERA	"	
	IL GIORNO	"	
	BATTAGLIE SINDACALI	"	
	CIMENTO	(Bi-W)	
	FOGLI ANNUNZI LEGALI	(Bi-M)	
	GIOVENTU	(M)	
	IL PROFUGO	"	
	ARETHUSA	"	
	BOLLETTINO DELL' ISTITUTO SANATORIALE PRINCIPI DI PIEMONTE	"	
Ischia	ISCHIA NUOVA	(W)	

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Naples	RISORGIMENTO	(D)
	L'UNITA	(W)
	AVANTI	"
	LIBERTA	"
	IL LAVORO	"
	IL POPOLO	"
	ITALIA LIBERA	"
	IL GIORNO	"
	BATTAGLIE SINDACALI	"
	CIMENTO	(Bi-W)
	FOGLI ANNUNZI LEGALI	(Bi-M)
	GIOVENTU	(M)
	IL PROFUGO	"
	ARETHUSA	"
	BOLLETTINO DELL' ISTITUTO SANATORIALE PRINCIPI DI PIEMONTE	"
Ischia	ISCHIA NUOVA	(W)
Sorrento	La RIVIERA	(W)
Avellino	ORIZZONTE	(W)
Lucera	AZIONE DEMOCRATICA	(W)

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Salerno	IL CORRIERE (D)	
	LA VERITA (W)	
	LA LIBERTA (W)	
	IL LAVORO (W)	
	DEMOCRAZIA DEL LAVORO (W)	
	L'ORA DEL POPOLO (W)	
	POLITICA ESTERA (B1-M)	
	DON CRISCIOTTE (B1-M)	

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	ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TERRITORY			
Enna			LIBERTA (Bi-M)	
Reggio			VOCE DELLA CALABRIA LA LUCE L'IDEA L'ANICO DEL POPOLO DEMOCRAZIA IL COMMERCIO CALABRESE	((
Palermo	SICILIA LIBERATA ROSALBA LIBERTA FORO SICILIANO AI NOSTRI AMICI	(D) (W) (Bi-M) (M) (M)		
Messina			NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA	(Tri-
Catania	CORRIERE DI SICILIA	(D)		
Cagliari	L'UNIONE SARDA	(D)		
Sassari	L'ISOLA	(D)	LIBERTA	(W)
NUORO			L'ORTOBENE	(m)

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			L'AMICO DEL POPOLO	
			DEMOCRAZIA	
			IL CONTROLLO CALABRESE	
Palermo	SICILIA LIBERATA	(D)		
	ROSALBA	(W)		
	LIBERTA	(Bi-M)		
	FORO SICILIANO	(M)		
	AI NOSTRI AMICI	(M)		
Messina			NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA	(Tri-W
Catania	CORRIERE DI SICILIA	(D)		
Cagliari	L'UNIONE SARDA	(D)		
Sassari	L'ISOLA	(D)	LIBERTA	(W)
NUORO			L'ORTOBENE	(m)

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NOTE: Other newspaers, authorised locally to publish, are being investigated at the present time.

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LOCALITY	AUTHORISED BY AFB		AUTHORISED PRIOR TO CREATION OF AFB AND NOT YET CONFIRMED BY AFB. (LIST UNDER CONSIDERATION.)	

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TERRITORY

Bari	GAZZETTA DEL MEZZOGIORNO	(D)	CIVILTA PROLETARIA	(W
	GIOCONDA	(W)	AVANTI	"
	IL SECONDO RISORGIMENTO	(Bi-M)	L'IDEA LIBERALE	"
	RACCONTI	"	ITALIA DEL POPOLO	"
	PENSIERO E VITA	"	IL RISVEGLIO	"
	LA TRIBUNA DEI FERROVIERI	"	LA RASSEGNA	"
			LA SETTIMANA	"
Taranto			LA VOCE DEL POPOLO	(W
			BUONA GUARDIA	"
			LA RIVASCITA	"
Lecce	IL SALENTO	(W)	LA PROVINCIA DI LECCE	(W
	LA PIAZZA	(M)	LIBERA VOCE	"
	IL TRIBUNO SALENTINO	(W)		
Brindisi	L'UNIONE	(W)		
Andria	L'IDEA DI ANDRIA	(M)		
Catanzaro			IL RIVACCO	(W)

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	IL SECONDO RISORGIMENTO	(W)	ITALIA DEL POPOLO "
	RACCONTI	"	IL RISVEGLIO "
	PENSIERO E VITA	"	LA RASSEGNA "
	LA TRIBUNA DEI FERROVIERI	"	LA SETTIMANA "
Taranto			LA VOCE DEL POPOLO (W BUONA GUARDIA " LA RINASCITA "
Lecce	IL SALENTO	(W)	LA PROVINCIA DI LECCE(W
	LA FIAMMA	(M)	LIBERA VOCE "
	IL TRIBUNO SALENTINO	(W)	
Brindisi	L'UNIONE	(W)	
Andria	L'IDEA DI ANDRIA	(M)	

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Catanzaro	IL RIVACCO	(W)
Cosenza	IL MERIDIONE	(W)
	ITALIA NUOVA	"
	LA RISCOSSA	"
	DEMOCRAZIA CRISTIANA	"
	EMANCIPAZIONE	"
	PAROLA DI VITA	"
	CALABRIA DEMOCRATICA	"
	LA PAROLA SOCIALISTA	"
	CRONACA PARLAMENTARE	"
	MAGNA SILA	"
	SUD	"

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OFFICE OF THE
A L L I E D P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D

167 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

MINUTES of meeting of the Naples Local APB held at the above offices on 17 April 44, at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT : Mr. George W. Edman, PWB (Chairman).
Major J. W. Colville, Censorship.
Major I. C. Alexander, Censorship (Observer).
Capt. Henry Haas, Economic Section, ACC.
Capt. John P. Leacacos, PRO, ACC.
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The Chairman expressed the view that representation on any Local Board should fix responsibility with an office, rather than on an individual.

Applications

The following applications were approved:

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Naples	LIBERA SCUOLA	Secondary School Teachers' Union	5,000	Bi-M
Naples	CHARITAS	In aid of Archbishop's Home for Deaf-Mutes	15,000	One No.
Naples	CORRIERE FINANZIARIO	Financial	10,000	One No.
	(NOTE: Subject to Military Censorship concurrence)			
Frattamaggiore	IL PELLEGRINO	Parish Religious Bulletin	500	Monthly
Salerno	L'AZIONE	Partito d'Azione	5,000	Weekly

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The following applications were rejected:

Locality	Name	Character	Periodic	Reason
Naples	GIUSTIZIA SOCIALE	Unione Sindacale dei Lavoratori (affiliated with Partito Democratico Sociale)	Weekly	Outside FN 5550
Naples	IL SOLE DEMOCRATICO	Partito Risveglio Democratico Popolare Italiano	Weekly	"
Naples	L'ATLANTICO	Democrazia Italiana	Weekly	"
Naples	LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA	Republican Party	Weekly	"

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Locality	Name	Character	Periodic	Reason
Naples	RASSEGNA DELLA STAMPA ESTERA	Political, Literary	Monthly	Paper shortag.
Naples	O SCUCCIATORE	Humorous	Weekly	"
Naples	SPAZIO	Political, artistic	Monthly	"
Naples	NUOVA CULTURA	Political, literary	Monthly	"
	(NOTE: SPAZIO and NUOVA CULTURA advised to re-apply later)			
Naples	IL PUNGOLO	Humorous	Weekly	Paper shortag
Naples	ARCO	Pictorial news	Weekly	Paper, zinc, etc., shortag
Naples	NOTIZIARIO STUDI E IMPIEGHI	Employment agency news sheet	Weekly	Paper shortag
Salerno	IL RISORGIMENTO SALERNITANO	Democratic	Weekly	Outside FNL
Salerno	I GIOVANI	Cultural	Weekly	Paper shortag
S. Maria Capua Vetere	LA FIACCOLA	News sheet	Weekly	Served by Nap
Torre del Greco	IL RISCATTO	Committee of Liberation	Bi-M.	" "
Caserta	RINNOVAMENTO	Anti-Fascist	Bi-M.	" "
Benevento	CORRIERE DI BENEVENTO	Partito Democratico	Weekly	" "
Benevento	LA VOCE DEL POPOLO	Democrazia Cristiana	Weekly	" "

L'UNITA

The Executive Secretary read copy of letter written on 4 April, in accordance with the Board's instructions, to L'UNITA, also an office memo relating to the Editor's visit to the Board's offices to acknowledge receipt of the letter.

