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FROM - 14 JUNE 1944
TO - 27 AUGUST 1944

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R2.

27 August 1944

Subject: Prof. Carlo Levagna.

To: CAO Ascoli Piceno (Marche).

The Executive Secretary of the Allied Publications Board informs me that Prof. Carlo Levagna is well known and is recommended as suitable to run any new information newspaper which may be set up in that area. He has made formal demand to this office to publish in the above-named town a fortnightly periodical without political colour and with the sole aim of giving information about current events in conformity with prevailing censorship and other dispositions.

(Sgd)

LIONEL BIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

OFFICE OF THE
ITALIAN
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
Via Veneto 62

To : The Regional Commissioner RG AMG, Region VIII
(Through PRO R., AMG)

From : Allied Publications Board, APO 512, U.S.ARMY

Subject: Newspaper "Storia Nuova"

File : R-VIII/PP/14.1

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, referring to the above, the necessary authorization was granted on the 11th inst., and forwarded to Bronzato on the same day.

Attached hereto is a second copy of the authorization for delivery to the newspaper concerned, in case the original has gone astray.

1511.

I.R.HUNTER
Lt. Col.,
Executive Secretary.

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Subject: Newspaper "Mindra Nowa"

File : G-VIII/Pr/14.1

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant, referring to the above, the necessary authorization was granted on the 11th inst., and forwarded to Grosseto on the same day.

Attached hereto is a second copy of the authorization for delivery to the newspaper concerned, in case the original has gone astray.

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

August 23,'44

(Copy to CAC AMG, Grosseto Province)

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

62 Via Veneto
ROME

13 August 44.

SUBJECT : Newspaper Authorisations in Forward Areas.

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

Mr. Rayner and Mr. Edman strongly suggest that the enclosed proposed circular to CAC's be put on the agenda for Monday's meeting or be put out in such other way as you think most expedient.

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

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Pat on War 8/Sgt Cook Mediterranean RG 165
Records Section
RCs concerned
and to CAOs
concerned
18 August 44.

OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
63 Via Veneto
ROME

SUBJECT : Newspaper Authorisations.

TO : Allied Control Commission (for all AMG CAO's in Combat Territory or forward areas not yet under ACC administration).

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

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

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

3. PWB Combat Teams operating with 5 and 8 Armies have Press Officers who take care of these things in close cooperation with local AMG. But these Press Officers move forward with the advancing operations. They may not therefore be available when demands may be made locally for AMG permits to publish a newspaper.

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

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

b) Provisionally authorise the publication of one non-party or Committee of Liberation information paper devoid of political party editorials and comment except such as may be approved or inspired by AMG or P.B.

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

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

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

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

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

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R2

17 August, 1944

Subject: Newsprint for Italian morale sheets

To : Navy Sub-Commission, Air Force Sub-Commission

At the meeting of the Allied Publications Board on 11 August it was agreed that the APB should not in future supply Italian morale sheets with newsprint.

These papers should be advised to derive their stocks from regular navy or air force sources, through the Navy or Air Force Sub-Commission.

This is really a matter of bookkeeping. If you will apply to Major Green, Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, he will, I think, be able to arrange for necessary stocks of paper to be supplied to the morale papers in question.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

PS to AF S/C - This refers specifically in your case (in case you don't know!) to Il Giornale dell' Aviazione which has recently moved to Rome.

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PS to Navy S/C - This refers specifically in your case (just in case you don't know!!) to BUONA GUARDIA the Navy publication which has recently moved or is moving to Rome.

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

Room 18, 62 Via Veneto,
ROME

A G E N D A

14 August 44

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1. Central APB Minutes: 31 July, corrections and addition.
   7 August, approval.
2. Newsprint and paper.
3. Letter re ITALIA NUOVA.
4. Status of L'UNIVERSO.
5. IL MESSAGGERO: Government's procedure.
6. Italian Commission: Report.
   Approvals.
7. Rome APB Minutes.
8. Bari "
9. Naples "
10. Palermo "
11. Any other business.

OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Room 18, 62 Via Veneto
ROME

MINUTES of meeting of the Rome Local APB held in the above offices on 11 August 44, at 3 p.m.

PRESENT: Lt.Col. Enoch Brown, Liaison, ACC (Chairman).
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Major J. W. Colville, Censorship.
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Capt. Jordan Piscop, PWB Printing Section (Observer).
Dr. Lazzaro, Italian Government Observer.

Lt.Col. Brown was unanimously elected Chairman of the Local Board.

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It was agreed that APB should not, in future, supply Italian morale sheets with newsprint; that these papers should be advised to derive their stocks from regular army sources, through the Army and Navy Sub-Commission. Major Fielden was invited so to inform the Sub-Commission.

Capt. Piscop undertook, at the direction of the Chairman, to examine printing supplies in Rome (ink, chemicals, etc.) and to report his findings at an early Central Board meeting.

Lt.Col. Brown informed the Board that mills in the Rome area would be expected to meet all the capital's paper requirements, and that it was further hoped that these same mills might supply, in part at least, Naples and other publishing centres.

It was moved and carried that a recommendation be made to the Central APB that a Committee be set up to investigate the situation in Rome as regards stocks of paper other than newsprint, i.e. flatbed, book papers, etc. Capt. Piscop further recommended that all paper in Rome should be controlled, and not merely newsprint.

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BATTAGLIE SINDACALI	Confederazione Generale del Lavoro	Weekly	35,000
CORRIERE GIUDIZIARIO	Legal	Weekly	4,000
LA SETTIMANA DELLA CASSAZIONE	Legal	Weekly	2,000
CRONACHE SCOLASTICHE	School Teachers' Organ	Quarterly	10,000
DIRITTI DELLA SCUOLA	" " "	Monthly	10,000
VOCE DELLA SOUOLA	" " "	Every 20 days	2,000
INVENTARIO	Cultural Co-operative periodical sponsored by group of eminent writers and artists	Weekly	10,000

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Name	Character	Periodic	Circulation
IL VITTORIOSO	Azione Cattolica boys' adventure sheet	Weekly	20,000
AL MUSTAGILL	Roma Istituto Orientale Review	Monthly	3,000
URBANISTICA	Town Planning	Every two months	800
PASQUINO	Satirical, humorous	Weekly	20,000
TRAVASO	" "	Weekly	20,000
TRIBUNA ILLUSTRATA	Coloured illustrated	Weekly	50,000

NOTE: Printers of TRAVASO and TRIBUNA ILLUSTRATA have on hand sufficient roll paper of a special size, not suitable for any other publication, to last them for six or seven months. Until this stock is exhausted they may not procure further official stocks of newsprint or flatbed paper.

