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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

16 June, 1944

To : Signor Umberto Maria ~~Verani~~ ^{LAH}

Subject: Projected "Political and Artistic Weekly"

1. General Mason McFarlane has requested me to answer your letter (undated) applying for permission to publish a weekly of the nature stated above.
2. The proper method of applying for such permission is to fill out the enclosed modulo and address it to Col. Ian Munro, Allied Publications Board, FWB Office, Rome.

T.G. BERGIN,
Maj. US.
DDPR, ACC.

→ Carlo...
To H.H. Noel Mason Ma Parlane, Lieutenant General, Chief Commissioner
HQ Army, Rome
13 June 1947
Allied Control Commission.

Umberto Maria, Lami, a writer, applies for O.K. for a "Political
Artistical Litterary" weekly paper.

My name is still unknown because on account of my not being en-
listed in the fascist party, I suffered continual hinderance; of late,
however, I had found De-Stefani, a play writer, who had agreed to under-
write one of my plays taking 50 % on the profit. During the fascist re-
gime, this was the only way a sensible young man having no support could
afford in order to succeed. During General Badoglio Government, De Stefani
advertised my play but wanted to expect You, for the performance because
the originality of the play and the dynamism of the dialogue made him
consider the play fit for a translation and a film. On the contrary, when
the government changed again, he was offered an important situation in
the Cultura Popolare Office and left Rome. He wanted me to follow him.
He told me a could get much money from films with the Germans because my
imagination was very rich, he added I should be ruined if I had remained
because in America they need not other people's imagination. I quite agree
with that but in consequence of my warm feelings to You and my loath for
the Germans, I refused. A fortnight ago I was called again by De Stefani
through the secretary left in Rome. To allure me he stated he had already
entrusted a gang with my play, that every one was enthusiast of it and a
great success was expected; he said he was also dealing with the production
of the film and therefore honours and money were ready for me in Northern
Italy. I refused again, though I was very badly off at the time in Rome,
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If Italy is up again, if Rome is free, well, we owe that all to You. But for your magnificent power which has struck us all with astonishment and admiration, we would be for ever slaves of fascism and nazism.

Trusting You will be so good as to grant me such great favour, I thank you in advance.

In the believe of being able to put forth the first issue on your arrival, the paper had been got ready. If you would kindly have a look at it, I would be only too glad to show You the articles. I enclose advertising litterature.

With all my sincerest respect

UMBERTO MARIA LAMI

3. Camilla St.

Tel. 768467

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BALL AND METTING HELD
JUNE 14TH 1944.

PRESENT:

Mr. A.A. Micozzi, PWB, Chairman & Executive Secretary
 Capt. H.J.D. Utley, A.C.S.
 Capt. E.D. Astley, IHC.
 Lt. P. Mengoli, Italian Government (Observer).

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.
2. PAPER SITUATION.
 Now satisfactory. Need for sheet zinc and ink becoming more and more urgent.
3. NEW CHAIRMAN.

On Mr. Micozzi's suggestion, Mr. Dante Guadi, Deputy O.C., PWB Bari Outpost, and head of Italian affairs, was elected Chairman of the local APB.

4. FORBIDDEN PUBLICATIONS.

Capt. Astley informed the Board that Censorship forbids the publication of puzzle books and railroad timetables in book form.

5. CHURCH PRESS.

The Secretary reported on his meeting with Mons. Mami, Archbishop of Bari. As a result of the meeting the Archbishop has presented requests for a balanced program of publications for his diocese which numbers one million souls. If the Central Board will approve these requests we can assume that there will be no further requests for religious publications from the Bari area, and should there be any additional requests they will be made through the Archbishop.

Since this step was taken at the request of the Central Board, this local Board hopes that the religious publications in question will be approved en bloc.

6. AUTHORIZATIONS.

Periodicals approved by this Board:-

"FIAMMA." Place of publication: Bari. Monthly issue - 6000 copies.
 Official organ of "Gruppo Amministratori" units Garibaldini and Italian Boy Scouts.
 Will overlap somewhat with "La Gioconda" but ought to be better than Gioconda.
 This Board is beginning to question the sponsorship of "Gioconda."

"BUONA GUARDIA." Place of publication: Taranto. Weekly issue - 25,000 copies.
 Italian navy morale paper. This request is "pro forma". Please advise if Central Board has made difficulties over its overseas distribution. This Board finds the paper most correct and would like to encourage its distribution to all units of the Italian fleet.

"Radiocanzoni per Tutti." Place of publication: Bari. Monthly issue, 5000 copies.
 An excellent escape periodical that would fill an obvious gap.

"La Rotte dei 41." Place of publication: Bari.

Now satisfactory. Need for short time and ink becoming more and more urgent.

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"Pedicearoni per Fitti." Place of publication: Bari. Monthly issue, 5000 copies. An excellent escape periodical that would fill an obvious gap.

"La Bottega dei 4." Place of publication: Lecce. Weekly issue, 5000 copies. This would be the PWB sponsored weekly requested by PWB for Lecce. PWB's Bari Press officer would control the contents of the paper.

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PAPERS FOR BARI ARCHDIOCESE APPROVED:-

"Maes Christi" - For seminarians - Molfetta - 1500 copies - Bi-Monthly publication.
 "Educa" - Catechism - for school children - Bari - 1500 copies - Monthly pubn.
 "L'Operaio" - Bulletin for workers - the purpose being to educate working-classes in religion/morals. Bari - 5000 copies. Weekly.
 "Demerica Benigno" - For a nun's own edition whose chief work is printing. Monthly publication - 15000
 "La Famiglia" - Bulletin for home distribution. Bari. Bi-monthly. 20,000 copies.
 "Solletino Diocesano" - Bishop's bulletin to the priests. Bari Diocese - Monthly publication.

PERIODICALS HELD OVER.

PARIOL. Place of publication: Bari - weekly issue - 4,000 copies. Humouristic - would have turned this down except that "Il Grillo Parlante" may eventually ask for permission to publish in Rome. "Papiolo" is an old local humouristic paper that could fill the gap left by a migrating "Grillo."

PERIODICALS REJECTED.

De Rinascita - Place of publication: Barietta - artistic, literary, sportive. Barietta not a publishing centre - superfluous, questionable sponsorship.

"AVANGUARDIA". Place of publication - Bari. For Communist youth - One Communist Party paper for the moment sufficient.

"LA BILANCIA". Place of publication: Ivani. Center in politics. Trade not a publishing centre, only a commercial venture.

"RISVEGLIO ECONOMICO." Place of publication: Bari. Business nature - premature. Only a commercial venture.

"LA COMPACTA." Place of publication: Bari. Communist women's paper. See "Avanguardia."

"IL MOSCONE." Place of publication: Taranto. Humouristic. Field exhausted for the moment.

"L'AURORA SERPENTINA". Place of publication: Bari - Religious, Franciscan, premature - Referred to Archbishop.

"U. Panzeri idde." Taranto. In dialect, folklore. Premature.

"LA DIANA." Barietta - Sport. Premature - not a publishing centre.

Since there was no further business, the existing returned.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Psychological Warfare Branch
ROME

17 June 44.

Major John P. Leacacos,
PRO, AMG 5th Army,
Palazzo d'Assicurazione,
Piazza Venezia.

Dear Leacacos,

In accordance with arrangements made with General Hume, of
which we spoke the other day, you will be glad to know that
we are getting a move on.

The following papers, which started publishing since our arri-
val, are being stopped:

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| IL QUOTIDIANO | L'ITALIANO |
| LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA | LA VOCE DEL POPOLO |
| ITALIA NUOVA | IL PROGRESSO |
| CANTACHIARO | DEMOCRAZIA INTERNAZIONALE |
| LA RICOSTRUZIONE | |

The necessary action against authorized papers is being taken
by Capt. Mitchell, CORR HQ, who telephoned today and asked for
"a list of papers to be cracked down on."

Sincerely yours,

I. S. Munro
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I. S. MUNRO,
Lt. Col.,
Press Chief, PWR Italy.

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
16, Corso Umberto,
NAPLES.

MINUTES of MEETING of Naples Local APB
held at the above offices
at 10.30 a.m., June 12, 1944.

PRESENT : Capt. J.N. Lummus, Region III, ACC
Lt. J. Davie, Censorship,
Mr. R. Meryll, Press Officer PWB
(Executive Secretary).
Mr. T. Russo, PWB, (Observer).
Mr. R.G. Shorney, PWB, (Observer).

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

APPLICATIONS.

The following applications were approved for
recommendation to the Central Board :

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>Circulation</u>	<u>Periodic</u>
Naples	RENDICONTO DELLA SOCIETA' REALE of Sciences	Proceedings of the R. Society	500 (800 pages)	yearly
Naples	LA GIUSTIZIA	Legal Problems	5.000	weekly

The first application was channeled through
the Education Subcommittee ACC, which is in favour of such
a publication.

In the case of the second, the Legal Subcom-
mission ACC has already recommended it and Central APB has
also approved such a publication, on condition that it would
be the only one for Naples Province, dealing exclusively
with legal questions.

The following applications were rejected :

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>Periodic</u>	<u>Reasons</u>
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Mr. R.G. Shorney, FWE, (Observer).

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Naples	L'ITALIA D'OGGI	Italo-American cultural relations, apolitical.	Bi-monthly	Not essential to War effort
Naples	UMANITA'	Cultural	Bi-monthly	Untimely
Naples	L'INDIPENDENTE	in support of private schools	monthly	Personal interests only.
Naples	WORDS TO THE WIND	Better knowledge of England and America	Bi-monthly	Untimely Not essential

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>Periodic</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Naples	LA NOVELLA	Moral & political education	Monthly	no use at the moment.
Naples	IL PARNASSO	Scientific Artistic Literary	Bi-monthly	unessential
Naples	ATHEN	Non political Democratic education	Bi-monthly	already served with LA GRUA.
Naples	L'AMMENNA	Non political University students	?	already served with LA PRUA
TORRE DEL LO SQUILLO GRECO	antifascist (for seamen)	Bi-monthly		served from Naples, previously reject.
Caserta	LA VITA	Partito d'azione	Weekly	not a publication centre.
Caserta	LA SCINTILLA	Partito Liberale : political education	Weekly	not a publication centre.

CASERTA PRESS SITUATION.

A short appreciation of the rather difficult situation at Caserta with regard to the supply of newspapers was given by the Chairman, and a motion by the latter that the Naples Local Board recommend to the Central APB to allow a single antifascist weekly run by a joint editorial Board of all the six recognised parties was approved.

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An application from this authorised periodical to increase its circulation was considered and it was agreed to recommend to the Central APB an increase from the present

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The meeting then adjourned.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SARI APB
HELD 7TH JUNE, 1944.

PRESENT:

Mr. A. A. Micocci, PMS, Chairman & Executive Secretary.
Capt. H. J. D. Utley, A.C.C.
Lt. A. Spierio, I.M.C.
Lt. E. Mengoli, Italian Government (Observer)
Major Knight, A.C.C. (Observer)
Mr. D. Gaudi, PMS (Observer)

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.
2. Central Board Communications of June 1st, 1944.

The local Board will institute the revised procedure whereby applications advance on parallel courses from Prefect to Minister of the Interior to Central Board and from local Board to Central Board. It understands, however, that there would be no objection to the continued presence at local Board meetings of the Italian government's representative as an observer and adviser.

This Board would like to know what the reverse path from the Central Board to editor will be - Will it be Central Board, Minister of the Interior, Prefect or will the local Board figure at all in the process?

3. Paper for Church Publications.

The Secretary has had a preliminary talk with Archbishop Miami of Bari on the subject of paper for Catholic publications. He would like to have a quantity of paper assigned to him for Church use. Of course, military censorship and post-publication scrutiny for political content, etc. would still apply. But the matter of individual publications would be his concern.

For our audience will Central Board advise us what the Naples or other local Boards have done with that matter?

4. English grammar for Italians.

Such a book is very much in demand. Capt. Vessolo, the Regional Education Officer, has looked into the matter from the point of view of his office. He has published a grammar by Bardi. It is an old book that has been revised and reprinted many times and seems to be very good indeed. Litterza is making a formal request.

5. Paper situation.

The paper situation is getting more and more in hand. The cutting and slitting machinery in Foggia is now functioning. Lt. Clarke (PMS) has worked out a plan whereby rolled paper of American dimensions can be cut to Italian sizes with an insignificant loss. A.C.C. and PMS have turned up on this business with fine esprit.

6. The Press in Sicily, Brindisi.

• L'Unione Democratica (Luceia).

This paper was authorized to publish one thousand copies weekly. On the request of the regional Commissioner we have authorized an increase to 1500 copies.

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6. The Press in Foggia Province.

L'Azioni Democratica. (Miscara).

This paper was authorized to publish one thousand copies weekly. On the request of the regional Commission we have authorized an increase to 1500 copies.

7. Authorizations.

At this meeting this Board limited itself to a consideration of requests for non-recurring publications.

8. Since there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

THE PUBLICATION BOARD
PUB. OFFICE
406, Corso Vittorio Emanuele
CAGLIARI - SARDEGNA

Minutes of the meeting held at the above offices
on Saturday, June 1st, 1940 at 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Major G.O. Lepore, P.O. (Chairman)
Capt. A. Balia, Italian High Commissioner's Office
Lieut. A. Suresilo, Secretary
Capt. ... de la Subotzka, Comandante (Secretary)

- The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.
- Capt. ... de la Subotzka tendered his resignation from the Board and the Secretary and introduced the new member for membership Lieut. A. Suresilo.
- It was regretted that owing to the absence of the ... representative, it was not possible to elect a new Secretary.
- The Chairman stated that both he and the Secretary had had a very useful conversation with Major ... of the General Staff, during which, elucidation on several points had been obtained. In view of the possibility of the new ... there was shortly coming into force, he suggested that all applications for licences should be considered in the light of this new law. If it was not put into effect before June 1st, the Board also in ... at the next meeting. Whether pending promulgation of the new law, to ... the status quo as to issue licences on the basis of directives then in its possession. Carried.
- The Secretary reported ... on a pamphlet entitled "Licenze ...". The ... and moved that authority be given to visit the ... asked for. Agreed. Capt. ... with ...
- It was agreed to supply ... to the ... of ... to last ... 1st, approx. 100 kg. and to supply 40 kg. for 5000 copies of a ... which entitled ... authorized at the last meeting. The Secretary to make arrangements with ... for delivery.
- Several requests had been received to publish special editions of ... of ... in the ...

1. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. Capt. J.D. de la Sabotiere reported his resignation from the board and the necessary steps introduced to get another for temporary C/Lieut. A. GIBSON.

3. It was regretted that owing to the absence of the new representative, it was not possible to elect a new secretary.

4. The chairman stated that to be able the secretary had had a very useful conversation with Major J.F. Stewart, of the armed forces, during which, consideration of several points had been obtained. In view of the possibility of the new allyship case was shortly coming into force. He suggested that all applications for licenses should be considered in the light of this new law. If it was not put into effect before June 15th, the board should decide at the next meeting whether, pending promulgation of the new law, to maintain the status quo or to issue licenses on the basis of directives then in its possession. Carried.

5. The secretary reported temporarily as a pamphlet entitled "Indigenous Publications" and moved that authority be given to print the two copies asked for. Agreed. Capt. Davis to arrange with publishers.

6. It was agreed to supply sufficient copies to the printing press "LITERIA" of Madrid, to last it until June 15th, i.e. approx. 150 kg. and to supply 40 kg. for 5000 copies of a memo union entitled "FOLIO PABLO" authorized at the last meeting. The secretary to make arrangements with ICC for delivery.

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7. Several requests had been received to publish special editions or inserts which consequently the death of the title. As the conditions were the early primarily concerned, it was agreed to ask Capt. Arvalo Cervi, their principal exponent, and other applicants, whether they would agree to the printing of 10,000 copies of the socialist memo union to serve the whole island. Capt. Davis to make contact with the interested parties.

8. The secretary moved that publishers of licensed periodicals, when they wished to print special editions, should seek authority to do so from the board. Carried.

Continued.

9. After investigation by the secretary, the proposal that the **RODENT** or **POD** should avail themselves of the facilities to print a fortnightly non-political review, offered by the Cassari firm of U.S.V.P.B., was turned down on grounds of impracticability.
10. Capt. Tavin was asked to arrange with prefects for a check to be kept on circulation figures, to ensure that publishers do not use less newspaper than that required for the authorized circulation figure and sell the rest on the black market.
11. Official Italian translations of minutes will in future be made.
12. The next meeting will be called by the secretary at a suitable date.
13. The meeting adjourned.

Distribution.

A.P.B. (Central)	10.
A.P.B. (Local)	6.
Brigadier GAZZ	1.
General PIERI	1.
Prefects - Suero, Anzani, Scallari	1.
ACC - Magliari, Cassari, Suero	3.
Lt. Col. TAVIN	1.
Commander Control	1.
C.P. Allied Garrison	1.
Press Officer, Cassari	1.

R E S T R I C T E D

AT

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
AFHQ 512

Ex Offis (Est Br)

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER)

24)

2 June 1944

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

The following AFHQ Administrative Memoranda are rescinded and instructions below substituted therefor:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Administrative Memorandum</u>
All	89/43
I	96/43
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I	12/44
II	13/44

1. a. The Allied Publications Board comprised of representatives of each of the following has been created:

- (1) Psychological Warfare Branch, IWC. (Chairman)
- (2) Censorship Branch, IWC.
- (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.D.P.W.D. (Lih) 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.

f. 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 Allied Publications Board based upon need and availability. In the event of acute facility shortages, officially designated troop morale publications will be permitted to participate in the use of available facilities on a "share and share alike" basis with other licensed publications. The Allied Publications Board will not exercise any control or supervision over Army Expeditionary Radio Stations, British or American.

g. 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. (AG 000.78-1 IRC-C)

By command of General WILSON:

H. H. Roberts
H. H. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGC,
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14

3 June, 1940

SUBJECT: Projected publication of Il Pensiero

To : Enrico Scielzo, Salerno

1. Reference your letter and enclosures dated 30 May, 1944, I am directed to inform you that the procedure for applying for publishing a newspaper is to fill out the enclosed modulo and send to the APP, Naples Local Board, 107 Corso Umberto, Naples.
2. I am returning your original enclosure in addition to the modulo above mentioned.

T.C. BERGIN,
Major, AUS
DPR.

Via Salvatore de Renzi; 13. Salerno

File Summary

PRB

HQ ACC, AFO 394

Rec'd 3 June 14 10
By *[Signature]*

[Signature]

Excellency

Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane
Chief Commissioner of ACC
Salerno

certainly

Excellency; you will excuse me if, without having the high honor of knowing you, I permit myself to turn over to you this letter, which has as its first aim that of revealing myself as one of your fervent admirers for the fine work which you are doing, truly to merit the esteem and the conditioned affection of all the Italian people, who have truly suffered during the years in which they were subjected to a regime of oppression and violence and in which ~~everything~~ everything was regulated--visibly or evidently--by the invisible force of coercion.

Even my poor father, now deceased, suffered a great deal; he was driven to hunger and in my house for a long time, we had nothing to eat.

If I should be permitted, I would show you all the requests, all the appeals, a complete and enormous documentation of attempts to obtain bread and work: No! He died so poor that it would be an exaggeration if I added "for lack of nutrition!"

Then I had to support the enormous load of the entire family, two unmarried and very old aunts and the family of one of my brothers who never returned from East Africa. I suffered and we suffered with only 485 lire per month, but hoping that ~~some day~~ some day the dawn would break, bringing us to the serene after such a storm. It didn't seem possible to me to have suffered hunger and to have studied without books when the Armistice came. ~~Not too bad:~~ *Fortunately* God was moved by the pity of a people ~~who~~ who, if expiated, were also largely to blame.

But I do not wish to detain you any longer, Excellency; I can imagine how serious your work is and what it means to deprive you of precious minutes from your tasks.

With this letter which I send you, I would be pleased if I could be recommended to the Allied Publication Board so that it would kindly take into consideration the examination of my application to obtain the authorization to publish a newspaper ~~called~~ called "Il Pensiero". In order not to abuse your patience with a long letter, I have permitted myself to include with this, two enclosures: a copy of the documentation of the newspaper in question in which everything is clearly specified; and a report presented by me to the Military authorities, as soon as I could consider myself free

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from every German danger and after having done that duty which all military personnel would have been obliged to fulfill.

I am certain--now that you know who I am--of your paternal interest, Excellency, Lt. General, and I would like to demonstrate to you with facts and deeds all my immense gratitude. Unfortunately, ^{perhaps} because I would aspire to too much, I will allow myself only to nourish for you, Excellency, the maximum and highest esteem, remaining obliged to you for life with a grateful devotion.

Very devotedly yours,

/s/ Enrico Scielzo

Via Salvatore de Renzi; 13. Salerno.

Salerno, 30 May, 1944

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BARI AFB MEETING, MAY 31ST, 1944.

PRESENT: Mr. A.A. Micocci, Chairman, Executive Secretary, PWB.
 Capt. E.D.H. Astley, INC.
 Capt. H.J.D. Utley, A.C.C.
 Lt. P. Mengoli, Italian Gmt. (Observer).
 Major Knight, A.C.C., Senior Supply Officer (Observer).

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.
2. NAPLES' COMMUNICATIONS.

The decisions of the Central Board meeting as telephoned to the Executive-Secretary were passed on to the local Board.

3. PAPER.

The Foggia mill where A.C.C. paper is to be stored, slit, and sheeted should go into action soon. Major Knight stated that he was working actively on that project in collaboration with PWB supply officers.

4. LINOTYPE MACHINE FOR PARTY PRESS.

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5. POSTELEGRAFICO, Bollettino dell'Aviatore.

The Secretary will contact the Labor Sub-Commission and the Air Force Sub-Commission at the earliest.

6. PUBLISHING CENTERS, PAPER SHORTAGE.

The local Board takes note of the decision of the Central Board that, in cities other than recognized publishing centers, allied officials may request permission to publish one non-political sheet as an aid in their administration.

Because of the paper shortage, this Board will rigorously examine any further requests for authorizations to publish.

This Board queries whether it isn't time to re-examine some of the authorizations granted in order to determine whether the publications in question are really serving the purposes for which they were authorized.

7. IL SECONDO RISCIOGLIMENTO.

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Please inform us on what basis this paper was authorized. On the mimeographed list of papers authorized as of May 12, 1944, this paper appears as Bi-monthly, youth organ. The editor has a letter from the local Prefect authorizing him to publish weekly. There seems to be a difference of opinion on the word "youth". The first number suggests that it will be another political paper, representing either the Partito d'Azione, and/or the Partito Liberale, and may also become the personal organ of Prof. Fiore, senior.

8. PAPER SIZES.

Paper in rolls arrives in 34½ and 68 inch widths. The most economical

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without any loss
 economical way in which to cut this paper is 34 x 12, thereby making ^{two} ~~four~~ pages 12 x 17. This American paper cut to any other size involves a waste of 25% to 33%. It would in the end be more economical of paper to let the weekly editors have four sheets of the Gazette size (12 x 17) than the present size of 13 x 20.
 Will you advise?

9. AUTHORIZATIONS.

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Jeff (Too late!)

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

167 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

CENTRAL BOARD AGENDA
29 May 1944

1. Minutes of last meeting (copy attached).
2. Arising out of Minutes:
 - a) Separatist application. *Turned down by C.C. and*
 - b) New law. *Finish it for God's sake. Addisio*
3. Paper Situation.
4. Responsibilities of Board Members. *??*
5. Arising out of Local APB Minutes:
 - a) Bari, 17 May (previously distributed).
 - b) Sicily, 15 May " "
 - c) Naples, 22 May (copy attached).
 - d) Sardinia, 13 May (previously distributed).
6. POLITICA ESTERA. *Give them papers*
7. ISCHIA NUOVA. *Sack Gibbons*
8. Licensing Questions:
 - a) BECCO GIALLO
 - b) SUD.
9. Other Business.
10. Next meeting of the Board.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14.

29 May 1944.

Subject: Application from Sicilian Separatist Party.

To: Executive Secretary, Allied Publications Board.

1. The application from the Sicilian Separatist party has been considered by the Political Section ACC, the Chief Commissioner and the Italian Government.
2. All three parties concur that the license should be refused on the ground that the party cannot be considered an all-Italy party, but only a local movement, and as such cannot be considered as entitled to a party newspaper under present conditions.
3. I return the relevant papers herewith.

(Spa)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PFB 14.

25 May 1944.

Subject: "Rinnovamento", Caserta.

To: Major R.A.B. Hamilton, CAO, Caserta Sub-District.

Reference Allied Publications Board decision on application of "Rinnovamento".

1. The Allied Publications Board has asked me to explain the matter fully to you. The APB was established by AFHQ in December last to control the issue of paper and the licensing of publications in occupied and liberated Italy. Membership of the Board includes PWB, ACC, G-2, and Censorship. In view of the shortage of paper it was immediately essential to work out a system of priorities for licensing.

2. These priorities fall into three groups. The first priority is for morale papers, which include publications such as the Union Jack, Stars and Stripes, La Patrie etc. as well as the PWB-controlled Italian newspapers. The second priority is for representative political party papers, limited to the Government and the six recognized opposition parties. The third priority is for all other categories, e.g. humorous or sporting papers, art magazines etc.

3. For obvious reasons, the number of "publication centres" at each of which these conditions could operate had to be limited. The publication centres chosen were Naples, Bari, Lecce, Catanzaro, Catania, Palermo and Cagliari. These centres were chosen as the best from which the whole area could be served with newspapers in the present state of communications.

4. You will, I trust, realize that to set up another publication centre at Caserta, which is close and accessible to Naples, would create a precedent utterly incompatible with this general plan, and make it impossible to refuse to grant licenses to applicants from any town: a state of affairs which, with present paper supplies, would be impossible.

5. I think that your letter is incorrect in some details. The Public Relations Office at Region III (incidentally that office has now been abolished and all Public Relations concentrated at HQ) gave no "decision" since it was not competent to do so, that being the function of the Allied Publications Board. The PRC of Region III wrote to Signor Torre on April 4, informing him how to obtain the forms which were necessary in order to apply for a license. The forms were duly forwarded to and considered by the APB and the application was rejected by the Board. A letter to that effect was written to Signor

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6. I fully appreciate what you say in your letter, and your desire for a newspaper for Caserta. But I hope I have made it clear that, however desirable an absolutely untrammelled publication of newspapers may seem, shortage of paper is at present the governing factor. If you wish to put forward further arguments for your point of view I will gladly transmit them to the APB.

Copy to Lt Col Muna (Sed)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major, Public Relations Director

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14.

22 May 1944.

Subject: "Rinnovamento", Caserta.

To: Lt Col I.S. Munro, Executive Secretary, APB.

Reference your letter dated 20 May.

1. I have written today to Major Hamilton, ^{attached} CAO Caserta Sub-District, giving him the full details on the "Rinnovamento" case.
2. Your dossier on the subject is returned as requested.

(Sgd)
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

RESTRICTED*File*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

PRB 14.

21 May 1944.

Subject: Jewish Newspaper.

To: HQ Allied Armies in Italy (DAG). *CA Branch files.*

Reference your AAI/5045/4/A(PB) dated 13 May 1944.

No application has ever been received by the Allied Publications Board for licensing a Jewish newspaper under the name you mention, and no license has been granted to any such newspaper. I attach a copy of the letter issued to ACC Regional Commissioners on the subject of unlicensed newspapers.

For the Chief Commissioner.

PRB 14A of 16 Check ref.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14.

21 May 1944.

Subject: "Azione Democratica", Lucera.

To: Lt Col S. Pickering, Regional Public Safety Officer, Region V.

Reference your RS/514/10 dated 4 May 1944 and further to our PRB 14A dated 7 May 1944.

The Central Allied Publications Board, at its last meeting on 15 May 1944, authorized "Azione Democratica", Lucera, to continue publication with Professor Pasquale Soccio as responsible director in place of Rag. Luigi Sordao.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14.

21 May 1944.

Subject: "Liberta", Foggia.

To: Lt Col G.E. Temperley, Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Province.