In view of the fact that the editor claimed (a) that the carabiniere referred to in L'UNITA (No. 14, Marzo 1944) was a Fascist; (b) that L'UNITA was within its rights in denouncing such people and would continue to do so, and (c) that L'UNITA was competent to judge as to "dignity of the Press," the Board agreed:

On motion of Capt. Leacacos,

1. To invite ACC to initiate investigation into the truth of L'UNITA's charge against "il maresciallo dei carabinieri", and

On motion of the Executive Secretary:

2. To summon the Editor of L'UNITA to the Board's offices for an interview with the Chairman and Executive Secretary of the Board,

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Naples	AR O	Pictorial News	Weekly	Paper shortage, etc., shortag
Naples	NOTIZIARIO STUDI E IMPIEGHI	Employment agency news sheet	Weekly	Paper shortag
Salerno	IL RISORGIMENTO SALERNITANO	Democratic	Weekly	Outside FNL
Salerno	I GIORNI	Cultural	Weekly	Paper shortag
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It was further agreed that a written account of the interview, together with a resume of events leading up to it, should be forwarded to the leader in Naples of the Communist Party, for his information. Capt. Leacacos proposed, and the Board concurred, that the report should be approved by the Political Section, ACC, prior to its despatch

Capt. Haas was opposed to the action outlined above, as approved by other Board members.

Paper Situation

Major Ellis reported that PWB had recently borrowed from ACC stocks in

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Naples 150 tons of newsprint to meet P.B operational propaganda requirements in Paris. He said that it might be necessary to borrow an extra 500 tons during the next 4-5 weeks. Capt. Rees said ACC, in his opinion, would be in a position to lend the extra tonnage.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Crowell, Major Ellis's successor as Chief of Printing Section, PWB Italy.

The meeting adjourned.

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The meeting adjourned.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Psychological Warfare Branch -INC
PWB Unit No6- APO 550

Minutes of the fifth meeting of the Sicily Regional Allied Publications Board, held at the A.C.C. offices in Palermo at 10:30 a.m., 17 April, 1944.

Present : R.G. Shorney, PWB Press Officer, Sicily (chairman)
Lt.Col. Hancock, A.C.C. Regional Commissioner for Sicily
Major Ouseley, A.C.C.
Lieut. Pike, A.C.C.
Capt. J.B.Costanzo, Allied Military press Censor
Lieut.Stora, Civil Censorship Section
Sig. Giorgianni, press representative of High Commissioner for Sicily
R.J. Frantz, Chief, PWB, Sicily.

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Capt. Costanzo brought up the matter of several unauthorized cross-word puzzle publications, and pointed out that these were very dangerous from a censorship standpoint, due to the possibility of code messages or other signals being concealed in puzzle form. Capt. Costanzo proposed the following resolution :

"The printing of cross-word or other puzzles in any publication will cease, and it is recommended that the High Commissioner issue an official order to that effect".

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After being seconded by Lieut.Stora, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Shorney then proposed that the board agree to issue licenses to all the recognized political parties of the National Front from whom applications have been received. This was agreed to, and the board proceeded to examine the applications.

The first application considered was from the Partito d'Azione, for a weekly with a circulation of 3,000 copies. After brief discussion, the board voted to grant a temporary license, which may be made permanent later.

The next application considered was from the Communist party, for a weekly with a circulation of 10,000 copies. In this case, the board voted to grant a temporary license for a weekly with a circulation limited to 5,000 copies, with the possibility of this figure being increased later when sufficient newsprint is on hand.

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The application of the Separatist party for a weekly to be called Trinacria was then considered. The following resolution was proposed by Mr.Frantz and seconded by Capt. Costanzo :

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Sig. Giorgianni then brought up the point that Italian government officials in Sicily must take their orders from the Ministry of the Interior, and that in case of a conflict between instructions from the Central or Regional Allied Publications Boards, and the Ministry, the local officials were bound to recognize the authority of the Ministry. The board took due note of this observation.

Following Col. Hancock's suggestion, Mr. Frantz proposed that the following text be included in notification to weekly papers that their applications to publish had been granted by the board :

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"The Sicily Regional Allied Publications Board, in granting your application for a license to publish a weekly newspaper devoted to the interest of your party, makes the following stipulation :

"That your newspaper agree to publish any specific policy articles designed to further the Allied and Italian war effort and in the interest of general public welfare, and that final decision as to what articles fall in this category rests with the Sicily Regional A.P.B. and that each week before publication you will apply to the P.W.B. office at 1 Via Giostra, Palermo, to find out whether there are any such articles destined for publication".

Col. Hancock pointed out that he had in mind particularly an occasional article dealing with the food situation or with assistance to refugees or other subjects of a general nature vitally affecting public welfare. It was agreed that this privilege would be used as infrequently as possible. It was further agreed that Col. Hancock and Mr. Frantz would consult from time to time concerning these proposed policy articles. The above text was then incorporated into a resolution and adopted unanimously by the board.

Capt. Costanzo then proposed a resolution that the Prefects be requested to issue to each licensed publication a copy of the Ministerial directive concerning press censorship, with the notification that the editors should be guided by this directive pending the setting up of an Italian censorship personnel, and that furthermore all editors be notified to send one copy of each issue to the Allied military press censor, I.B.S. headquarters, Palermo, for post-publication scrutiny. This resolution was adopted unanimously, after being translated verbally for Sig. Giorgianni.

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The application of the Giornale di Medicina, for a monthly issue of 1,000 copies, was approved, and Lieut. Pike agreed to provide the necessary paper.

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The application for a license for a weekly humoristic newspaper, Il Becco Giallo, with a circulation of 10,000 copies weekly, was turned over to Sig. Giorgianni to obtain the Prefect's opinion, with the request that the application be brought before the next board meeting for consideration.

Application for publication of a single issue of LA MISATA, a humorous publication containing caricatures and humorous ~~publication containing~~ drawings, was approved.

After agreeing to hold the next meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, 24 April, the board voted to adjourn.

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See Annex I for list of applications granted or otherwise acted upon.

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Chief, PWB, Sicily
Acting Executive Secretary,
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1	Capt. Orback, Allied military press censor, Catania.

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ANNEX TO MINUTES OF 17 APRIL MEETING OF SICILY REGIONAL A.P.B.

Action Taken on Applications for Licenses to Publish

Name of Publication	Published by	Nature	Frequency	Circulation Approved	Board Action
L'Azione del Popolo	Partito d'Azione, Palermo	Political	Weekly	3,000	Approved
La Voce dei Comunisti	Communist Party, Palermo	Political	Weekly	5,000	Approved
Popolo e Liberta'	Democratici Cristiani, Palermo	Political	Weekly	5,000	Approved
La Liberta'	Liberal Party, Messina	Political	Weekly	4,000	Postponed Without Date
Trinacria	Separatists, Palermo	Political	Weekly	5,000	Referred to Central A.P.B.
Becco Giallo	Gaetano Sclafani Palermo	Satirical Political	Weekly	10,000	Postponed to next meeting
Giornale di Medicina	Prof.Ascoli Palermo	Scientific	Monthly	1,000	Approved
La Risata	Achille Aronica Palermo	Humorist	Numero Unico	8,000	Approved
Liberta' e Proletariato	Marino Torre	Juridical	Numero Unico	2,000	Approved

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Allied Force Headquarters
Psychological Warfare Branch, Bari Unit.

Minutes of APB Bari Meeting held in Prefect's Office
on 13th April 1944, at 1500 hours.

PRESENT: Major Revelley, A.C.C.
Mr. Micocci, PWB Press Officer
Capt. Astley, INC.
Prefect Li Voti (officially only as observer, since he has not received instructions from his government).

Election of Officers:

The first meeting of the Bari APB Board was held in the Prefect's office, Bari, on 13th April 1944 at 1500 hours.

Major Revelley, A.C.C., was elected Chairman of the Board and Mr. A.A. Micocci Executive Secretary.

Time and place of Meetings:

It was decided that the Board would hold weekly meetings, namely, on Wednesdays, at the Prefect's office at 1600 hours.

Consideration of Memo from Mr. Picard, PWB Press Chief, Bari.

A memorandum of instructions from APB Central Board, drawn up by Mr. Picard, was submitted by Mr. Micocci to the Committee for consideration.

With regard to items Nos. 1 and 2 of memorandum, which states that in Bari proofs will no longer be scanned by Prefect but by the Military Censor of INC., the Prefect said he had not had any official instructions from the Italian Government to this effect. In view of this it was decided to postpone the publicising of the change until the following meeting and a recommendation was made that the Prefect endeavour to expedite the extraction of official instructions from his government.

Paper and other supplies: A.C.C.

Major Revelley agreed to accept A.C.C. mandate to take charge of newsprint and supplies but requested that a week be allowed so as to enable him to make all necessary arrangements.

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No further points were raised and the meeting adjourned.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Psychological Warfare Branch (INC)
PWB Unit N°6- APO 550

TO : Chairman, Central Allied Publications Board.

Minutes of fourth meeting of Sicily Regional A.P.B. held at 10:30 a.m. 10 April, 1944, in the A.C.C. offices, Palermo.
Present :

R.G. Shorney, PWB press Officer, Sicily (chairman)
Lt. Col. Hancock, A.C.C. Regional Commissioner for Sicily
Mr. George Edman, chairman, Central A.P.B.
Lt. Col. Ion Munro, executive secretary, Central A.P.B.
Sig. Giorgianni, press representative of High Commissioner for Sicily
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Sig.Giorgianni quoted from the Interior Ministerial circular No.74 on Censura Preventiva sulla Stampa. Col. Munro perused this circular, pointing out that it was the first time he had seen this document in Italian, though apparently it had been sent to all the Prefects. He pointed out that some clauses in it were contrary to the Allied press plan for Italy because it did not seem to differentiate between political and military censorship and was therefore ambiguous in that political censorship did not exist. He promised to have the matter taken up with the Italian Ministry of the Interior.