IL GIORNALE DELL'AVIATORE	Air Force Morale Sheet	Weekly	10,000
BUONA GUARDIA	Navy Morale Sheet	Weekly	20,000

NOTE: Italian morale sheets' transfer from Lecce and Taranto respectively recommended.

NOI DONNE	Women's political and cultural periodical	Bi-M	20,000

NOTE: Similar authorised periodical at Naples would cease publication.

UNIONE PROLETARIA	Sponsored by 20 left-wing groups	Weekly	10,000
LAVORO	Sponsored by right-wing Monarchist groups	Bi-M	10,000

NOTE: Not previously screened by Sub-Committee.

The Board confirmed applications rejected by the Sub-Committee, as submitted by Mr. Barney.

The meeting adjourned.

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Allied Force Headquarters
Information and Censorship Section
PSICHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
Italian Theatre Headquarters
Unit No. 12 APO 512 U.S.Army.

9th August 1944.

Allied Publications Board Memo.

From : Lt.Colonel I.S.Munro, Executive Secretary.
To : Mr. George Kidman, Chairman.

1. The first meeting of the Italian Publications Commission was convened for 10 o'clock yesterday. Nobody turned up except myself and Rosadni, as his letters to the others had gone astray.

The Commission began work, however, at 10 o'clock this morning in the new Government offices of the ex-Ministry of Popular Culture.

Under the chairmanship of Under-Secretary Spataro the Board consisted of :

One representative each from the Ministries of Public Instruction, Interior and Justice;
Two representatives from the Under-Secretariat of the Press;
Two representatives of the Italian Press Federation;
One representative of Publishers; and
Myself, as APB Observer.

2. Except for special meetings, the Commission will meet fortnightly.

3. The Under-Secretary outlined and circulated the Press regulations which are now being studied as the basis for the new Press Law.

He also circulated copies of the letter to Prefects as approved by APB. He made it clear that the ultimate responsibility lay with the Allied authorities and announced the intention of the Italian Commission to create sub-commissions in Sardinia

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and Sicily - with perhaps similar sub-commissions elsewhere as required.

4. I asked if I might add a word to what he said about the necessity of safeguarding political purity of newspaper applicants. I said that every application should be submitted to five requirements;

1. Political purity.
2. Paper supplies.
3. Is it necessary in the public interest?
4. Communications.
5. Censorship facilities.

The Commission took note of this.

5. Out of nine applicants, seven were refused.

The one permit granted was for a literary independent monthly in Lecce (which has been somewhat neglected) with a circulation of only 150 copies.

Another paper, "Mazzini", of Lecce, was referred back for more information.

6. The wholesale AFB rejections of Calabrian papers following Tory Ellison's work there were confirmed but we were asked to request special information concerning "Nuova Rossano" of Rossano, and "La Vedetta" of Castrovillari, both said to be only historic shoots.

7. Sig. Rossini presented a list of newspapers authorised by AFB throughout Italy which bore the same name. Most of them belong to different parties. As this is against the copyright laws of any country they have undertaken to arrange adjustment of titles on the rule of precedence. The Commission asked that AFB should adopt the same rule and watch in future not to duplicate names.

8. According to pre-Fascist Italian law - which is linked up with an agreement with the Vatican and Trade Union - morning papers do not come out early on Monday morning, but may bring out a small information edition at mid-day with a separate staff. The Italians propose to revive this law. I suggested that the Corriere di Roma would conform. At any rate, I arranged that Mr. Barney would get in touch with Sig. Rossini and work out details so that war time requirements were not prejudiced by peace time measures.

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9. The next meeting of the Commission will be held on August 17th at 1600 hours.

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

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
PWB Unit 8 - APO 512

MINUTES OF MEETING of Naples Local Board held at 15,00 on Monday 7th August 44.

PRESENT: Major A.Watts, Regional Security Officer, Region 3 (Chairman)
Major G.M. Sinclair Noble, PWB, Executive Secretary.
Lt. H. Occhi, Military Censorship.

OBSERVER: Lt. E.L. Stuart, PWB, Press Officer.

1) Minutes of the previous meeting held on July 31 were read and approved.

2) Extracts from Central Board Minutes of July 31 were read.

3) Newsprint statement was read: stock in hand on August 5: 62.9 tons. The Executive Secretary stated that the gravity of the newsprint situation had been made clear to the Central Board.

4) APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED

STOA - Scientific and political monthly. Circulation 500, 12 pages. Recommended by Rector of University and Regional Education Officer.

IL GIORNO - Increase in paper allottment requested from 14 to 22 Qu. monthly to bring circulation up from 20,000 to 30,000 4 pages. Recommended by Board in view of increase already granted to "L'Azione" and "Il Lavoro d'Italia".

5) APPLICATIONS REJECTED

The following applications were rejected, subject to confirmation of the Central Board.

LA DONNA IDEALE-Women's monthly magazine. Circulation 200;

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ARCHIVIO STORICO PER LE PROVINCE NAPOLETANE - Annual of historical interest in Naples area, recommended by University and Education Officer. Circulation 600-500 pages. Requested by Board to apply again later.

PRIMAVERA - Literary fortnightly. Circulation 20,000. Not considered necessary.

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ROBA NOSTRA - Humorous, twice weekly. Circulation 500. Not approved by Education Sub-Commission. Unessential.

LE QUATTRO GIORNATE - "Patriotic weekly. Circulation 10,000. Already publishing illegally. Unessential. Warning issued to cease publication.

IUS GENTIUM - Monthly, 1000. International law. Not recommended strongly by Education Sub-Commission. Not considered essential at this time.

IL FERROVIERE - Fortnightly, 10,000. Organ of trade union. "La Tribuna dei Ferrovieri" already authorised. Considered this apparently rival organisation will have to wait until paper situation improves.

LA TOGA - Fortnightly 3,500. Legal review. Not considered essential. La "Giustizia" already authorised.

URI - Weekly 20,000. Economic review. Not considered necessary.

COMUNALE - Fortnightly, 500. Organ for municipal workers. Not Necessary.

LO SPORTIVO - Weekly, 10,000. Sporting news. Similar application already rejected for "Lo Sport", a more serious and strongly recommended paper.

RADIO ONDE - Weekly, 1,000. Radio programmes and news. Not considered necessary in view of limited radio.