Refer^{File 4.}ence your FP/1105 dated 17 March 1944 and subsequent correspondence.

1. The Central Allied Publications Board at its last meeting, 15 May 1944, considered the application of "Liberta", Foggia, and decided to withhold license to publish.
2. The reason for the decision was that only in publication centres such as Naples, Bari, etc are the six parties and the Government granted permission to publish weekly papers; and in view of the newsprint situation the number of publication centres is strictly limited.
3. Unfortunately, your FP/1105, with application forms, never reached the office of the Executive Secretary of the APB, but he requests me to assure you that even if it had their decision would have been, of necessity, the same.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

I might perhaps add two points. If you consider that Foggia can not be served by newspapers printed in Bari, I can ask the APB to consider Foggia as a Publication Centre. Secondly, if there are unlicensed newspapers being printed in Foggia, action should be taken against them.

OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

167 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

20 May 44.

SUBJECT : AZIONE DEMOCRATICA of Lucera; LIBERTA of Foggia.
TO : Major Lionel Fielden,
Director of Public Relations,
ACC.

1. Will you please inform Lt. Col. C. E. Temperley, Provincial Commissioner, AMG Foggia Province, and/or Col. F. L. Whitley, Regional Commissioner, Region V, that the Central Allied Publications Board considered the application of LIBERTA (Foggia) at its last meeting, and after full discussion withheld license to publish.

2. May I suggest that you explain the Board's reason for rejecting the application. Only in publication centres, such as Naples, Bari, etc., are the six recognised parties of the National Front and the Government granted permission to publish weekly papers. Because of the newsprint situation, the board has been forced to limit the number of publication centres, and its decision in this respect has the backing of all recognised authorities, Allied and Italian.

3. Unfortunately, the Provincial Commissioner's communication of 17 March 44, together with application forms, never reached the office of the Executive Secretary. But even if it had, the Board would have been forced to take the same decision with regard to LIBERTA, and for the same reason.

4. Will you please also inform Lt. Col. S. Pickering, Regional Public Safety Officer, Region V, (ref. R5/514/10, 4 May 1944) that the Board, at its last meeting, authorised AZIONE DEMOCRATICA of Lucera to continue publication with Prof. SECCIO Pasquale as responsible director, vice Rag. SORDAS Luigi.

I. S. MUNRO, 173
Lt. Col.,
Executive Secretary.

RC & MG

8129 PRB

SUBJECT: PublicationsR E S T R I C T E D

H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

AAI/5045/4/A(PS).

18 May 44.

Executive Commissioner,
Hq Allied Control Commission,
RC & MG Section.

Reference your PRB 14 dated 15 May 44.

1. The information given in your letter is noted.
2. It has come to notice that a Jewish newspaper "DADEKCH", apparently published in Hebrew, has recently been started in Italy.
3. Can a copy of the completed form Model 'A', submitted to the Allied Publication Board in the case of that paper be supplied to this HQ.

CMP/JLR

C.H. Tabor

Brigadier.

D.A.G.

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R. QUESTURA DI NAPOLI

N. di prot. 107983 Divisione P.P.

Risposta a nota

Allegati 5

OGGETTO:

Napoli, 18 Maggio 1944

L. Caprio

A S.E. IL PREFETTO
NAPOLI

Quartier Generale dell'A.M.G.
per la Campania R.Prefettura

Quartier Generale dell'A.M.G.
per la città e Provincia
presso il Municipio

Capo Ufficio Stampa P.W.B.
Corso Umberto I° n.167

A.C.of S.G 2 P.B.S.
Peninsular Base Section
Palazzo Intendenza di Finanza

Sig.Cap.Heath I.C.G. 2.ReG.3
Palazzo Prefettura

AL SIG.COMANDANTE L'UFFICIO
di Via Calascione n.7 - II° piano

NAPOLI

HQ. REGION 3 ACC.
19 MAG 1944
Time in 11:20
Dispatched

Si comunica che sono stati sequestrati i seguenti giornali, di cui si acclude copia, che non risultano autorizzati:

"Ateneo" edizione n.5	n.87	copie
"Bandiera Rossa" ed.n.14	n.150	"
"Ribellione" edizione n.1	" 30	"
"Spartaco" edizione " 9	" 200	"
"Pensiero Marxista"ed." 1	" 33	"

IL QUESTORE

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RESTRICTED AND URGENT

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

PRB 14.

15 May 1944.

Subject: Publications.

To: HQ Allied Armies in Italy.

On GH Branch file

1. Reference your AAI/5045/4/A(PS) dated 10 May.
2. The present position regarding the points raised in para 2 is:

(a) Authority to start a new civilian publication has to be obtained from the Allied Publications Board. A specimen form (Model A) is attached at Annexure "A".

(b) Censorship is carried out as follows. Every editor is provided with a PWB (Psychological War Branch) directive. The Regional PWB Press Officer scrutinizes newspapers immediately after publication and if he considers they fail to conform to the standards laid down he either

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(d) No.

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M. B. LUSH, Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner
for Chief Commissioner.

Copy to CA Branch

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL

167 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

MINUTES of a meeting of the Central
APB held at the above offices on
15 May 44, at 2:30 p.m.

PRESENT :

Mr. George W. Edman, PwB (Chairman).
Mr. Samuel Reber, Political Section, ACC.
Major Lionel Fielden, PRO, ACC.
Capt. Henry Haas, Economic Section, ACC.
Major J. W. Colville, Censorship.
Major I. C. Alexander, Censorship.
Capt. A. C. C. Barcroft, G-2.
Capt. C. F. Brown, G-1.
Mr. James M. Minifie, PwB.
Lt. Col. I. S. Munro, PwB (Executive Secretary).
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Mr. Ralph Meryll, PwB (Observer).

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Mr. Samuel Reber, Political Section, ACC.
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- d) AFHQ request for newsprint. Reporting on his APB mission to Algiers, Capt. Haas said that AFHQ had agreed to withdraw their request for 350 tons of newsprint.

2. Paper Situation.

Capt. Haas cautioned that an acute newsprint shortage might develop in the course of the next few weeks as he had learned in Algiers that shipments had been cancelled (see Central Board minutes of 20 March 44) for May and June. The situation might be

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HAAS relieved, however, by the arrival of 700 tons of newsprint which were still owing on back quotas.

a) Yugoslav Request. The Executive Secretary tabled a letter from the Yugoslav National Committee of Liberation (dated 2 May 44), requesting a monthly allotment of 30-35 tons of newsprint, together with other printing supplies, for shipment to Liberated Yugoslavia. It was agreed that the request should be referred to AFHQ for clarification and direction in relation to Administrative Memorandum No. 89. Capt. Haas said Col. Adams, Economic Section, ACC, was also taking up with AFHQ the matter of newsprint and other supplies requested by the Yugoslav Committee.

b) P and SS Request. On motion of Major Fielden, the Board agreed to the loan of 200 tons of newsprint to P & SS, in accordance with conditions set forth in Major F. T. Oliver's letter of 13 May 44. The Executive Secretary undertook to instruct STARS AND STRIPES to release the required tonnage to P & SS from stocks held by them and owing to APB.

3. Request to import paper, etc.

The request of a private firm to import paper and other stationery supplies was referred to Capt. Haas for action.

4. Licensing Law

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Major Fielden undertook to clarify this question with the CAO, Caserta. **HAS DONE SO.**

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c) AZIONE DEMOCRATICA (Lucera). Authorised by the Board to continue publication under a new director.

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9. Sardinia Local APB Meeting of 29 April 44

Para 4. The Executive Secretary reported that the Local Board had been advised by cable to withhold the publicity referred to and that he had taken up the matter by letter (dated 9 May 44) as well.

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10. Other Business.

The Executive Secretary tabled a letter from the Minister of the Interior (ref. 10/769-ST, 6 May 44) in which the complaint was made that the agreed procedure, with regard to licenses, was not being adhered to. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary had informed secretaries of all Local Boards to refer applicants to the office of the Prefect for copies of Form A.

MOVED by Major Fielden, and carried unanimously, that representatives of ACC and PWB consult with each other, and in turn with Italian Government authorities, on a desired list of publications, the agreed list to be communicated to the Ministry of Information and Office of War Information with a view to having it published in America and/or England.

The meeting adjourned.

Major Fielder

OFFICE OF THE
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167 Corso Umberto
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W/L to Caserta
copy to B. H. [unclear]

CENTRAL BOARD AGENDA
for 15 May 44

1. Minutes of last meeting (copy attached).
2. Arising out of Minutes:
 - a) ENSA application.
 - b) Removal of Linotype - Bari to Campobasso.
 - c) LA RASSEGNA.
 - d) LA SETTIMANA.
3. Action report - Capt. Haas.
4. Requests for Newsprint:
 - a) P & SS
 - b) Yugoslavs.
5. Private firm's request to import paper, etc.
6. Interview with Italian Government officials - Chairman and Executive Secretary.
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 - a) Separatist Application
 - b) Caserta C.A.O.'s complaint.
 - c) LIBERTA (Foggia)
 - d) AZIONE DEMOCRATICA (Lucera)
 - e) STORIA D'UN CADAVERE
 - f) CHICCHIRICHI
8. Arising out of:
 - a) NAPLES APB Minutes (copy attached)
 - b) BARI " "
 - c) PALERMO " "
 - d) CAGLIARI " " (and letter from Ministry of the Interior).
9. Other Business.

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Following is a list of newspapers and other periodic publications authorized, 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, APE

A. AUTHORIZED BY APE

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	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 SINDA- CALI	Weekly	Confederazione Gene- rale del Lavoro	20,000
	IL DOMANI SOCIALE	Weekly	Confederazione Ita- liana di Lavoratori	20,000
	CIMENTO	Weekly	Art Review	10,000
	FOGLI ANNUNZI LE- GALI DELLA PREMIT- TURA	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	
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Fratta- Massiore		IL PELLEGRINO	Monthly	San Rocco Parish Magazine	500 161
		ISCHIA NUOVA	Weekly	Local News	1,000
Sorrento		LA RIVIERA	Weekly	Catholic	10,000
Lucera		AZIONE DEMOCRATICA	Weekly	Local news	1,000

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TERRITORY

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Periodic</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>Circulation</u>	
Salerno	IL CORRIERE	Daily	Government Organ	35,000	
	LA LIBERTA	Weekly	Com. di Libera- zione	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 MEZ- ZOGIORNO	Daily	P&B-controlled	60,000
L'IDEA LIBERALE		Weekly	Demo-Liberal	15,000	
CIVILT. 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 RISOR- GIMENTO		Bi-M	Youth organ	5,000	
CIOCONDA		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- nie		LA CROCE	Bi-M	Religious	700

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	P&B-controlled	60,000
L'IDEA LIBERALE	Weekly	Demo-Liberal	15,000
CIVILTA' PROLETARIA	Weekly	Communist	35,000
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VITA CARMELITANA	Monthly	Religious	500
CASAMASSIMA			
LA GROCE	Bi-M	Religious	700
TARANTO			
LA VOCE DEL POPOLO	Weekly	Monarchist	
LA RINASCITA	Weekly	Unofficially Democratic Liberal	
LECCE			
IL SALENTO	Weekly	Demo-Liberal	2,000
IL TRIBUNO SALENTINO	Weekly	Socialist	
DEMOCRAZIA DEL LAVORO	Weekly	Partito del Lavoro	4,000
LA FIAMMA	Monthly	Religious	600

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<u>Locality</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Periodic</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>Circulation</u>
Andria	L'IDEA DI ANDRIA	Monthly	Local News	
Brindisi	L'ORIGINE	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	2,000
	TEMI LUCANA	Monthly	Democrat	500
		Monthly	Legal	
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 SOCIALISTICA	Weekly	Socialist	5,000
	NOVELLA SETTIMANALE	Weekly	Light Reading	2,000
	IL BECCO CIALLO	Weekly	Satirical	10,000
	FORO SICILIANO	Monthly	Legal	
	AI NOSTRI AMICI	Monthly	Religious	
	GIORNALI DI MEDICINA	Monthly	Scientific	1,000
	LA RISATA	One no.	Humorous	8,000
	LIBERTA E PROLETARIATO	One No.	Juridical	2,000

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 Christian 2,000
 10 days Democrat
 Monthly Legal 500
TEMI LUCANA

Palermo
SICILIA LIBERATA Daily PWB-controlled 20,000
L'AZIONE DEL POPOLO Weekly Partito d'Azione 3,000
LA VOCE DEI COMUNI- weekly Communist 5,000
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POPOLO E LIBERTA Weekly Christian 5,000
 Democrat
LIBERTA Bi-M Liberal
ROSALEA Weekly Humorous 6,000
LA VOCE SOCIALI- weekly Socialist 5,000
 STA
NOVELLA SETTIMA- Weekly Light Reading 2,000
 NALE
IL BECCO CIAFFO Weekly Satirical 10,000
FORO SICILIANO Monthly Legal
AI NOSTRI AMICI Monthly Religious
GIORNALE DI Monthly Scientific 1,000
 MEDICINA
LA RISATA One no. Humorous 8,000
LIBERTA E PROLE- One No. Juridical 2,000
TARIATO MARINO
TORRE

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Syracuse CORRIERE DI SICILIA Daily PWB-Controlled

Enna LIBERTA Bi-M Local News

B. UNAUTHORIZED LOCALITY TO PUBLISH ... STILL TO BE CONFIRMED BY APP

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TERRITORY

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Eboli	PIRASCITA	Weekly	Local News
Taranto	BUONA GUARDIA	Weekly	Navy Morale Sheet
Lecce	GIORNALE DELL'AVIATORE ITALIA LA PROVINCIA DI LECCE LIBERA VOCE	Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly	Air Force Morale Sheet Army Morale Sheet Partito d'Azione
Cosenza	ITALIA NUOVA LA LIBERTA LA RISCOSSA DEMOCRAZIA CRISTIANA EMANCIPAZIONE CALABRIA DEMOCRATICA LA PAROLA SOCIALISTA ORDINE PROLETARIO PAROLA DI VITA MAGNA SILLA LA VESPA CALABRIA MEDICA LA SCUOLA COSENTINA MARCELLA	Daily Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly	Independent Independent Anti-Fascist Christian Democrat Partito d'Azione Demo-Liberal Socialist Communist Religious Literary Humorous Medical Teachers' Organ Women's paper
Catanzaro	LA VOCE DEL POPOLO IL RINNOVAMENTO L'IDEA CRISTIANA L'AMICO DEL POPOLO DISCO ROSSO IL BIVACCO	Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly	Communist Demo-Liberal Christian Democrat Republican Independent - Culture "
Potenza	IL GAZZETTINO	Bi-M	Independent
Vibo Valentia	CALABRIA AVANTI L'AZIONE	Weekly Weekly	Socialist Partito d'Azione
Locri	LA REPUBBLICA FEDERALE	Weekly	Republican

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Lecce	GIORNALE DELL'AVIATORE ITALIA LA PROVINCIA DI LECCE LIBERA VOCE	Weekly weekly weekly weekly	Air Force Morale Sheet Army Morale Sheet Partito d'Aziome
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Potenza	IL GAZZETTINO	Bi-M	Independent
Vibo Valentia	CALABRIA AVANTI L'AZIONE	Weekly Weekly	Socialist Partito d'Aziome, 128
Locri	LA REPUBBLICA FEDERALE	Weekly	Republican
Palmi	LA FALCE	Weekly	
Muro Lucano	RINASCITA	Weekly	
Nicastro	LA CALABRIA IL PROLETARIO A SGUMBA	Weekly Weekly Weekly	Monar:hist Communist Humorous

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<u>Locality</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Periodic</u>	<u>Character</u>
Rossano	NUOVA ROSSANO U. VERONE	Weekly Weekly	Anti-Fascist Humorous
Cassano	SUD	Weekly	Independent
Reggio	VOCAL DELLA CALABRIA LA DUNA L'URIA L'ALMO DEL POPOLO DEMOCRASIA IL RIVOLUTORE L'AZIONE IL COMMERCIO CALABRESE	Daily Daily Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly	Christian Democrat Socialist Liberal Trade Union Demo-Liberal Communist Party of Action Commercial
Messina	NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA LA VERITA IL POPOLO IL LAVORO LA LIBERTA L'AVANTI DI SICILIA	4 Issues Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly	Independent Communist Christian Democrat Dem. del Lavoro Liberal Socialist
Cagliari	L'UNIONE SARDA	Daily	Independent
Sassari	L'ISOLA LIBERTA	Daily Weekly	Independent Catholic
Nuoro	L'ORTOENE	Monthly	Catholic

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14.

11 May 1944.

Subject: "Liberta", Foggia.

To: Lt Col I.S. Munro, Executive Secretary, APB.

FP/105 of 17 May
Following our telephone conversation this morning I enclose my copy of the letter addressed to the Allied Publications Board on March 17th last regarding the licensing of "Liberta" in Foggia. You will note that application forms A and B were enclosed with the original letter. I have now had a reminder from the Regional Commissioner.

Since there has been so much delay it would seem desirable that this license should be granted as soon as possible. If the original letter and application forms have not reached you, and you want to communicate with the Region on that point I suggest that you ring up either Colonel Whitley (call Filpot and ask for Campobasso) or Colonel Temperley (call Long Distance 50030 and ask for Foggia and when you are through to Foggia ask for Lucera).

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LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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~~FRB 6.~~

8 May 1944.

Subject: Press decrees.

To: Lt Col R.R. Cripps, Interior Sub-Commission.

Further to my letter of 1 May 1944 will you please transmit the draft press decrees to the Italian Government without delay, so that points of discussion, if any, may be cleared and the decrees put into law as soon as possible.

(SM)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Copy to: Chief Legal Officer
CA Branch.

HEADQUARTERS
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HEADQUARTERS, 6th Army Hqs
A.M.G. REGION V
C. M. F.

PR Branch
U-6490

4 May 1944

Ref. : R5/514/10

SUBJECT: Newspapers - "LIBERTA", Foggia.

TO : Regional Control and Military Government Section, Hqs ACC
APO 394.
Allied Publications Board.

1. Ref FP/1105 from the Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Province, dated 17 March 1944, subject, "LIBERTA", Foggia and 1st Ind., this Hqs, dated 11 April 1944.

2. Request reply on above be expedited.

For the Regional Commissioner;

Earl A. Heassler
EARL A. HEASSLER,
Captain, C. M. F.,
Adjutant.

*Revised order to PWG & our copy
of FP/1105 of 17 Mar sent to them
11 May 1944*

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14.

1 May 1944.

Subject: Request for licence for TRINACRIA.

To: Political Directors.

Please see attached which was discussed by the ^{APB} ~~APB~~ after you had left the meeting. The APB took a rather dim view of the request in spite of its eminent support and asked that a recommendation be given by the ACC. The Secretary is empowered by the Board to act on that recommendation.

Will you discuss with the CC or give me your recommendations and I will do so.

(S)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

1 May 1944.

PRB 14.

Subject: Italian Government representative on APB.
To: Lt Col R.G.B. Spicer, Interior Sub-Commission.

The attached minute by Lt Col Munro was approved today by the Central Allied Publications Board. This clears some of the ground for the preparation of the decrees which should go forward as soon as possible.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Copy to : Chief Legal Officer
CA Branch.

Central APB Meeting, 1.5.44

As the discussions and reasons behind APB decisions are often veiled from the Italian Government or officials, leading to misunderstandings and, on occasion, misrepresentations; and as this situation puts a smoke-screen between ourselves and the Italian Government, choking goodwill and smothering real understanding, I propose that, in order to ensure a better working machine to promote Allied war aims in Italy, the Italian Government be invited to nominate a representative to attend the Central and Local Board meetings in a consultative and advisory capacity.

With regard to the above, it might be useful to recall that Italian administrative difficulties in appointing a Prefect to sit on Local Boards (because one Prefect cannot speak for other Prefects whose jurisdiction may also be within the Local APB area) will be solved by inviting "a Government representative", thus leaving it to the Italian Government to choose their man and to give him the necessary authority for the particular job even if he is a Prefect.

Apart from solving the local problem of Prefects, the above proposal also solves the illogical position of having Italian representatives on Local Boards which are responsible to the Central body on which they have no representation.

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

OFFICE OF THE
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MINUTES OF meeting of the Central
APB held at the above offices on
1 May 44, at 2:30 p.m.

PRESENT :

Mr. George W. Edman, PwB (Chairman).
Mr. H. A. Caccia, Political Section, ACC.
Major Lionel Fielden, PRO, ACC.
Capt. Henry Haas, Economic Section, ACC.
Major I. C. Alexander, Censorship,
Capt. A. C. C. Barcroft, G-2.
Major Hugh Cudlipp, G-1.
Capt. R. J. Christenson, G-1.
Lt. Col. I. S. Munro, PwB (Executive Secretary).
Lt. Col. Scott Bailey, Censorship, AFHQ (Observer).
Mr. John Reyner, DP, O, PwB (Observer).
Mr. George Picard, PwB Press Officer, Bari (Observer).
Mr. Thomas Crowell, PwB (for newsprint discussion).

Minutes of the Central Board meeting, held 17 April 44, were approved.

1. Newsprint Situation

Capt. Haas said that of the 300 tons of newsprint scheduled for delivery during the month of April, only 35 tons had actually arrived in Italy. Total tonnage in store in Naples, for use in all of liberated Italy, was approximately 600 tons.

The Executive Secretary tabled (a) a request from AFHQ, on behalf of the French, for 350 tons of newsprint to be shipped to Algiers; subject to repayment by 15 June 44 (signal dated 29 April 44, ref. F 38937, cite FHP0); (b) a communication from the Education Sub-Commission requesting a reduced sale price for newsprint for textbook publication purposes; and (c) a proposal to control newsprint stocks allocated to licensed publications by checking periodically on circulation figures.

MOVED by Major Alexander that (a), (b) and (c) above be referred to Capt. Haas for action. CARRIED.

2. Morale Papers

Major Lionel Fielden, PPO, ACC.
 Capt. Henry Haas, Economic Section, ACC.
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 Major Hugh Cudlipp, G-1,
 Capt. R. J. Christenson, G-1,
 Lt. Col. I. S. Munro, PWB (Executive Secretary).
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 Mr. John Rayner, DP.O, PWB (Observer).
 Mr. George Picard, PWB Press Officer, Bari (Observer).
 Mr. Thomas Crowell, PWB (for newsprint discussion).

Minutes of the Central Board meetings, held 17 April 44, were approved.

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ENSA. The Executive Secretary tabled an application from ENSA for license to publish an eight-page weekly with a circulation of 10,000-30,000. Major Cudlipp offered to deal separately with the application and to report on action taken at the next meeting of the Board,

Polish Paper. Mr. Picard reported that a linotype had been moved to Campabasso from the GAZETTA DEL MEZZOGIORNO printing plant in Bari to publish a morale paper for the Polish forces. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary should (a) ascertain on whose authority the press had been moved; (b) ascertain if the press could be returned to Bari without prejudice to the Poles, and (c) inform those concerned that equipment for publication production should not be shifted without reference to APB, in accordance with AFHQ Order No. 89.

Il Mattino Plant. After some discussion on the overcrowded condition of Il Mattino plant, due to the fact that all the morale papers and some Party weeklies, in addition to the PWB-controlled RISORGIMENTO, are printed there on one rotary press, it was agreed, on motion of Col. Munro, that an attempt should be made to find an Allied officer with the rank of Captain or above, to represent APB at Il Mattino in the capacity of overseer to apply a time schedule and to safeguard supplies of the various newspapers.

During the discussion, Col. Munro pointed out that production of RISORGIMENTO at the PWB-requisitioned Il Mattino, which was primarily concerned with the application of AFHQ directives to presentation of day-to-day news, was handicapped by the presence of so many morale sheets. Capt. Christenson stated that NATOUSA would not consent to any reduction in circulation of the morale sheets and considered supplements as part-and-parcel of the papers for the troops.

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It was pointed out that acceptance of the above proposal would overcome Italian Government administrative difficulties which had arisen as a result of the APB Reorganisation Regulations (dated 14 March 44 which called for a "representative of the Prefect" to sit on Local Boards, and further that it would solve the illogical position of having Italian representatives on Local Boards which were responsible to the Central body on which the Italian Government was not represented.

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LA RASSEGNA

When Mr. Rayner said that Gen. MacFarlane had taken exception to the cartoon reproduced in LA RASSEGNA for 27 April 44, and asked (a) if the Board wished to take disciplinary action; and (b) if a preventive measure might be adopted, the Board instructed the Executive Secretary (a) to reprimand the Editors of LA RASSEGNA, and (b) to circularise all Editors of licensed papers, calling their attention to the fact that APB's standard of conduct directive applied to cartoons as well as to the written word.

Elementary School Books

The Executive Secretary tabled a memorandum from Major C. W. Washburne of the Education Sub-Commission, ACC (dated 20 April 44), and the Board approved the procedure set forth with regard to applications to publish text books designed for use in secondary schools and universities, namely:

- a) Manuscripts will be submitted to the Education Sub-Commission with application of publisher and statement as to quantity proposed, availability or need of paper, and need for publishing;
- b) In consultation with the Ministry of Education, the Education Sub-Commission will advise the APB as to suitability and need for publication, and will submit publisher's application.
- c) APB will take whatever final action seems to it best in the light of the Education Sub-Commission's recommendation, the availability of paper, etc., and the other demands being made upon available supplies.

The Board also noted that the Education Sub-Commission would continue to have full responsibility for the publishing of elementary school text books.

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The Board approved licenses for the following publications, in accordance with recommendation of the Palermo Local Board (minutes of 24 April 44): LA VOCE SOCIALISTA, NOVELLA SETTIMANALE and IL BECCO GIALLO.

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7. Publication Centres

The Board's approved policy of limiting the number of publication centres was again confirmed, the following being established provisionally as such:

Naples	Bari	Catanzaro	Palermo
Salerno	Lecce	Catania	Castellana Grotte

8. Other Business

It was agreed a) that Local Boards should be instructed to refer to experts all applications of a specialised nature, with a view to en-

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couraging the publication of one representative periodical in each publishing centre; b) that Local Boards further should be instructed to encourage the Parties in each publishing centre to combine to publish three dailies in place of the present six Party weeklies, in accordance with the recommendation of the Naples Local Board, and c) that the Palermo Local Board, for the sake of consistency, should continue to be called the Palermo Local Board instead of the Sicily Regional Board, as per their request.

The meeting adjourned.

D i s t r i b u t i o n

Mr. Edman	1 copy	Col. Terry Maxwell,	1 copy
Mr. Caccia	1 copy	MGS, AFHQ	1 copy
Mr. Reber	1 copy	PWB, AFHQ	1 copy
Major Fielden	3 copies	Lt. Col. Scott Bailey,	
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Major Alexander	1 copy	Lt. Davie,	
Mr. Minifie	1 copy	Censorship, Naples	1 copy
Local Board		Lt. Costanzo,	
Bari	1 copy	Censorship, Palermo	1 copy
Palermo	1 copy	de la Malotiere,	
Cagliari	1 copy	Censorship, Cagliari	1 copy
Press Officer, Naples	1 copy	Capt. Astley,	
"D" Section	2 copies	Censorship, Bari	1 copy
APB File	10 copies		

W. J. G. Gilden

OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

167 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

CENTRAL BOARD AGENDA
for 1 May 44

1. Minutes of last meeting (copy attached).
2. Newspaper situation: RISSORIMENTO rotary;
French request;
Textbook paper;
Platoad.
3. Morale Papers: ENNA Review;
RISSORIMENTO Press;
Polish paper.
4. Motion re Italian representation (copy attached).
5. Position of draft licensing decree.
6. Local Palermo Board: Separatist and other applications
(minutes attached);
Name of Board.
7. Local Bari Board: Applications and LA SETTIMANA (minutes
attached).
8. Suggested Publication Centres.
9. Educational Books--agreed procedure.
10. Scarfoglio. *ask Caccia when the file is?*
11. Any other business.

*General instruction to encourage
this
process*

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 APO 394

PRB14

26 April, 1944

1. This correspondence raises issues about which I feel strongly, and I must qualify the answers by the following facts

(a) Originally I was the representative of the ACC on the APB and I was then able to follow what was happening, and contact the APB from the ACC point of view, with some degree of efficiency.