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After further discussion between Col. Munro and Sig. Giorgianni over certain contradictions between A.P.B. policy and the present Italian procedure, various resolutions were drafted and discussed, then rejected. Finally, Col. Munro withdrew to draft a resolution that would cover the situation. During his absence, the newsprint situation was discussed and Mr. Edman promised to try to obtain from Major Ellis at Naples a series of tables and charts concerning newsprint to facilitate the estimation of needs of applicants. He also promised to try to arrange for Major Ellis to visit Sicily and work with Lieut. Pike on the general newsprint situation, including a method of repayment for paper used and to be used.

Col. Munro returned with a draft of a resolution, which Mr. Shorney as chairman submitted to the board. The resolution was explained and translated verbally into Italian for Sig. Giorgianni, who expressed himself satisfied. After a brief discussion and a few minor changes, the resolution was put up for a vote, and adopted by all present. The resolution reads as follows :

"Being forced to the conclusion that the Italian government's regulations for the issuance of newspaper licenses are incompatible with the dispositions of the Allied Publications Board, this local Palermo board (Sicily Regional A.P.B.) invites the Central A.P.B. to communicate in all urgency with the appropriate Allied and Italian authorities for clarification; at the same time, recognizing that neither the Allied Boards nor the Italian authorities wish to penalize the Sicilian public by delays prejudicial to the liberty of the press or to the propagation of legitimate news, and further recognizing that the withholding of war news and information at this time is prejudicial to the public interest and to the Allied war effort, this Board, pending the clarification above referred to, has decreed to hasten the examination of all applications lodged with it as of this date, to deliberate and decide upon them and recommends the acceptance of this decision by the local Italian authorities".

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TO : George Edman, Chairman
Central Allied Publications Board

Lt.Col.Munro, Executive Secretary
Central Allied Publications Board

Minutes of third meeting of Sicily Regional Allied Publications Board, held at 10:30 a.m. 4 April, in offices of Lt.Col.Hancock, Regional A.C.C. Commissioner for Sicily.

Present : R.J. Frantz, PWB Chief, Sicily (Chairman)
Lt.Col. Hancock, A.C.C.
Major Ousely, A.C.C.
Lieut.Pike, A.C.C.
Lieut.Rouzie, Allied military press censorship
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The question of a fixed policy for the board to follow was then taken up, and Mr.Frantz presented a copy of the Ministry of the Interior's instructions concerning the necessity of A.P.B. approval of all licenses, which had been received by the Prefect at Catania. Sig.Giorgianni then produced a similar circular which had been received by the Prefecture at Palermo. Although these circulars bore identical numbers, there was some discrepancy in the text, the circular received at Palermo mentioning that all licenses must have the approval of the Ministry of the Interior as well as of A.P.B.

After discussion, it was agreed that in any case this circular recognized the A.P.B.'s right(in this case, the Sicily Regional Board) to pass on applications to publish, and on that basis Mr. Shorney proposed the following resolution : 5550

"That this board, pending other instructions from the Central A.P.B. at Naples, follow the directives issued by the Central A.P.B. in Naples concerning the publication and control of newspapers and periodicals, and proceed to the business of the day".

After being seconded, this resolution was unanimously approved.

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The chairman then called on Lieut.Pike for a report on the newsprint situation. Lieut.Pike announced that of this date there were 1,001 rolls of newsprint in all Sicily, and that he had had no news of further regular shipments being due. He reported that he was swamped with requests for paper for the printing of official forms, and asked if the board would be willing to undertake the task of assigning priorities for paper used for this purpose. He added that newsprint was the only paper he had available for the

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printing of these official forms. Without a formal vote, the board agreed to take on this added task, and it was suggested that Lieut. Pike continue to control rigorously all demands for paper for this purpose, in most cases alloting less than the quantity demanded. Lieut. Pike pointed out that one of the factors to be considered in granting any paper allocations was the risk to Allied lives and shipping in transporting this paper across the sea.

At this point, Col. Hancock arrived to participate in the session.

Sig. Giorgianni read a circular from the High Commissioner for Sicily to the Prefects, asking them to set up censorship machinery and to submit all applications for licenses to publish to the High Commissioner, for transmission to the Sicily Regional A.P.B. (copy of this circular attached to these minutes).

Sig. Giorgianni then told the board that he had applications for authorization to publish daily newspapers from the owners of the Palermo papers which were published prior to the Allied occupation of Sicily. This led to a general discussion of A.P.B. policy and the newsprint situation.

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Commissioner.

Sig. Giorgianni was then asked to submit formally the applications he had received for authorization to publish daily papers in Palermo. He presented applications from the following five papers :

L'Ora
L'Ora della Sera
Giornale di Sicilia
Giornale di Sicilia della Sera
Giornale di Sicilia Rivista (weekly review)

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O.C.,PWB,Catania, one copy
Capt.Orback, Allied military press censor, Catania, one copy.

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S E R V I Z I O S T A M P A

NORME DELL'ALTO COMMISSARIO AI PREFETTI DELLA

S I C I L I A

1°) Costituire, in seno agli Uffici stampa, agli Uffici provinciali di censura, composti di un numero di censori adeguato al compito di revisione dei giornali che si pubblicano nella provincia. Per quanto concerne la censura, basarsi sulla circolare N°74 St. del Ministero dell'Interno in data gennaio 1944.

L'Ufficio Provinciale di Censura sarà alle dirette dipendenze dei Prefetti. Il personale sudetto (censori) dovrà ottenere il preventivo nulla osta dei funzionari di polizia alleati e dello S.C.A.C. addetti alle Prefetture.

Per la procedura della censura, basarsi sulle norme impartite con la circolare ministeriale N°74 St.

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a) Giornali politici : gli interessati dovranno presentare al Prefetto, debitamente corredato dalle informazioni richieste, l'apposito modello A. - I prefetti dovranno inoltrare tale domanda all'Alto Commissariato, facendo conoscere se autorizzato o meno il periodico, la domanda sarà sottoposta all'esame del Regional Allied Publications Board for Sicily ed inoltrata a cura dell'Alto Commissario al Ministero dell'Interno, per il necessario nulla osta governativo. Si darà notizia del provvedimento definitivo ai Prefetti. Tale procedura ai sensi del cutato Decreto, dovrà attuarsi anche per i giornali politici, o che riportano notizie politiche, i quali in atto si stampino.

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Non occorre il nulla osta Ministeriale.

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OFFICE OF THE
A L L I E D P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D

167 Corso Umberto,
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MINUTES of meeting of Naples Local Allied Publications Board held at the above offices, 3 April 44

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L'UNITA

The Executive Secretary said that the AMG 5th Army complaint against L'UNITA had not yet been drawn to the attention of the Editor, as suggested by ACC, for the reason that he wished to inform the Central

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Board of further evidence of bad taste on the part of the paper.

ISCHIA NUOVA

Capt. Leacacos said that investigation showed that the accusation published in ISCHIA NUOVA had been substantiated. The Executive Secretary was therefore authorised to inform the Naval Officer in Charge, Ischia that his request for suspension of the paper could not, on advice of the Provincial Commissioner, be entertained by the Board.

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The meeting adjourned.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
~~ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT~~

Headquarters Naples Province

~~Office of the Senior Civil Affairs Officer~~
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

3 April 1944

NA/316

SUBJECT: Approval of Publication.

TO : Major Lionel Fielden, Director of
Public Relations,
ACC.

1. Acknowledging yours 27 March 1944, our records show that the very next day following my mistake, letters were sent to the parties advising them that their applications had been rejected by the Board.

2. This was indeed most unfortunate and it is likely that some of the letters did not reach the parties promptly.

3. In the future these items will be handled in accordance with your instructions which are now clear to us.

John N. Lummus
JOHN N. LUMMUS
Captain, AUS
Executive Officer.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14A. 3 April 1944.

Subject: Region III representative to the local board.

To: Mr George W. Edman, PWB.

Reviewing the cases of certain delays and difficulties which have arisen in the office of Captain Lummus of Region III over applications etc., I have come to the conclusion that one, perhaps the chief reason for this is that we are not, in Naples, operating a Local Board with a representative of the Region on it. You will remember that I advocated this, but the Board then decided that the Naples Board should be a Committee of the Central Board. It seems to me that there are objections to this procedure, because the Region concerned, however much the matter is explained, cannot have the same knowledge of APB policy and procedure as when it is represented. I think it would be a definite gain to APB if the Regional Commissioner, Region III, were asked to nominate a representative to the local board, thus bringing it into line with other local boards: that representative would sit in place of the officer now designated by this Branch. Would you agree to this change?