PROGRESSO - Fortnightly, 15,000. Political and social review for young people. Has no recommendations, and editor is unknown.

IL PATIO - Fortnightly, 10,000. Literary review. Not considered necessary.

L'INFORMATORE ECONOMICO - Weekly, 15,000. Economic and commercial. Not recommended by Commerce Sub-Commission in view of limited business.

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LOGGIONE - Monthly, 5,000. "Guide to the Black Market". Not considered necessary as a periodical! Author recommended to take his information to the competent authorities.

6) APPLICATIONS DEFERRED

BOLLETTINO SOC. ITALIANA - Monthly, 1,200: 120 pages.
BIOLOGIA SPERIMENTALE Biological research. Approved by Education Sub-Commission 27 March.
Executive Secretary requested to check with A.C.C. whether this publication is still essential.

7) The meeting adjourned.

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1 PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB/R2

6 August 1944.

Subject: Dr Salvatore Michelozzi.

To: All whom it may concern.

Doctor Salvatore Michelozzi is a member of the Secretariat of the Italian Press Bureau (Ministry of the Interior) and is travelling to Sicily with his family (wife and two children) to take up a permanent appointment at Palermo in connection with the Allied Publications Board. Allied authorities are asked to accord him every facility.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R2 3 August 1944.

Subject: Revival of "Il Corriere di Viterbo" under name of "La Voce di Viterbo".

To: Lt Col H.T. Millhouse, Regional Public Safety Officer, Region IV.

1. Reference your R4/PS/23 and the application to revive "Il Corriere di Viterbo" forwarded by you on July 28 I enclose forms of application which must be filled up in triplicate and sent to the Executive Secretary, Allied Publications Biard, 62 Via Veneto.

2. No comment is made by the Provincial Commissioner or yourself on the desirability or necessity of reviving this paper. Newsprint is in short supply and the Board now has some 400 applications before it. It would therefore appreciate your comments on this application.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R2. 1 August 1944.

Subject: Italian publications.

To: Mr A.G. Antolini, Economic Section.

As you perhaps know the Allied Publications Board established in December 1943 controls the licensing of all publications in Italy. It is composed of representatives of ACC, PWB, G-2 and censorship. The control was and is necessarily mainly owing to shortage of newsprint, which is acute. There is in theory no "political" censorship. The attached application raises rather wide issues. How much is Italian Big Business to advertise itself and in what way? There is a certain scent of Fascism about the U.P.E.S. The A.P.B. would value your comments.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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

Room 18, 62 Via Veneto
ROME

Addition to Minutes 23 Central APB
Meeting held in the above offices
on 31 July 44, at 3 p. m.

1. The Executive Secretary was named APB representative on the Italian Government Press Commission.

2. The Executive Secretary reported that Lt. Maxia of the High Commissioner's office in Sardinia was in Rome to discuss and reach a decision with the Italian Government on all outstanding Sardinia Local APB matters.

3. The Executive Secretary further reported that the Government was aware of the lack of papers in Region V and was investigating the problem.

4. Mr. Caccia recommended that any request from the Free Austrians for license to publish a periodical or pamphlet should be rejected.

5. It was agreed that the Central Board should convene before 15 August on which date Rome would come under Italian Government jurisdiction.

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Room 17, 62 Via Veneto
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Mr. Walter Dowling, representing Mr. Alexander Kirk (Observer)
Mr. H. H. Hopkinson, representing Sir Noel Charles (Observer)
Lt.Col. Scott Bailey, Censorship, AFHQ (Observer)
Mr. H. A. Caccia, Political Section ACC.
Mr. Wm. Scheth, Political Section ACC.
Lt.Col. Enoch Brown, Liaison ACC.
Major Lionel Fielden, Public Relations Director, ACC.
Major E. R. Green, Economic Section, ACC.
Major J. W. Colville, Censorship.
Major I. C. Alexander, Censorship.
Mr. J. M. Miniffie, PWB-ACC Liaison.
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The following motion was put to the Board for discussion:

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31 July 44 at 2 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr. George W. Edman, PWB (Chairman)
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> "That APB promote measures to ensure that post-war Press licenses are not controlled directly or indirectly by the Government, Government officials or an unnamed Commission."

The Board agreed that any control of the Press, such as that exercised by the Fascists, was most undesirable and any eventual return to such a system should be safeguarded against. Mr. Caccia pointed out, however that the possibility of inserting a specific war-time clause in the proposed Press Law was subject to two considerations: (1) avoidance of the expression 'for the duration of the war' in favor of a more definite phrase, and (2) necessity for some measure of post-war control in view of probable newsprint shortages and importation.

Moved by Mr. Caccia that the Executive Secretary discuss the question, in light of the Board's desires, with the Legal Sub-Commission, ACC.

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Newsprint Situation

Capt. Piscop said that invetoried stocks of Roman newsprint were just about exhausted. Rome newspapers alone, according to Col. Brown, with a combined circulation of 435,000 daily, was consuming newsprint at the rate of approximately 340 tons per month.

The mill at Tivoli, having been given electric power from 2400 hours to 0600 hours daily, was in production. Present capacity: 200 tons a month. Raw materials in hand were sufficient for two months' production only but operators claimed they could carry on with waste paper.

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4. The newspapers in South Central Italy's monthly consumption was as follows:

Il Giornale d'Italia	Rome	3,300	quintals
Il Messaggero	Rome	3,000	"
Il Popolo di Roma	Rome	850	"
Il Mattino e Roma	Naples	1,500	"
Il Littoriale	Rome	450	"
La Tribuna	Rome	420	"
Il Lavoro Fascista	Rome	800	"
La Gazzetta del Mezzegiorno	Bari	500	"
L'Avvenire d'Italia	Rome	180	"
Il Tevere	Rome	120	"

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L'Italia	Rome	20	quintals
Giornale di Sicilia	Palermo	500	"
L'Ora	Palermo	200	"
Popolo di Sicilia	Catania	250	"
La Gazzetta	Messina	180	"
L'Unione Sarda	Cagliari	90	"
L'Isola	Sassari	30	"
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UNIVERSO. With regard to this application, the Executive Secretary was was instructed to ascertain if this paper would serve some useful military purpose in the forware areas, as the prospective editor claimed.

LOGGIONE. The Board voted to file LOGGIONE's appeal to Roosevelt and Churchill.