(b) It was decided to put the Political Section and the Industry Section on to the APB since when nobody knows who is representing the ACC.

(c) This is the first time I have ever heard anything about Poletti's order and I guarantee that the majority of the APB has never heard of it.

(d) If Colonel Upjohn holds informal conversations with Munro and Edman (whom he can't spell; see 13) of PWB and then calls them the APB how can anything but confusion result?

(e) If Colonel Fiske then follows by quoting the APB (who knew nothing about it) in a letter to Region III, without consulting anyone here, does not confusion result?

(f) Clearly the initiative for general legislation as against Regional Orders came from Colonel Upjohn (see 13) I quite agree with the principle. But the APB did not come into it officially.

(g) Reference Colonel Cripps letter of 21 April. His para. (2) is perfectly correct. It is the APB which, in accordance with their terms of reference, set up the machinery of control. They are under no objection whatsoever to consult the Italian government on the Interior Sub-Commission. His para. (3) is faulty for the same reason, but it is also incorrect because the initiative came from the Legal Sub-Commission. About his para. (4) I can only say that Reale's protest (about which I had heard from Reale) was never sent to me, although I asked Colonel Cripps to do so, and has never been put before the APB.

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About his para. (5) I knew (though no official bothered to convey the fact to me) that there existed a difficulty about prefects and I therefore put forward and got passed at the last meeting a motion to the effect that Local boards should for the time being be purely advisory. Therefore it does not matter two hoots for the time being whether prefects come in or not. It is simply a question of having an Italian representative sooner or later and if the Local Boards go ahead, I guess the Italian Government will soon make up its mind to be represented on them. Since the Prefect is the man authorized by Italian law to authorize licenses I personally don't see who else could be on the Board.

(h) It is essential that somebody should begin to recognize that APB does NOT mean the PWB members of APB. Also that, if confusion is to be avoided, one man should represent ACC on the APB. If everyone insists on putting private fingers into the uneasy pie, nothing very happy will result.

2. The reply to Poletti is clearly that he can't publish Regional Orders on his own, because the APB controls the press. The answer to Cripps is, in my view, that his decrees should go forward but that they might be discussed, since there is a new government, between Aldisio, the Legal Sub-Commissioner and the representative (whoever he is) of the ACC on the APB.

I trust that if things are to run smoothly, all matters concerning the press and the APB should be routed through one ACC member of the APB.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Directed of Public Relations.

ALLIED EUBELIOMIS BOARD
OFFICE OF THE

157 Corso Umberto,
NAPLES

MINUTES of meeting of the Central
ABE held at the above offices on
17 April 46, at 2:30 P.M.

PRESENT :

Mr. George W. Egan, PWB (Chairman),
Mr. B. A. Cecelia, Political Section, ACC,
Mr. Samuel Heber, Political Section, ACC,
Capt. Henry Haas, Economic Section, ACC,
Capt. John P. Leacos, P29, ACC,
Major J. W. Colville, Censorship,
Major T. C. Alexander, Censorship (Observer),
Major J. L. Hayes, Censorship (Observer),
Capt. A. C. Harcourt, G-2,
Mr. Genus M. Minnie, PWB,
Lt. John Rayner, PWB (Observer),
Lt. Col. I. S. Munro, PWB, (Executive Secretary).

Minutes of the Central Board meeting, held 3 April, were approved.

There were no comments on, or questions concerning, minutes of Naples
Local Board meetings held 6 April, or the Palermo Local Board meetings
of 3 and 10 April.

Processed All-Italy Licensing Laws

Having informed the Board that the Legal Sub-Commission of the Allied
Control Commission was drawing a Press Licensing and Procedure Agree-
ment for application in ACC territory and for the suggested accept-
ance of the Italian Government, and having read a copy of an unre-
vised draft of the proposed law, the Executive Secretary tabled the
following proposal:

"In view of the fact that the Legal Sub-Commission of the Allied
Control Commission is at present completing an all-Italy Press
Licensing and Procedure Law for application in ACC territory
and for the suggested acceptance of the Italian Government, this
Board considers it advisable to refrain from any action at the
present time likely to prejudice the work of the Legal Sub-
Commission, that the Board considers any intervention towards
total or partial revision of resolutions concerning the creation
of local Boards, or concerning the position of the Prefects,
would be prejudicial to the work of the Legal Sub-Commission."

Mr. George W. Egan, DMR (Chairman),
 Mr. A. Casale, Political Section, ACC,
 Mr. Samuel E. Bay, Political Section, ACC,
 Capt. Henry Haey, Economic Section, ACC,
 Capt. John P. Jackson, Eng. SEC,
 Major J. V. Colville, Sponsorship,
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 Capt. A. C. Hancock, G-2,
 Mr. James M. Minifie, P&P,
 Lt. John Rayner, DMB (Observer),
 Lt. Col. L. S. Mauro, F&F, (Executive Secretary).

Minutes of the Central Board meetings, held 3 April, were approved.

There were no comments or other questions concerning minutes of Naples Local Board meeting held 3 April, or the Palermo Local Board meetings of 3 and 10 April.

Proposed Allied Press Licensing Laws

Having informed the Board that the Legal Sub-Commission of the Allied Central Commission was drawing a Press Licencing and Procedure measure for application in AGO territory and for the suggested acceptance of the Italian Government, and having read a copy of an un-revised draft of the proposed law, the Executive Secretary tabled the following proposal:

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A motion of Mr. Baber, the proposal was unanimously approved.

A view of the above, the resolution passed by the Palermo Local Board at its meeting held 10 April, the Minister of the Interior's letter concerning Prefects and Local Boards (addressed to local States.

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into under date of 4 April), and Major Fielder's action concerning the Board were tabled and minutes without further discussion.

LA. SPYING

Application of LA SPYING to transfer from Bari to Smevio was referred. Board discussion of the application, the Executive Secretary reported to be advanced that ownership of LA SPYING had changed in the interval since the Board granted a license to the paper. The Board accordingly made the following decisions:

1. That in the event of a change in ownership of a paper, the new publishers be required to re-apply to APB for license to publish, and
2. That measures be required to refer to APB any proposed change of publication status, seeking the Board's permission to take such action.

On motion of Capt. Haas, the Executive Secretary was instructed to communicate these decisions to the Local Sub-Commission, ACC, with the request that the proposed Military Government Licensing Decree, and the proposed Governmental decree, include clauses covering the above-noted points.

Clandestine Edition of IL CORRIERE

The Executive Secretary read a report (dated 8 April 44) from FVE Press Officer, Bari, concerning his interception of the printing in Bari of an edition of IL CORRIERE. He said the report had already been referred to the Political Section, ACC.

Mr. Weber added that the Italian Government, when representation was made to them concerning the incident, had given every indication that Major Bellis (Chief of the Italian Government Press Office) would not be included in any Ufficio Stampa revision article in the imminent over-land governmental changes. Mr. Weber also pointed out that the new ministerial roster would not include Sig. Rossi as Minister of the Interior.

MOVED by Mr. Cassia that the matter be tabled for action at the next meeting of the Board and for further investigation, on the part of the Executive Secretary, to see if others were in any way implicated, (APRIL).

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MOVED by Mr. Casca that the matter be tabled for action at the next meeting of the Board and for further investigation, on the part of the Executive Secretary, to see if others were in any way implicated. CARRIED.

Representatives of the Political Section, ACC, agreed to take appropriate action if others were found to be involved in the incident.

Calabria-Lucania Local Board

The Executive Secretary reported that Col. MacCaffrey, Commissioner, Region II, in conference with himself and the Chairman, recommended on practical grounds--communications, etc.--that Catanzaro be selected as publication center of Calabria, and hence seat of the Calabria-Lucania Local Board.

MOVED by Mr. Minifie that Catanzaro be substituted for Potenza in the Reorganization Regulations (see minutes of special meeting held 14 March). CARRIED.

The Chairman said that IWB would assign a Press Officer to Catanzaro in due course.

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Censorship Proposal

The Executive Secretary reported that, as instructed at last meeting, the Italian Government had been informed through AGO that press publication political censorship in all of liberated Italy ceased as from 7 April 44. All IWB Press Officers had been similarly informed.

On suggestion of Mr. Pugh it was agreed that any publicity given the decision should coincide with the announcement of the projected new Press Law.

Paper Situation

The Chairman said he had been found necessary to revise the monthly estimate of newspaper requirements tabled at the last meeting of the Board. Capt. Lane agreed to communicate to ABHQ the revised monthly estimate of 650 tons.

Salerno Weeklies

The Executive Secretary reported that the Political Weeklies, authorized by the Board to publish one sheet two-page papers in Salerno, were bringing out, in some cases, as many as six pages a week. He was instructed to communicate with officers.

Other Business

Field Security report on Sig. Scarpaggio, Editor of IL GIOMO, organ of the Demo-Liberals in Naples, was tabled for circulation among Board members prior to the next meeting. It was pointed out that it was not within the Board's competence to bring pressure to bear on the paper to dismiss Scarpaggio, that the Board could merely recommend his dismissal to competent authorities.

The meeting adjourned.

D I S T R I B U T I O N

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Col. Terry Maxwell,

MCS, ABHQ 1 copy

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Mr. Minifie	1 copy	Censorship, Naples . .	1 copy
Local Board		Lt. Davie,	1 copy
Board	2 copies	Censorship, Naples . .	1 copy
Palermo	2 copies	Lt. Costanzo,	1 copy
Cagliari	2 copies	Censorship, Palermo . .	1 copy
Press Office, Naples	2 copies	Lt. de la Motte,	1 copy
DR Section	2 copies	Censorship, Cagliari . .	1 copy
EB File	10 copies	Capt. Astley,	1 copy
		Censorship, Bari . . .	1 copy

Central APB Meeting, 17 April 44

A G E N D A

1. Approval of minutes of meeting held 3 April 44.
2. Progress of suggested licensing laws.
3. Report on conference with Commissioner, Region 2.
4. Resolution passed by Sicily Local Board (see minutes of meeting held 10 April).
5. Minister of the Interior's reply concerning Prefects and Local Boards.
6. Report on IL CORRIERE printed in Bari.
7. Action taken re censorship and pre-publication political scrutiny.
8. Paper situation.
9. Other business.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

14 April 1944.

PRB 14.

Dear Mr Edman,

I should like to propose the following motion at the next meeting of the Central APB:

"That Local Boards act for the present solely in an advisory capacity and that their decisions be ratified before execution by the Central Board."

I suggest this because there is, as you doubtless know, a good deal of confusion at the moment about the Local Boards. On the one hand Colonel Scott-Baily feels strongly that they should not have power over licenses; on the other the Italian Government are putting forward what seem to me valid objections about the powers of Prefects and the cutting-out of the procedure by which, originally, they were consulted. I am inclined to think that, for the moment at least, the Local Boards should be advisory.

Yours sincerely,

cc
The Italian
Government

Scott-Baily

Mr George W. Edman,
PWB,
167 Corso Umberto I.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

14 April 1944.

PRB 14/2

Dear Mr Edman,

The Security Branch wish me to inform the APB of the conclusion reached in para 3 b. page 3 of the attached document. Will you kindly return the document to this office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr George W. Edman,
PRB,
167 Corso Umberto I.

Public Relations Branch - Allied Control Commission
APB
attached
document
(Sgt) Donald B. Smith

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14/1.

14 April 1944.

Dear Mr Edman,

I attach a copy of instructions regarding military censorship which have been approved by the Chief Commissioner and transmitted to the Italian Government.

For the information of the Board, if you think necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Spencer Kelleher

Mr George W. Edman,
PWB,
167 Corso Umberto I.

1. In order to avoid any possible breaches of security and to assist Italian censorship and protect the interests of military operations, it is requested that any Italian war communiques, war correspondents' dispatches, press releases (comunicati stampa) or articles, by whomever written, dealing with military operations or with matters in any way connected with military security (war equipment, installations, units, movements or locations of troops, vessels, of high-ranking officers or state officials, war damage or repairs etc), be submitted to the following Allied Military Censorship authorities for approval:

Field Press Censors,

c/o Public Relations, AFHQ,

8 Via San Felice,

NAPLES.

2. The above military censors are responsible for the material of all war correspondents (or photographers) of whatever nationality accredited to the Allied Forces in Italy. They are in constant touch with the C-in-C's intelligence staff, with AFHQ, London and Washington. They receive day to day guidance regarding what may or may not be released for broadcasting or publication. 1/10

3. All matter should be submitted in duplicate, one copy of which is retained by the Field Press Censors. The same treatment will, of course, be accorded to Italian Government submissions as to all other matter submitted to Field Press Censors for broadcast or publication in the Press of the British Empire or the United States of America.

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8 Via San Felice,

WARSAW.

2. The above military censors are responsible for the material of all war correspondents (or photographers) of whatever nationality accredited to the Allied Forces in Italy. They are in constant touch with the G-10's intelligence staff, with AFHQ, London and Washington. They receive day to day guidance regarding what may or may not be released for broadcasting or publication.
3. All matter should be submitted in duplicate, one copy of which is retained by the Field Press Censors. The same treatment will, of course, be accorded to Italian Government submissions as to all other matter submitted to Field Press Censors for broadcast or publication in the Press of the British Empire or the United States of America.

Copy to: Major Hayden (Chief Field Press Censor)

Lt Col Scott Baily (IMC Section, AFHQ)

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION)

13 April 1944

NUMBER

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1. With reference to the list of newspapers issued by the Allied Publication Board on 2 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 now come when appropriate action, without discrimination should be taken in Naples against all unauthorized newspapers or periodicals, i.e. those not included in the list.

3. Before action is taken against unauthorized papers in Region 3, outside of Naples, please make sure that such outlying papers have not been authorized by the local Allied authorities and not yet notified to the A.P.B.

4. Although prosecutions will normally be undertaken by or thru local Questori, A.P.B. are prepared to send a representative to Court where prosecutions ensue, in order to certify that a paper has been rejected by A.P.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 unauthorized 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:

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C. T. FRANCIS
Lieutenant Colonel
Reg Pub Safety Officer

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Hq Region 3

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14.

10 April 1944.

Subject: Press Plan.

To: Lieut General Sir M. Mason MacFarlane, Chief Commissioner,
11 Apr. 1944
JD,
 Through Secretary General.

Although you have already approved the directive referred to in paragraph I (1) I should like you to see the whole plan.

I would draw your attention to the following points:

(1) Lieut Colonel Scott-Bailey, Chief of the Press and Radio Censorship Branch of AFHQ, came to see me this morning about the APB, which was more or less his creation. He very much dislikes the setting-up of Regional Boards and feels that their functions should be advisory and not executive (I can explain this in detail if you wish).

(2) Reber told Scott-Bailey that this did not matter much as the whole APB is likely to be blown sky-high by the Government reshuffle. Maybe this is true: I don't know.

(3) Reale has written a long protest against the arrangements outlined in these papers which is now with Colonel Spicer. I understand that his main arguments are

- (a) that Prefects on local boards cannot represent other prefects in the region and
- (b) that the establishment of Local Boards has cut out the original arrangement by which applications were passed for comments to the Italian Government.

Both points are valid.

(4) Arising out of the above considerations I should like to put forward a motion at the next meeting of the Central APB to the effect that Local Boards should be advisory only and that their recommendations should be endorsed by the Central APB. Do you agree?

(5) I consider that paragraph 2 of the Press Plan dated 4 March needs an amending clause to the effect that the newspapers therein mentioned are destined eventually to come under Italian control. As it stands, the paragraph gives to PWI an apparently eternal control over the main newspapers (which use 100 tons of paper per month against 30 tons allowed to the whole Italian Press). When this point was first made I understood - and so did the majority of the Board - that the first priority was for Army morale papers, with which I agree. But the

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The guiding principle should surely be that of restoring responsibility to the Italians rather than an assumption that the control of the Italian press will be in PWB hands indefinitely.

P.P.S. I've got been worried out at the next APB meeting
 An general I am from papers... *Went*

Lower Standard
 L. J. BROWN,
 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

7 April 44.

SUBJECT : Control and Censorship of the Italian Press.
TO : Allied Control Commission.

- I. The Allied Publications Board wishes to see established in all of Liberated Italy a uniform system of control and censorship of the Press. Accordingly, it has approved the following procedure:
1. Every editor will be provided with a PWB directive and standard of conduct, through APB.
 2. The newspapers for which these editors are responsible will be scrutinised by the Regional PWB Press Officer immediately after publication in order to learn whether or not they conform to the aforesaid conduct standard directive.
 3. Where, in his opinion, this directive is violated, the Local PWB Press Officer will take action as follows:
 - a) For minor violations, he warns the paper that a repetition will lead to his referring the matter to higher authority;
 - b) For repeated offences, or in cases of flagrant violation, PWB Local Press Officer reports at once to Chief Press Officer who, in turn, brings any case justifying suspension before the APB for action through the established channels.
 4. a) In Italian Government territory. The only pre-publication censorship is that exercised on military security grounds. Arrangements for military censorship are as follows:
 - i) All material for publication elsewhere than in papers under the direct control of P.W.B will be submitted to Italian Press Censors appointed by Prefects. Prefects will be held responsible to Allied authorities for any breaches of Allied Censorship Directives;
 - ii) Allied Military Censorship is established at certain centres only, but it should be clearly understood that Italian Press Censorship is always subject to control by Allied Military Censorship officers.

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iii) After printing, copies of all publications will be submitted to PWB local centres for scrutiny by Allied Military Censorship.

All existing arrangements for pre-publication political scrutiny by anyone, Allied or Italian, will cease.

b) ACC territory. The submission of pre-publication material to Allied officials, other than Military Censors, will cease.

5. PWB Press Officers will act in an advisory capacity when called on by Italian Editors, and will encourage such contacts.

II. In accordance with the Board's instructions, I communicate the above for your information and for transmission to the Italian Government and other's concerned in Regions under your authority.

I. Procedure with regard to complaints from Italian sources, in connection with the Press, is set forth in Para 8 of P.B.'s Press Plan for Italy (copy attached), which has already been communicated to the Italian Government.

IV. I shall be glad to learn what action you take, in order to report back to the Board.

V. PWB Press Officers have been informed that pre-publication political scrutiny ceases as of this date and have been instructed to acquaint editors with whom they maintain contact with the change in procedure.

Joseph S. Minro

Joseph S. MINRO,
Lt. Col.,
Executive Secretary.

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Major Ellison
For information

7 April 44.

SUBJECT : Control and Censorship of the Italian Press.
TO : Mr. Ellison.
Mr. Picard.
Major Siepmann.

On March 29, Col. Munro presented a proposal, for consideration of the Central Allied Publications Board, with regard to control and censorship of the Italian Press. Minutes of the meeting record that proposal.

The proposal was amended at a meeting of the Central Board held on April 3, and in its amended form (see text attached) has the approval of the Board and others concerned.

This is to inform you, therefore, that pre-publication political scrutiny, in all of Liberated Italy, comes to an end as of this date. The Italian Government is likewise being informed.

Established pre-publication Military Censorship is, of course, in no way affected.

Will you please acquaint editors with whom you maintain contact with the change in procedure, and discuss with them the full impact of the change.

JOHN RAYNER,
D.P.W.O., ITALY.

7 April 44.

CONTROL AND CENSORSHIP OF THE ITALIAN PRESS

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NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER PERIODICALS
 authorized to publish in
 LIBERATED ITALY, SICILY, and SARDINIA

4 April 1944

AUTHORIZED PRIOR TO
 CREATION OF APB AND
 NOT YET CONFIRMED BY
 APB. (LIST UNDER COM-
 SIDERATION.)

LOCALITY AUTHORIZED BY APB

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	"
	ARETHUS	"
	BOLLETTINO DELL' ISTITUTO SANATORIALE PRINCIPI DI PIEMONTE	"

Ischia ISCHIA NUOVA (W)

ACC-CONTROLLED ITALY

RISOCCIMENTO (D)
 L'UNITA' (W)
 AVANTI " "
 LIBERTA' " "
 IL LAVORO " "
 IL POPOLO " "
 ITALIA LIBERA " "
 IL GIORNO " "
 BATTAGLIE SINDACALI " "
 CEMENTO (BI-W)
 FOGLI ANNUNZI LEGALI (BI-M)
 GIOVENTU' (M)
 IL PROFUGO " "
 ARTEFUS " "
 BOLLETTINO DELL' ISTITUTO
 SAGGIORIE PRINCIPALI DI
 PIEMONTE

Naples

Ischia

ISCHIA NUOVA

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Sorrento

La RIVIERA

(W)

Avellino

ORIZZONTE

(W)

Lucera

AZIONE DEMOCRATICA

(W)

AUTHORIZED PRIOR TO
CREATION OF APB AND
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APB. (LIST UNDER
CONSIDERATION.)

LOCALITY AUTHORIZED BY APB

Salerno

IL CORRIERE	(D)
LA VERRINA	(W)
LA LIBERIA	(W)
IL LAVORO	(W)
DELEGAZIONE DRI LANOFO	(W)
L'ORA DEL POPOLO	(W)
POLITICA ESTERA	(E-34)
DON CRISTOFORO	(E-34)

AUTHORIZED PRIOR TO
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AUTHORIZED BY APB

LOCALITY

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TERRITORY

Enna	LIBERTÀ. (MI-M)	
Reggio	VOCÈ DELLA CALABRIA. (C)	
	LA VOCE (T)	
	L'IDEA. (T)	
	L'AMICO DEL POPOLO	
	DEMOCRATIA.	
	IL COMMERCIO CALABRESE	

Palermo	SICILIA LIBERATA (D)	
	ROSALBA (W)	
	LIBERTÀ (Bi-M)	
	FORO SICILIANO (M)	
	AI NOSTRI AMICI (M)	

Messina	NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA (Tri-v)	
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Catania	CORRIERE DI SICILIA (D)	
Cagliari	L'UNIONE SARDA (D)	111
Sassari	L'ISOLA (D)	
	LIBERTÀ (W)	
	L'ORTOBENE (M)	

IL MARCHIO DEL POPOLO
UNICREDIT
IL COMMERCIO CALABRESE

Palermo

SICILIA LIBERATA
ROSALBA
LIBERTÀ
FORO SICILIANO
AI NOSTRI AMICI

(D)
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Messina

NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA
(Tri-)

Catania

CORRIERE DI SICILIA

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Cagliari

L'UNIONE SARDA

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Sassari

L'ISOLA

(D)

LIBERTÀ

(W)

NUORO

L'ORTOENE

(M)

NOTE:

Other newspapers, authorized locally to publish, are being investigated at the present time.

AUTHORIZED PRIOR TO
 CREATION OF APS AND
 NOT YET CONFIRMED BY
 AFB. (LIST UNDER
 CONSIDERATION.)

AUTHORIZED BY AFB

LOCALITY

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TERRITORY

Bari	G. SEPTIMA DEL MEZZOGIORNO GICCANDA.	(D) (W)	CIVELLA PROLETARIA AVANTI	(W)
	IL SECONDO RISORGIMENTO RACCONTI	(BI-M) "	L'IDEA LIBERALE ITALIA DEL POPOLO	"
	PENSIERO E VITA. LA TRIBUNA DEI FERROVIARI	" "	IL RISVEGLIO L. RASSEGNA L. SETTIMANA	"

Taranto			L. VOCE DEL POPOLO BUONA GUARDIA L. RINASCITA	(W) " "
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Lecce	IL SALENTO La Puglia IL TRIBUNO SALENTINO	(S) (M) (W)	L. PROVINCIA DI LECCE LIBERA VOCE	(W) "
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Brindisi	L'UNIONE	(W)		
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Andria	L'IDEA DI ANDRIA	(M)		
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IL RIV. CCC (W)

Castanzaro

"
LA RASSEGNA
LA SETTIMANA

"
PENSIERO E VITA
LA BRANCA DEI FERROVIARI

LA VOCE DEL POPOLO (W)
" "
" "

LA PROVINCIA DI LECCE (W)
LIBERA VOCE "

Taranto

IL SALENTO
LA FIAMMA
IL TRIUNFO SALENTINO

(W)
(M)
(W)

Lecce

Brindisi

L'UNIONE

(W)

Andria

L'IDEA DI ANDRIA

(M)

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Catanzaro

IL RIVOLUTO (W)

Cosenza

IL MERIDIONE (W)
ITALIA NUOVA "
LA RISCOSSA "
DEMOCRAZIA CRISTIANA "
EMANCIPAZIONE "
P.FOL. DI VITA "
CALABRIA DEMOCRATICA "
LA FORZA SOCIALISTA "
CRONACA PROLETARIA "
MAGNA SILE "
SUD "

A tutti i Direttori responsabili
dei giornali d'Italia

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In virtù di tale disposizione i partiti politici della nazione possono liberamente diffondere le loro idee politiche non su fogli clandestini ed irresponsabili, ma su giornali muniti di apposita licenza.

Le Autorità Alleate credono opportuno richiamare l'attenzione di tutti i responsabili, direttori, editori, gerenti, sui seguenti punti:

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2) - *Ciò non implica alcuna limitazione della libertà di opinioni politiche. Al contrario le Autorità Alleate che hanno esplicitamente manifestato la loro speranza ed il loro desiderio di vedere allargata la base del Governo Italiano fino ad includervi tutte le legittime correnti di pensiero politico, considerano la libertà di stampa essenziale per il raggiungimento di tale fine.*

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6) - Non sarà consentita alcuna critica lesiva dell'onore e della buona fede dei militari italiani, di qualsiasi grado, che combattano e collaborino con le Forze Alleate.

7) - Non saranno consentiti gli scritti diretti a turbare o ad eccitare il pubblico, e a generare disordini e discordie.

8) - Allo scopo di agevolare il compito delle autorità di censura militare, non si dovrà pubblicare alcuna notizia relativa all'attività delle unità o dei singoli individui italiani che operano insieme con gli Alleati.

9) - Ogni infrazione a quest'ordine avrà per effetto non solo la soppressione dell'articolo incriminato, ma anche la sospensione della pubblicazione, salvo ogni ulteriore azione che le autorità Alleate considerino necessaria.

10) - Ad evitare tali immaneabili conseguenze, le Autorità fanno appello a tutti i direttori dei giornali, perchè abbiano presente l'importanza di una dignità di stampa oltre che di una libertà di stampa.

La prima sarà sicura garanzia della seconda.

I. S. MUNRO

Lt. Col.

Executive Secretary A. P. B.

Aprile, 1944

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

*As modified by
Chief Commissioner
April 4 1944*

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~~Ma l'esperienza ha dimostrato che in molti casi è evidente una completa ignoranza di ciò che, in via generale, è la "libertà" in una società civile, e di ciò che significa in particolare la libertà di stampa. Si è reso anche evidente, purtroppo che le realtà e le esigenze della guerra sono ben lontane dalle vedute di coloro che sono responsabili di gran parte di ciò che viene pubblicato nel nome della libertà.~~

~~Le Autorità Alleate, d'accordo con le Autorità responsabili dell'attuale Governo dell'Italia liberata, sono pertanto costrette a richiamare l'attenzione di tutti i responsabili, direttori, editori, gerenti, sui seguenti punti:~~

1) - ~~Non può essere concessa alla stampa italiana una indipendenza dai vincoli della censura militare, della proprietà del linguaggio, dell'esattezza dei fatti e della discrezione politica, maggiore di quella di cui gode la stampa nei territori metropolitani delle stesse nazioni Alleate, tanto più che i limiti imposti da tale censura e da tale senso di opportunità, esattezza e discrezione, vengono osservati nei paesi alleati più per un senso spontaneo di civica disciplina, che non per l'imposizione di apposite misure coattive, sia in tempi di guerra che in tempi normali.~~

2) - ~~Le Autorità Alleate hanno perfettamente chiarito il loro atteggiamento nei riguardi dell'Italia, sia al momento dell'armistizio che dopo, e in specie si rammenta quanto segue:~~

a) Il futuro dell'Italia al tavolo della Pace dipende dal contributo che il popolo e le armi italiane daranno alla causa comune della liberazione dai tedeschi di tutto il territorio italiano fino al Brennero.

b) Le Autorità Alleate hanno riconosciuto e riconoscono il Governo del Maresciallo Badoglio, e l'esistente struttura istituzionale, nel quadro dell'attuale compito di cooperare cogli Alleati in qualità di cobelligeranti, ma nel contempo riconoscono che al popolo Ita-

liano dovrà infine essere data piena facoltà di decidere sulla forma del governo e sulle altre istituzioni politiche, sulla base dei principi democratici, quando lo permettano le superiori esigenze militari.

c) Le Autorità Alleate sono perfettamente al corrente circa le divergenze di opinioni esistenti in merito all'assetto istituzionale, tra i vari partiti e gruppi politici italiani. La posizione degli alleati in merito è di un'assoluta neutralità. Sola condizione è che il momento in cui sarà possibile dare atto ai principi della completa libertà di azione politica, verrà determinata dal Comandante in Capo, sulla base delle istruzioni ricevute in proposito dai Capi dello Stato Maggiore unito delle Forze Armate Americane, Britanniche e Sinoamericane.