(Sgd) LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Headquarters Naples Province

Office of the Senior Civil Affairs Officer

OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

NA/216 3 April 194

SUBJECT:- "Tachi Know" case -

TO:- Major Lionel Fielden,
Major, Director of Public Relations
ACC

1. - Immediately after the publication of the article referred to in Lt Commander Gibbons' complaint of the "Tachi Know", Captain Wyte, Provincial Officer, Ischia, went over the article with me and after due consideration, I could not see that there was not anything in the article that would justify to revoke the permit until such time as the case had been thoroughly heard.

2. I therefore instructed Captain Wyte to take no action until he heard from this office further.

For the Provincial Commissioner:-

John N. Lummus
JOHN N. LUMMUS
Captain, AUS
Executive Officer

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

2 April 1944.

PRB 14.

Subject: "Ischia Nuova" case.

To: Captain Lummus.

1. At the last meeting of the Allied Publications Board, copies of whose minutes will in future be sent to you for information, it was agreed, on the motion of the ACC representative, that action on Lt Commander Gibbons' complaint against "Ischia Nuova" should be postponed pending a report on this case from Region III.

2. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 3 April. Will you kindly let me have a brief note stating how far, in the opinion of the competent authorities of Region III, the editorial in question was justified by the facts and whether action should or should not be taken against the newspaper.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations.

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OFFICE OF THE
A L L I E D P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D

167 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

31 March 44.

SUBJECT : Board Meetings.

TO : Major J. W. Colville, Censorship.
Major Lionel Fielden, PRO, ACC.
Capt. Henry Haas, Economic Section, ACC.
Capt. A. C. C. Barcroft, G-2.

I attach hereto minutes of Regional Board meeting held in the above office on March 27th, together with Agenda for Central APB meeting to be held at 167 Corso Umberto on Monday, April 3, at 2:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held at 10.30 a.m. on April 3.

I. S. MUNRO,
Lt.Col.,
Executive Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

167 Corso Umberto
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REGIONAL BOARD MEETING, 3.4.44

AGENDA

1. Minutes of last Regional meeting.
2. New Applications.
3. Protest against l'Unita.
4. ACC action against L'ATENEO.
5. ACC to report recommendation re ISCHIA NUOVA.
6. Any other business.

OFFICE OF THE
A L L I E D P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D

167 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

MINUTES of Naples Regional APB Meeting held at 167 Corso Umberto, on March 27, 1944, at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT : Mr. George W. Ennan, PWB (Chairman).
Major R. L. Woolfolk, G-2.
Capt. A. C. C. Barcroft, G-2.
Major J. W. Colville, Censorship.
Major I. Alexander, Censorship.
Capt. Henry Haas, Economic Section, ACC.
Capt. John B. Leacacos, PRO, ACC.
Lt.Col. I. S. Munro, PWB (Executive Secretary).
Major Head (for discussion of postal regulations).

Minutes of Naples Regional meeting held March 20th were approved.

New Member

Major Woolfolk tendered his resignation and proposed Capt. Barcroft as his successor as G-2 representative on the Board. He also asked that Capt. Barcroft be sponsored as his successor on the Central Board when that body next convened.

Licenses

The following applications were approved:.

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Naples	Bolletino	Open Letter to Croce	5,000	One issue
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The following applications were rejected:

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Major R. L. Woolfolk, G-2.
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Capt. Henry Hats, Economic Section, ACC.
Capt. John B. Leacacos, PRO, ACC.
Lt.Col. I. S. Munro, PWB (Executive Secretary).
Major Head (for discussion of postal regulations).

Minutes of Naples Regional meeting held March 20th were approved.

New Member

Major Woolfolk tendered his resignation and proposed Capt. Barcroft as his successor as G-2 representative on the Board. He also asked that Capt. Barcroft be sponsored as his successor on the Central Board when that body next convened.

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Naples	RASSEGNA DELLA STAMPA ESTERA (M)	Indefinite political affiliation	"
Naples	ATTUALITA COMMERCIALI (W)	Technical, Commercial	On security grounds
Naples	ORIZZONTI (W)	Political Youth	Paper shortage
Naples	STARRING (W)	Film review	Zinc & paper shortage
Naples	RADIO FILM (W)	Radio & Film review	"
Caserta	CAMPANIA NUOVA (W)	Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale	Serviced from Naples
Avellino	IRPINIA LIBERA (W)	Partito D'Azione	"

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The Board considered once again application to publish a Bari edition of the Government daily, IL CORRIERE, submitted this time by the Minister of the Interior. For reasons already advanced (see minutes of meeting of Central Board held March 20) it agreed that its decision could not be revoked.

It was agreed that when the Board refused license to publish, the Executive Secretary should inform the ACC official concerned the reason behind the Board's decision, inviting him to pass on the information to the applicant. It was also agreed the minutes should carry a brief noting as to reasons for refusals.

Paper Applications

The Board decided to refer to Col. Smith, Education Sub-Commission, ACC, application of the Archbishop of Naples for two and one-half tons of newsprint now, and one ton monthly thereafter, to print Catechism and other religious booklets.

The Board allotted six to seven quintals of newsprint to Cassanova, publishing house of Naples, for publication of an Italian grammar, as per request of G3 III (Education), HQ 59th Area, to the Economic Section, ACC.

The Executive Secretary tabled two applications for paper for purely administrative purposes. It was agreed that applications of this type were beyond the scope of Order No. 89, and should be dealt with through other channels, if the Central Board so approved at its next meeting.

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Capt. Leacacos said the NOIC's complaint had been referred to the proper authorities (Region 3, AGC) for investigation.

Morale Papers and P.W.B Dailies

The Executive Secretary recommended that G-1 be notified of the new Allied propaganda status of RISORGIMENTO and that they be invited

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to pass on the information to the five troop morale papers using the same printing works as the RISORGIMENTO (Il Mattino, Naples). Lack of appreciation of this fact was felt to be handicapping production of RISORGIMENTO.

To avoid delay, the Board authorised the Executive Secretary to inform editors himself. If they proved uncooperative, an appeal could then be lodged with AFHQ.

Responsibilities of Board Members

Members undertook, on suggestion of the Chairman, to keep their various officers and offices informed of the Board's actions and decisions, and to appoint deputies to represent them, if and when the need arose.

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For information of the Central Board, Major Head explained the regulations which forbad the carriage of printed matter by post. He drew a distinction between subscribers' copies, going through the mail, which were barred under present regulations, and bundles of papers delivered by rail, etc., on which there was no restriction.

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The meeting adjourned.

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Mr. Reber	1 copy	Lt.Col. Scott Bailey, Press & Radio Censorship Branch, AFHQ .	1 copy
Major Fieldon . . .	3 copies	Major Alexander, Censorship, Naples.	1 copy
Capt. Haas	3 copies	Lt. Davie, Censorship, Naples.	1 copy
Capt. Barcroft . . .	2 copies	Lt.Costanzo, Censorship, Palermo	1 copy
Major Colville . . .	1 copy	Lt. de la Malotiere, Censorship, Cagliari	1 copy
Mr. Minifie	1 copy	Capt. Astley, Censorship, Bari . .	1 copy
Regional Board			
Bari	2 copies		
Palermo. . .	2 copies		
Cagliari . .	2 copies		
Press Officer, Naples	2 copies		
APB File	10 copies		

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14. 29 March 1944.

Subject: Publications - offensive matter.

To: Lt Col I.S. Munro, APB.

Enclosed you will find a letter referred to us which we are passing to you for action. It is recommended that the editor be warned strongly against loseness of language in commenting on law enforcement and on indulging in personal attacks.

Also enclosed is a copy attached of the letter being sent to Lt Col Mayne. Will you please be kind enough to return the letter from Lt Col Mayne to ACC?

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14/1 29 March 1944.

Subject: Publications - offensive matter.

To: Lt Col E.B. Mayne, UDF, AMG 5th Army.

Your letter of March 25 concerning "L'Unita" and its article against the carabinieri. The matter has been brought to the attention of the Allied Publications Board, which will warn the editor of the newspaper in question in strong terms against repetition of his offence in attacking the law enforcement machinery.

As you will realize, the whole question of the freedom of the press in Italy is most delicate and difficult. We have promised freedom of opinion. Every suppressive step is apt to call out protests - sometimes unjustified but nevertheless often a handle for German propaganda - in the British and American press. Therefore it is of the first importance to see that investigation is always made to ensure that attacks or accusations are unfounded. In this case some possibility, I think, exists that the carabinieri may have, innocently or not, overstepped their duty towards the partisans of "L'Unita" which, as you know, is a Communist newspaper.

(S.d.) LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations.

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Capt Mayfield

HEADQUARTERS
AMG 5 ARMY (FIELD)
A.P.O. 464 U.S. Army

25th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Publications - Offensive matter. 203/12.

TO : H.Q., A.C.C.,
R.C. & M.G. Section, APO 394.

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1. Attention is directed to an article in the "l'Unita" newspaper, Edizione Meridionale N. 11, Marzo 1944.

2. This paper was circulating in 10 Corps area, and in the first column on the reverse side has the following article applicable to the CC.RR operating in the Corps zone:-

" A Speranise, il maresciallo dei carabinieri, acceso fascista ed ora zelantissimo agente del re, e particolarmente attivo nel perseguitare i nostri compagni trmendoli in arresto e minacciandoli di gravissime sanzioni.