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L'UNITA,
The Cairman and Executive Secretary were instructed to discuss with TOGLIATTI, for comunication to the Editors of L'UNITA (1) the Board's displeasure at the insolent tone employed by L'UNITA in their reply to Allied Military Censorship's letter concernin a violation of censorship regulations, and (2) the fact that the Board could not countenance a newspaper taking a stand such as L'UNITA had done in connection with Bentivegna and Caruso trials.

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Minutes of Meeting held 10 July 44 Para 3. Major Noble said that L. VOCE REPUBLICANA ahd withdrawn its application; Local Board's recommendations regarding SOLIDARIETA and SETTIMANA (renamed PANORAMA) confirmed; RINASCITA deferred.

Minutes of 17 and 24 July tabled.

Major Noble was authorised to suppress L. VERITA if such action seemed advisable in light of comments awaited from the Archbishop of Salerno.

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Sicily Local APB

The Board noted minutes of meeting held 5 and 10 July. On basis of these and of signal from Palermo (date 17 July) the following applications were approved.

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Central APB Meeting, 31 July

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1. Press Law Handover Situation.

2. Resolution: Government and people to be told Press Law is for duration of war only; APB to promote measures so that post-war Press licences not controlled directly or indirectly by Government, Government officials or Commission.

3. Newsprint and paper situation.

4. Decision on childrens' and workers' "Supplements".

5. Pre-Fascist Rome newspapers. Government Report. Protests.

6. Rome Applications: a) CERVISIA and Crown Prince.
   b) UNIVERSO - special service.
   c) LOGGIONE - appeal to Roosevelt & Churchill
   d) L'UNITA - Sub-judice offence.
   e) PETTIROSSO, LA DONNA and the Socialists.

7. Naples (10 July minutes) - 4 approvals. RINASCITA.
8. (17,24 July ") - Union of Communists and Socialists. Union of Right. Christian Democrat Protest. RISORGIMENTO restriction.
9. Transfer of CORRIERE DI SALERNO?
10. LA VERITA of Salerno.

11. Palermo (5,10,27 July Minutes). Approvals.

12. Bari. (5,12,19 Minutes). Approvals. Panarjdde? Grillo Parlante appeal.

13. Any otherbusiness.

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Sig. Giorgianni reported that he had written to the various branches of "Corda Fratres", as suggested in the Meeting of June 27 but had received no answer as to whether these would be willing to issue a joint publication. Mr. Bevan informed the Committee that Mr.Garbutt had suggested the inclusion in a paper representing the Universities of groups other than "Corda Fratres" many of whose members had political ambitions.

Sig.Giorgianni informed the Board that three of the four legal papers written to after the Meeting of June 27 were willing to combine and to publish one monthly journal under the title of "La Legge". This was therefore approved.

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Mr. Bevan reported that he had spoken with the ACC Education Committee regarding Childrens' Comic and educational papers, and that the Education Committee did not consider them worthy of recommendation. The Board agreed that Rome be asked to supply one first-class paper of this kind, a weekly or fortnightly, to serve the interests of the whole of Liberated Italy. The local demands were deferred.

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"	"Il Lavoratore"	United Syndicates	weekly	2.500
"	"Scienza e Umanità"	Scientific, educational	monthly	400
"	"Bollettino della Società dei Concerti del Conservatorio"		Fortnightly	500
Trapani	"La Gazzetta del Popolo"	Apolitic news	Twice-weekly	2000
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Enna	"Il Solco"	UNN news - Apolitical	Thrice-weekly	2.000
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Paternò (Catania)	LA VOCE DEL SIMETO	"
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"	IL MONDO NUOVO	Weekly
"	LA PERSONA	Monthly
Acureale (Catania)	LA RINASCENZA	Weekly
Catania	POLEMICA	"
"	L'IDEA UNITARIA	"
Enna	UNITA' PROLETARIA	"
Catania	LA LIBERTA'	Twice Monthly
"	IL FRANCOBOLLO	Weekly
"	ORIZZONTI GIOVANILI	"
"	LA LIBERTA'	"
"	LEI E' LARIO	"

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Lentini (Siracusa)	ASCENSIONE	"
Messina	GAZZETTA DELL'ISOLA	Daily
"	NANNINA	Monthly
"	VITA NUOVA	Weekly
"	VERITA'	"
"	POLITICA E COMMERCIO	"
"	PIPUCCIO	Twice-Monthly
"	LA SCUOLA D'ITALIA	" "
"	DON MARZIO	Weekly
"	LA LIBERTA'	"
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"	IL LAVORO	"
S.Agata Militello (Messina)	LA RISCOSSA	"
Messina	IL PICCHIO	"
Castelvetrano (Trapani)	LA RINASCITA	Twice-Monthly
Alcamo (Trapani)	LA SENTINELLA	Weekly
Trapani	LA RIVISTA PER TUTTI	"
"	PANE E LAVORO AL POPOLO	One number
"	LA VOCE DEL POPOLO	Twice Monthly
"	VOMERE	Weekly
"	LA VOCE DEL CITTADINO	"
"	BRUSCA E STRIGLIA	Twice -Monthly
Mazara del Vallo (Trapani)	LA FIACCOLA	" "
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Palermo	"Sicilia Eroica"	Veterans'organ	Weekly	10.000
Syracuse	"Il Solletico"	Comic	Twice-Monthly	10.000

The following new applications were also tabled for consideration after August 1st.

Palermo	"Umanità"	Political, cultural Syndicate, historical & dedicated to youth	Weekly	40.000
Palermo	"Scienza ed Arte"	Literary, scientific and art	Weekly	10.000
Palermo	"L'Idea Letteraria" (By founders of late "Tempi Nuovi")	Literature	Weekly	10.000

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Thirty books were authorized for publication, 22 of them at Catania, (See Appendix "A").

One application, from Palermo, was refused. It was recommended that one book, a History of Germany from the first to the fourteenth centuries by Corrado Patta, be sent to the Education Committee, ACC, for consideration.

"Zanzara", the weekly comic of Messina, was authorized to publish four numbers (only)in order to exhaust its stock of paper.

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APPENDIX "A"

Catania	PARTITO DEMOCRATICO CRISTIANO
"	FONDAZIONI IN TERRENI INCOERENTI
"	L'ESAME DI AMMISSIONE ALLA SCUOLA MEDIA
"	L'ENCICLICA "RERUM NOVARUM"
Palermo	I PRIMI ELEMENTI DEL CATECHISMO
"	CICLI D'AUTUNNO
Caltanissetta	AI LAVORATORI
"	SENSO DELLA LETTERATURA AMERICANA CONTEMPORANEA
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"	" " (Traduzione dal latino)
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP
Psychological Warfare Branch, Unit No. 9.