2 ~~2~~ - Quanto sopra detto non implica alcuna limitazione della libertà di opinioni politiche. Al contrario le Autorità Alleate hanno esplicitamente manifestato la loro speranza ed il loro desiderio di vedere allargata la base del Governo Italiano, fino ad includervi tutte le legittime correnti di pensiero politico. La libertà di stampa venne appunto considerata come uno apporto essenziale per il raggiungimento di tale fine.

3 ~~3~~ - Non si tollererà alcuno abuso nell'esercizio di tale libertà.

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7 ~~7~~ - Non saranno consentiti gli scritti diretti a turbare o ad eccitare il pubblico, e a generare nel suo seno disordini e discordie.

~~8 ~~8~~ - La severità della censura militare attualmente esercitata nell'Italia liberata è considerevolmente minore di quella che viene nello stesso tempo esercitata nei Paesi Alleati.~~

8 ~~8~~ - Allo scopo di agevolare il compito delle autorità di censura militare, non si dovrà pubblicare alcuna notizia relativa all'attività delle unità o dei singoli individui italiani che operano insieme con gli Alleati.

9 ~~9~~ - Ogni infrazione a quest'ordine avrà per effetto non solo la soppressione dell'articolo incriminato, ma anche la sospensione della pubblicazione, salvo ogni ulteriore azione che le autorità Alleate considerino necessarie.

10 ~~10~~ - Ad evitare tali immaneabili conseguenze, le Autorità fanno appello a tutti i direttori dei giornali, perchè pensino più alla dignità della stampa italiana che non alla sua "libertà".

La prima sarà sicura garanzia della seconda.

Aprile

Marzo, 1944

OFFICE OF THE
A 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 Central
APB held at the above offices at
2:30 p.m. 5 April 44

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Mr. E. A. Caccia, Political Section, ACC,
Major Lionel Fielden, PPO, AGC,
Capt. Harry Haas, Economic Section, AGC,
Major J. W. Colville, Censorship,
Capt. A. C. C. Barcroft, G-2,
Mr. James M. Manife, PWB,
Lt. Col. I. S. Munro, PWB (Executive Secretary),
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Major Colville submitted the following amendment to the Executive Secretary's censorship proposal:

"4. That the following information be communicated to the persons concerned:

- a) In Italian Government territory: The only pre-publication censorship is that exercised on military security grounds. Arrangements for military censorship are as follows:

- 1) All material for publication elsewhere than in papers under the direct control of PWB will be submitted to

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Italian Press Censors appointed by Prefects. Prefects will be held responsible to Allied authorities for any breaches of Allied Censorship Directives;

ii) Allied Military Censorship is established at certain centres only, but it should be clearly understood that Italian Press Censorship is always subject to control by Allied Military Censorship officers.

iii) After printing, copies of all publications will be submitted to FWE local centres for scrutiny by Allied Military Censorship.

All existing arrangements for pre-publication political scrutiny by anyone, allied or Italian, will cease.

On motion of Mr. Minifie, the amendment was unanimously approved.

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He said Col. Adams was of the opinion that the warehousing, transportation and issuance of newsprint should be a Regional responsibility. It was therefore agreed that the Executive Secretary should communicate with the Economic Section, AGC, asking them to inform Regional Economics and Supply Officers of the full plan submitted by the Board:

"The warehousing, transportation and issuance of newsprint shall be the responsibility of the AMG Regional administrations. Insofar as possible the newsprint will be shipped to ports nearest Regional Headquarters and in amounts approaching the newsprint quotas allocated to each Region. The Economics and Supply Officer of the Region will arrange for the newsprint to be transported to the warehouse, and for the guarding and supervision of the newsprint while in the warehouse. Where advisable, a central store-room will also be maintained where the paper can be readily issued and also can be cut for flat-bed use. A careful inventory of the paper will be kept at all times. The newsprint proper will only

be issued upon specific permission of the Allied Publications Board and upon the provision by the licensee publication of properly filled out forms, countersigned by a representative of "P.B."

It was further agreed that the Economic Section, ACC, should be requested to issue appropriate instructions, empowering Regional Economics and Supply Officers to assign and distribute paper, other than exceptional amounts, destined for administrative and other non-publication purposes, without reference to APB.

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Major Colville	1 copy	Major Alexander,	1 copy
Mr. Minifie	1 copy	Censorship, Naples	
Local Board		Lt. Davis,	1 copy
Bari	2 copies	Censorship, Naples	
Palermo	2 copies	Lt. Costanzo,	1 copy
Cagliari	2 copies	Censorship, Palermo	
Press Officer, Naples	2 copies	Lt. de la Malotiere,	1 copy
"D" Section	2 copies	Censorship, Cagliari	
APB File	10 copies	Capt. Astley,	1 copy
		Censorship, Bari	

OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
167 Corso Umberto
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CENTRAL BOARD MEETING, 3 APRIL 1944

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of last Central Board Meeting. ✓
2. Capt. Barcroft G-2 member.
3. Chairman's amendment to wording of APE regulations. ✓
4. Submit revised directive to editors. ✓
5. Decision on Censorship procedure motion. ✓
6. Report on Regional progress: Palermo; Bari. ✓
7. Procedure to inform Italian Government of new Regional set-up. ✓
8. Report enemy conception of Board and Chairman.
9. Report on activities of Prefects: Bari; Palermo; Reggio Calabria. ✓
10. Invites ACC to enquire how Minister of Interior has instructed Prefects.
11. Report on Conference with Col. Upjohn and Major Crossman.
12. Report on paper requirements (see attached), storage and distribution.
13. Proposal re paper for non-publication purposes.
14. Suggest permit for two-sheet weeklies if Government changes.
15. Report re action GIORNALE DELLA SICILIA.
16. Report re Postal regulations.
17. Any other business.

ESTIMATED MONTHLY NEWSPRINT REQUIREMENTS

For consideration of Central APB, 3 April 44, and recommendation thereafter to Economic Section, ACC

1. Figures given below show the barest necessities and mildest anticipations as the situation stands at this moment, and cover estimate for newspapers and similar periodic publications for the areas liberated as at this date (30.3.44), plus Rome. New demands must be favourably considered and met with all urgency as the future unfolds.
2. Special types of paper (other than rolls for newspapers) are yet to be calculated, in order to meet the demand required for the publication of books. According to AFHQ orders, APB is not only responsible for authorising the publication of books, but is also responsible for the importation and allocation of the necessary paper.
3. In addition to APB book paper requirements yet to be estimated, paper will also be required for the publication of school books under the responsibility of the Education Sub-Commission, ACC, which should be requested direct.

CATEGORY	SICILY				TOTAL
	NAPLES	BARI	CALABRIA (Reggio?)	SARDINIA (Cagliari?)	
Estimated monthly requirements of papers already authorized (excluding PWB dailies).	8	4	4	-	20
Estimated tonnage for additional papers still to be authorized	2	2	2	1	7
PWB newspapers	75	25	-	5	130
Estimated tonnage for reviews, pamphlets, brochures, posters, etc.	4	4	1	-	10
Estimated tonnage for PWB news bulletins and ACC proclamations	1	1	-	-	3
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Estimated tonnage for Rome	150	-	-	-	-	150
NET TOTALS	240	36	7	32	5	320
25% Margin	60	9	2	8	1	80
GROSS TOTALS	300	45	9	40	6	400

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Relations Branch

4 April 1944

Ref: PRB/14/1

SUBJECT: RISORGIMENTO and BOLLSTINO for TEANO

TO : Mr. A. L. Ellison
Chief, Press Section
P.W.B. Unit No. 8

1. Reference your 3/59 dated 1 April 1944, para 3.
2. It will be appreciated if you will send 20 copies of each issue of your BOLLSTINO DI NOTIZIE to TEANO for posting in the town and surrounding area.

TLB

T. L. BULLOCK
Major R 22e R Cdn Army
Deputy Director
Public Relations Branch

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
UNIT N° 8 - A.P.O. 512.

Ref: 3/59

1 April 1944

SUBJECT: "Risorgimento" for TEANO.

To: Major Lionel Fielden,
Director of Public Relations A.C.C.
From: Press Section, PWB Unit N° 8.

1. Reference your N° PRB/14/1 dated 26 March 1944.
2. Arrangements are being made by the administrative director of "RISORGIMENTO" with a view to having a sufficient quantity of this newspaper delivered daily to TEANO. It is expected that the first delivery will be made within the next few days.
3. If it is desired to post up a "Bolletino di Notizie" in Teano in addition to newspaper distribution, kindly inform this office of the number of wall-newspapers desired and arrangements will be made to have these sent out to Teano twice weekly.

A. L. Ellison

A.L. Ellison,
Chief, Press Section,
P.W.B. Unit N° 8.

SUBJECT: Publication "ITALIA"

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LE UILE (LECCE) A28 file
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29 Mar 44

WAR MINISTRY

Copy to: Public Relations Branch
Allied Control Commission
(Your BRB 14/1 of 25 Mar refers)

Ref para 3 of attached letter sent to us by Public Relations Branch, A.C.C.

Please apply to the Prefect for the necessary applications forms in respect of your publication "L'ITALIA".

H. H. ...

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

ABC

PWB ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
PWB UNIT No. 8. APO 512

29th March, 1944

Dear Captain Leacacos,

I enclose herewith a list of periodicals which have so far been authorized to appear in Liberated Italy. It includes those which have been authorized prior to the formation of the Allied Publications Board and which have been permitted to continue.

Yours sincerely,



for George W. Edman
DEPUTY CHIEF, ITALIAN THEATRE (LIBERATED)

P.S. I believe I have still spelt your name wrongly, please forgive me if so.

Captain Leacacos,
Allied Control Commission.

NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER PERIODICALS

as at 25 March 1944

LOCALITY

AUTHORISED BY APE

AUTHORISED PRIOR
TO CREATION OF APE
AND NOT YET CON-
FIRMED BY APE (list
under consideration)

ACC-CONTROLLED ITALY

Naples	RISORGIMENTO (D)	
	UNITA (W)	
	AVANTI "	
	LIBERTA "	
	IL LAVORO "	
	IL POPOLO "	
	ITALIA LIBERA "	
	IL GIORNO "	
	BATTAGLIE SINDACALI (W)	
	CIMENTO (W)	
	FOGLI ANNUNZI LEGALI (BI-W)	
	GIOVENTU (BI-M)	
	IL PROFUGO (M)	
	ARETHUSA (R)	
	BOLLETTINO DELL' IS- TITUTO SANATORIALE PRINCIPI DI PIEMONTE (M)	
Ischia	ISCHIA NUOVA (W)	
Avellino		ORIZZONTE (W)
Foggia	AZIONE DEMOCRATICA (W)	

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KING'S ITALY

Bari	GAZZETTA DEL MEZZOGIORNO (D)	CIVILTA
	GIOCONDA (W)	PROLETARIA (W)
	IL SECONDO RISORGIMENTO (BI-M)	AVANTI (W)
	RACCONTI "	L'IDEA LIBERALE
	PENSIERO E VITA "	ITALIA DEL
	LA TRIBUNA DEI FERROVIERI "	POPOLO (W)
		IL RISVEGLIO (W)
		LA RASSEGNA (W)
		LA SETTIMANA (W)

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LOCALITY	AUTHORIZED BY APB	AUTHORIZED PRIOR TO CREATION OF APB
Salerno	IL CORRIERE (D) LA VERITA (W) LA LIBERTA (W) IL LAVORO (W) DEMOCRAZIA DEL LAVORO (W) L'ORA DEL POPOLO (W) POLITICA ESTERA (Bi-M) DON CHISCIOTTE (Bi-M)	
Taranto		LA VOCE DEL POPOLO (W) BUONA GUARDIA (W) LA RINASCITA (W)
Lecce	IL SALENTO (W) LA FIAMMA (M)	LA PROVINCIA DI LECCE (W) LIBERA VOCE (W)
Brindisi	L'UNIONE (W)	
ANDRIA	L'IDEA DI ANDRIA (M)	
CATANZARO		IL RIVASCIO (W)
COSENZA		IL MERIDIONE (W) ITALIA NUOVA (W) LA RISCOSSA (W) DEMOCRAZIA CRISTIANA (W) EMANCIPAZIONE (W) PAROLA DI VITA (W) CALABRIA DEMOCRATICA (W) LA PAROLA SOCIALISTA (W) ORDINE PROLETARIO (W) MAGNA SILA (W) SUD (W) XXXXXXXXXXXX
Enna		LIBERTA (Bi-M)
PALESTRO	SEILIA LIBERATA (D) ROSALBA (W) LIBERTA (Bi-M) FORO SICILIANO (M) AI NOSTRI AMICI (M)	
Messina		
CATANIA	Corriere di Sicilia (D)	NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA (Tri-W)

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LOCALITY	AUTHORISED BY APB	AUTHORISED PRIOR TO CREATION OF APB
Cagliari	L'UNIONE SARDA (D)	
Sassari	L'ISOLA (D)	LIBERTA (W)
NUORO		L'ORTOBENE (M)

NOTE : Other newspapers, authorised locally to publish, are being investigated at the present time.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

JTO/naz

29 March 1944

In reply
refer to : C/6/2/101

SUBJECT : Allied Publications Board

TO : Lieut. Colonel Scott Bailey, INC, AFHQ

1. In accordance with AFHQ Censorship Instructions, Italian Press Censorship is being established in all locations where publications have been or will be authorized.
2. In accordance with the same instructions Italian censorship personnel will work directly under the Italian Prefects and will follow the censorship instructions issued by the Censorship Branch, AFHQ. Prefects will be held responsible for any breaches of the Allied Censorship Directives.
3. Full instructions to this effect have been issued to all Prefects concerned by the Italian Minister of Interior (N. 74/S/T dated 26 January 1944). In these instructions the necessary censorship procedure is clearly laid down together with the censorship regulations to be observed.
4. After printing, copies of each publication are to be sent, as directed, to PWB (at Bari, Naples, Palermo, or Cagliari) for scrutiny from a policy and military censorship point of view.
5. It is, furthermore, being arranged that both editors and Prefects shall send copies of any deletions to PWB for scrutiny.
6. It is understood that Allied Military Press Censors, where established, do not relieve Prefects from responsibility for censorship.
7. It was found necessary to instal an Allied Military Press Censor at Salerno where a daily paper is published by the Italian Government. This officer will remain at Salerno for as long as necessary to ensure that no further violations of military censorship occur. He acts, however, in an advisory or supervisory capacity to the Italian Censor and does not replace him or relieve him of his responsibilities.

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8. In view, however, of the above responsibilities for censorship, it is anticipated that differences of opinion are bound to occur concerning the limits of freedom of the Press in a country in which a war is being fought. Free criticism of political parties, policies, of the King and Government are permitted but there is a point where abusive criticism becomes purely destructive, challenges authority and should rightly be interpreted as detrimental to the morale of the Armed Forces or even as incitement to public disorder, thus censorable on Military Security grounds.

9. Prefects may differ among themselves as to when military censorship may justifiably be invoked. They may, claiming a superior knowledge of Italian psychology, differ from PWB Press Officers and Allied Military Censors. But, since all publications are to be scrutinised together with the text of any deletions, accusations against the Prefects of political censorship will be brought to the notice of AFB and AFB should take any necessary action to liberalise Italian Censorship.

10. Even should this process prove to be slow, it is not felt that as an alternative, local P. S. Press officers or military censors should be permitted to pass final judgement on the action of Prefects.

11. It is understood that Italian Censorship will have no interest in daily papers under the direct control of PWB.

J. V. Solville
 J. V. SOLVILLE
 Major, G. S.

Copy to Chief, PWB (Italy) 167 Corso Umberto Naples
 Mr. H. Daccia AGC. Political Section
 Major L. Fielder AGC. PRO
 Major I. Alexander c/o PWB 167 Corso Umberto, Naples.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14/1.

26 March 1944.

Subject: "Risorgimento" for TEANO.

To: Mr. Ellison, PWB.

The CAC at TEANO (about 30 miles north of Naples) has asked me whether it would be possible to supply the town with 2-300 copies of "Risorgimento". He states that the place is full of inaccurate rumours, due to the absence of all news. There is an agent there who would gladly take over sales. If "Risorgimento" is impossible, perhaps a wall-newspaper could be supplied.

cc LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 6.

26 March 1944.

Subject: Note on Ischia.

To: Lieutenant-General Sir N. Mason MacFarlane, Chief Commissioner.

The Ischia paper, ISCHIA NUOVA, has published a leading article stating that Allied officers are requisitioning houses, hotels, furniture and other possessions in a manner contrary to the terms of our proclamation. Lt-Commander J.E. Gibbons, RNVP officer in charge, demanded that PWB suppress the paper. Lt-Colonel Munro, Press Officer of PWB, endorsed this and stated that the editor was "indulging in polemical attacks against the Allied Government, against Allied military authority and against Allied administration." The paper was not, however, suppressed because I was told by Region III when I enquired into the matter that the statements were quite true.

This tends to confirm the story which has been told me by several correspondents here - namely that Lt-Commander Gibbons has been employing the most high-handed and brutal methods, that he has seized furniture and objets d'art in order to live like a nabob, and that he has brought AMG into great disrepute. I am not vouching for the truth of these stories, but I suggest that an unexpected visit to Ischia by yourself might not be misplaced.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations.

Capt Leacacos

Question of Ischia paper for A.P.B.

I have enquired about this from Region III. They state that the accusations made by the paper are "correct, and more than correct" and take the view that it could not possibly be suspended for stating what is even less than the truth. I understand that Colonel Keirland has investigated the matter and made this clear. Colonel Munro when speaking to me was very insistent that it should be suppressed and apparently took Gibbons' word as gospel truth "because he had come all the way from Ischia." He was, however, obviously wrong and obviously high-handed. It is very doubtful whether, in fairness, the Editor can ever be "censured." He has merely called attention to an abuse and he has a perfect right to do so.

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R. Redden.

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Major Fielden:

Before suspending the license for the newspaper it would seem desirable to obtain a report from Region III about the requisitioning practices at Ichin. I fear some of the charges may be accurate

V. Wilson

Lieut Caprio.

Can you find out today (Sunday) whether there is any real foundation for the accusation that houses & hotels at Ichin have been requisitioned by methods not consistent with the Proclamation? RD 112

PWB ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS

PWB UNIT No. 8. APO 512

March 24, 1944.

TO : Mr. Minifie.
FROM : Lt.Col. Munro.

Will you please submit the following to ACC.

In reply to the following signal from Lt.Cdr. J. E. Gibbons,
RNVR Naval Officer In Charge, Ischia:

"REQUEST THAT PUBLICATION LICENSE OF 'ISCHIA
NUOVA' BE SUSPENDED FORTHWITH FOR MILITARY
ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS"

I suggest ACC send the following signal to Lt.Cdr. Gibbons:

"REQUEST GRANTED FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION PENDING
CONFIRMATION BY APB".

I attach office memo and copy of offending newspaper for in-
formation.

Please return paper as *at* *da* required for production at
Monday's Regional APB meeting.

I. S. Munro.
LT Col

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

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

Office Memo

Lt.Cdr. J. E. Gibbons, RNVR Naval Officer in Charge, Ischia, called personally on March 21st to lodge a complaint against ISCIA NUOVA, the weekly news sheet with a circulation of 1,000, authorised by APB on March 7th for the Island of Ischia. Although the application stated that the paper was strictly for a straight news service among that Island population, it has turned out that the Editor is indulging in polemical attacks against the Allied Government, against Allied military authority and against Allied administration. I arranged two lines of action with Lt.Cdr. Gibbons:

- 1) He will lodge a formal request for suspension of the paper which he asks should be dealt with as quickly as possible, and
- 2) I arranged that the Island, in order not to be deprived of a news service, should be supplied with 200 copies of RISORGIMENTO daily. This number will be increased if the demand for it works.

I. S. MUNRO,
Lt.Col.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

PRB 14.

25 March 1944.

Subject: Allied Publications Board.

To: Regional Commissioner, Region I.

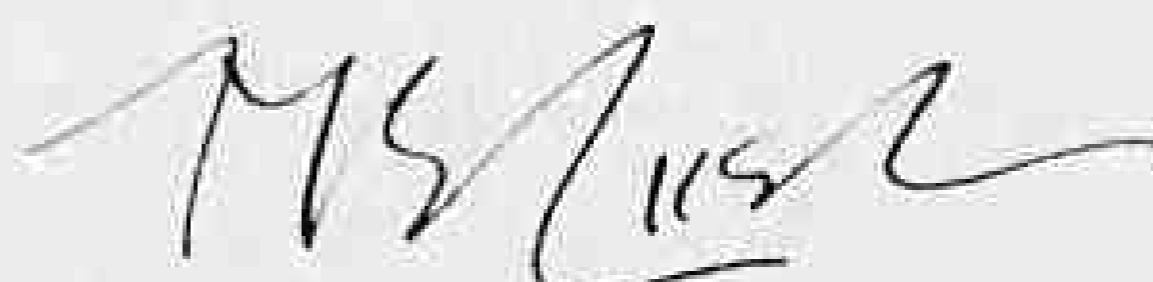
1. In order to control the licensing of newspapers, books and publications of all kinds, and also the release and sale of paper stocks, in Liberated Italy, an Allied Publications Board was established on 11 December 1943 by General Eisenhower (Enclosure 1).

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). X

3. You will appoint a representative to attend the meetings of the Regional Allied Publications Board at Palermo.

4. The procedure for dealing with applications will be explained by the PWB Press Officers in each locality. (List attached - enclosure 3).

X
Enclosure 2 was
minutes of Special
Meeting held 14
March 44 (q.v.
in this file).



M.S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

ENCLOSURE 1

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

11 December 1943.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 89)

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

1. There is herewith created the Allied Publications Board comprised of five members, one representing each of the following:

- a. Psychological Warfare Branch (INP) - (Chairman)
- b. Allied Military Government (15th Army Group)
- c. Censorship Branch (INP)
- d. G-2 Section
- e. Allied Control Commission.

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- 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.
- 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.
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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.

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

on a "share and share alike" basis with other licensed publications. The ABE will not exercise any control or supervision over any additional 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 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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APO 512

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
29 December 1943.

NUMBER 36)

Paragraph 3 c, Administrative Memorandum No. 89, this Headquarters, is rescinded and the following substituted there-
fore.

"3 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."

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)

15 February 44.

NUMBER)

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 publica-
tions 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."

ENCLOSURE 3PWB 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, o/o Military Garrison 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.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14/2.

25 March 1944.

Subject: Newspapers authorized by AFB in liberated Italy.

To: Lt Col I. S. Munro, PWB.

Papers in Liberated Italy

Will you please furnish the particulars requested by
AMG Fifth Army and return the file as soon as possible.

Sgt) LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14.

24 March 1944.

The Chairman,
Allied Publications Board.

ENCLOSURE (5)
None specific to this request

The attached request applies chiefly, if not entirely, to the Central AFB. You may, however, wish to send it to Regional Boards, so I enclose five copies. Incidentally, I have not yet received the notes on procedure promised by Colonel Munro, and this is holding up our instructions to Regional Commissioners regarding the appointment of members to Regional Boards.

(Sd) LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 14/1.

26 March 1944.

Subject: Army and Navy Papers.

To: Brigadier C.C. Duchesne, Director, Army Sub-Commission.
Commodore I.M. Palmer, Director, Navy Sub-Commission.
(separate copies).

I have received the attached from the Secretary of the Allied Publications Board. Can you kindly forward it to the relevant authority for necessary action?

(S)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations.

Major Fiddler

22 March 44.

TO : Mr. Minifie.
FROM : Lt. Col. Munro.

1. The two Italian newspapers published for the Italian Navy and Army are apparently unaware of the necessity of applying for APB permits.
2. It is true that they are of a different category to political or other papers, but in their own interests they should be registered like other papers; and in our interests they should be seen by our military censors.
3. As these papers are published under the auspices of the Ministries, I would suggest that the approach be made through ACC channels. The papers should be told to apply to the Prefect for application forms. The papers are:
 - a) BUONA GUARDIA (Navy) published by the Ministry of Marine at Taranto, and
 - b) An Army morale sheet (name unknown) published at Lecce by the Stato Maggiore.
4. The Air Force paper (GIORNALI DELL' AVIATORE) has already conformed.

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Received late 24th evening

*urgent**Major Fielden*

22 March 44.

TO : ~~Mr. Minifie.~~

FROM : Lt. Col. Munro.

1. I would be glad if you would invite the appropriate authority at ACC to take action on the reported prohibition issued by the Civil Censorship Office for newspapers and printed matter to be carried by post, stating that this prohibition is based on Section 300, Postal Regulations 3, Section 700 B.
2. As agreed at the last APB meeting, this action by Civil Censorship cuts right across our propaganda programme.
3. I believe that the person with whom the ACC authorities in Naples should get in touch is Major Head, ACC Postal Sub-Commission, Salerno.

ISA Munro
LEA

Received late 24th evening
Spoke to Head and Colville
who promised to ring Munro (25th)

OFFICE OF THE
 ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

107 Corso Umberto
 NAPLES

MINUTES of first meeting of Central
 Allied Publications Board held at 107
 Corso Umberto, Naples, March 20, 1944.

PRESENT:

Mr. George M. Edman, P.O. (Chairman).
 Mr. Samuel Kesser, Political Section, 100.
 Mr. T. M. Jaccia, Political Section, 100.
 Capt. Henry Hays, Economic Section, 100.
 Capt. John P. Leacock, P.O., 100.
 Major W. W. Coltrick, G-2.
 Major J. M. Colville, Censorship.
 Mr. James M. Minnie, P.O. (Executive Officer).
 Lt. Col. I. B. Munro, P.O. (Executive Secretary).
 Major Hugh S. Ellis, P.O. (for newspaper discussion)

Minutes of the special meeting of the Board, held on March 16th,
 were approved.

New Members

In accordance with para 5 of the reorganization regulations, the
 Chairman proposed that Mr. Jaccia and Mr. Kesser be elected repre-
 sentatives on the Board of the Political Section, 100, and that
 they also be represented on the Board by Lt. Col. I. B. Munro and Mr.
 James M. Minnie, presently ex-officio members. Carried.

Paper Report

When Capt. Hays read a signal from 100 to the Economic Section,
 100, setting forth a proposal to decrease, during the months of
 June and July, the quantity of newspapers imported from America, and
 asking for an estimate of requirements for the period July-December
 inclusive, the Chairman appointed a sub-committee (Capt. Hays,
 Major Ellis and himself) to look into the problem of supply, stor-
 age and distribution of paper, and to formulate a recommendation
 for consideration of the Central Board at its next meeting.

Mr. George W. Edman, PMA (Chairman).
 Mr. Samuel Weber, Political Section, 303.
 Mr. T. J. Jucius, Political Section, 303.
 Capt. Harry Hays, Economic Section, 303.
 Capt. John P. Burgess, PMA, 303.
 Mr. H. W. Hollibaugh, 6-2.
 Major J. W. Colville, Censorship.
 Mr. James M. Minifie, PMA/303 Liaison Officer.
 Lt. Col. I. S. Adaro, PMA (Executive Secretary).
 Major Hugh W. Ellis, PMA (For newspaper discussion).