3. Objection is taken to the article in question on the grounds that it is detrimental to law and order and it is recommended that suitable action be taken ~~against the publishers~~.

For the Commanding General:

R.B. MAYNE,
Lt Col, GSF.
for (C of S,
AMG 5 Army).

Copy to:

Regional Commissioner, A.C.C., Region 3.
S.C.A.C., 10 Corps.

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AMG Publication Board
C/S PRO 3837

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INFORMATION SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

30 MAR 1944

ACC/76/Int

28 March 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Prefects for Regional Boards of Central APB

TO : His Excellency, Dr. Reale, Minister of Interior.

Your Excellency,

1. It is proposed to set up Regional Boards of the Central Allied Publicat ons Board at Palermo, Bari, Cagliari and Potenza.

2. The proposals as to the constitution, areas, duties and powers of these Boards are as follows:

(a) That they shall consist of representatives of the Psychological Warfare Board, the Allied Control Commission, Censorship, and of the local Prefects.

(b) That they will be authorized to grant licenses for the publication of newspapers, magazines, books, posters, placards, brochures, and similar publication products, in their regions.

(c) That the authority of the Palermo Board shall extend over Sicily and the contiguous islands; that of Bari over Apuglia and Abruzzi; that of Cagliari over Sardinia; and that of Potenza over Calabria and Lucania.

(d) That their decisions shall be governed by considerations of security, political policy and the printing facilities and supplies in, or available to, their Regions, and that directives on these matters will be issued from time to time by the Central Allied Publications Board.

(e) That they shall meet once in every week and may in addition call such special meetings as circumstances may require.

(f) That they shall report fortnightly all action taken to the Central APB.

(g) That the Central Board reserves the right to review decisions by Regional Boards and the sole power to suspend or revoke any license granted.

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3. I have been requested by Lieut. General Mason MacFarlane, Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission, to ask the Italian Government to appoint the Prefects at the places mentioned, as members of the respective Regional Boards.

4. Will you please inform me in due course of the action taken by your Government.

The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Stansgate
Vice President, Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission

Copy to:
Allied Publications Board

(unnumbered letter dated 22 March 1944 refers)

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14. 27 March 1944.

Subject: Licenses.

To: Captain Lummus, Region III.

1. As you may know I sit as a member of the Allied Publications Board as representative of the ACC: and as you will no doubt remember some mistakes occurred recently in your office over the issue of licenses to newspapers. I understood at the time from Lieut Caprio that that mistake was rectified, but it appears now that very considerable delays occurred in the issue of the licenses.

2. I am not quite sure of the facts and I should be grateful if you could let me know nowlong any license was actually held up in your office, so that I may inform the Allied Publications Board.

3. I trust that the procedure regarding applications is now clear and no further delays will occur. If there is any difficulty, will you make an appointment so that I may explain the procedure.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major, Director of
Public Relations.

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OFFICE OF THE
A L L I E D P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D

167 Corso Umberto,
NAPLES

REGIONAL BOARD AGENDA

1. Approval last Regional Minutes.
2. Newspaper, etc., applications.
3. Book and brochure applications prior to APB.
4. Application for administration paper.

Business Arising from Minutes.

5. Specimen letters sent by ACC to applicants.
6. No reply yet to written query (Amalfi paper mill)
7. Italia Libera unauthorised.
8. Action over-ruled by Central Board.

New Business

9. Morale papers & PWB dailies
10. ISCHIA NUOVA suspension demand.
11. Responsibilities of Board members

Any other business

(Distribute Central Board Minutes)

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OFFICE OF THE
A L L I E D P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D

167 Corso Umberto,
NAPLES

24 March 44.

TO : Major Lionel Fielden,
Director of Public Relations,
Allied Control Commission.

FROM : Lt.Col. I. S. Munro,
Executive Secretary, APB.

On March 15 I sent you copy of Order No. 89 with amendments thereto, together with copy of minutes of meeting of March 14th containing reorganisation of APB. I also sent you a memorandum on procedure as it is followed in Naples, to give you an official basis for establishing a system on the same lines in other areas.

I now learn that you telephoned Mr. Edman yesterday, requesting six copies each of the above items, together with the names of CO's of PWB Bari, Palermo, Potenza and Cagliari. I understand from Mr. Edman that you felt your duties were being held up for lack of this material, essentials of which were already in your hands. However, I have had six copies made for your convenience and enclose them herewith, together with the actual names of Regional PWB CO's or Press Officers.

You will note that there are no six copies of the procedure guide which I sent you on March 15th. I would suggest that you do not mention procedure to ACC representatives for the following reason: In accordance with instructions given me at the Special Meeting of the Board, I have instructed my Press Officers to take the initiative in setting up Regional Boards and have provided them with copy of Naples procedure for their guidance and adjustment to local conditions.

I should be glad to receive from you the names of ACC officers appointed to represent your organisation on Regional Boards.

Reference your letter, per Capt. Leacocas, of March 23rd.

Apparently there is some misunderstanding with regard to the "opuscolo", as it never before came to the attention of this office. Naturally, neither APB nor PWB have asked, expect or desire your PRO Office to censor any brochures or any other material. This office refers applicants, for forms, in accordance with established procedure, to PRO Region 3, Prefettura. I shall certainly raise the question at the next meeting, as asked.

I. S. Munro.

I. S. MUNRO, 4241 . 5529
Lt.Col.,
Executive Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE
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167 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

MINUTES of first meeting of Naples Regional Allied Publications Board held at 167 Corso Umberto, Naples, 20 March, 1944

PRESENT: Mr. George W. Edman, PWB (Chairman).
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Salerno	IL LAVORO	Socialist Party organ	7,000	Weekly

(NOTE: Editors of MADONNA DELL'ARCO to be instructed to re-submit application after publication of authorised edition)

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Naples	LA GIOVINE ITALIA	Republican	Weekly
Naples	LOGGIONE	Anti-Nazi & Fascist	Weekly
Naples	BANDIERA ROSSA	Partito Socialista Rivoluzionario Italiano	Weekly
Naples	L'ATLANTICO	Political Culture	Weekly
Naples	IL FRUSTINO	Humourous & Critical	Weekly
Naples	VOCE NOSTRA	"Eleupatrista" Movement	Weekly
Naples	L'ITALIANO	Against Party activities	Weekly
Naples	PARVA FAVILLA	Literary Review	Bi-monthly
Naples	Bollatino	Open letter to Croce	One issue -

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Salerno	MONSIGNOR PERELLI	Humorous periodical	Weekly
Salerno	L'AMICO DEL POPOLO	Non-Party	Weekly
Salerno	IL CANE	Dog magazine	Monthly
Bari edition	IL CORRIERE	Government	Daily
Portici	LA GAZZETTA DEI COMUNI	Moderate-Liberal	Weekly
Torre del Greco	LA LUCE	Anti-Fascist	Weekly
Bari	IL MEZZOGIORNO D'ITALIA	Monarchist tone	Daily
Brindisi	IL POPOLO	Demo-Christiani	Weekly

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Amendment to Order No. 89

Major Woolfolk submitted copy of an amendment to para 5, AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 89, creating the APB, as follows:

> "It shall be the duty of the Board to report its activities and submit any recommendations beyond the scope of this order to this Headquarters via Allied Control Commission."

Other Business

The Executive Secretary said L'UNIONE resumed publication on March 13, following one month's suspension of its license. He also reported having taken action, in accordance with the Board's instructions, with regard to L'ITALL LIBER.

The Executive Secretary said he had not arranged for the Allied Publications Board to be given publicity, in accordance with instructions given at the Board's last meeting, because, in his opinion, the time was not propitious. It was agreed, therefore, that publicity should be withheld for the present.

The Executive Secretary was asked to:

1) Table at the next meeting of the Board a specimen copy of letters to applicants notifying approval or rejection of their applications;

2) Instigate inquiries about the paper mill in Amalfi;

3) Ascertain if L'ITALL LIBER., published under date of March 15, 1944, had been submitted for military censorship and political scrutiny prior to publication. An article reproduced in that particular issue was reported to be causing concern in official Allied circles.

4) Recommend to Allied authorities in Regions 1 to 6 inclusive supressive measures against BANDIER. ROSSA.

The meeting adjourned.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14. 26 March 1944.

Subject: Regional Allied Publications Boards.

To: Lt Colonel A.N. Hancock, Regional Commissioner, Region I, Lt Col G.H. McCaffrey, Regional Commissioner, Region II, and Brigadier L. Carr, Regional Commissioner, Region VI (separate letters)

Brigadier Lush when signing the attached letter asked me to add to it a note asking you to keep a special eye on the functioning of these boards, since the proper handling of the press is a matter of great delicacy.

(Sgd) LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

PRB 14.

25 March 1944.

Subject: Allied Publications Board.

(separate letters)

To: Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II and VI.

1. In order to control the licensing of newspapers, books and publications of all kinds, and also the release and sale of paper stocks, in Liberated Italy, an Allied Publications Board was established on 11 December 1943 by General Eisenhower. (Enclosure 1).