MINUTES OF BARI AFB MEETING HELD 26TH JULY, 1944.

Present :

Mr. T.Russo, Chairman, Executive Secretary.
Major Knight, Supplies Officer, A.C.C
Lt. Col. McCleary, Executive Officer, A.C.C.
Lt. P. Mengoli, Italian Representative.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

1. PAPER SITUATION. The paper situation is still very bad. Major Knight reported, however, that he expected to receive fifteen tons of paper from Foggia within the next few days. It is hoped that a salvage campaign will soon be started and should be a great help though at the moment the Foggia paper mill in not equipped to use printed paper for the manufacturing of new paper.

2. APPLICATIONS APPROVED.

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BOOKS APPROVED:-

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Manuale d'istruzione per il Carabiniere	Bari Cultural	3000 copies 240 pages 8 qtls. paper	Approved for 8 qtls.
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Il Vaso di Pandora	Bari	12,000 copies	

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Il Vaso di Pandora	Bari Anti-fascist propaganda - Humorous.	12,000 copies 20 pages. 8 ctls paper.	4,000 copies approved.
Risorgere.	Lecce - Informativo Theory of Italian national reconstruction	50 pgs.	Approved without paper.

BOOKS REJECTED:-

Figlio di Tibullo	Bari Text-Book	500 copies 220 pages 4 ctls paper	Rejected pending improvement in paper situation

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

Minutes of Meeting of Naples Local Board held at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 24th July 1944.

PRESENT: Major A. Watts, Regional Security Officer, Region 3, (Chairman)
Major G. M. Sinclair Noble, P/B, Executive Secretary.
Lt. M. R. Corsetti, Military Censorship.
OBSERVER: Lt. E. L. Stuart, P/B, Press Office.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting, held on July 17, were read and approved.

2. APPLICATIONS REJECTED

BOLLETTINO DEGLI ANNUNZI - fortnightly. Circulation 1,000. Provincial Commissioner, A.C.C., states "not entirely necessary, especially in view of the ultimate resumption of FOGLIO DEGLI ANNUNZI LEGALI."
IL NOVELLIERE - monthly. Circulation 20,000. Literary review. Not essential.
IL IONIO - weekly. Circulation 1,000. Owned by Communist Party. Siderno, Province of Reggio Calabria. Communist Party already well represented. Not a publishing centre.
MONSIGNOR PERELLI - weekly. Circulation 30,000. Humorous satire. Previously rejected 19/4/44. No reason to change decision of Board.

3. An application was brought before the Board for a new daily IL GIORNO. Circulation 20,000. The Executive Secretary reported that this application arose out of an effort to combine three existing weeklies, IL GIORNO, LA LIBERTA and IL LAVORO d'ITALIA, but that no undertaking had yet been received that these weeklies would cease publication.

The Board agreed that the applicant be informed that no action could be taken until this undertaking was forthcoming.

4. The meeting adjourned.

27/7/44.

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Room 18, 62 Via Veneto
ROME

Special meeting of the Central APB
held in the above offices on 21
July 44, at 3:30 p.m.

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The Newsprint Sub-Committee undertook to examine the problem of newsprint importation and distribution in light of the new arrangement, their findings to be communicated to the Italian Government in due course.

Mr. Caccia pointed out that APB, in turning over to the Italian Government responsibility for the Press in territory under Italian Government jurisdiction, subject to APB confirmation, was conforming to the overall Allied plan for Liberated Italy. The Executive Secretary added that the Board was handing over a net-work of newspapers and other periodic publications which embraced the principle of freedom of political expression and met the social needs of the populace, given the limitations imposed by wartime economic conditions and military security.

Applications were approved and rejected, as per attached list. The meeting adjourned.

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

N.1074/SI
(Circular)

Rome, July.....

TO all Prefects of Territory under Italian Jurisdiction

SUBJECT : Directives of the Press.

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

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

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

(Text of Module a)

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

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d) An estimate of the quantities and kind of paper requested.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sgd.....

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62 Via Veneto
ROME

21 July 44.

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

Your Excellency,

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

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

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

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R2 21 July 1944.

Subject: Newspapers for Teramo and Pescara Provinces.

To: Lt Col S. Pickering, R.P.S.O., AMG Region V.

1. Reference your R5/514/10 dated 14 July 1944.

2. I have asked the Secretary of the Allied Publications Board to forward the necessary forms together with instructions for submission.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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Maj Fiske

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECTOR REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

REL:RC/401 20 July 1946

SUBJECT: Publishing di ZEITEN.

TO : Executive Commissioner
U.S. C.C.C. Section
U.K. C.C.C. HQ
Chief Public Relations Branch

Your RH/RR of 7 JUL.

1. The various discussions which have existed over the control of the above paper have now been clarified, and the paper will be treated under the same treatment as all other papers authorised by C.C.C. in Region I.

2. Copy of agreement expressing the terms for future publication of this paper is attached.

A.W. Hancock Roe

A. W. HANCOCK ROE
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN PWB AND "NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA"

July, 1944.

The publisher _____ and responsible editor _____ of "IL NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA", published at Messina, Via _____ and printed by _____ agree that in return for the furnishing of the United Nations News Service (Notizie Nazioni Unite) without charge by PWB. both by mail and by radio service, monitored by the newspaper's own staff, they, the publisher and responsible editor of "NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA" will conform to the general lines of the PWB press plan for Italy, and will follow the directives (guidance) issued for all PWB-assisted newspapers. The said paper shall be kept free from political controversy, any polemics tending to disturb public order or create disunity, and all material which might distract public attention from the main Allied and Italian Government goal, which is the winning of the war against Germany and the complete liberation of Italy from the German invader.

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PWB reserves the right to terminate this agreement with or without cause at any time, and without compensation. It is intended, however, to remain in vigor only for the length of time that High Allied Policy deems it advisable for PWB to interest itself in the activities of the Italian press; the ultimate aim being the restoration of the complete liberty of the press in Italy.

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APB 7.b.