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board, held on March 18th, were approved.

New Members

In accordance with para 5 of the Reorganization Regulations, the Chairman proposed that Mr. Jucius and Mr. Weber be elected representatives on the Board of the Political Section, 303, and that PMA also be represented on the Board by Lt. Col. I. S. Adaro and Mr. James M. Minifie, presently ex-officio members. Carried.

Paper Report

When Capt. Hays read a signal from PMA to the Economic Section, 303, setting forth a proposal to decrease, during the months of June and July, the quantity of newspaper printed from America, and asking for an estimate of requirements for the period July-December inclusive, the Chairman appointed a sub-committee (Capt. Hays, Major Ellis and himself) to look into the problem of supply, storage and distribution of paper, and to formulate a recommendation for consideration of the Central Board at its next meeting.

Censorship Proposal

The Executive Secretary tabled the following proposal, which was approved in principle:

- I propose that in all Italy a uniform system of control and censorship of the Press be adopted, namely:
1. That every editor be provided with a PMA directive and standard of conduct, through APB;
 2. That the newspapers for which these editors are responsible be scrutinized by the Regional PMA Press Officer immediately after publication in order to learn whether or not they conform to the aforesaid conduct standard directive;

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3. Where, in his opinion, this directive is violated the Regional PWB Press Officer will take action as follows:
- a) For minor violations, he warns the paper that a repetition will lead to his referring the matter to higher authority;
 - b) For repeated offences or in cases of flagrant violation, PWB Regional Press Officer reports at once to Chief Press Officer who, in turn, brings any case justifying suspension before the APB for action through the established channels.
4. That the following information be communicated to the persons concerned:
- a) In King's Italy. The only pre-publication censorship is that exercised by the Military Censor in accordance with his directives from AFHQ. Existing arrangements for military censorship remain unaltered, namely:
 - i) Where Allied Military Censorship is established, material is submitted to him as hitherto;
 - ii) Where there is no such Allied Military Censorship, but where the Allied Censorship officials have duly delegated their censorship duties to a Press or other non-allied functionary, material will continue to be submitted to such, as hitherto.
 - b) ACC Italy. The submission of pre-publication political material by anyone, Allied or Italian, will cease.
5. That PWB Press Officers will act in an advisory capacity when called on by Italian Editors, and will encourage such contacts.
- Representatives of the Political Section, ACC, were asked (1) to consider whether there should be a variation in the proposal as it applied to ACC Italy, and to report their decision at the next meeting of the Board, and (2) to scrutinise the Editorial Standard which is currently issued to Editors, simultaneously with issuance of licenses, and to bring to the next board meeting an agreed text.

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All existing arrangements for pre-publication political scrutiny by anyone, Allied or Italian, will cease.

- b) ACC Italy. The submission of pre-publication material to Allied officials, other than Military Censors, will cease.

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Unauthorised Papers

The Executive Secretary expressed the view that it would be unwise for the Board to recommend to the proper authorities suppressive measures against any one unauthorised paper until it was in a position to make an all-inclusive recommendation along these lines. The meeting concurred. It was agreed, therefore, that no such recommendation should be forthcoming until such time as principle party papers were authorised in a given publication centre. In view of this decision, it was further agreed that the Executive Secretary should take no immediate steps against BANDIERA ROSSA, in accordance with a decision taken at the morning meeting of Naples Regional Board.

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Applications

For information, the Executive Secretary read the list of applications, approved and rejected, at the initial session of Naples Regional Board. It was pointed out that IL CORRIERE had been denied license to publish a Bari edition of the Salerno daily because the Board wished to avoid a dangerous precedent. It was also pointed out that IL POPOLO of Brindisi had not been granted a license for the reason that the Board had previously approved a policy of limiting publication centres, and Brindisi was serviced from Bari.

The Board took note of Mr. Caccia's request for all doubts as to the rejection or approval of licenses, on the part of Regional Boards, to be referred to the Central body.

Daily Papers

The Chairman read a letter addressed to him by Col. Poletti, Region 3 Commissioner, in which a desire was expressed for additional dailies in Naples. The Executive Secretary explained that PWE's Press Plan envisaged Parties of the Left, Right and Centre, within the National Committee of Liberation, combining to publish three daily papers in place of the present six Party weeklies.

Postal Ban

The Executive Secretary reported that the Civil Censorship Office had instructed his Censors to conform to certain regulations which forbade the carriage of newspapers and printed matter by postal service. He pointed out that any restriction on delivery or despatch of newspapers by postal service would cut right across the allied propaganda programme. The meeting agreed that this should be enquired into, and that steps should be taken to rectify the matter.

Next meeting of the Board was called for April 3, at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned.

OFFICE OF THE
APPLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
187 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

non - 2:30pm - 1st April

AGENDA

Central Board Meeting
20 March 44

1. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board.
2. Paper report.
3. New members.
4. Action taken by Executive Secretary (arising out of Minutes)
5. " Major Fielden "
6. Executive Secretary's motion re Censorship. -
7. Action with regard to unauthorised papers.
8. Licenses approved and rejected by Regional Board.

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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

20 March 44.

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4. That Regional Press Officers and, through the proper channels, local Prefects and Italian Government Press Officers, be informed that submission of page proofs for their scrutiny will no longer take place, not being required.
5. That all concerned be warned that these measures, of course, in no way affect the existing work and operation of military censorship.

*Len.
 File in APB file*

Dr

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

16 March 1944.

The Chairman,
Allied Publications Board.

In order that I may send out instructions to Regional Commissioners at once regarding the appointment of ACC representatives to the Regional Allied Publications Boards I should be grateful if you could let me have the following as soon as possible:

(1) A copy of the order establishing the Allied Publications Board, and the date of its establishment, together with any subsequent modifications or additions.

(2) A copy of the plan of reorganization and decentralization as approved by the Board at its meeting on March 14.

(3) The note promised by Colonel Munro on procedure for application in ACC, AMG and Army areas for the guidance of Regional Commissioners and their representatives.

You will understand that instructions cannot be sent out to Regional Commissioners until I have this information.

(54) LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations.

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

15 March 44.

TO : Major Lionel Fielden, PRO, ACC.

SUBJECT: APB.

1. I enclose copy of minutes of special meeting of the Board held March 14, together with copy of Order No.89 creating the APB and a memorandum covering licensing procedure for (a) newspapers and periodicals; (b) books, pamphlets and brochures, and (c) posters and manifestos.
2. The memorandum on procedure covers conditions in Naples. This will give you an immediate outline of the sequences, but please note that there are, of course, variations in the official posts to which applicants must refer in other areas of Italy, such as (a) ACC territory where there is no Regional Board; (b) King's territory where there are Regional Boards; (c) King's territory where there are no Regional Boards, and (d) special areas such as Potenza and Salerno.
3. So as to prevent any local misunderstanding, I am trying to put these local variations onto paper, and as soon as this is done I shall communicate with you again; but meantime this gives you a general idea of how it should be done.
4. The Board will be glad to learn that you have taken action in accordance with para iii), page 3.
5. Please note that Naples Regional Board will meet next Monday at 10.30 a.m., and the Central APB, at 2:30 p.m., on the same day.

I. S. Munro
LTCL

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

OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

167 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

MINUTES of Special Meeting of the Board
called for Tuesday, 14 March 1944, to
discuss reorganisation proposal

PRESENT : Mr. George W. Edman, P.W. (Chairman).
Major Lionel Fielden, PRO, ACC.
Capt. Henry Haas, Economic Section, ACC.
Major J. W. Colville, INC.
Mr. J. M. Minifie, P.W.
Lt. Col. I. S. Munro, P.W. (Executive Secretary).

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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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.

The Present Charter gives APB the power to determine the method by which its mission shall be carried out, para 3 reading: "The Board is empowered to draft such regulations and perform such functions as are necessary properly to carry out the following."

Under this authority the following regulations are approved:

- 1) That Regional APB Boards be set up in PALERMO, BARI, CAGLIARI and NAPLES.

PRESENT : Mr. George W. Egan, PwB (Chairman).
 Major Lionel Polden, PRO, ACC.
 Capt. Henry Haas, Economic Section, ACC.
 Major J. W. Colville, INS.
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Under this authority the following regulations are approved:

- 1) That Regional APE Boards be set up in PALERMO, BARI, CAGLIARI and NAPLES.
- 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 CALPANIA.
- 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 authorized 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 MAPLES 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.
- 13) That the Central Board periodically circularise Regional Boards with information as to the quantity of newsprint

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- No complaint will be entertained if not made within four days of publication of the offending issue.
- 13) That the Central Board periodically circularise Regional Boards with information as to the quantity of newsprint assigned to each Region, and formulate policy by which Regional Boards will be guided.
- 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. Eiman, 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:

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The Executive Secretary agreed to furnish Major Fielden with a memorandum covering licensing procedure, and also to see that the GAZZETTA DEL MEZZOGIORNO and the RISORCIMENTO carried a clarifying piece on the reorganisation of, and procedure attendant upon, the APB.

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The Meeting was closed that 10.30 p.m.

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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 L. RISSORS. 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.

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 L. VERIT. to publish weekly in Salerno.

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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.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)

11 December 1943.

NUMBER 89)

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

1. There is herewith created the Allied Publications Board comprised of five members, one representing each of the following:

- a. Psychological Warfare Branch (INC) - (Chairman)
- b. Allied Military Government (15th Army Group)
- c. Censorship Branch (INC)
- d. G-2 Section.
- e. Allied Control Commission.

2. G-1, 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 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.

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.

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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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 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 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-AMG)

By command of General EISENHOWER:

T. J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, United States Army,
Adjutant General.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 96)

29 December 1943.

Paragraph 3c, Administrative Memorandum No. 89, this headquarters, cs, is rescinded and the following substituted therefore.

"3 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."

Signal from AFHQ, No.51612, dated 15 February 1944.

"PARAGRAPH 3b, ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO. 89, THIS HEAD-
QUARTERS, 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 RE-
FERRED TO IN SECTION 3a; TO CONTROL AND DISTRIBUTE ALL SUCH
PAPER FOUND IN ITALY, SICILY AND SARDINIA; TO PERFORM SUCH
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A L L I E D OFFICE OF THE
P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D

167 Corso Umberto
Naples

L I C E N S I N G P R O C E D U R E F O R N E W S P A P E R S I N N A P L E S (R E G I O N 3 , A C C)

1. Applicants obtain three copies of Form A from PRO (Ufficio Stampa), Prefettura, Region 3, and complete them in triplicate.
2. Applicants return all three completed forms to PRO.
3. PRO sends all three forms to Executive Secretary, APB, Naples.
4. APB gives decision.
5. a) If it is a REJECTION, Executive Secretary APB retains one copy of form A, returns two to PRO--all marked "Rejected" (vietato). PRO returns one to applicant, informing him without delay.
b) If it is deferred, Executive Secretary APB informs PRO who tells applicant only if asked.
c) If it is GRANTED, Executive Secretary APB retains one copy of Form A, sends two to PRO--all marked "Granted" (Approvato). He also sends PRO a completed newsprint-purchase permit and two copies.

The PRO sends one Form A to applicant, with two copies of the newsprint-purchase permit.

The applicant takes his newsprint permits to the office of Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, ACC, Provincial Building, Naples, who files one copy and instructs applicant where newsprint may be purchased. The applicant then buys his paper on presentation of the remaining permit.

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167 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

LICENSING PROCEDURE FOR BOOKS, PAMPHLETS and BROCHURES IN
NAPLES (REGION 3, ACC)

1. Applicants obtain three copies of Form C from PRO (Ufficio Stampa) Prefettura, Region 3.
2. They return the forms completed in triplicate, together with the MSS and summary, to Executive Secretary, APB.
3. PRO sends the three forms, MSS and summary to Executive Secretary, APB.
4. Executive Secretary has them examined, returns MSS to PRO, communicates decision to PRO with two copies of Form C duly stamped Vietato or Approvato; but without paper permits unless requested or unless MSS is considered to have special propaganda value. PRO informs applicant, returning MSS.
5. Executive Secretary keeps Board advised, but does not consult it unless for works involving extraordinary paper demands or involving special political significance.
6. If paper-purchase permit also granted, the applicant is given three forms for completion and procedure as in Newspaper Procedure (para 5 c).

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NAPLES

LICENSING PROCEDURE FOR POSTERS AND MANIFESTOS IN NAPLES
(REGION 3, ACC)

1. Applicant submits demand in triplicate (no printed forms) with copy of text to PRO (Ufficio Stampa), Prefettura, Region 3, who passes same to Executive Secretary, APB. When matter is urgent, the application can be made direct to the Executive Secretary, APB.

Executive Secretary, in cases of a political or controversial nature, will consult the appropriate authorities through PWB Liaison with ACC, and will communicate result to applicant. When posters or manifestos thus duly approved, the PRO or Executive Secretary will issue a paper-purchase permit for the required amount.

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NAPLESAGENDA OF SPECIAL MEETING
March 13, 1944*ask Lummus
what he has
done**letters for Lummus*

1. Report by Major Woolfolk and Mr. Minifie.

If time allows and the Meeting agrees:

2. Minutes of last meeting (correction re RISCOSSA, Brindisi)
3. Approve Government's Salerno daily; also VERITA, Salerno
4. AMG issuance of licenses and refusals.
5. The Lummus mix-up.
6. Sig. Reale and paper subsidy.

Hold over for next regular meeting?

7. Other applicants (6 for Naples; 1 Salerno; 1 Torre del Greco)
8. Report action taken (a) UNIONE; (b) ITALIA LIBERA.
9. Major Colville's letter.
10. Major Ellis - paper report.
11. Capt. Squair's letter.

PROPOSED REORGANIZATION

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

Recommendations have already been made to General Wilson to reconstitute the Allied Publications Board with representatives from PWB, ACC, Censorship and G-2. This would bring 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, 11th December 1943, as amended by AFHQ Administrative Memorandum NO.96, para I, 29th December 1943, and Signal No.51612, 15th February 1944.

The present Charter gives APB the power to determine the method by which its mission shall be carried out, para 3 reading: "The Board is empowered to draft such regulations and perform such functions as are necessary properly to carry out the following."

Under this authority the following regulations are proposed:

- 1) That regional APB Boards be set up in PALERMO, BARI, CAGLIARI or SASSARI, and NAPLES.
- 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 either at REGGIO CALABRIA or POTENZA.
- 3) That PALERMO authority extend over SICILY and contiguous islands; that CAGLIARI-SASSARI's extend over Sardinia; that BARI's extend over APULIA and the ABRUZZI; that REGGIO-POTENZA's authority extend over CALABRIA and LUCANIA, and that NAPLES' authority extend over CAMPANIA.

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4) That in PALERMO, BARI, CAGLIARI-BASSARI ~~and~~ POTENZA-
^{and Naples} REGGIO the regional Boards be composed of representatives of PAB,
 ACC, Censorship, the local Prefect and Questura; ~~and in Naples~~
~~be composed of the members of the central Board, until such time~~
~~as it may be established in the capital.~~

5) That the central Board be composed of representatives
 A.C.C. Political Section, PRO ACC, ~~Industry and Commerce~~ Economic Section ACC,
 of PAB, ~~ACC~~, Censorship, ~~and the Region III~~, and G-2.

Italian?

6) That the regional APB Boards be authorized 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 sup-
 plies 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,
~~and function also as regional Board for CAMPANIA; meeting once a~~
~~week in its regional capacity and fortnightly in its Central~~
~~capacity~~ 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.

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13) That in case of complaints Regional Boards inform the offending editor that the matter "has been referred to the authorities" and inform immediately the Central Board, forwarding three copies of the articles to the Central Board, the Board to be in a position to recommend action after consultation with the CG, ACC. Matters of procedure in forwarding complaints will be handled in accordance with instructions issued by the Chief Press Officer, PWB.

13) That the Central Board periodically circularise Regional Boards with information as to the quantity of newsprint assigned to each region, and formulate policy by which regional Boards will be guided.

14) That the Chairman of the Central Board be empowered to take executive action to establish such local Boards immediately.

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For INFORMATION

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 12)

12 March 1944

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:

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- a. Psychological Warfare Branch, INC (Chairman)
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- c. G-2 Section.
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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 COO. 15-1 INC-0)

II - GRANTING OF INTERVIEWS 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 make it clear 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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dated 10 March 1943 (Cont'd).

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 usual censorship, officers other than Senior Officers may give candid accounts of operations in which they have participated and news may be quoted, except in cases where Divisional or Higher Order 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:

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| British Army | Lieutenant Colonel |
| U. S. Army and Air Forces | Lieutenant Colonel |
| R. A. F. | Tier Commander |
| U. S. and British Navy | Commander |
- (AG 000.71-1 (7C-3))

By command of General WILSON:

[Signature]
H. V. ...
Colonel, USA,
Adjutant General.

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1943

OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

167 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

MINUTES of meeting held in the above offices at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, March 6th, 1944 at the above offices.

PRESENT:

Mr. George W. Edman, F.V.B. Chairman
Major L. Fielden, A.C.C.
Major J. N. Colville, INC
Major R. L. Woolfolk, G-2
Captain Henry Haas, ACC
Lt. Colonel I. S. Munro F.V.B. (Executive Secretary)
Mr. J. M. Minifie, F.V.B.
Mr. Dante Gnudi, F.V.B.

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Major Woolfolk asked that in the list of those present at the previous meeting, the name of Lt. Col. W. B. Ennis be corrected to Colonel W. B. Ennis. The minutes were then adopted.

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The Executive Secretary reported that a total of 43 applications for newspaper licenses had been received from all parts of liberated Italy. These included the balance of the political party weeklies allowed under the Press Plan, priority two for Naples. On the motion of Major Fielden it was agreed that a blanket approval should be given to the papers which fall within priority two of the Press Plan.

The following were thereby approved:

NAPLES

VITA LIBERALE (Liberal Party)
IL LAVORO (Labour Democrats)
IL CICLO (Christian Democrats)
L'ITALIA LIBERA (Party of Action)
IL GIORNO (Demo-Liberal (Government))

With the two weeklies, L'Unita (Communist) and Avanti

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The following permits were granted in Priority three for Naples:

BATTAGLIE SINDICALI (Trade Union Weekly)
 FOGLIO ANNUNZI LEGALI (Bi-weekly booklet of official notices)
 BOLLICINO DELL'ISTITUTO S. NATORILE (Professional Medical)
 ARETHUS. (Literary monthly sponsored by students. License granted on condition the circulation is reduced to 1,000 copies of 32 pages)

Licenses granted in other localities were:

SALERNO

Second Priority:

L'GR.. DEL POLOLO (Christian Democrat)
LIBERT.. (Party of Action)
DEMOCR..ZI.. DEL L..VORO (Labour Democrats)

Third Priority

DON CHISCIOTTE (Humorous)

SICILY - Palermo

Third Priority

..I NOSTRI ..MICI (Religious Monthly)
FORO SICILLI..NO (Legal Professional Bi-monthly)
ROS..LE.. (Literary Humorous weekly)

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Third priority

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CIMENTO (Naples)

(Literature and fine art periodical) Agreed the Secretary should ask the editors to modify their ideas on the make up of the paper in view of the paper shortage and to apply to the board again.

STELLA.. BLANCO.. (Naples)

IL FERRENO (Sicily) Non political, informatory and commercial

L.. RISCOSS.. (Brindisi) Socialist Party Paper.

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Paper Subsidy

Major Fielden reported that so far as he knew no decision had been reached regarding the paper subsidy and he was therefore not in a position to give a report. The Board said they would like to record that they considered the matter most urgent and asked Major Fielden to expedite the decision in conjunction with Mr. Minifie.

Left Wing Manifesto

On the motion of Mr. Minifie the Board approved an issue of sufficient paper to the Left Wing Parties for a wall manifesto announcing a public mass meeting to be held in protest against Mr. Churchill's House of Commons Speech, on Sunday March 13th. The text is being agreed on by the Chief Commissioner, ...C.C. and the Parties concerned.

Newsprint for Bari

Major Ellis informed the Board that the Bari weekly papers were very short of newsprint. F.W.B. was at present supplying them but they would not be able to continue. He asked that newsprint might be transferred to the ...C.C. representative in Bari for their use. It was agreed that Major Ellis and Captain Haas should discuss this point between them and facilitate movement of paper to Bari.

"Stars and Stripes"

The Secretary read a letter from "Stars and Stripes" requesting a loan of paper to be repaid on April 15th. On the motion of Captain Haas the Board agreed that this be granted.

Economic Publication by Santoro

Mr. Minifie referred to the Board a request by Major Knight, ...C.C. for an issue of paper for a book written by Mr. Santoro which the ...C.C. considered to be a valuable economic work. On a motion of Major Fielden the Board agreed that the publisher should be asked to submit this application through normal channels.

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Italia Libera

Captain Haas drew the attention of the Board to a derogatory article on Mr. Churchill in the paper "Italia Libera".

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Italia Libera

Captain Haas drew the attention of the Board to a derogatory article on Mr. Churchill in the paper "Italia Libera" which raised the question of what punitive action could be taken with regard to so far unauthorised action. It was felt that it would be difficult to take action against one when there were so much such papers, due mainly to inertia on the part of the ...I.B. and that the Press Plan about to be put into operation would do much to stop a great many of these publications. On the other hand, the Board considered that the case in question should not be allowed to pass in view of action taken recently in regard to "L'Unione", an authorised paper. These authorised papers should not be put in a position to think they would be better off if publishing in an irregular manner. On the motion of Major Fielden it was agreed this matter should be referred to the Political Section of ...C.C. with a request for advice as to what action should be taken.

L'Unione

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Minifie bring the attention of the board to a letter from Minister Reale stating that the accusation that the newspaper L'Unione had published after being suspended was not exact. After consideration of the circumstances the Board agreed that Minister Reale's statements were correct and on the motion of Mr. Minifie unanimously agreed to recommend the following reply be sent by the Deputy President of the ...C.C. to H.E. Reale: "...after further enquiry the Board has ascertained that the facts as stated in Your Excellency's letter are correct and the Board is glad to recognise that His Excellency took action as requested by I.W.B. Bari."

As a result of this discussion, the Board agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting, on page 4, a) last line, under "suspension of L'Unione" be amended to read as follows:forbids its publication for one month.

CENSORSHIP DIRECTIVE FOR ITALIAN PRESS

1. Unless contained in official Allied releases or communiqués, nothing forbidden in the following paragraphs will be published or broadcast without reference to Allied Censorship.
2. MILITARY.
 - a. No reference will be made to strength, composition, disposition, location or movements of troops, military personnel or material.
 - b. No information concerning quantities, location or distribution of arms or ammunition.
3. NAVAL.
 - a. No technical information concerning allied navies, merchant ships or naval equipment.
 - b. No information of any loss or damage to, or attack upon, any ships of Allied navies, merchant ships or naval equipment.
 - c. No mention will be made of the names or movements of any ships.
 - d. No reference will be made to mines or mine fields.
4. AIR.
 - a. No information concerning location, strength, composition or movements of air personnel or materiel, nor any detailed description of technical equipment.
 - b. No information concerning the methods of attack or defense of any Allied type of aircraft, nor details of the fighter patrol or reconnaissance system.
 - c. No information concerning signals, methods or devices of identification of aircraft or surface vessels, means of passing information, or enemy air movements.
 - d. No information concerning casualties to aircraft or personnel.
 - e. No information concerning messages dropped by enemy planes.
5. AIR RAIDS.
 - a. There will be no mention of alerts.
 - b. Only a general indication of the locality of the raid is permitted.
 - c. No information concerning means of defense.

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- c. No information concerning means of defense.
- d. Nothing will be published regarding casualties suffered in any air raid; but obituary or funeral notices of civilians killed in air raids may be published subject to the following rules:
 - (1) Notices must not give a date which is more precise than the month, e.g. "In Aug" not "On 24 Aug".
 - (2) The person or persons killed may be described as living in, or near, a certain village or town, or in a section of a large city; but the exact address will not be published.
 - (3) The death may be stated as having been caused by enemy action.

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- c. No information concerning aerial attack on or damage done to any property owned or controlled by the Allies; nor any information concerning interruption of traffic facilities.
6. TRADE AND SUPPLY.
- a. No information concerning location, storage or transportation of supplies or war materials.
- b. No information concerning erection of new factories or power plants, or extension of new power stations, buildings or power lines to new areas.
7. PRISONERS OF WAR.
- a. No information concerning prisoners of war.
8. SPIES.
- a. No information concerning enemy agents or fifth columnists.
9. MISCELLANEOUS.
- a. No mention will be made of high-ranking officers or important civilians present at official ceremonies, etc.
- b. No information concerning interruption of traffic facilities.
- c. No information concerning exceptional road traffic or location of new or widened bridges or roads.
- d. Nothing will be published harmful to the Allied cause or affecting the relationship between the Allies and neutral countries.

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"IL WESIDIONE"

8 March 4.

Captain E. T. Talbot

Reference your note dated 2 MAR.

The reply from Allied Publications Board is attached.
I presume that you will now take the requisite action with
regard to the correspondence in the file.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

(39)

7 March 1944.

The Chairman,
Allied Publications Board,
167 Corso Umberto I.

Subject: "Churchill e il problema italiano"
published in ITALIA LIBERA

At the request of the Board this article was referred back to the Allied Control Commission for consultation as to appropriate action. The view taken by the ACC is that a very severe warning should be issued immediately to those responsible, pointing out that personal attacks on Allied leaders cannot be tolerated, that irresponsible abuse of this kind is a breach of faith and has been noted as such, and that any further similar abuses will result in the immediate suspension of the paper.

(Sgd) LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations.

OFFICE OF THE

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ALLIED INVESTIGATION BOARD

167 Corso Umberto
Naples

AGENDA for the meeting to be held at
the above offices on Monday 5th March
1944 at 10.30 a.m.

1. Approve Minutes of the last meeting.
2. License applications
3. Paper subsidy position. Major Fielden's report.
4. Unions
5. Secretariat proposal
6. Any other competent business.

Capt. Woods

*Have you any
revised or other papers
to discuss? S. Harcourt*

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4th March, 1944

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.
3. Business Safeguard
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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4. Second Priority Papers

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4. Second Priority Papers

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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 news-papers 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 those areas they are operating.

(SGD) I. S. MUNRO,
Lt. Col.,

Press Chief, PWB Italy.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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27 February 1944.

To: Captain Coleman A. Harwell, PRO, AMG 5th Army.
From: PRO, ACC.

Subject: PWB Posters on Food Shipments

1. Reference your letter to Major Fielden of 15 February, the Political Section ACC and this office approve the purpose of the proposed food shipment posters.
2. The proposed illustrations and texts, however, do not seem suitable.
3. Since these posters, if they are produced, will concern all of liberated Italy, it is felt that any further action should be taken by this Headquarters in connection with PWB. Captain Leacacos will be consulted.
4. Appreciation is expressed for the initiation of the project.

HENRY T. ROWELL,
Major, CMP,
PRO, ACC.

HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY

25 February 1944

SUBJECT: PWB Posters on Food Shipments
TO : Major Fielden, PRO ACC/AMG

1. Enclosed are rough drafts on three suggested posters for preparation by PWB Publications Section to tell the Italian public the difficulties overcome in bringing food to Italy. These were sketched by an artist for the Economic and Supply Section of AMG, 5th Army, and forwarded by the head of that section to Captain Leacacos of this division.
2. The subject of food generally, and in particular, of any poster on the subject, seems to the undersigned to require considerable thought from the point of view both of ACC/AMG elements and of PWB. The undersigned is not prepared to suggest that such posters be issued.
3. The subject was discussed with Mr. Minifae, of PWB, and it was agreed that, since such a poster prepared for use at any place, or in any area, could also affect other areas, it should clear through your office.
4. If you consider this worthy of action and care to discuss it with the undersigned or Capt. Leacacos, please advise us.
5. The PWB officer who would handle such a matter directly would be Lt. Carrick, phone 16340.