2. Experience up to date has shown that a single central Board cannot function effectively. The work of the Board has therefore been decentralized as set forth in the plan attached. (Enclosure 2).

3. You will appoint a representative/ representatives to attend the meetings of the Regional Allied Publications Board at Palermo/Bari and Cosenza/Cagliari.

4. The procedure for dealing with applications will be explained by the PWB Press Officers in each locality. (List attached - enclosure 3).

(Sgd) M.S Lush.

M.S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Officer.

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12 March 1945

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
:
NUMBER 12)

Allied Publications Board I
Granting of Interviews to the Press II

I -- ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

Paragraph 1, Administrative Memorandum Number 89, 1943, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"1. There is herewith created the Allied Publications Board comprised of representatives of each of the following:

a. Psychological Warfare Branch; FAC (Chairman)

b. Censorship Branch, FAC.

c. G-2 Section.

d. Allied Control Commission.

Allied Control Commission to be represented by the following:

a. Psychological Warfare Branch Liaison Officer.

b. Representative of Political Section, A.C.C.

c. Public Relations Officer." (AG 000.75-1 FAC-O)

II - GRANTING OF INTERVIEW TO THE PRESS.

1. a. Senior officers may give "on record" press conferences or interviews only after obtaining permission of the Commander-in-Chief. In cases involving British Officers, C-in-C permission must have further concurrence and permission from the Admiralty, War Office, or Air Ministry. Request for permission should, if possible, contain a brief outline of what Senior Officer proposes to say.

b. In giving such authorized "on record" press conferences, the speaker must submit alone to the press as to the statements on which he is prepared to be directly quoted. If in reply to questions, the speaker departs from his subject, he must advise the press that such matter is "off the record" and not for publication. In such authorized conferences or

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interviews the name of the officer can be quoted.

2. Senior Officers may give "off the record" (not for publication) conferences without obtaining the permission of higher authority, but will be responsible for instructing the press that information so given is not for publication.

3. The above instructions do not apply to interviews or to conferences held to give guidance and background to the press, nor does it apply to regular conferences given by Public Relations Officers or Staff Officers whose duty it is to inform the press.

4. Subject to naval censorship, officers other than Senior Officers may give eyewitness accounts of operations in which they have participated and names may be quoted, except in cases where Divisional or higher echelon Commanders may see fit to prohibit such interviews.

5. For the purpose of this memorandum, Senior Officers are defined as the following grades and above:

British Army	Lieutenant Colonel
U. S. Army and Air Forces	Lieutenant Colonel
R. A. F.	Wing Commander
U. S. and British Navy	Commander

(AG 000.71-1 HQ-S)

By command of General WILSON:



D. V. MORRIS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

Enclosure 1

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
: 29 December 1943.
NUMBER 86)

Paragraph 3 c, Administrative Memorandum No. 89, this Headquarters, as, is rescinded and the following substituted therefore.

"3 c. Control the allocation to specific publications and news organisations of all such communications facilities as are made available by the Chief Signal Officer, this Headquarters, for collecting and disseminating news and press matter within ITALY."

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
: 15 February 44.
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Paragraph 3 b, Administrative Memorandum No. 89, this Headquarters, is amended to read as follows:

"Control the flow into ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA of all newsprint and other forms of paper used for printing publications referred to in Section 3-a; to control and distribute all such paper found in ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA; to perform such functions as are necessary to maintain an adequate supply of such paper."

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ENCLOSURE 1

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

11 December 1943.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
:
NUMBER 69)

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

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b. Allied Military Government (15th Army Group)
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e. Allied Control Commission.

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3. The Board is empowered to draft such regulations and perform such functions as are necessary properly to carry out the following:

a. Grant and revoke licenses for the publication of newspapers, magazines, books, posters, placards, brochures and similar publication products.

b. Control the flow into Italy, Sicily and Sardinia of all newsprint, and to control and distribute all newsprint found in Italy; to perform such functions as are necessary to maintain an adequate supply of newsprint.

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c. Control the construction, rehabilitation and allotment of line and radio services necessary for news; i.e., all existing news wire and radio services necessary to maintain a steady-flow service to publications.

d. Direct the consolidation, movement or rehabilitation of all equipment necessary for publication production.

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4. Stars and Stripes, Union Jack, Yank, and other officially designated troop morale newspapers are specifically exempt from Allied Publications Board control and supervision except for paper stocks, materials and facilities acquired in or derived from ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA, which shall be allotted by APB based upon need and availability, it being understood that in the event of acute facility shortages officially designated troop morale publications will be permitted to participate in the use of available facilities

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on a "share and share alike" basis with other licensed publications. The AFN will not exercise any control or supervision over any expeditionary radio stations, British or American.

5. It shall be the duty of the Board to report its activities and submit any recommendations beyond the scope of this order to ~~this Headquarters via United Military Government or~~ Allied Control Commission, ~~determine upon which of these organizations has territorial jurisdiction~~.

6. The place for this Board to sit will be determined by said Board; and its initial session shall be called by the Chairman at a mutually convenient location.

(AG 000.76-7 INC-ACM)

By command of General EISENHOWER:

T. J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, United States Army,
Adjutant General.

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NAPLES

Enclosure 2.

MINUTES of Special Meeting of the Board called for Tuesday, 14 March 1944, to discuss reorganisation proposal

PRESENT : Mr. George W. Edman, PWB (Chairman).
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Capt. Henry Haas, Economic Section, ACC.
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Mr. Minifie read a memorandum covering the proposed reorganisation of the Board which had been drafted by himself and Major Woolfolk in accordance with a decision taken at the last Board meeting.

With some amendments, the proposal was approved and adopted as follows:

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Recommendations have already been made to General Wilson to reconstitute the Allied Publications Board with representatives from PWB, ACC, Censorship and G-2. This brings the Board's Charter up to date by eliminating the AMG (15 Army Group).

It is desirable that in other respects the new Charter follow the lines of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No.89, 11 December 1943, as amended by AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No.96, para I, 29 December 1943, and Signal No.51612, 15 February 1944.

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2) That in view of the difficulty of dealing with CALABRIA and LUCANIA from either BARI or NAPLES, arrangements be made to set up a Regional Board at POTENZA.

3) That PALERMO authority extend over SICILY and contiguous islands; that CAGLIARI's extend over SARDINIA; that BARI's extend over APULIA and the ABRUZZI; that POTENZA's authority extend over CALABRIA and LUCANIA, and that NAPLES' authority extend over CAMPANIA.

4) That in PALERMO, BARI, CAGLIARI and POTENZA the Regional

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Boards be composed of representatives of PWB, ACC, Censorship and the local Prefect.

5) That the Central Board be composed of representatives of PWB, Censorship, G-2, ACC Political Section, ACC PRO, and, Economic Section ACC.

6) That the Regional APB Boards be authorised to grant licenses for the publication of newspapers, magazines, books, posters, placards, brochures and similar publication products, in their Regions.

7) That their decisions be governed by considerations of security, political policy, and printing facilities and supplies in or available to their Region, directives on these matters to be sent from time to time from the Central APB.

8) That the Regional Boards meet once a week or call special meetings if circumstances justify them.

9) That the Central Board sit in NAPLES for the present, meeting fortnightly or oftener if circumstances justify it.

10) That Regional Boards report fortnightly on all action taken.

11) That the Central Board reserve the right to review decisions by Regional Boards, and possess sole powers to suspend or revoke licenses.

12) That in case of complaints, the Regional PWB Press Officer inform the editor concerned that "the matter has been referred to higher authority." The Regional PWB Press Officer, keeping the Regional Board informed, will immediately communicate with his Theatre Chief, forwarding three marked copies of the offending newspaper and all necessary information. Any action taken will be reported back to the Regional PWB Press Officer, who will again keep Regional Board informed, the Chief Press Officer likewise informing the Central Board.

In the event of PWB Theatre Chief considering that a case involves revocation or suspension of license, he will immediately lay the matter before the Central Allied Publications Board, the Board to be in a position to recommend action after consultation with ACC.

No complaint will be entertained if not made within four days of publication of the offending issue.

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14) That the Chairman of the Central Board be empowered to take executive action to establish such local Boards immediately.

MOVED by Major Fielden and seconded by Major Colville that a committee of the Board, as presently constituted, be appointed to function, for the time being, as Regional Board in Naples. Carried.

It was agreed:

a) That members of the present Board (i.e. Mr. Eaman, Major Fielden, Major Woolfolk, Major Colville and Capt. Haas), or their official

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designees, constitute, for the time being, the Regional Board in Naples;

b) That Naples Regional Board convene every Monday, at 10.30 a.m., at 167 Corso Umberto, and

c) That the Central APB meet alternate Mondays, at 2:30 p.m., at 167 Corso Umberto, the first meeting to be held on March 20th.

It was further agreed:

i) That the Executive Secretary communicate with PWB Press Officer in Palermo, Bari and Cagliari, informing them of the reorganisation of the Board, and instructing them to take initiative in setting up Regional Boards in those centres. (It was pointed out that PWB and Censorship would have to make special arrangements for representation on the Potenza Regional Board, as both organisations are without local units there.);

ii) That the Executive Secretary initiate action, through ACC, on the part of Minister of the Interior Scelba in designating Prefects to sit on Regional Boards in Bari, Potenza, Palermo and Cagliari.