ACCORDO FRA IL P.W.B. ED IL NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA

Luglio 1944

Il Direttore responsabile _____ e il redattore responsabile---------- del "NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA" pubblicato in Messina via_____ e stampato dalla_____ convengono che in cambio del servizio di notizie fornite dalle United Nations News Service (Notizie Nazioni Unite) a tramite del P.W.B. gratuitamente, sia per posta come a mezzo del servizio Radio intercettato dal personale proprio del giornale, ambedue, tanto il direttore responsabile quanto il redattore responsabile del menzionato giornale accettano di uniformarsi alle norme generali che regolano il piano di stampa del P.W.B. per l'Italia, e di eseguire le direttive emanate per tutti i giornali assistiti dal P.W.B.. In effetto detto giornale deve mantenersi estraneo da qualsiasi controversia politica o altre polemiche tendenti a disturbare l'ordine pubblico o creare comunque disunità, od ospitare qualsiasi altro materiale che possa allontanare l'attenzione del pubblico dalla principale meta dei Governi Alleato ed Italiano, ch'è quella di vincere la guerra contro la Germania e di liberare l'Italia completamente dall'invasore tedesco. 361

Si è Anche convenuto che "IL NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA" non deve rappresentare le vedute politiche di qualsiasi partito o di qualsiasi gruppo economico o di qualsiasi altra frazione, ma deve essere pubblicato in modo imparziale con notizie dei fatti. Allo scopo di avallare in modo speciale questo stesso avviamento, "IL NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA" conviene a pubblicare integralmente ed immediatamente tutti quegli ordini ufficiali, decreti e informazioni che da tempo

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Il "NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA" subirà la Censura Militare Alleata d'accordo con le direttive del Censore Militare Alleato.

E' anche convenuto che il P.W.B. impiegherà tutti gli sforzi per tramite dell'A.C.C. di assicurare al giornale il proprio fabbisogno di carta ed ad un prezzo

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dall'A.C.C. in accordo con le autorità Italiane, fin tanto chè il direttore responsabile del Giornale ed il Redattore Responsabile i rispettano ed agiscono nei termini di questo accordo o fintanto chè l'APB crede opportuno di far continuare il permesso di detta pubblicazione.

Il P.W.B. si riserva il diritto di terminare questo accordo con o senza causa a qualsiasi tempo, e senza compensazione. S'intende, tuttavia, di rimanere in vigore soltanto per quel tempo che l'Alta Politica Alleata riterrà consigliabile al P.W.B. d'interessarsi delle attività della stampa italiana tendente di ripristinare al completo la libertà di stampa della Nazione.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Psychological Warfare Branch, Unit No. 9

MINUTES OF APB BARI MEETING HELD
19TH JULY, 1944.

PRESENT:- Mr. T. Russo, Press Officer and Executive Secretary, APB
Major Knight, A.C.C. Supplies Officer (Observer)
Lt. Col. McCleary, Executive Officer A.C.C. (Observer)
Lt. J. Clarke, PWB Supplies Officer (Observer)
Lt. P. Mongelli, Italian Government (Observer)

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

2. PAPER SITUATION.

Major Knight reported that the paper situation was very bad at the moment. There is at present 150 tons of waste paper to be used for the manufacturing of new paper once the Foggia paper mill is put into operation. A large amount of paper could be collected if a salvage campaign were started.

Lt. Clarke confirmed Major Knight's statement as to the present critical situation. Fifteen tons of paper had that morning been despatched to Foggia to be shouted but would not be available for another ten days. In accordance with instructions received from A.C.C., Naples, the Foggia paper mill is having a trial run of its operations, started July 15th, in order to test all the machinery.

3. "POTENZA PROLETARIA." Mr. Russo informed those present that the weekly Communist paper, "Potenza Proletaria" had changed its title to "Azione Proletaria" as it has become the regional organ of this party.

4. "RINASCITA." An application for permission to continue publication of this bi-monthly paper from Mure Lucano (Potenza) was approved.

5. APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO BOARD.

Periodicals approved:-

	TITLE	CITY, AFFILIATION & CHARACTER	PERIODICAL	REMARKS
1	Le Lanterne	Bari Students publication	Weekly, 1 page 10,000 copies	Approved for 3000 copies when paper is available.
	U Panarjddo	Taranto No affiliation, local.	Single issue.	No paper requested.

Periodicals rejected:-

TITLE	CITY, AFFILIATION & CHARACTER	PERIODICAL	REMARKS

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2. PAPER SITUATION.

Major Knight reported that the paper situation was very bad at the moment. There is at present 160 tons of waste paper to be used for the manufacturing of new paper once the Foggia paper mill is put into operation. A large amount of paper could be collected if a salvage campaign were started.

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Periodicals rejected:-

TITLE	CITY, AFFILIATION & CHARACTER	PERIODICAL	REMARKS
Risabiance	Altamura Cultural - religious - for women	Monthly-2 pages 1000 copies 250 sheets of paper monthly	Altamura not a publishing centre. Untimely.
Il Tricolore	Bari Democrazia del Lavoro	Weekly - 2000 copies. 2 pages 64 Kgs. monthly.	"Rinascita", another paper submitted by the same party was rejected.

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Periodicals rejected (Continued)

TITLE	CITY, AFFILIATION & CHARACTER	PERIODICAL	REMARKS
L'Italia del Popolo	Bari Partito D'Azione	Weekly. Request for 24,000 copies - an increase of 12,000.	Paper shortage.
La Rassegna.	Bari No affiliation	Weekly, Increase of 50 Kgs. paper per week requested.	They are already getting 200 Kgs weekly.

BOOKS APPROVED

TITLE	CITY, AFFILIATION & CHARACTER.	COPIES AND OTHER DATA.	REMARKS
Course of Physics	Bari. Text-book	2000 copies. 400 pages. 5 quintals of paper.	Must wait until paper situation improves.
Cinizia. (Poetry)	Bari - Cultural	500 copies	No paper requested.
A little English-Italian dictionary of over 1600 words and expressions.	Bari - Cultural	2000 copies 1 Qtl of paper 22 pages.	
Ondin	Bari - Cultural literary.	1000 copies 12 pages	No paper requested.
Le leggi - 26 agosto, 1944.	Taranto A critical study of the law.	3000 - 3500 copies - 14 qtls of paper.	Approved for 1 qtl.
Fluent Italian for everybody	Bari - Teaching of Italian to Allied forces.	3000 copies 200 pages, 500 - 600 Kgs. of paper.	Approved for 3 qtls.

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BOOKS REJECTED.

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In Bassegna.	Bari No affiliation	Weekly. Increase of 50 Kgs. paper per week requested.	They are already getting 200 Kgs weekly.