Coleman A. Harwell
Coleman A. Harwell
Captain AUS
Public Relations Officer
AMG, Fifth Army

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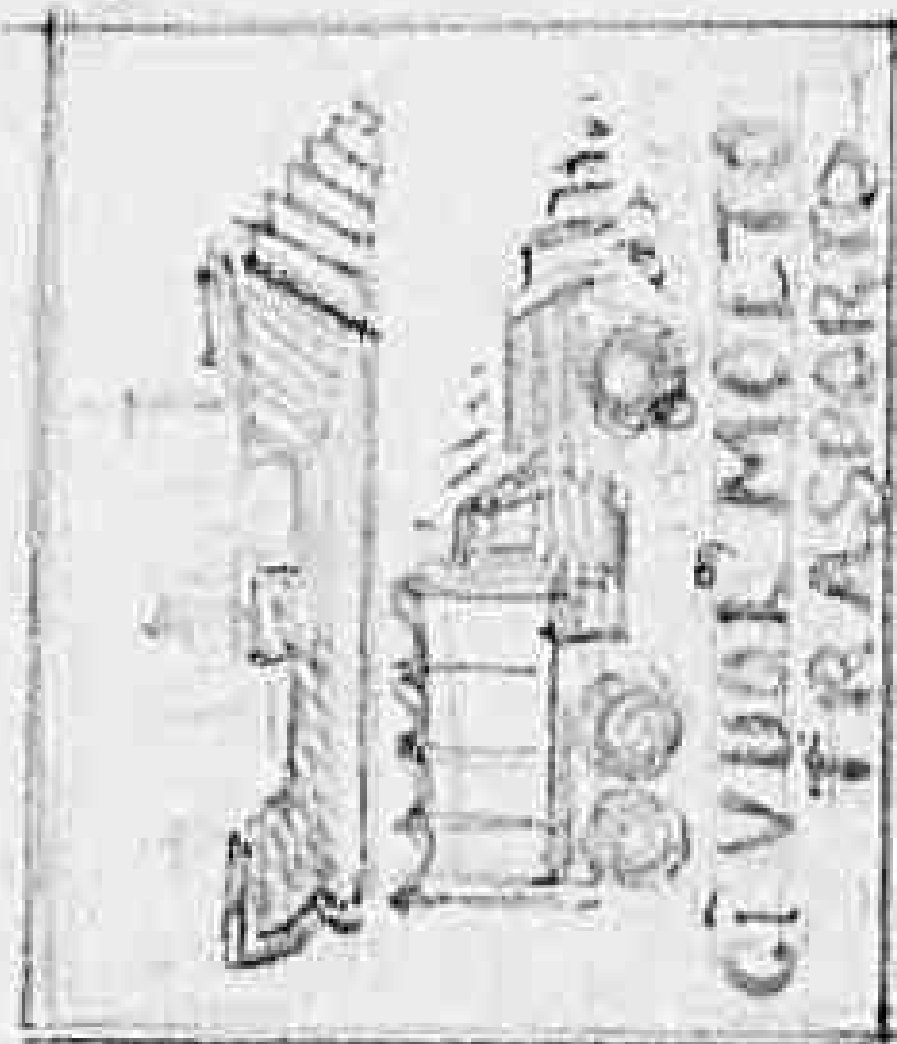
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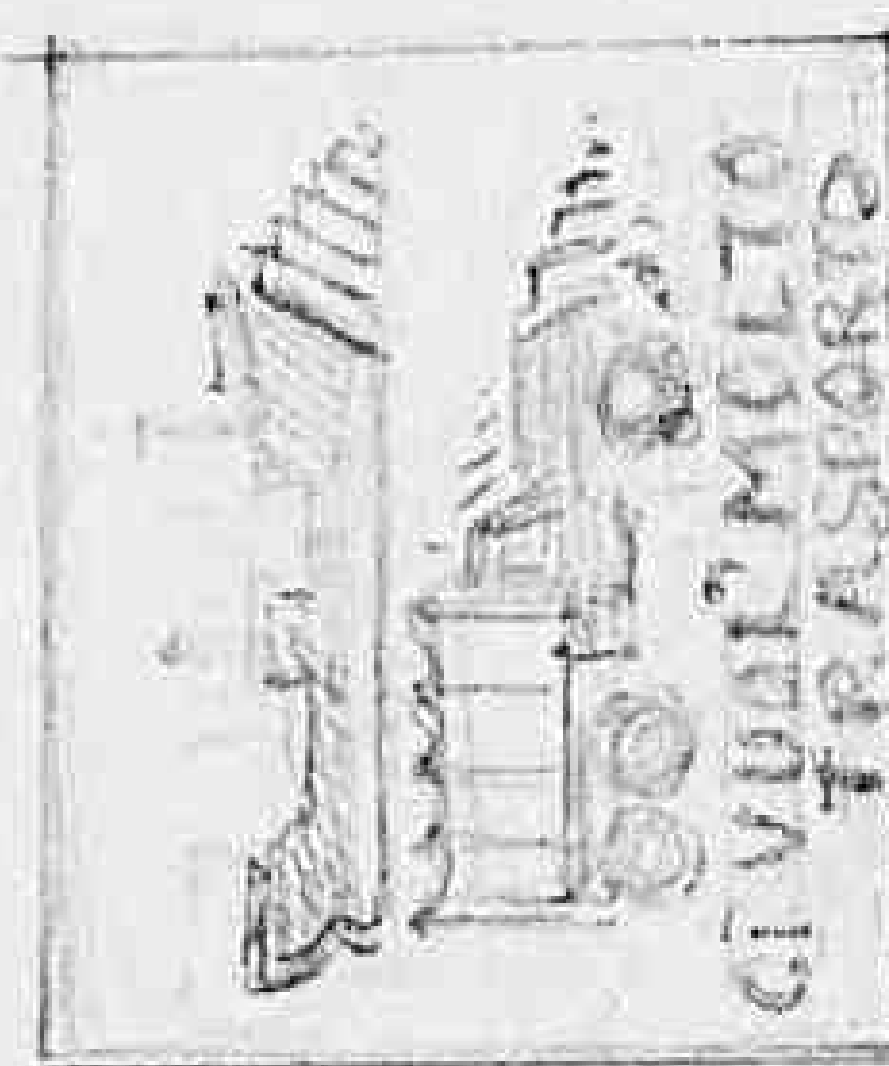
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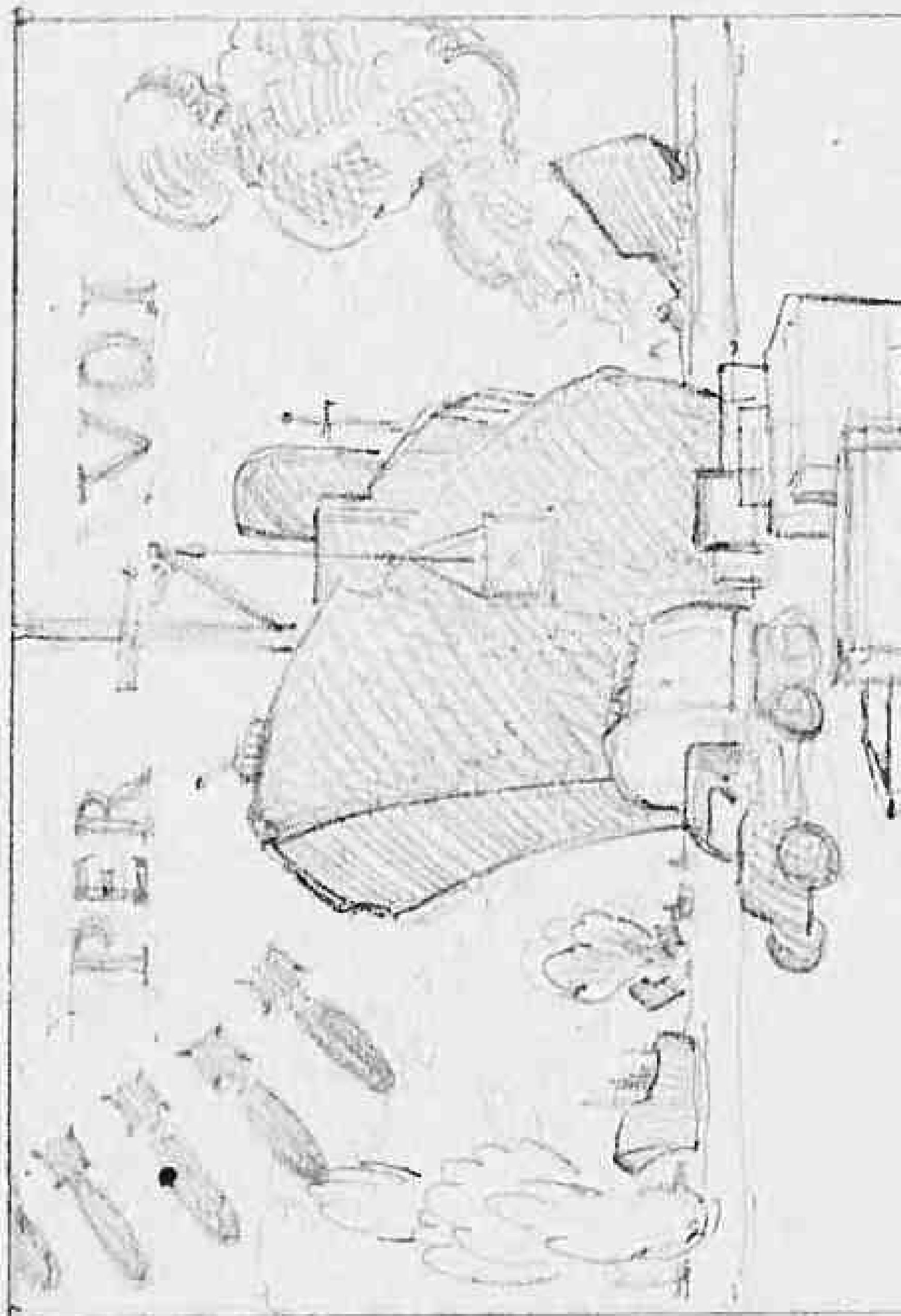
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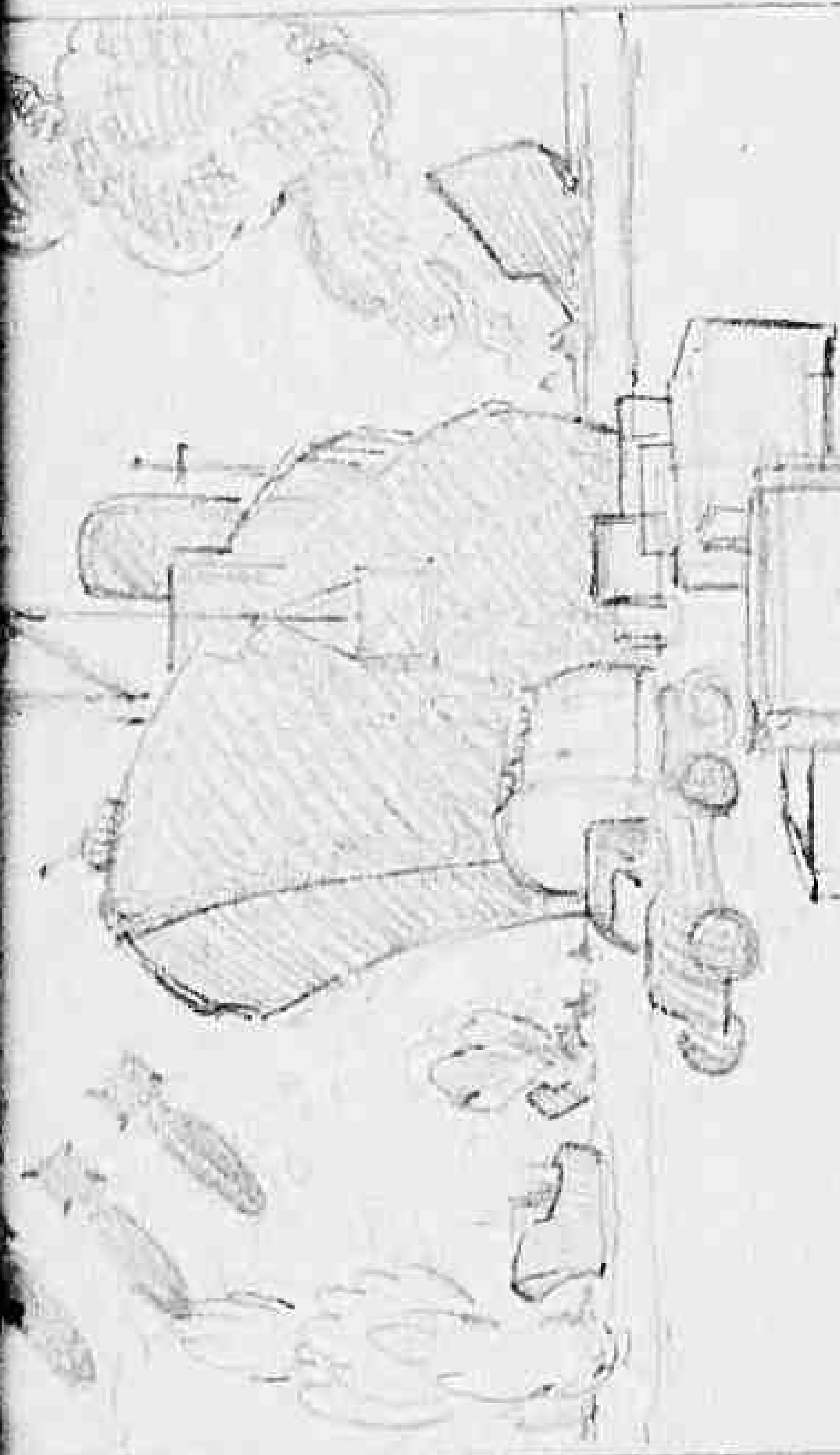
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 TORIA VITELLI PENNA.

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IN VIAGGIO UOMINI, VIVERI, TRASPORTI
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AIUTATECI A DISTRIBUIRE

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SECONDO LE REGOLE!

FROM: PRO ANG REG. 3
TO: WAJ. FIELDEN PRO ACC
SUBJECT: APPLICATION FORMS

Feb 22nd 1944
File # (27)

Handwritten notes:
John ...
...
... ACC

Our supply of forms for people making application to publish newspapers and periodicals is exhausted. Since persons wishing to make such applications continue to come to this office we would appreciate your sending us additional supplies.

Spoken to PWB 28/2

Lt. Gene Caprio
J. Gene Caprio
Asst PRO

P.S. Samples enclosed.

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

(firma)

Eventuali osservazioni de S. C. A. O.

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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 ^{essere} ~~non essere~~ il proprietario di tutto parte del materiale di cui sopra.

Il materiale stesso trovasi nella seguente località:

(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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(firma)

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(Equals British Restricted)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER

10)

28 February 1944

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Paragraph 3. b., Administrative Memorandum Number 69, this headquarters, 1943 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

3. b. 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 adequate supply of such paper. (AG 000.76-1 INF-ADM)

By command of General WILSON:

[Signature]
J. W. ROBERTS,
Colonel, USA,
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

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HEADQUARTERS
11 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

PRO, ACC

Publication of Newspapers

The Secretary,
Allied Publications Board

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3 Mar 4.

The attached communications are forwarded to you. Presumably they can be considered at the next meeting of the APB.

I should be glad if you would return the file when action has been taken.

(Sgd) LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations.

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PRO, ACC

Application to publish
Journal

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29 Feb

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PWB (attention Lt Col Munro)

«STELLA BIANCHI»

The attached application to publish a journal is transmitted to you for action by the Allied Publications Board.

(Sgd)

HENRY T. ROWELL
Major, CMP,
PRO, ACC.

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

167 Corso Umberto,
NAPLES

26 February 44.

SUBJECT : Minutes of APB Meeting.
TO : Major L. Fielden, Allied Control Commission.

I enclose copy of the minutes, which are still to be approved, of the APB meeting held in this office on February 21-22.



HAMILTON K. SMITH,
Chairman,
Allied Publications Board.

Major Rowell

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

187 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

MINUTES of meeting held in the above offices at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, February 21st, adjourned at 4.30 p.m., and reconvened at 10.30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 22

PRESENT:

Mr. Hamilton K. Smith, PwB (Chairman).
Major L. Fielden, ACC.
Major J. W. Colville, IMC.
Major R. L. Woolfolk, G-2,
Capt. Henry Haas, ACC.
Lt. Col. W. B. Ennis, G-1.
Lt. Col. I. S. Munro, PwB (Executive Secretary).
Major Hugh B. Ellis, PwB (for newsprint dis-
cussion).
Lt. Col. Farley Smith, ACC (Observer).
Mr. George W. Edman,
Mr. Dante Gnudi, and
Mr. A. A. Micocci, all of PwB (Observers).

New Members

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Capt. Henry Haas, Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, ACC, was present as accredited representative, designated to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the former AMG 15th Army Group member (Capt. B. H. Brown).

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The Chairman announced that he was leaving the theatre and that Mr. George W. Edman would succeed him as PwB representative and as Chairman of the Board.

Minutes of Last Meeting

On motion of Major Colville, minutes of the meeting of January 21st were adopted.

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The Chairman pointed out that, in addition to hauling and warehousing, ACC was also responsible for pricing and selling newspaper print imported by AMG from the United States.

Capt. Haas said ACC had not yet determined the landed cost of newspaper, but preliminary calculations indicated that the cost would probably be \$123.150.

After some discussion with regard to the necessity of reducing the price to a more commercial level of \$50.00 per ton, through the media of a subsidy from the Italian Government, Major Fielden agreed to endeavor to expedite a settlement of the question, through ACC.

Troop Morale Papers

On motion of Major Woolfolk, seconded by Lt. Col. Ennis and carried unanimously, the Board:

- 1) Authorized Major Ellis to inform LA PATRIE that the Board approved their applying to ASC for sufficient newsprint to publish three times a week 10,000 copies of the French troop morale sheet, with a view to working out repayment through normal Quartermaster channels.
- 2) Approved application of PARADE subject to (a) the organization providing their own "paper, ink and materials," as set forth in their application, and (b) as regards use of the Tipografia Lauro Rotagravure Press in Naples, such priority requirements as might arise.
- 3) Approved application of YANK, subject to the submission of an application agreeing to the conditions outlined in para 2, sub-para (a) and (b) above.
- 4) Approved allocation of 250 lbs. of newsprint to the Italian Air Force, for a morale newspaper.

In connection with para 2, sub-para (b) above, it was agreed that while it was desirable for weekly troop morale sheets to come out on time, still an urgent tactical printing job should have precedence over such a weekly.

Amendment to AFM Order Creating the APB

The Chairman read copy of his cable to AFHQ, as authorized at the last meeting of the Board, seeking a broader paper mandate for the Board, or a limitation of its licensing powers. He also read copy of the cabled reply, amending the order 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) (namely newspapers, magazines, books, posters, placards, brochures and similar publication products); 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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- "1. The application to publish a newspaper or periodical should be accompanied by all the information requested in the printed forms attached to this letter, and by all other information which applies to the moral and political standard of the directors of the publication.

It is also suggested that copies of the already published newspapers or periodicals be attached to the letter.

"3. The application, with attachments, should be sent to this Ministry.

"3. Authorisation to publish, which is the prerogative of Your Excellencies, should be granted only on approval of this Ministry.

"4. Authorised publications should not be interrupted even if the renewal application is not presented at the end of three months."

(NOTE: Above is translation of the Minister's proposed letter.)

It was agreed that the Government should not be asked to pass a new law in the immediate future, although this should be done eventually. In the interim, it was decided that Minister Reale should be informed that the Board approved his sending his proposed letter, as drafted, to Prefects.

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Publication Forms

Moved by Major Fielden, seconded by Capt. Haas, that forms for approval or rejection of applications, for the allocation of paper, and for application to publish a book, all of which were prepared at the request of the Chairman for submission to the Board, be approved. Carried. (Copies attached.)

With regard to books, it was pointed out that AP5 would assume negative control only, real responsibility being delegated to publishers. It was felt that this was a necessary expedient, however, since the Board was without a full-time staff, but it was agreed that the general subject matter of any book might well contain a violation of military secrecy, and in such case the book in question should be referred to Censorship. It was further considered advisable to call a meeting of publishers in

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Naples, and also in Bari, to review with them the procedure approved by the Board with respect to the licensing of books, and to point out their joint responsibility in assuring the success of the programme.

On behalf of PWB, the Chairman offered to make available to the Board at an early date, a full-time Executive Secretary and stenographic assistant.

Suspension of L'UNIONE

Memoranda submitted by Major Fielden covering (a) proposed action with regard to L'UNIONE, and (b) proposed procedure with regard to revocation of licenses for similar offences, were discussed and in their amended form, on motion of Major Fielden, seconded by Capt. Haas, unanimously approved as follows:

- a) The Allied Publications Board having reviewed the circumstances in which L'UNIONE was suspended, and being satisfied that the copy of L'UNIONE in question contains matter prejudicial to and in conflict with the allied cause, and having further noted that L'UNIONE has continued to publish in defiance of the order of suspension, hereby revokes the license of L'UNIONE and forbids its publication until further notice.
- b) While upholding the action of the Press Officer, PWB Bari, in suspending publication of L'UNIONE, and having revoked the license of that paper in view of its defiance of the order, the Allied Publications Board is nevertheless of the opinion that, in view of possible misunderstandings and repercussions, any action affecting the licensing of newspapers or journals should, in future, be taken as follows:
 - 1) The Press Officer of PWB should warn the offending journal that he is recommending suspension or revocation of license to the APB.
 - 2) The Press Officer of PWB should immediately and by the quickest possible means acquaint the Executive Secretary of the APB with the circumstances and should transmit to him immediately copies of the offending publications.
 - 3) The Chairman of the Board or his official designee is empowered to take what immediate action he considers necessary and shall seek confirmation of his action from a quorum of the Board, pending an official meeting of the Board.

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 - 4) The decision of the Board (or in the case of immediate necessary action, of the Chairman or his official designee) shall be communicated for action to the Italian Government in AOC territory or to the Regional Commissioner in AMO territory.

The Chairman was authorized to communicate the substance of para (a) above, to the Italian Government, through AOC, for action.

PWB's Proposed Italian Press Plan

For information of the Board. Lt.Col. Munro reviewed PWB's pro-

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posed plan for the Italian Press (memorandum dated February 11, 1944, from Lt. Col. I. S. Munro to Mr. Hamilton K. Smith), and on behalf of PWB and as PWB Italy Press Chief, asked the Board to accept the plan in principle.

It was pointed out that the plan was based on a system of priorities. First priority consisted of a daily newspaper under editorial direction of PWE, to carry straight news without entering into partisan complications, and to present allied ways of life and thought to the Italian public; second priority consisted of an equal opportunity to publish a weekly, shared by the respective six parties of the National Front, with an additional weekly for Government propaganda; the last priority consisted of all other papers felt useful for public morale and instruction.

The Board expressed its general approval of the plan, and further agreed that:

Newspapers of the first priority should consist of four pages (i.e. two sheets); the second priority weeklies should start even with two pages (one sheet) each, and be allowed a maximum initial circulation of 50,000; and third priority papers should be judged on their particular merits for circulation and size purposes.

It was understood that if any of the weeklies of the second priority revealed, after three months' trial, that there was a real demand for bettering their conditions, this would be favorably considered by the Board with a view to allowing an increase in circulation and/or an increase in number of pages and/or transformation into dailies.

It was agreed that Col. Munro should interview Col. Kraege, AMG Region III Civil Affairs Officer, and review JPB licensing procedure with him; PWB's proposed press plan, and also refer to him applications which had been submitted to JPB direct.

Applications

On motion of Major Fielden, seconded by Major Colville, the Board approved the Chairman's action in authorizing BATTAGLIE SINDICALI to publish a single issue of the paper. It was agreed, however, that license should be withheld, temporarily, because of the completely unauthorized announcement by BATTAGLIE SINDICALI that publication of the paper had been resumed on a permanent basis.

It was agreed that the Board could not approve the allocation of 50 tons of paper to Sardinia, as requested through JSC, until

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Licenses were approved for the following publications:

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>Maximum Circulation</u>	<u>Periodic</u>
Naples	L'UNITA	Communist	50,000	Weekly
Naples	AVANTI	Socialist	50,000	Weekly
Salerno	POLITICA	Foreign Cr.	3,000	Fortnightly
	ESSETERA	Free Review		
Lecca	La Pubblica	Catholic	600	Weekly
	La Pubblica	British		

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It was agreed that license to publish RINNOVAZIONE should be withheld, pending further investigation, and that license to publish FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ETUDIANTS should be denied as the time, and newsprint situation, were not propitious for publication of a journal of this nature.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Board should be held on March 6th at 10:30 a.m., at 197 Corso Umberto, Naples.

The meeting adjourned.

RICHIESTA DI PUBBLICAZIONE DI LIBRI

(Modulo non valevole per giornali, riviste e manifesti politici)

I sottoscritti chiedono di esser autorizzati a pubblicare il libro:

(titolo dell'opera)

ed allo scopo dichiarano quanto segue:

Fine che si propone la pubblicazione:

Prezzo di vendita:

Nome ed indirizzo dell'autore:

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PERMIT FOR ACQUIRING PAPER FROM THE STOCKS
OF
THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

To the Allied Control Commission

We hereby authorize the sale of:

Quintals of sheet paper
Quintals of roll paper

To the holders of permit of Publication No. _____ issued at _____
on _____ for a newspaper-periodical-book

The Allied Publications Board
Executive - Secretary

Date _____

BINDING STATEMENT

We, the undersigned, declare that the whole quantity of paper acquired on the basis of the present permit will be used only for the publication above specified and authorized.

(Seal) _____ (Publisher)

(Seal) _____ (Editor)

N B. This form with the copy attached must be given to the Agency which allocates the paper. (This note will be in Italian). 59

This permit and the attached copy is to be lifted from the person or persons to whom it is issued on the sale of the paper in question. The original is to be retained by the Agency selling the paper and the copy delivered to the office of the Allied Publications Board.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

(22)

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 6 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 of 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 / PWB

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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 57 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 150 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 GNUDI (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 questions: but it is increasingly obvious that, with the rapid growth of press problems, it will be called upon to do so.

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I attach a copy of the directive establishing the Allied Publications Board.

(Sat) LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Officer, ACC.

Copy to :- Colonel Fluke

Encl. APB Directive - 10
Memo to Brigadier Lush

(File)

14 December, 1943.

FOR: The Allied Control Commission

I. For some time the Allied Governments have viewed with growing concern the multiplication of publications - authorized, unauthorized, 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. Authorize the granting and revoking of licenses for the publication of newspapers, books, posters, placards, brochures and similar publication products.
2. 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.
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. 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 the Commission's authority.

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AFB MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14A G E N D A

1. Introduction of G-1 Representative.
2. Approval of minutes.
3. Newsprint situation (Major Ellis and relevant letters).
4. Major Brown's report re AMG 15th Army Group Representative.
5. Telegram from Minister of Interior to Bari Prefect
6. Major Fielden's letter to Count Della Chiesa.
7. Count Della Chiesa's report.
8. Chairman's telegram to AFHQ.
9. Major Fielden's memorandum re APB.
10. Chairman's proposal.
11. Morale newspapers.
12. Allocation of newsprint for textbooks; Labour newspaper.
13. Applications.

Colonel Hayes = 3
Major Ellis = 3

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APC 594

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ACC/5199/IC

13 February, 1944

SUBJECT: Newsprint

TO : PRO

1. For your information 62 tons of newsprint have arrived in Palermo in "WILLIAM GIBSON".

W.P. EVANS, *W.P. Evans*
Colonel,
Director, Industry & Commerce
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 Military Government Section

NGS: 000.7

HTR/jw
 7 February 1944

SUBJECT: Press situation in Naples.
 TO : HQ ACC
 Naples.

1. Your attention is called to a letter from Mr. Vyshinsky, Chairman of the Advisory Council for Italy, stating that the Council has approved the memorandum of Major Ridgeway Knight of Region 3 on the press situation in Naples. The Council further recommends that instructions should be given to the local authorities of the Allied Military Government to provide for the issue of the publications mentioned in Major Knight's memorandum, as soon as is found practicable.