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The Meeting was agreed that Mr. Edman (Deputy Chief of PWB, Italy) should continue to serve as Chairman.

Minutes Approved

When the Meeting agreed to consider further business, the Chairman called for adoption of minutes of the last meeting. The Executive Secretary pointed out that application of LA RISCORSA had not been held over, but had been rejected. With this correction, and on motion of Capt. Haas, seconded by Major Fielden, minutes were adopted.

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Licenses Granted

The Executive Secretary reported that, acting on blanket authority granted at the last meeting of the Board, he had issued a license to IL CORRIERE (Government daily published in Salerno). His action was approved by the Board.

License was also granted to LA VERITA to publish weekly in Salerno.

Sale Price of Newsprint

It was agreed that the Board recommend to the Allied Control Commission that the provisional sale price of newsprint be established at $175 per ton.

Capt. Haas was authorised to inform ACC, Region I (Sicily), in reply to an inquiry, that the sale price of newsprint had been established, provisionally, at $175 per ton.

Paper Subsidy

The Executive Secretary reported Minister Reale as saying officially that the Italian Government was prepared to give favourable consideration to the granting of a paper subsidy, on condition that the subsidy was a general one, without discrimination. It was pointed out that the way was thus paved for a discussion with the Italian Government on the subject, but it was agreed that such discussion should not be undertaken at the present time, as the general opinion among editors appeared to be that even $200 per ton for newsprint was not an excessive price, as compared with Black Market demands.

Other Business

Major Fielden was asked to inquire from Capt. Lummus what action he had taken to remedy the confusion he had caused with regard to licenses authorised at the last meeting of the Board.

It was agreed that Capt. Haas should make a trip to Algiers to discuss with AFHQ authorities questions of newsprint, zinc, spare parts for presses, and linotype matrices, the Chairman to communicate this decision to Col. Evans, ACC.

The meeting adjourned.

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ENCLOSURE 3

PWB REPRESENTATIVES ON APB REGIONAL BOARDS

BARI - Mr. George Picard, Press Officer, PWB, Bari.

PALERMO - Mr. Jules Frantz, Chief, PWB, Palermo.

Cagliari - Mr. Guido D'Agostino, Chief, PWB, c/o Military Carrison Commander, Cagliari.

COSENZA - PWB is without a unit at Cosenza. Its representation on the proposed Regional Board at that centre is under consideration at the present time.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFI
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

24 Feb 44.

To: Political Section.
From: PRO, ACC.

I have for some time been concerned about the activities and powers of the Allied Publications Board of which I am ex officio a member. On Feb 14 I sent a memorandum on this subject to Brigadier Lush (copy attached).

"L'Unione", a Bari weekly of pro-monarchist tendency, was suspended for one month as the result of material published in its issue of February 5 1944. The order of suspension was given by Mr Picard, PWB Press Officer at Bari.

Neither I nor any member of the Allied Publications Board knew of this action until an account of it appeared in the "Stars and Stripes" on the 14th of February.

I immediately asked Mr Hamilton Smith, Head of the PWB in Italy and Chairman of the Allied Publications Board why the action had been taken. He stated that he did not know, but gave me the bare facts which I transmitted to Brigadier Lush, who had asked for details.

I had expected that the case would be discussed at the meeting of the Allied Publications Board on February 14. At that meeting, however, only the Chairman and myself were present, the other members not turning up at all: and the Chairman ruled that no meeting could take place.

The matter came up for discussion at the meeting of the Allied Publications Board on February 21. It was then suggested that the Board approve Mr Picard's action and continue to suspend the paper. The Chairman stated that "L'Unione" had praised the Fascist regime. Major Colville and myself asked for further details, and extracts were read which impressed neither of us as meriting suspension. The other members of the Board, however, approved suspension and after a very long and acrimonious discussion the decision to approve Mr Picard's action was taken by a vote of three to two. The Chairman was dissatisfied with this and asked me to reconsider my view. I said I could not do so. In the course of a further prolonged discussion the exact status of a Press Officer and the powers of the PWB were examined, the Chairman and Colonel Munro claiming that (a) the directive of the PWB to the effect that it should "control and direct all propaganda" gave it the right to suspension (b) that the Allied Publications Board was not a deciding body and had by its terms of reference to "enforce the directives" of the PWB and (c) that suspension was a matter of expediency which could not be handled by a Board. I dissented from all three. In the course of the discussion however, it transpired that "L'Unione" had ignored the order of suspension and had continued to publish. This, in my opinion, put a different complexion on the matter: and when Mr Ednam, second-in-command of

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PWB (who admitted that he had advised Mr Picard, who was "new to his job" to suspend "L'Unione") asked that the meeting should be adjourned to the following day and I should reconsider my attitude, I assented.

At Brigadier Lush's meeting the next morning I asked advice on the points which had arisen and stated my attitude, which seemed to meet with approval. I then drafted two resolutions (a) revoking the license of "L'Unione" and (b) stating that the Board considered it wrong for one officer to have the power of suspension and laying down a procedure by which the Board should be consulted before such action was taken. (In view of the deliberate flouting of an order given by Allied authority it seemed to me inevitable that the license of "L'Unione" should be revoked, even if only for a short period).

The Board discussed these resolutions at some length and the parts reflecting on the action of Mr Picard were withdrawn: the Chairman was also empowered to act on his own initiative. I accepted these modifications because it did not seem that I could carry the Board with me the whole way: and we had at least a safer procedure for the future. Moreover, it would have been difficult in my opinion, and perhaps undesirable, to upset Mr Picard's decision absolutely, since it was certainly a moot point whether the article in question was or was not offensive to the Allied cause. My own view was and remains that suspension, particularly by one officer, was a mistake.

In view of this case I feel that the powers of the PWB and APB, and perhaps even the continuation of the latter, need re-examination.

There is a further point. The question of the price of newsprint has come before the APB. Mr Tirane, who attended the APB meeting on January 31, was asked to fix, or obtain the figure for, this. It was explained that if newsprint could be landed at the american price (around 67 dollars a ton) newspapers could be produced fairly easily without financial loss. At the APB meeting on February 21 the Board was informed by Captain Haas that the price would be around 180 dollars a ton. The Chairman then explained that the Italian Government would have to subsidize paper and that the Minister of the Interior, Mr Reale, had already been approached about this. I pointed out that we were getting into deep political waters. The Chairman then asked me if I would meet Mr Reale with Mr GHUDI (who I understand is secretary of the APB, though the appointment has not been officially made) to discuss the matter. I said that on such a vital political issue we should need the opinion of the competent authorities of the ACC. To this the Chairman agreed. The meeting has not yet taken place. But the matter is one which, in my opinion, is outside the competence of the APB. I do not think that the APB as at present constituted is fitted to deal with such question: but it is increasingly obvious that, with the rapid growth of press problems, it will be called upon to do so.

/ I attach

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I attach a copy of the directive establishing the Allied Publications Board.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Officer, ACC.

Copy to :- Colonel Fiske

Enclo. APB Directive - attached
Memo to Brigadier Lush
See (L)

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Capt Howard

Major Knight

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
A.P.O. 395, U.S. ARMY

Ref. No. 5/17 PR

21 February 1944

Subject: Licensing of Publications

To : See distribution.

1. Reference is made to the memorandum from this Headquarters dated 7 February 1944 concerning newspapers, bulletins, posters and other publications requested by Italian citizens and agencies.

2. Par. 2 of that memorandum refers to application forms, a supply of which is enclosed herewith to SCAOs with sample copies to others concerned. Applicants must use both types of enclosed forms in all cases.

3. SCAOs will arrange to have all such applications executed in triplicate. One copy will be retained for files of the SCAO. Two copies will be forwarded to the Public Relations Office, this Headquarters. The Public Relations Officer will forward one copy of the application, together with comments of the SCAO, to Allied Publications Board for consideration.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel FRANCIS.

/s/ Harold E. Pomeroy
HAROLD E. POMEROY
Captain, AUS
Acting Adjutant General

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MODULO A

Modulo per domanda di pubblicazione di giornale

Il sottoscritto fa domanda di pubblicazione di un giornale dai dati ed elementi qui sotto elencati:

Nome della pubblicazione

Località della pubblicazione

Fine che si propone la pubblicazione

Stato finanziario

Eventuale affiliazione politica

Indicazione se si tratta di quotidiano, settimanale, mensile, ecc.

Prezzo di vendita

Indirizzo e numero telefonico

Nome e indirizzo del Direttore responsabile

Nome e indirizzo del Vice-Direttore responsabile

Nome e indirizzo del Direttore Amministrativo

Nome del o dei vari proprietari

Nome della tipografia e del suo direttore

Numero di copie per ciascun numero

Formato e numero di pagine

Stima del quantitativo di carta mensile ritenuto necessario

Indicazione se si tratti di fogli o bobine

Indicazione della zona di circolazione

Indicazione di mezzi di circolazione

Indicazione del quantitativo di carta già in possesso al momento della domanda e luogo dove la medesima trovasi

Indicazione del quantitativo di carta che si ritiene verrà usata e del luogo dove la stessa si trova

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Prestampati ovvero uguali de S.C.A.O.