BOOKS APPROVED

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Course of Physics	Bari. Text-book	2000 copies. 400 pages. 5 quintals of paper.	Must wait until paper situation improves.
Clinics. (P. Ary)	Bari - Cultural	500 copies	No paper requested.
A little English-Italian dictionary of over 1600 words and expressions.	Bari - Cultural	2000 copies 1 Qtl of paper 22 pages.	
Gemin	Bari - Cultural literary.	1000 copies 12 pages	No paper requested.
L. Lenne - 26 maggio, 1944.	Taranto A critical study of the law.	3000 - 3500 copies - 1½ qtls of paper.	Approved for 1 qtl.
Fluent Italian for everybody	Bari - Teaching of Italian to Allied forces.	3000 copies 200 pages. 500 - 600 Kgs. of paper.	Approved for 3 qtls.

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BOOKS REJECTED.

TITLE	CITY, AFFILIATION AND CHARACTER	COPIES AND OTHER DATA.	REMARKS
L. ala barba e biondo.	Bari Anti-fascist propaganda	12000 copies 90 pages. 1¼ qtls paper.	Paper shortage.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
PWB UNIT NO. 8 -- APO 512

MINUTES of Meeting of Naples
Local Board held at
10.30 a.m. on Monday
17 July 1944.

PRESENT: Major A. Watts, Regional Security Officer (Chairman),
Lieut. J. Davie, Military Censorship,
Major G.M. Sinclair Noble, PWB, Executive Secretary.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on July 10 were read. In Para. 4, the weekly 6 & 22 should be added after La Mezzora (ABC). (The two journals were treated jointly). The minutes were then approved.

2. APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED

La Voce (Giornale del Popolo) -- Authorised as daily with circulation of 50,000 to replace Avanti and L'Unità. Amount of newsprint authorised by Central Board on June 5 was 19 tons. This is not enough to print 50,000 copies. Application received for additional 2 tons of newsprint monthly to allow circulation authorised.

3. APPLICATIONS REJECTED

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Italiani d'Oggi -- Desired circulation 15,000. Applicant does not state if monthly, weekly, etc. Political, moral. No case put up to justify favorable consideration.

4. APPLICATIONS AWAITING OUTSIDE OPINIONS

Fiamme -- Circulation of 5,000-7,000; three times weekly desired. Political, literary, satirical. No case put up before Board, but approval recommended by Ministry of Interior. Board requested Exec.Sec. to ask Ministry for reasons for recommendation.

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L'Informatore Economico -- Weekly. Desired circulation 15,000. Financial and commercial news. Held for opinion of Industry and Commercial news. Held for opinion of Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission A.C.C.

5. REVISION OF AUTHORISATION

The Executive Secretary stated that in view of the issue of La Voce, and the probable issue of a second daily, it would be advisable to curtail the circulation of Risorgimento, at least temporarily. The Board recommended that circulation be reduced from 200000 to 180,000 allowing 70 tons of newsprint monthly, instead of the 80 tons previously authorised.

6. The meeting adjourned.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/ R2

17 July 1944

Subject: Journalistic agencies in Rome.

To: Colonel I.S. Munro, APB.

1. I send herewith a copy of the letter about which I spoke to you. You will no doubt clear it with SE Spataro.

2. I shall tell Col Poletti that I have referred the whole matter to the APB.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R2 17 July 1944

Subject; "Unione Proletaria"

To: Colonel Edwards, CSDIC

I wonder if you could help me on the subject to which the attached letter refers. The Allied Publications Board is not quite happy about taking the views of D Section PWB as final and would like to have a counter-check. If you could get me any information on this subject I should be very grateful. The Rome Press is a headache!

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

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Copia

UFFICIO STAMPA
DELL'A.C.C.

FRB/R2 C.

AI GIORNALI QUOTIDIANI DI ROMA.

Data l'attuale situazione, in deroga alle disposizioni precedenetemente comunicate da codesto Ufficio, da oggi e' autorizzata la pubblicazione di annunzi pubblicitari, interessanti il trasporto di p ersone e merci, con qualsiasi specie di automezzi.

ROMA 17 LUGLIO 1944.

(Sigd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
MAGGIORE,
CAPO UFFICIO STAMPA DELL'A.C.C.

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R2

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R2 17 July, 1944

To : Lt. Col. Robinson
Provincial Commissioner, Rieti.

1. Regarding the attached application I attach the form which should be filled in by the applicant for the Allied Publication Board's consideration.

2. The APB would value your comments as to the utility and the necessity for such a paper. As you will realize, stocks of newsprint are low.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director

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R2

OFFICE OF THE POLE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
Via Veneto 62

To: Major Fielden PRC. ACC. Room 32

Referring to the attached application for "PROVENCIA" at Metl, I would suggest that you forward to the applicant, through the local AMG officer, the usual form A for completion, and that the AMG officer, when returning same, give us the opinion as to the utility and necessity for such a paper.

J. F. BARNEY
Executive Secretary

June 17, 1944

Lt Col Robinson
P.C. Pubs

1. Regarding the attached application [illegible] 29%
[illegible]
2. The A.P.B. would value your comments as to the [illegible] and necessity of such a paper. Please [illegible]
[illegible]

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MODULO A

Modulo per domanda di pubblicazione di giornale

Il sottoscritto fa domanda di pubblicazione di un giornale dai dati ed elementi qui sotto elencati:

Nome della pubblicazione

Località della pubblicazione

Fine che si propone la pubblicazione

Stato finanziario

Eventuale affiliazione politica

Indicazione se si tratta di quotidiano, settimanale, mensile ecc.

Prezzo di vendita

Indirizzo e numero telefonico

Nome e indirizzo del Direttore responsabile

Nome e indirizzo del Vice-Direttore responsabile

Nome e indirizzo del Direttore Amministrativo

Nome del o dei vari proprietari

Nome della tipografia e del suo direttore

Numero di copie per ciascun numero

Formato e numero di pagine

Stima del quantitativo di carta mensile ritenuto necessario

Indicazione se si tratti di fogli o bobine

Indicazione della zona di circolazione

Indicazione di mezzi di circolazione

Indicazione del quantitativo di carta già in possesso al momento della domanda e luogo dove la medesima trovasi

Indicazione del quantitativo di carta che si ritiene verrà usata e del luogo dove la stessa si trova

(firma)

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Public Relations Br.
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TO : Public Relations Branch HQ.ACC

FROM : Region 5 HQ.A.A.G.

SUBJECT : Publication of Newspapers.

REF : R5/514/10

DATE : 14 July 1944.

HEADQUARTERS
17 LUG 1944
A. C. C.

Herewith copies of letters received from Teramo and Pescara Provinces re publication of newspapers.

May we have your observations please.

For Regional Commissioner.