2. It is requested that you take action accordingly.

For the Chief of Section:

Henry J. Rowell
 HENRY J. ROWELL
 Major, CMP.

*Asked Capt. Soltan for
 copy of memo.*

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PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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February 4th 1944

To: Mr Hamilton Smith.
From: Major Lionel Fielden

In the presumed absence of the Secretary of the Allied Publications Board I am transmitting the attached request to you. You will remember that I mentioned this at the last meeting of the A.P.B. The amount of paper requested is so trifling that I hope it may be possible to meet the request: it seems a pity that publication should be suspended.

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

(17)

February 6th 1944

TO: Mr Hamilton Smith
FROM: Major Lionel Fielden

Herewith a very rough draft on the lines suggested by our discussion. I am afraid that I am not really sufficiently informed about the background of the A.P.B. to do this very well, but perhaps this draft may suggest some ideas to you. It seems to me that the A.P.B is indanger of becoming a rather futile institution unless these questions are fairly quickly resolved.

Major.
P.R.O., A.C.C.

CAPT MEMORANDUM

regarding terms of reference of the A.P.B.

The members of the Allied Publications Board feel that attention must be drawn urgently to certain inconsistencies and disabilities which appear to be inherent in the terms of reference of the A.P.B., and which have become evident in the course of the four meetings so far held. They may be stated as follows:

1. The directive establishing the A.P.B specifically limits the paper control of that body to "newsprint". This would appear to mean that paper which cannot be described as "newsprint" (such, for instance, as the stocks located at Foggia) but which is nevertheless used in the make-up of books, brochures, magazines and periodicals, is excluded from the control of the A.P.B.

2. The directive establishing the A.P.B assigns to it the function of issuing and revoking licenses not only for newspapers but also for books, magazines, periodicals etc.,

3. The A.P.B has no secretariat and disposes of no funds. But the volume of applications of every kind now being submitted to the Board makes it abundantly clear that at least two whole-time experts are needed for the examination of licenses submitted for newspapers and periodicals alone, whilst a greater number would be required if books, manuscripts, brochures etc., are to be included.

4. The first question which therefore arises is whether the A.P.B is or is not responsible for the allocation of ALL paper coming into, or captured in, Italy: or for "newsprint" alone?

If for newsprint alone, the responsibility for issuing and revoking licenses for books, brochures, periodicals published on paper other than newsprint does not rest with the A.P.B., since it does not control such paper. With whom, then, should it rest?

If on the other hand the A.P.B is to be responsible for the allocation of paper other than newsprint, it would appear to follow automatically that the A.P.B must control all publications, whether books, brochures, magazines, periodicals or newspapers. Such control necessarily involves either a staff of whole-time experienced readers or a devolution of authority by the A.P.B either to publishers or to adhoc committees set up for the purpose. It is not clear whether such devolution has been envisaged or would be permitted.

5. The members of the Board feel that, while it may be impractical to employ a large staff of readers, it is nevertheless inevitable that censorship of books, brochures and periodicals should take place at some level, especially in view of the many competing claims upon the short supplies of apex paper and the consequent necessity of adjusting prior

on the basis of merit. Such censorship, however, cannot avoid being of a political and controversial character.

Guidance is therefore sought on the following points:

(a) Is the A.P.B. to be responsible for the allocation of ALL paper stocks imported into, or captured in, Italy?

(b) Is the A.P.B. responsible for the licensing (and therefore censorship) of all publications including books?

(c) Can the responsibility of censorship of books and such other publications as are of a lengthy or technical nature be devolved by the A.P.B. either upon P.W.B. or upon censorship or upon committees of experts set up by the A.P.B.?

OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Room 102, PWB, AFHQ,
167 Corso Umberto,
NAPLES

MINUTES of APB meeting held in the above
office January 31st, 1944, at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT : Mr. Hamilton K. Smith, PWB (Chairman).
Major L. Fielden, ACC.
Major J. W. Colville, INC.
Capt. B. H. Brown, AMG.
Lt. Col. I. S. Munro, PWB (Executive Secretary).
Mr. Tirana, ACC (for discussion of newsprint cost).
Major Hugh B. Ellis, PWB (for newsprint discussion).
Mr. J. M. Minifie, PWB Liaison with ACC (Observer).
Mr. John Ferran, PWB Italian Theatre Publications
Chief (Observer).

On motion of Major Fielden the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Paper Situation

Major Ellis said he had represented PWB (and PWS) at a meeting in Foggia held for the purpose of allocating about 400 tons of paper. Major Ramsden of the Allied Resources Board (ARB) presided over the meeting which was also attended by an Italian Government representative and Major Oliver who represented British interests. Major Ellis reported the Italian Government as getting sufficient paper to meet all their requirements. PWB received 178 tons and the British a much smaller proportion as they have been hauling paper from the mill ever since October.

Subsequently, the Air Corps requisitioned the building and would not allow the Italian Government to remove any of their allotment, but the Allied Resources Board could, and should be asked to set aside the requisition, according to Major Ellis.

Major Ellis also reported that he had been unable to accomplish the mission assigned him by the APB, namely to take an inventory of the paper stocks at the Foggia mill, the reason being that the AFHQ order creating the Allied Publications Board refers specifically to "newsprint" and all paper at the Foggia mill is flatbed stock.

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Clarification of AFHQ Order

The limiting nature of the order was considered at some length in conjunction with a memorandum on the subject (copy attached) drafted by the Chairman.

On motion of Capt. Brown, seconded by Major Colville, and carried unanimously, the Chairman was authorized to send a signal to AFHQ stating (1) that the Board was of the opinion that its paper mandate would have to be broadened to include all types of paper employed under its licensing powers; (2) that alternatively, its responsibilities for licensing other than newspapers would have to be eliminated, and (3) that pending such decision AFHQ disavowed any responsibility for publications printed on other than newsprint, leaving the control of such other publications to PAB and Censorship.

Board Membership

As ACC's taking over AMG 15th Army Group might effect the membership of the Board, Capt. Brown was asked to get clarification on this point.

Status of AMG Documents

Capt. Brown said a directive had been drawn up by AMG 15th Army Group, calling for licensing of newspapers by AFHQ through the SCAC. Every effort had been made to bring this directive into line with the Italian Government Decree. Mr. Minifie was asked to find out if the directive had been signed by Brig. Lush.

Status of Italian Government Documents

Col. Munro said it had not been possible to have the date appearing on the documents moved forward to February 15th because the Royal Decree had been signed by the King. Hence, applications to publish would have to be filed on or before January 31st.

Col. Munro had seen to the printing of the documents which had been delivered to the Italian Government through Dr. Naldi, the Government's Press Officer.

Col. Munro also reported that party paper editors had taken fright when the GAZZETTA DEL MEZZOGIORNO reproduced the Royal Decree without any relatione, thus giving the impression that power to license was vested solely in Prefects. A quorum of the Board decided that an explanatory letter should be published in the GAZZETTA and authorized Col. Munro to write it. Col. Munro read a translation of the letter and the Board agreed that the letter should be reprinted in the Risorgimento.

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It was agreed that the Italian Government should be asked to issue a new decree once the transfer of territory was effected, and further that they should be asked to incorporate two modifications in the new decree, namely elimination of the three-month renewal clause, and a date adjustment, allowing publishers a period of 30 days in which to file application. It was further agreed to bring to the attention of the Government that any publicity given the new decree should include a brief relazione in line with that carried by the GAZZETTA.

The Chairman delegated Major Fielden to inform the Italian Government, through Count Della Chiesa, of the Board's wishes in this respect.

Paper Cost

The chairman introduced Mr. Tirans of the Allied Control Commission who said that the Sub-Commission of Commerce (ASC) was trying to determine landed cost of paper before establishing a legitimate selling price. He promised to report the result of their findings to the APC.

The chairman said he had asked Mr. Minifie to investigate newsprint costs with a view to establishing a fair selling price. Mr. Minifie said paper was expensive in Italy before the war when the average price for newsprint was \$95 a ton compared with \$55 in America. Costs were so high that very few Italian papers were able to exist without subsidies. These were paid by the fascist Government as the price of good conduct and went to individual editors and newspaper men to ensure their conformity.

The average price of Italian papers was 25 centesimi, but Mr. Minifie was of the opinion that the market would certainly stand an increase of four to six times this price. He said that advertising rates, presumably, could be raised by the same amount.

Mr. Minifie said it would appear reasonable to expect that pretty much pre-war conditions would prevail in the newspaper world--that is, if a paper were very well run and enjoyed certain assistance it might be able to make a profit but the great run of them would probably be defunct and would have to be subsidized to survive. The question therefore arose as to whether the subsidies should be paid by the Italian Government when they took over territory. If so, the whole system of personal subsidies with all its disadvantages, was likely to continue.

On the other hand, if there were established a rate differential on newsprint sufficient to ensure that an average paper could keep its head above water, by indirect subsidy influence could be exercised by remote control without actually "buying" editors and reporters.

Mr. Minifie was of the opinion that this would be the best policy as it would enable the press to maintain a certain freedom and dignity

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vis-a-vis the Italian authorities. The amount of this differential could not be established, however, until paper cost had been determined.

Licensing

The chairman outlined the difficulties which had been experienced in Sicily as a result of Polletti's having declared Freedom of the Press. He also said that he had forwarded AIG application forms to PWS Press Officer, in order to expedite the licensing of papers. Major Fielden moved endorsement of the chairman's action. Seconded by Major Colville. Carried.

The Board also approved allocation to the Education Sub-Commission of 75 tons of newsprint for the publication of text books.

The chairman read a memorandum regarding a proposed labour paper. The Board authorised him, on receipt of formal application to publish, to take such action as he saw fit with a view to enabling the paper to go ahead.

It was agreed that morale papers could not come up for consideration as no G-1 representative was present at the meeting. It was also agreed that a representative should be notified of the next meeting (to be held in APB office, 167 Corso Umberto, at 10:30 a.m. on February 14th) and asked to attend.

The meeting adjourned.

APPROVED.....
Chairman

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21 January 1944

Dear Colonel Munro,

Colonel Upjohn has left Brindisi for Naples and I suggest that you get in touch with him at Provincia if you wish him to assist in getting concurrent action on the decrees in Regions I and II. I had only a moment with him before he left but he seemed to think that there were difficulties and that he could do nothing (i.e. in making an order on similar lines for AMG) until he knew exactly what censorship regulations AMG had in force. I do not fully understand his point and that is why I suggest you should see him while he is in Naples.

Yours sincerely

Lt Col I S Munro
P. M. B.
167 Corso Umberto
Naples

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Room 4, PWB, AFHC,
22 Via Niccolo Dall'Arca,
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MINUTES of APB meeting held in the Hotel
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1944, at 11 a.m.

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Major J. W. Colville, INC.
Major R. L. Woolfolk, G-2.
Capt. B. H. Brown, AMG.
Lt. Col. I. S. Munro, (Executive Secretary).
Miss Lucille Peart, (Secretary to Lt. Col. Munro).
Conte Della Chiesa, (for discussion of Government decrees).
Major Hugh B. Ellis, (for Foggia paper mill discussion).
Lt. Col. Orpwood, AMG, (Observer).
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Major Ellis read his report on the visit he made, together with a representative of the Italian Government, to the Foggia paper mill. The Board discussed Major Ellis's findings at some length and finally, on motion of Major Fielden, seconded by Major Colville, adopted Major Ellis's recommendation, namely "that putting the Foggia paper mill into operation, as a military undertaking, is uneconomical."

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The chairman recommended that Major Ellis go to Foggia to take an inventory of the paper stocks there, the APB furnishing him with the proper credentials; and further that DP and SS be instructed not to make further disposition of paper until the question of their requisition, in relation to the APB's over-all control, has been clarified. The Board concurred.

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Status of Documents

Major Fielden produced the decree as approved by the ACC and the Italian Government which was to be enacted by the latter and which orders the registration of newspapers, etc., prior to publication, and also the declaration of paper stocks and printing materials.

After some discussion it was agreed that no useful purpose would be served in requiring publishers to renew licenses every three months. Conte Della Chiesa was therefore asked to approach the Italian Government with a view to having Clause IV struck from the decree. If this procedure was found to involve any great delay, it was agreed that the decree should be passed in its present form and that steps might be taken at a later date to have the law amended.

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Conte Della Chiesa was also asked to have the date appearing in the decree moved forward, if possible, to February 15.

Col. Munro was instructed to proceed with the printing of the documents, with or without the desired changes, as soon as Conte Della Chiesa returned them to him.

Capt. Brown undertook to see that AMG draft forms came to hand of the Executive Secretary, for printing, in the very near future.

The chairman undertook to refer AMG, 15th Army Group, orders to Col. Spofford, AMG Naples, in order to have similar action taken in Zones I and II. Capt. Brown suggested that Col. Upjohn's endorsement might first be sought.

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There were several suggestions as to how licensing procedure might be simplified but the Board could not agree as to the feasibility of any of them. However, the chairman asked Major Fielden to get ACC's reaction to the possibility of simplification.

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It was agreed that the Board could not hope to pass on all manuscripts which would eventually come to hand so the chairman proposed making use of local committees which had been set up by PWB to pass on books and periodicals. He suggested that the Naples and Bari committees might divide the work between them.

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Col. Munno presented current applications. Moved by Major Woolfolk,

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seconded by Capt. Brown and carried unanimously, that interim licenses be granted to the applicants for publication of the following periodicals:

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>Periodic</u>
Lecco	"La Fiamma" "Il Salento"	Catholic Action Youth Liberal Democrat	Monthly Weekly
Andria	"L'Idea di Andria"	Catholic sacred	Monthly
Brindisi	"Riocossa" "L'Unione"	Socialist Party of Union	Fortnightly Weekly
Bari	"La Tribuna dei Ferrovieri" "Pensiero e Vita" "Racconti" "Stamperia" "Gioconda" "Il Secondo Ri- sorgimento"	Railway Trade Union Archbishop's diocesan Children's Paper Star Women's sphere Youth of Puglia	Fortnightly Fortnightly Fortnightly Weekly Fortnightly
Palermo	"Liberta"	Liberal educative	Fortnightly

and that licenses be refused for publication of "Stenodi Italo Contabile" and "La Diana".

The meeting adjourned.

Approved.....
Chairman

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R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

Wednesday the 19th

Dear Mayor Fildes

Complimenting my letter of

Yesterday I am giving you here below following
data concerning the two decrees on the press:

- 1 The Decree has been signed on January 14th;
- 2 They bear No. 13 (newsprint) and No. 14 (paper
stocks), respectively;
- 3 They have been published by the "Gazzetta ufficiale"
No. 3 issued to day.

Hoping the above completes the matter.

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Yours sincerely

Russell Green Clinton

Pt. John Fielder
Please inform the
me about when it
sent and what it
you want to know
Dear Sir,

Col. Upshaw

There are 12 documents (already
signed by HM) which to
affine from for publication.
Can you please advise with
Fielder Reg. no. 1 and 11?

Herewith enclosed a copy
of Fielder

of each of the five documents covering the
use rules for the press.

The documents had already
been signed by His Majesty. Therefore they
stand in their original form: that is they
include the revised article and the time limit
for the application and the statement is January

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I am in Brindley until Thursday
the 20th at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Yours sincerely

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Reverts to the Chief Clerk

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I am in Berlin on 24th Monday
the 20th at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Yours sincerely

Reinhold Weirauch

January 18th 1944

ISTRUZIONI PER I RECI PREFETTI

1) - Per la pubblicazione di giornali e periodici :

I richiedenti dovranno riempire l'apposito modulo (modulo A).

In calce al modulo, debitamente firmato, il Prefetto dovrà aggiungere informazioni, possibilmente dettagliate, circa la natura e il carattere del giornale, nonché circa la direzione del medesimo e in genere ogni notizia utile.

La domanda dovrà poi essere sollecitamente inoltrata all'Ufficio Stampa del R. Ministero dell'Interno.

In seguito alla restituzione della domanda con decisione favorevole, il Prefetto autorizzerà la pubblicazione del giornale.

Dovrà in ogni caso informare il richiedente dell'esito della sua domanda.

2) - Per la denuncia di carta da giornali, di inchiostro e di macchinario per stampa.

I possessori di tale genere di materiale dovranno riempire l'apposito modulo (Modulo B).

Le loro dichiarazioni dovranno essere inoltrate dal Prefetto all'Ufficio Stampa del R. Ministero dell'Interno.

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
- Localita' 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 dei mezzi di circolazione
- Indicazione del quantitativo di carta gia' in possesso al momento della domanda e luogo dove la medesima trovasi
- Indicazione del quantitativo di carta che si ritiene verra' usata e luogo dove la stessa si trova.

Eventuali osservazioni del Prefetto.

Modulo B.

Modulo B 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 o marca
- Rotative
- Linotypes

Il sottoscritto dichiara inoltre di essere il proprietario
di tutto del materiale di cui sopra.
parte non essere il materiale stesso trovato nella seguente località:

F I R M A

N.B. Ove il firmatario non sia il proprietario del materiale, ne in-
dichi il nome e l'indirizzo, lo stesso nel caso vi sia uno o più com-
proprietari.

Il sottoscritto dichiara di essere in possesso dei seguenti quantitativi di materiale per stampa:

Carta a fogli

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- misure
- numero di fogli

Carta in bobine

- qualità delle bobine
- numero delle bobine
- larghezza delle bobine

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- Quantità in Kg.
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Macchinari

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F I R M A

N.B. Ove il firmatario non sia il proprietario del materiale, ne dichi il nome e l'indirizzo, Lo stesso nel caso vi sia uno o più comproprietari.-

R.D.L. n.

VITTORIO EMANUELE III

per grazia di Dio e volontà della Nazione

RE D'ITALIA

Visto l'art. 18 della L. 19 Gennaio 1939 n.129;

Visto il R.D.L. 30 Ottobre 1943 n.2/B;

Visto il R.D.L. 10 Novembre 1943 n.5/B;

Ritenuta la necessità urgente ed assoluta di provvedere per
causa di guerra;

Sentito il Consiglio dei Ministri;

Sulla proposta del nostro Segretario di Stato per l'Interno;

ABBIAMO DECRETATO E DECRETIAMO:

Art. 1.

Chiunque sia in possesso di carta per la stampa di giornali (in fogli o bobine) o di materiali e forniture per stampe di qualsiasi tipa e natura è tenuto a farne denuncia alla Prefettura della Provincia in cui il detto materiale si trovi entro il termine perentorio del 31 gennaio 1944.

La denuncia deve contenere oltre alle complete generalità, domicilio e residenza del dichiarante, le seguenti indicazioni:

- a) per la carta a fogli: tipo della carta, misura, numero dei fogli;
- b) per la carta in bobine: qualità, numero e larghezza delle bobine;
- c) per gli inchiostri: quantità in Kg. e colori;
- d) per i macchinari: misura e marca, rotative, linotypes.
- e) nome, domicilio e residenza del proprietario o dei proprietari dei detti materiali;
- f) località in cui i detti materiali si trovano.

Art. 2.

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In caso di mancata denuncia il materiale di cui all'articolo che precede verrà confiscato, ed il detentore sarà punito con la multa da lire diecimila a lire cinquantamila o con la reclusione

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da tre mesi ad un anno o con l'una e l'altra pena congiuntamente.

Art. 3

Il presente decreto, che entra in vigore nel giorno stesso della sua pubblicazione nella Gazzetta Ufficiale del Regno-Serie-Speciale- sarà presentato alle assemblee legislative per la conversione in legge.

Il Ministro per l'Interno, proponente, è autorizzato alla presentazione del relativo progetto di legge.

Ordiniamo a chiunque spetti di osservare e fare osservare il presente decreto come legge dello Stato.

Dal Comando Supremo,

gennaio 1944

R.D.L. N°

VITTORIO EMANUELE III°
per Grazia di Dio e per Volontà della Nazione
RE D'ITALIA

Visto l'editto sulla stampa 26 marzo 1848 N. 695;
Visti gli art. 112 e 113 della legge di pubblica sicurezza (T.U. 18 giugno 1931 N. 773);
Visto l'art. 18 della legge 19 gennaio 1939 N. 129;
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ART. 1°

Chiunque attualmente pubblici, stampi o riproduca giornali ed altri scritti periodici, in cui vengano riportate notizie ed opinioni politiche, dovrà richiederne entro il 31 Gennaio 1944 specifica ed espressa autorizzazione e continuare la pubblicazione alla Prefettura della provincia in cui il foglio periodico viene edito. Tale obbligo vale anche per i giornali e per le altre pubblicazioni periodiche per cui sia stata già data autorizzazione in data anteriore al presente decreto.

Ove il Prefetto neghi l'autorizzazione, la pubblicazione dovrà cessare dalla data di notificazione di tale provvedimento.

ART. 2°

Chiunque intenda iniziare la pubblicazione, stampa o riproduzione di giornali o di altri scritti periodici in cui vengano riportate notizie ed opinioni politiche deve richiederne autorizzazione preventiva alla Prefettura della provincia in cui il foglio o scritto periodico dovrà pubblicarsi.

Egual obbligo è imposto a chiunque intenda stampare, pubblicare o riprodurre fogli o scritti di carattere non periodico in cui vengano riportate notizie ed opinioni politiche.

La pubblicazione di detti giornali e scritti non potrà in nessun caso e per nessuna ragione aver luogo fino a quando non sia intervenuto il provvedimento di autorizzazione.

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ART. 3°

La domanda di autorizzazione, di cui agli articoli che precedono, deve contenere, per la stampa periodica, le seguenti indicazioni:

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- a) Nome e localita' della pubblicazione;
- b) P' ne che la stessa si propone;
- c) Stato finanziario;
- d) Eventuale affiliazione politica;
- e) Indicazione se si tratta di foglio quotidiano, settimanale, mensile, ecc.
- f) Prezzo di vendita;
- g) Sede della Direzione, Redazione ed Amministrazione;
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- i) Nome, cognome e indirizzo del proprietario o dei proprietari;
- l) Nome ed indirizzo della tipografia e del suo Direttore;
- m) Numero di copie per ciascun numero;
- n) Formato e numero di pagine;
- o) Stima del quantitativo di carta mensile ritenuto necessario, con indicazione se in fogli o bobine;
- p) Zone e modi di diffusione;
- q) Quantitativo di carta di cui si e' gia' in possesso al momento della domanda e luogo ove la medesima trovasi;
- r) Precisione del quantitativo di carta che si presume dovesse usare e del luogo ove la stessa trovasi;

Per le pubblicazioni non periodiche in domanda deve contenere, oltre i dati di cui alla lettera a), b), c), d), f), i), l), m), n), o), q), ed r), le seguenti indicazioni:

- a) Nome, cognome domicilio e residenza dell'editore;
- b) Numero delle copie che si intendono stampare;
- c) Formato e numero di pagine;
- d) Stima del quantitativo e del tipo di carta ritenuto necessario.

ART. 5°

La richiesta di autorizzazione di cui all'art. 1° deve essere rinnovata ogni **tre mesi**.

ART. 6°

I fogli e gli scritti che vengano stampati o pubblicati in contravvenzione alle disposizioni del presente Decreto devono essere sequestrati e ne e' vietata la pubblicazione anche per l'avvenire.

Il sequestro e' eseguito dall'autorita' di Pubblica Sicurezza senza che occorre la sua autorizzazione.

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ART. 6°

Le infrazioni alle disposizioni del presente Decreto sono punite con la multa da Lire 10.000 a Lire 50.000 e con la reclusione da 3 mesi ad un anno o con l'una e l'altra pena congiuntamente.

Di tale infrazione rispondono: qualora si tratti di stampa periodica, chi riveste la qualita' di Direttore responsabile e il

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proprietario del foglio periodico o chi ne ha la rappresentanza legale o di fatto;

b) qualora si tratti di stampa non periodica, chi ha fatto eseguir la pubblicazione, ed il proprietario della stessa, nonche' l'editore, o, se questo manchi, il tipografo.

ART. 7°

Le disposizioni di cui agli art.2 e 4 del presente Decreto si applicano per tutta la durata della guerra.

ART. 8°

Il presente Decreto, che entra in vigore nel giorno della sua pubblicazione nella Gazzetta Ufficiale del Regno -Serie Speciale-, sara' presentata alle Assemblee Legislative per la sua conversione in Legge".

Il Ministro dell'Interno e' autorizzato alla presentazione del relativo progetto di Legge.

Ordiniamo a chiunque spetti di osservare e far osservare il presente Decreto come Legge dello Stato.

Dal Comando Supremo, Gennaio, 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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18 January 1944

To: Lt Col I. B. Munro
From: Major L. Fielden

1. As requested by the Board, I have explained to Colonel Upjohn the position regarding action under the new decrees in Regions I and II. He says that there should be no difficulty at all in obtaining similar concurrent action in LMG areas and has promised to write to Colonel Spofford as soon as the decrees are published.

2. I also asked Colonel Upjohn's opinion regarding a simplification of procedure on the steps through which requests are made and granted. He concurred in my opinion that no simplification is possible; neither the Ministry nor the Prefecture could be skipped at any stage.

Major
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Lt. Col. I. B. Munro
Allied Publications Board
Room 4, PAB
22 Via Niccolo dall'Arca
Bari

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Psychological Warfare Branch, Bari Unit

10 JAN 1944
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TO : Mr. George W. Edman for AFHQ.
FROM : Lt. Col. I. S. Munro, PWB Press Officer.

SITUATION AS AT JANUARY 8, 1944

1. PWB Press

Newspapers keep popping up all over liberated Italy. There is no unified guidance or control. That is not surprising. No one has been vested with the task of pulling all the strings together. There is over-all PWB coordination for Basic News, Leaflets, Intelligence and so on--but not for the Press. Another result has been that newspaper conditions at different centres vary greatly. Three factors--in addition to the absence of one directing mind--have aggravated these differences: availability or otherwise of newsprint; censorship possibilities; different regimes in ACS and AMG territory.

2. APB

AFHQ has set out to remedy this state of affairs by creating an Allied Publications Board. Its mandate, however, does not so far extend to Zones I and II of AMG territory (i.e. Sicily and Calabria). Stringent licensing conditions are to be put into operation in ACS (King's) Italy and in AMG 15th Army Zone (Naples).

3. Propaganda

While the APB may pull the Italian press situation together, it will not help in another question,--a question which will become more pressing as the Italian press situation improves. That is, the supply of news and the need of a running supply of background propaganda. A special memo concerning PWB Press organisation in relation to PWB news service is attached.

4. PWB War Observer

Fifteenth Army Group, after prolonged requests, has secured a permit from the 8th Army allowing Capt. Del Mare to visit the front areas, accompanied by a British officer, for journalistic purposes. He will go and return before January 15th. Capt. Del Mare is the war-news commentator of the GAZZETTA DEL MEZZO-GIORNO, who works under our direction though not actually in our employ.

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5. Front Line Gazettes

Major Beauclerk took up 2,000 copies of Friday's paper to the front area. P/B bought the edition outright. Copies will be sold by ordinary news-agents and P/B reimbursed.

6. Baldi's Bollettino (see last week's Situation Report)

Sig. Baldi's Bollettino stopped publication on the 5th for lack of linotype facilities. He brought out a hand-set number for the 7th, but himself withdrew all copies from circulation because he wasn't satisfied with the job.

I. S. Munro
Lt. Col.

I. S. MUNRO
Lt. Col.,
P/B Press Officer.

D i s t r i b u t i o n

- 7 copies to Mr. Edman (for AFHQ, Mr. Edman, Mr. Hamilton Smith, Lt. Col. MacFarlane, ACC and Brig. Gen. Lush).
- 1 copy P/B Press Office File.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Psychological Warfare Branch, Bari Unit

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Journalism has already learned one revolutionary lesson from the war,--monitoring.

Every newspaper of any importance in the post-war world will have its own monitoring outfit. Spot news will be taken from the air from whatever part of the world it may come. This will mean a revolutionary decentralization of news sources. It will mean that that great distributing agencies like Reuter, AP, etc., will have to reorientate their whole organization. Why? Because monitored news will always beat the clock against news which has to be channelised through an agency and sent out no matter how fast and no matter by what swift mechanical means, such as Hellschreiber, etc.