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Nome del o dei vari proprietari

Nome della tipografia e del suo direttore

Numero di copie per ciascun numero

Formato e numero di pagine

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Modulo B

Modulo per denuncia di materiale da giornali e stampa

Il sottoscritto dichiara di essere in possesso dei seguenti quantitativi di materiale per stampa:

Carta a fogli

— tipi di carta _____

— misure _____

— numero di fogli _____

Carta in bobine

— qualità delle bobine _____

— numero delle bobine _____

— larghezza delle bobine _____

Inchiostri

— quantità in kg. _____

— colori _____

Macchinari

— misura e marca _____

— rotative _____

— linotypes _____

Il sottoscritto dichiara inoltre di $\frac{\text{essere}}{\text{non essere}}$ il proprietario di $\frac{\text{tutto}}{\text{parte}}$ del materiale di cui sopra.

Il materiale stesso trovasi nella seguente località:

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firma

N.B. — Ove il firmatario non sia il proprietario del materiale, ne indichi il nome e l'indirizzo. Lo stesso nel caso vi sia uno o più comproprietari.

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Macchinari

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Il sottoscritto dichiara inoltre di $\frac{\text{essere}}{\text{non essere}}$ il proprietario di $\frac{\text{tutto}}{\text{parte}}$ del materiale di cui sopra.

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N.B. — Ove il firmatario non sia il proprietario del materiale, ne indichi il nome e l'indirizzo. Lo stesso nel caso vi sia uno o più comproprietari.

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22 January 1944

Subject: Allied Publications Board

To: Lt. Colonel Scott Bailey, IWC, AFHQ

1. Attached are minutes of the last two meetings of A.P.B. in case you have not seen them.

2. I have marked in the margin, some passages relative to censorship.

3. Messers Caccia and Reber could see no need for the submission of every book or pamphlet to Allied Censorship or even to P.W.B. It will be seen from the minutes, that Colonel Munro, as the Board's Secretary, is authorised to use his own discretion.

4. I am passing the Press Censorship directives to the Minister of Interior, having deleted paragraph 2g regarding books.

5. I discussed the matter of procedure contained in para 2 with Maj. Alexander. It is not quite that followed at Bari. I am therefore asking the Minister to recommend this procedure to Prefects; but, once the Prefects are themselves responsible for censorship they must adopt the procedure which, for their own protection, they consider best.

6. One copy of each publication will be sent to Allied censorship for scrutiny.

7. The Minister of Interior cannot, of course, give orders to Prefects outside the four provinces and Sicily. But I will send copies of his instructions to the various AMG Regions in order that Prefects in AMG territory receive similar instructions.

8. The present divisions of authority in Italy do complicate our work. I am not familiar with Press conditions outside the King's Italy. Each Prefect will need instructions as to which Allied Press Censorship officer he should send copies for scrutiny.

9. The next meeting of the Board is on 31 January at Naples. They are all-day meetings and will take place once a fortnight.

J. W. COLVILLE
Major, G.S.

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14 December, 1943.

FOR: The Allied Control Commission

I. For some time the Allied Governments have viewed with growing concern the multiplication of publications - authorised, unauthorised, and clandestine - through all zones of liberated Italy from Sicily, Sardinia to the fighting lines.

II. Three questions of major importance to Allied and Italian interests are involved in such productions: security (military censorship); political policy; and availability of printing ~~material~~ facilities and supplies (paper and printing materials).

III. The existing machinery of control is not adequate for present and future requirements.

IV. General Eisenhower has accordingly created an Allied Publications Board comprised of members of PWB, AMG, ACC, Military Censorship and Security.

V. The Board is empowered to draft such regulations and perform such functions as are necessary properly to carry out the following:

1. Authorise the granting and revoking of licenses for the publication of newspapers, books, posters, placards, brochures and similar publication products.

2. Control the flowintoItaly, Sicily and Sardinia of all newsprint, and to control and distribute all newsprint found in Italy; to perform such functions as are necessary to maintain an adequate supply of newsprint.

3. Control the construction, rehabilitation and allotment of line and radio services necessary for news; that is, all existing news wire and radio services necessary to maintain a steady-flow service to publications.

4. Direct the consolidation, movement or rehabilitation of all equipment necessary for publication production.

5. Enforcethe directives of the various sections concerned with publication problems, and to issue censorship and policy directives as are necessary to the proper carrying out of the Commission's authority.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

JCH/RWW/bg

13 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Allied Publications Board.

TO : Major General Kenyon A. Joyce
Acting Deputy President
Allied Control Commission

1. AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 89 of 11 December 1943 creates the Allied Publications Board with the Allied Control Commission and Allied Military Government (Fifteenth Army Group) each being represented by one member.

2. Could you let us know, please, who has been appointed or who is being considered for appointment to the Board to represent ACC and AMG?

3. At the same time I should like to suggest the appointment to the Board of Captain Rader W. Winget to serve during such time as the Board is considering matters pertaining to Paragraph 3 Sub-section (b.), (c.) and (d.) and Paragraph 4 of Administrative Memorandum 89, because of his technical background on Italian newspapers and news and radio agencies.

J. C. HOLMES
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Chief, Military Government Section.

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MEETING OF ACC CENSORSHIP AND PWB RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING ADDITION TO ORDER CREATING APB QUOTE STARS AND STRIPES UNION JACK YANK AND OTHER OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED TROOP MORALE NEWSPAPERS ARE SPECIFICALLY EXEMPT FROM APB CONTROL AND SUPERVISION EXCEPT FOR PAPER STOCKS MATERIALS AND FACILITIES ACQUIRED IN OR DERIVED FROM ITALY SARDINIA AND SICILY WHICH SHALL BE ALLOTTED BY APB BASED UPON NEED AND AVAILABILITY PD THE APB SHALL NOT EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OR SUPERVISION OVER ARMY EXPEDITIONARY RADIO STATIONS BRITISH OR AMERICAN UNQUOTE PD TO FREEDOM FOR PWB RYAN FROM FATIMA FROM ADAMS PWB BARI SIGNED JOYCE PD NOTE THAT THE PHRASES QUOTE EXCEPT FOR CENSORSHIP UNQUOTE IN ADAMS PREVIOUS CABLE HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED AS ADEQUATE MILITARY CENSORSHIP IS ALREADY PROVIDED BY CENSORSHIP SECTION ING PD ALL UNITS PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCES HERE URGE IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE OF APB ORDER BY AFHQ

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE /mar

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1. It is desired to emphasize that, Vide paragraph 1 our MGS-334-34 of 27 November, approval has not yet been given for formulation of the APB. (TO FATIMA FOR JOYCE REPEATED FILPOT FOR PWB SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FHMGS REFERENCE YOUR 1236 OF 2 DECEMBER). When such approval received intention is to constitute the Board near the seat of the Allied Control Commission.

2. Your suggestion that further authority should be granted to the APB not understood, as Vide Appendix ~~Below~~ Paragraph 2 (~~Charlie~~) our letter quoted in paragraph 1 such authority will be vested in the Board when approval given for it to be formulated.

3. No orders can be issued to constitute the APB at Bari until such time as approval given for its formulation. Pending formulation of Board you should proceed as in paragraph 2 of our letter under reference.

4. Adams of PWB now at Brindisi fully informed regarding details and our intentions.

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Mr. Reber
Td mtg PWB in connection with ACC fld.

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FREEDOM REPEATED FILPOT FOR PWB

REFERENCE MCS THREE THREE FOUR DASH THREE FOUR ALLIED PUBLICATION BOARD PD TO FREEDOM REPEATED FILPOT FOR PWB FROM FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE PD IN ORDER THAT THE NECESSARY SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF PUBLICATIONS TO ITALY CMA SICILY AND SARDINIA CAN BE EFFECTED AND IN ORDER TO COORDINATE THE POLICY WITH THAT OF THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CONSTITUTE THE ALLIED PUBLICATION BOARD IN ITALY NEAR THE SEAT OF THE COMMISSION AND OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD ONLY IF THE BOARD IS IN A POSITION TO MAKE A SURVEY ON THE SPOT AND TO ESTABLISH DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES THROUGH WHOM MANY OF THE LICENSES WILL BE AUTHORIZED WILL IT BE POSSIBLE ADEQUATELY TO EXERCISE THE DESIRED CONTROLS PD FURTHER AUTHORITY SHOULD BE GRANTED THE BOARD TO ISSUE OR APPROVE THE INDIVIDUAL LICENSES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF GENERAL DIRECTIONS FROM AFHQ PD PARA IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE NECESSARY ORDERS BE ISSUED WITHOUT DELAY TO CONSTITUTE THE BOARD IN BARI AS A TEMPORARY LOCATION PD ACTION MAY THEN BE TAKEN TO PUT AN END TO THE PRESENT UNCOORDINATED SYSTEM AND PERMIT THE RESTORATION OF APPROPRIATE NEWSPAPERS THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN ITALY AND SICILY

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