The fact that there is no copyright in news will speed up monitoring service and slow down that of the agencies. Questions of copyright will bea such to monitors and it is therefore along the line of special news, feature items, background and colour that the agencies will find their news outlet. The competition between the agencies in post-war journalism will no longer necessarily be one of speed but one of fully informed background comment and atmosphere.

The above post-war conditions are foreshadowed in Italian war-time journalism. The fact that Palermo, Naples and Bari are virtually isolated on account of the war-scarred interruption of communications has in no way interfered with the production of local newspapers at these and many other lesser points. Given one or two radio sets and two or three language-speaking stenographers, the news setup is complete. Palermo, Bari and Naples have therefore become journalistically autonomous. They each have their own problem of newsprint and censorship, but there is no problem of straight news service. There is, however, absence of background services at all three centres.

The reason that I bring out these facts just now is to prevent the useless development of a complicated news-agency setup centralised from Rome when it is obvious that every part of Italy can collect its own news service direct from the air more speedily than could possibly be organised through agency channels. Any attempt to insist that the only news allowed to be published be that sponsored by PWB in Rome would amount simply to exasperating every worthwhile editor into scrapping hot news in favour of the same news served tepid hours or days later.

I therefore propose that instead of concentrating a powerful totalised

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monitoring department in Rome or elsewhere, PAB should divide its monitoring strength into smaller, efficient groups capable of independent monitoring at any point to which they might be sent.

A censor official attached to each monitoring unit would ensure close collaboration between PAB and censorship.

This does not mean that the idea of a centralized agency should be abandoned. But it does mean that the character of the service should be looked at in a new light. Spot news should be sent out but only by way of confirmation of the news already assumed to have been monitored locally. The real purpose of the agency would be the dissemination of government communiques, official texts of Allied declarations and above all, Allied propaganda served up in news form and presented in first-class style. At the present time there is a decided lack of Allied background material. We want Italian readers to know what is being thought in Britain and America. We want to describe democratic institutions in terms of current events. We want human stories and biographical sketches of all potential leaders. We want explanatory articles brightly written by competent authorities on problems concerning economics, finance, social welfare, war conditions, post-war reconstruction.

We want to see liberated Italy put on the journalistic map in the new European layout. I know that as the coming offensive develops, the importance of Italy becomes less and less. I know that impatience with Italy becomes more and more. But I do also know that the only hope of a worthwhile contribution from Italy depends on an interchange of understanding which only press service can supply. I feel that GMI and MOI should form an Italian sub-committee for the sole purpose of keeping in touch with PAB Chief Press Officer so as to provide the special material which is required for these specific tasks in Italy.

GMI, MOI and PAB Chief Press Officer should get together in London to work out requirements so as to get fullest results with the least waste of time and correspondence.

I. S. MUNRO,
Lt. Col.,
P. B. Press Officer.

8 January 44.

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14 December 43.

P O R : The Allied Control Commission.

- I. For some time the Allied Governments have viewed with growing concern the multiplication of publications--authorized, unauthorized 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 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 PWS, AIG, ACO, 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. Authorize the granting and revoking of licenses for the publication of newspapers, books, posters, placards, brochures and similar publication products.
 2. 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.
 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. 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 the Commission's authority.
- VI. As a necessary preliminary, all publications now being printed,

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whether previously authorized or not, must file application for a license. (See Appendix A)

- VII. Application forms are available at the offices of all Prefects. (See Appendix B)
- VIII. All applications must be executed and filed with the Prefect prior to January 15th, 1944.
- IX. The Prefect may add his comments to the application and then channelize same to the Minister of the Interior.
- X. The Minister of the Interior may express his comments to the application and then present the application to the ACC who will direct the application to the Allied Publications Board for consideration and action.
- XI. It shall then be the duty of the APB to grant or disallow the issuance of a directive which will empower the local Prefect to so issue the license to publish and such directive if granted shall specifically set forth the terms of the license, i.e. duration of the license which will be standardized at three months, authorized circulation, size of the newspaper, and other clarifying matter.
- XII. The directive of the APB shall be channelized back to the applicant through the same procedure as its receipt.
- XIII. In the analysis of the applicant's request the APB shall take into consideration the following factors:
1. The availability of newsprint.
 2. The availability of adequate military censorship.
 3. The availability of PWB editorial direction.
 4. The general desirability of the newspaper from the standpoints of security, the need for such a newspaper in the locality in which publication is proposed, and other factors deemed important to determine whether directive shall be issued.
 5. The APB shall be further aided in its determination by special analysis reports filed with the board by the representatives in the field of ACC, Censorship, PWB and G-2.
- XIV. In order to carry out proposed censorship of publications in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia in conformity with the plan approved of by the Chief of Staff, the following procedure must be adopted:

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1. Italian Press censorship must be established in all locations where publications have been or will be authorized.
 2. The Italian personnel to be used for censorship will work directly under the Italian Prefects and will follow the censorship instructions to be issued by the Censorship Branch, AFHQ. The Prefect will be held responsible for any breaches of the Allied Censorship directives.
 3. No Italian censors will be appointed by the Prefects until they have been approved of by security personnel and the SCAG's attached to the Prefects. On approval full particulars should be forwarded to Chief, Censorship Branch at AFHQ.
- XV. Notwithstanding the foregoing procedure, all printed forms of news or opinion that are not fundamentally continuing or periodical in character, may be authorized or denied locally by a committee consisting of:
1. The Prefect.
 2. Censorship Branch, AFHQ.
 3. Psychological Warfare Branch, AFHQ.
- XVI. All persons or organizations having in their possession newsprint stock (roll or flatbed) and printing materials shall immediately report the inventory of the newsprint and its location to the Prefect. (See Appendices C and D).
- XVII. The above procedures are deemed adequate for proper publications' control. However, these procedures are subject to change by the Allied Publications Board and full notification shall be given such changes.

A P P E N D I X AN O T I C E

TO ALL PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS NOW PUBLISHING OR PRINTING OR DESIRING TO PUBLISH OR PRINT A NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINE, PAMPHLET, BROCHURE, OR PERIODICAL IN ITALIAN TERRITORY.

All persons or organizations now publishing, printing or reproducing a form of news or opinion shall, prior to January 1, 1944, conform to the following:

1. Secure from the Prefect an application for license form.
2. Completely execute this application form.
3. File the executed form with the Prefect prior to January 15, 1944.

All printed forms of news or opinion now being published, whether authorized or not, shall conform to the above.

All persons or organizations proposing to publish, print or reproduce a form of news or opinion shall, prior to publishing same, conform to the following:

1. Secure from the Prefect an application for license form.
2. Completely execute this application form.
3. File the executed form with the Prefect.
4. Upon receipt of a license authorizing the publication, the publication may commence.

Under no circumstances shall any publication commence prior to the receiving of the license from the Italian Government authorizing such publication.

No newsprint shall be allotted to any unlicensed publication.

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APPENDIX BAPPLICATION TO PUBLISH

All applications must be accompanied by the following data, on the forms provided by the licensing authorities.

All licenses will be reviewed every three months for periods not exceeding three months, renewable on demand. The absence of a renewal demand will be considered as tacit intimation of voluntary cessation of publication.

Name of proposed publication.
 Location.
 Scope of publication.
 Financial Status.
 Political Affiliation.
 Daily or Weekly, etc.
 Price.
 Registered address and telephone number.

Name and address of responsible editor.
 Chief Sub-Editor.
 Manager.
 Proprietors.
 Publishers.
 Printers.

Number of copies per issue.
 Format and number of pages.
 Estimated monthly paper requirements.
 Flatbed or rotary.
 Area of circulation.
 Means of circulation.
 Amount Stocks of Paper on Hand and where located.
 Amount Stocks of Paper Expected to be Used and where located.

Comment by local authority. (Please include background information if proposed paper is one already in existence before or after Armistice.)

APPENDIX Q

N O T I C E

TO ALL PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS HAVING IN THEIR POSSESSION NEWS-
PRINT STOCK (ROLL OR FLATBED) AND/OR PRINTING MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES
OF ANY TYPE OR NATURE.

All persons or organizations now owning or having in
their possession newsprint stock (roll or flatbed) and/or printing
materials and supplies of any type or nature, shall immediately
take the following steps:

1. Secure from the Prefect an official inventory
form.
2. Completely execute this form.
3. File the executed form with the Prefect prior
to January 15, 1944.

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In reply
refer to: 000.76

20 December 1943

SUBJECT: Your memo of 17 December 1943 re Newspaper - Civilian.

TO : Major General Dowler, G.O.C. #2 District,
for Lt. Colonel Cleary.

1. The recently activated Allied Publications Board will officially consider the Salerno request during January 1944.
2. It is assumed that the paper in question will subscribe to the required regulations and thus be granted permission to publish.
3. Application forms are now being forwarded to all Prefects from whom they will be secured by any prospective publisher. Completed forms will be accepted by any Prefect not later than 15-1-1944.
4. A.P.B. desires to assist legitimate requests. The approved applications will determine the equitable distribution of available but limited newsprint.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

HARRY P. CAIN
Major, A.U.S.
P.R.O.

Copy to: Lt. Col. H.P.P. Robertson
S.C.A.D., Salerno Province

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Newspaper - Civilian.

H.Q. No.2 District, CMF.
147.A.

Allied Control Commission.

17 Dec 43.

1. Before the Allied occupation a weekly newspaper was published in SALERNO.
2. Permission has several times been sought by SCAO, Salerno Province through AMG channels to continue publishing a local paper under proper supervision, but on each occasion has been refused by the Psychological Warfare Branch, NAPLES. Censorship is alleged to be one of the main reasons for refusal.
3. It is thought that the absence of a newspaper is causing discontent, and is bad policy seeing that there is no other means of keeping the civil population truthfully informed of the progress of the war. Furthermore, unauthorised papers with communist leanings are starting to appear from unknown sources.
4. It is requested that this matter be taken up with a view to getting the ban lifted.

T. McCreary 21. Colwell
Major-General.
G.O.C. No.2 District.

TOO. 1530A

Copy: A.M.G.

A G E M D A

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6. Zones I and II now King's Italy.
7. Salerno newspaper?
8. Applications.

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Lecce	"La Sargento"	Catholic Action Youth Liberal Democrat	Monthly Weekly
Andria	"L'idea di Andria"	Catholic sacred	Monthly
Brindisi	"Riocessa" "L'Unione"	Socialist Party of Union	Fortnightly Weekly
Bari	" La Tribuna del L'Unione" "Ferroviari" "Fensiero e Vita" "Racconti" "Stenodi Italo" Contabile "La Diana" "Cicconda" "Il Secondo Risorgimento"	Party of Union Railway Trade Union Archbishop's diocesan Children's Paper Shorthand Fuzzles Women's sphere Youth of Puglia	Weekly Fortnightly Fortnightly Fortnightly Monthly Fortnightly Weekly Fortnightly
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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Room 4, PWB, AFHQ,
Via Niccolo Dall Arca, 22,
BARI.

13 January 44.

TO : Major Harry P. Cain, ACC.
FROM : Lt.Col. I. S. Munro.

I enclose the circular letter calling the next meeting of the APB. I would be grateful if you would get in touch with the appropriate person in the Hotel International so that a room may be set aside, prepared for the meeting. There may be about a dozen people present.

I tried to get in touch with you by telephone yesterday and the day before, and then learned that you were out of town; but from Della Chiesa I learned that the ACC and the Italian Government would still be in Brindisi and it is for that reason--in accordance with the decision of the last meeting--that I have convened the meeting there.

I do not know whether it is the intention of the Board to have Prof. Reale present at all meetings but it might be useful to have him alerted. Major Ellis, together with Sig. Favia who accompanied him to the Foggia paper works, will be coming down. Major Howe of AMG is going to do his very best to attend, and I will be accompanied by Miss Peart.

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

OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Room 4, PWB, AFHQ,
22 Via Niccolo Dell'Arca,
RARI.

13 January 44.

SUBJECT : Next Meeting of the Board.

TO : Major Harry P. Cain, AGC.
Mr. Hamilton Smith, PWS.
Major Howe, AMG.
Major J. W. Colville, INC.
Major John M. Phillips, G-2.
Major Hugh S. Ellis, PWS.

1. This is to inform you that in accordance with the decisions of the Allied Publications Board at its meeting of January 3rd, the next meeting will be held on January 17th, at 11 a.m.

2. The meeting will convene in the Hotel International, Brindisi.

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

Major Cain *For Information (sic)*

OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Room 4, PAB, AFH,
Ex-Federale Palazzo,
Via Niccolò Dail Area,
BARI

6 December 43.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

1. Major Howe, accompanied by Capt. Brown, called today to apologise for the absence of an AMG representative at the last meeting. Major Howe asked if he could delegate Capt. Brown to take his place at the Board meetings in the event of himself being unable to attend. I said I would submit his question to the Board.
2. Major Howe told me that as soon as he received the Italian translation of the Appendices, as approved by the Italian Government, he would have them put into similar form for his AMG area. He pointed out that, on principle, it was not the custom of AMG to publish actual penalties. In that way they reserved the right to make punishments much more severe if need be. He said that he would publish the fact of penalties in the usual way, but that the AMG judicial authorities would be informed of the penalties agreed on between APB and the Italian Government so that, in effect, they tallied.
3. Major Howe pointed out, however, that he could only be responsible for carrying out these instructions within the area of "AMG, 15th Army Group." He stated that to have similar action taken in other AMG areas it would be necessary to have the AMG representatives of Zone 1 (Sicily) and Zone 3 (the toe of Italy) on the Board.
4. He also called attention to the fact that Gen. Eisenhower's telegram (11 Dec. 43) constituting the membership of the Board, only provided for a representative of "Allied Military Government, 15th Army Group" as far as AMG was concerned. In his opinion this was doubtless done in the belief that AMG Zones 1 and 2 would be added to King's Italy any day now. He did not know the position of Sardinia.
5. He suggested that the Board should contact Col. Spofford, DC, SAC, AMG 4, Naples, who could answer for Zone 2.
6. The Board is therefore now faced with the immediate problem of having their newspaper and newsprint problems at points like Potenza, Salerno and throughout Sicily, excluded from the control system being set up by the Appendices.

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7. The choice of solutions include:

- a) To ask AFHQ to appoint one over-all AMG representative;
- b) To ask AFHQ to authorize the addition of representatives for AMG Zones 1 and 8 (and Sardinia), and
- c) To presume that Zones 1 and 2 will be part of King's Italy so very soon that the Board can afford to mark time on them.

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

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

Information and Censorship

AFHQ

A. P. O. 512

12 January 1944

Subject: Survey of Foggia Paper Mill

To: Allied Publication Board

Pursuant to your directive of 4 January 1944 requesting a survey of the Foggia paper mill and appointing Major Hugh C. Mills, the undersigned, as the military member of the board, an inspection was made on 11 January with Signor Favia, the representative chosen by the Italian Government.

My findings are:

A. General Plant.

1. There is some damage due to explosions which is being repaired (windows and walls). Several weeks will be required to clean up the debris about the mill.

2. At present it seems the plant is under full military requisition which will be necessary to have lifted before any amount of work could be done on the plant. All machinery is under British requisition. Most of the available cleared space on the main floor has been requisitioned by an American ordnance unit and is covered with ordnance supplies.

B. Machinery.

1. As stated above, all machinery is requisitioned by the British. Plans are under way to take some of the cutting machines (3) and ship them to a new location. However sufficient machines will remain to carry on operations.

2. There are three paper making machines in the plant of which two are capable of operating. Work was being done on one of the machines and it appeared as if it was ready for operation. I was assured that it could go into operation immediately.

2. (Foggia Survey)

3. The beaters and digestors are in good shape and could be put in operation in several weeks.

4. The power plant was blown up when the enemy left. At present, power is being obtained from the Foggia line, but frequently the current is off and the amount available is insufficient. According to the corporal in charge of the British P and SS section, "The electricity is barely sufficient to run the elevator."

3. Materials.

1. There is a supply of ground wood pulp on hand sufficient for five months operation. A resupply is improbable as this material in the past has been imported from the Scandinavian countries.

2. Other materials, namely chemicals and coal, are on hand in varying amounts, enough to process the available pulp.

4. Labor.

1. I was assured that there is no labor problem. The manager of the mill is available and the plant's employees still live in the vicinity and are ready to return to work.

CONCLUSIONS.

1. Provided the military personnel and supplies were removed, it is estimated the mill could operate in six to seven weeks. The plant capacity would be ten tons per day. The materials available would make roughly 1500 tons of paper. Types of paper that could be manufactured are newsprint, bond and book paper, the last two being only of fair quality.

2. Once the mill is started it should have supplies for continuous operation. The matter of pulpwood is of most importance and at present it is impossible to obtain pulpwood only from Canada or the United States.

When paper is made from pulpwood there is a shrinkage of weight of approximately 25%, thus for each 100 tons of pulp processed only 75 tons of paper result. For military needs, I feel it is better to ship the paper rather than the pulp for the following reasons:

3. (Foggia Survey)

1. There is no loss of weight.
2. Paper is less bulky.
3. Paper can be shipped to meet our requirements, whereas the mill may be unable to make a certain type that we need.

3. This mill was built to process straw into paper rather than pulwood. Since the power house and machinery for processing the straw into pulp has been destroyed, it is inadvisable from our viewpoint to import the necessary machinery and chemicals to permit the mill to operate as originally planned. The pulwood process is only a stop-gap method.

4. A different power hook-up is needed so that an unfailing and sufficient source of electricity is available.

RECOMMENDATION.

I recommend that putting the Foggia paper mill into operation, as a military undertaking, is uneconomical.

Hugh B. Ellis
Major, Infantry
Printing & Paper Sect.
P&B

Distribution:

3 Allied Publications Board
1 Signor Davis
1 File

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Room 4, PWI, AFHQ,
 22 Via Niccolo Dall'Arca,
 RMI

8 January 44.

TO : Major Harry F. Cain,
 ACC,
 Brindisi.

SUBJECT : APB Notices for Prefects.

1. I enclose the Italian texts of the following documents for presentation to the Italian Government in order that the necessary decrees be passed by them:
 - a) Instructions to Prefects about action to be taken in connection with
 - i) Newspapers, etc., and
 - ii) Newsprint and printing material;
 - b) The application form to be filled out by those publishing or desiring to publish;
 - c) The public notice concerning conditions for publications;
 - d) The public notice concerning newsprint stocks and printing material, and
 - e) The declaration by holders of newsprint and printing material.
2. As soon as I hear from you that everything is okay I shall place the documents in the printer's hands, adding the required dates.
3. Dr. Naldi tells me that 1,000 copies of each will be required to cover the King's Italy.
4. As it is likely that AMG Sicily and Southern Italy Zones will soon be added to the King's Italy you might inquire how many copies I should have printed and in hand against that eventuality.

*I. S. Munro
 Lt. Col.*

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

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(2) Major Cain (1) General Taylor

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Room 4, PAB, AFH,
 22 Via Niccolo Dall'Arca,
 Bari

MINUTES of APB meeting held in the above
 office on January 3, 1944, at 2 o'clock

PRESENT:

Mr. Hamilton Smith, PAB, (Chairman).
 Major Harry P. Cain, ACC.
 Major J. W. Colville, INC.
 Major John M. Phillips, G-2.
 Lt. Col. I. S. Munro, (Executive Secretary).
 Miss Lucille Peart, (Secretary to Lt. Col. Munro).
 Prof. Reale, Under-Secretary of the Interior.
 Lt. di Lauro, (Secretary to Prof. Reale).
 Sig. Naldi, Capo Ufficio Stampa.
 Prince Della Chiesa, (Interpreter).
 Major L. Fielden, (Observer).
 Major Hugh S. Ellis, (for newsprint discussion).

ABSENT:

Major Howe, AMG.

1. New Chairman.

Mr. Smith explained that he was succeeding Mr. H. M. Adams as PAB's representative on the Board and therefore as Chairman. Mr. Adams had left this theatre, he said.

2. G-2 Representative.

Mr. Smith introduced Major Phillips as G-2's accredited representative in terms of Gen. Eisenhower's AFHQ telegram of Dec. 11.

3. Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, together with letter calling present meeting.

4. Plans and Date of Meetings.

Major Cain moved two amendments: 1) That the Board meet on the first Monday of each month, and 2) that meetings be held alternatively in Bari and Naples. Seconded by Major Colville. Carried.

Later in the meeting Major Cain moved that the Board meet every second Monday until further notice. Members agreed, and the

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next meeting was called for January 17th at 11 o'clock, place of meeting to be determined by the movements of the ACC and the Italian Government.

5. Italian Government Advisers.

The chairman welcomed His Excellency Prof. Reale, Under-Secretary of the Interior, and Dr. Naldi, Italian Government Press Officer, as advisors in matters concerning the Italian Government. Prof. Reale expressed his appreciation and assured the Board of his cooperation.

PAPER AND PRINTING SITUATION

6. The chairman called upon Major Hugh B. Ellis, Chief Paper and Printing Section, PWS Bari, to review the paper and printing situation.

Roll Newsprint. Major Ellis said there were 196 tons of 87 cm. roll newsprint in Naples belonging to AMG. An additional 110 tons of AMG-owned roll paper, 108 cm. in width, located at a damaged rotogravure shop in Naples, was unsuitable for use on rotary presses and was being held in the hope that the plant would soon be in operation at which time the paper would be put to use.

In Bari there were 255 tons of roll paper owned by PWS but it was earmarked for leaflet production.

Flatbed paper. Major Ellis said there was a considerable quantity of flatbed paper in Poggia which had been taken over by the Printing and Stationery Section of the British Army. He said he would endeavour to get a copy of the inventory from Naples.

Major Ellis said he had samples, with quantities indicated, of flatbed paper which is being requisitioned in Naples. He had not, however, compiled an inventory but agreed that he could do so. This stock was being used for both Allied and Italian Government work, he said.

In reply to a question from Major Phillips, Major Ellis said there was sufficient paper in Italy to meet outstanding requirements for the period of a month and that 400 tons were expected to arrive in January.

The chairman said that since there was only a month's supply of paper in hand, it would seem that papers now being published would have to maintain circulation at present levels and that no new publications could be authorized.

Printing. Major Ellis said that all printing plants in Naples had been requisitioned by PWS but they were doing outside work when authorized to do so by PWS.

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Foggia Paper Mill. Prof. Reale raised the question of the paper mill in Foggia, claiming that part of it at least could be put into operation. The meeting agreed that it was desirable that the mill should be put into working order if at all possible.

Moved by Major Cain that a PWB expert, together with an Italian Government expert, should make a survey of the electrical equipment and available raw material at the Foggia paper mill with a view to its being put into operation, and submit a report at the next meeting of the Board. Carried.

When Col. Munro asked who was to own the paper if and when it was manufactured, the meeting agreed that this point should be left over until the status of the mill was ascertained.

AMG-owned Paper. Major Ellis said there was some confusion with regard to new shipments of AMG-owned roll newsprint and he asked if the Board could get clarification on this matter. What disposition AMG was making of its paper and supplies was not clear, and the chairman asked Major Cain to communicate with the proper AMG officials and to report his findings to the next meeting of the Board. Major Ellis was asked to furnish Major Cain with a list of questions.

NOTE: As the chairman was proceeding to Algiers within the week he agreed to contact Gen. Holmes, Chief of the Military Government Section of AFM, and to make the inquiries delegated to Major Cain. Mr. Smith accordingly took the following list of questions:

7. Questions for AMG.

Information on the following points should be obtained:

- a) Request shipping advices on all newsprint sent into Italy; also code markings.
- b) Request information on what roll newsprint can be expected to arrive as from February 1st, 1944.
- c) Cost price of newsprint and ink should be determined, possibly using Naples as the gauge.
- d) Determine who is the responsible agency for the procurement of printing materials. Certain materials are now required in Naples, only source of supply being England or the United States.
- e) What provisions have been made by AMG for warehousing and handling their paper which is arriving in Naples?

APB DOCUMENT

8. Presentation to Italian Government

Col. Munro reported on the visit he had made to the ACC at which time he and Major Cain planned to see Prof. Reale and to get his views on the APB document which had been presented to him through the ACC. As Prof. Reale was not in Brindisi Gen. Joyce had been asked to communicate with Marshal Badoglio, requesting early action on the part of his Government. Col. Munro read a copy of the communication addressed by Gen. Joyce to the Marshal.

9. Major Cain's Report, and Discussion.

Major Cain said it had been impossible for ACC legalists to determine proper penalties and it had been suggested that Prof. Reale could be very helpful in the deliberations of the Board. He said that the Under-Secretary had shown the greatest sympathy and understanding of the Board's objectives. This was confirmed by Prof. Reale himself.

When Prof. Reale asked if the Board was to control paper supplies right up to the front, the chairman replied in the affirmative.

A question from Prof. Reale with regard to censorship procedure prompted considerable discussion. It was pointed out that in centres like Bari existing censorship regulations would prevail, i.e. publications would be required to submit page proofs to the Ufficio Stampa, to Military censors and to PWB. In outlying regions, however, responsibility for censorship was to be delegated by INC to local Prefects.

When Prof. Reale questioned this procedure, the chairman stated that the Board had been assigned specific functions with regard to the control and distribution of paper and paper supplies, that it was concerned solely with mechanics, and doubts as to procedure would have to be discussed with the proper authorities.

When Prof. Reale proposed discussion of the APB document point by point, the chairman pointed out that the document was not open to discussion as it had already been approved by the Board. The business before the meeting was to ensure the translation and application of the Appendices, including penalties, uniformly by the Italian Government and by AMG. The meeting concurred.

31g. Reale then expressed agreement concerning the proposals of the ACC, and handed over the Italian translation of the Appendices. In his opinion, and as far as the Italian Government was concerned, the matter should be put through by the original date (January 15). The meeting was unable to give a similar pronouncement concerning AMG because of the absence of an AMG representative.

10. Penalties.

There was considerable discussion as to penalties to be levied in the event of failure to register prior to publication (Appendix A) and for failure to declare paper stocks and supplies (Appendix C). The chairman pointed out that the Board was not concerned with the contents of a paper once it was in print.

Dr. Naldi said that existing Italian law might be applicable to Appendices A and C and he offered to make an investigation and to report to Col. Munro on the following day.

If existing law did not apply it was agreed that the Italian Government should be asked to modify the penal code with a decree. The following penalties were agreed upon with respect to Appendix A:

1. The newspaper or publication will be sequestered and publication for the future refused.
2. Those responsible for infraction of the present ordinance will be punished by immediate arrest and will be handed over to justice. If found guilty they will be fined from 10,000 to 100,000 lire and/or imprisoned from three months to a year.

With respect to Appendix C, the following penalties were agreed upon:

1. All undeclared stocks will be immediately sequestered.
2. Those responsible for infraction of the present ordinance will be punished by immediate arrest and will be handed over to justice. If found guilty they will be fined from 10,000 to 100,000 lire and/or imprisoned from three months to a year."

On being asked by Major Cain, the Italian representatives present stated that, in their opinion, the penalties were not excessive.

It was agreed that once completed, the orders should be returned to Col. Munro who would refer them to AMG officials and afterwards see to the printing, required quantities to be determined from the Italian Government and from AMG.

11. Question of Dates.

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After some discussion it was agreed that orders should be dated approximately four weeks after the date on which they were put in the hands of printers. Col. Munro was instructed to use his own judgement here as Sunday would not be a desirable day for final filing date.

12. Interim Permission to Publish.

It was pointed out that a number of applications to publish were being held up pending the proper functioning of the Board. Major Cain suggested that applicants considered worthy by ACC, by the Italian Government and by PWB, should be issued an interim permit. Major Phillips was of the opinion that the Board should not divide its authority, and as no agreement could be reached, it was decided that meetings should be held more often in order to consider applications.

Col. Munro was asked to obtain and have in hand at the next meeting all information concerning the Salerno newspaper which had made application to publish.

13. To Simplify Procedure

The possibility of simplifying licensing procedure was not discussed.

The meeting adjourned.

APPROVED.....
Chairman

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