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

RE/AL

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SUBJECT : Newspapers. PE/35.

TO : HQ Region 5 AMG. 11 July 44.

FROM : AMG PESCARA PROVINCE.

1. It is understood that Italian newspapers from BARI and NAPLES are circulating in the Province of Chieti.

2. May the necessary approval be given and arrangements made for the circulation of Newspapers within this Province.

3. May the necessary application forms for publication of Newspapers etc. together with instructions for submission, be forwarded to this HQ.

(signed) William R.COMET Maj.FL.& Admin O.
for Lt.Colonel.
Provincial Commissioner,
AMG PESCARA PROVINCE.

VR
Copy to : - Circ.File.

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SUBJECT : Publication of Newspapers.

Ref. TP/500

TO : HQs, AMG Region 5
(For attention of RPSO)

10th July 1944.

FROM : A.M.G. Teramo Province

1. Two applications have been received here for permission to print and publish newspapers for local and Provincials circulation.

2. The characters of the publishers making the application are satisfactory, and the proposed newspaper are independant in politics.

3. The titles of the newspapers are "LA RINASCITA" and "CORRIERE ABRUZZESE".

4. No directive is available at this office as to the channels through which such applications should pass.

May the applications be granted, please?

(Signed) H. MICHAIL
Major.
Provincial Public Safety Officer.
TERAMO PROVINCE.

H/LL

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PROF. LEO MAGNINO
della Facoltà di Scienze Politiche della R. Università di Roma
Tel. 870268
Roma Via Mont. Parioli, 40

July 1944

LA CULTURA NEL MONDO - Rivista bimestrale che si propone di illustrare i vari problemi culturali riguardanti i diversi Paesi e l'apporto dato da ciascuno di essi alla civiltà.

Gli articoli saranno perloppiù di carattere informativo, così da mettere a disposizione dei lettori, al di fuori di ogni pregiudiziale politica, gli elementi atti a una compiuta conoscenza dei problemi culturali di tutto il Mondo.

La collaborazione alla LA CULTURA NEL MONDO è aperta a tutti gli studiosi stranieri che offrano sicura garenzia di serietà scientifica e culturale. Sulle questioni culturali di un determinato Paese potrà trattare solamente un collaboratore che appartenga a quello stesso Paese.

Gli articoli verranno pubblicati in italiano o in francese o in inglese.

Per il I numero, che dovrà be venire stampato il 1° settembre, sono stati invitati a collaborare i seguenti Autori, alcuni dei quali hanno già inviato la loro collaborazione:

Cina: dr. Cheou Kang Sié, ministro presso la S. Sede

Danimarca : prof. Kund Ferlov (L'opera di Sören Kierkegaard)

India : prof. Reyaz ul-Hasan (The concept of culture in India)

Inghilterra : dr. Sprigge

Paesi Baltici : prof. Arnold Spekke, già ministro di Lettonia (La poésie populaire et la littérature lettonne)

Polonia : prof. Mattia Loret, ministro del Governo Polacco (L'essenza dell'arte polacca)

Svezia : J. Lagerberg, Ministro di Svezia a Roma (La musica in Svezia) ; dr.ssa Gunhild Bergh

Svizzera : dr. Otto Schmid

U.S.A. : H. Mattews, del New York Herald; dr. Cott.

ecc. ecc.

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LA TRIBUNA

Il giornale "La Tribuna" di Roma è uno dei più antichi e autorevoli giornali italiani.

Esso venne fondato nel 1883 dai partiti liberali di sinistra riunitisi sotto cinque autorevoli capi, che furono detti i pentarchi, e rispondevano agli autorevoli nomi politici di: Cairoli, Crispi, Zanardelli, Nicotera e Baccarini. Essi concepirono di"fondare in Roma un grande giornale politico concorrendo così all'incremento e all'ordinamento della stampa liberale". Il primo numero uscì il 26 novembre 1883, all'indomani della ricostituzione avvenuta a Napoli del partito di Sinistra.

Il primo direttore fu l'allora deputato Luigi Roux, già direttore della Gazzetta Piemontese. Redattore-capo l'avv. Attilio Luzzatto, che era anteriormente direttore della Stampa e che successivamente, per il ritiro dell'on.Roux, divenne direttore della Tribuna (alla quale dette un più spiccato carattere democratico) e deputato.

Poco dopo la proprietà totale del giornale passò ad uno degli azionisti fondatori: don Maffeo Barberini Colonna dei principi Sciarra, che si dette alla vita politica riuscendo eletto deputato di sinistra e profuse nella Tribuna gran parte del suo patrimonio portandola a grande altezza. Apparvero allora nel giornale articoli di Giosuè Carducci, Gabriele D'Annunzio, Enrico Panzacchi, Paolo Mantegazza, Anton Giulio

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Barrili, Ferdinando Martini e i più autorevoli nomi della politica, dell'arte e delle lettere.

Anche la redazione venne successivamente arricchita con i migliori giornalisti dell'epoca. Gabriele d'Annunzio vi divenne collaboratore stabile e si occupò di politica e di mondanità con lo pseudonimo di "Duca Minimo". Vi entrarono pure: Giacomo Gobbi Beloredi, che fu il primo redattore viaggiante italiano (poi i redattori viaggianti si chiamarono "inviati speciali") e come tale girò il mondo facendo importanti servizi giornalistici, l'avv.Eugenio Rubichi (Richel) famoso ironista e umorista, l'avv.Vincenzo Morello (Rastignac) apprezzato e popolare scrittore politico e letterario e abile polemista, Luigi Lodi (Il Saraceno) il migliore allievo di Carducci, l'avv.Salvatore Barzilai divenuto poi deputato e ministro durante la guerra 1915-1918, Luigi Mercatelli specializzato in questioni africane, e molti altri.

Morto prematuramente il Luzzatto, la Tribuna tornò a Luigi Roux, poi nominato senatore, che ne fu direttore e proprietario dal 1900 al 1910 e che conservò quasi tutta la brillante redazione di cui si è dato sopra qualche nome. Il senatore Roux fu uno dei più ascoltati amici e consiglieri di Giovanni Giolitti al quale fu legato da una fedele affettuosa amicizia. Pertanto il suo giornale sostenne sempre inalterabilmente la politica dell'onorevole Giolitti.

Frattanto la Tribuna era sempre più cresciuta di diffusione e di importanza sia in Italia che all'Estero ove pure ebbe

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grande credito e autorità. E codesto credito, nonchè affievo lirsi, si accrebbe durante la direzione del senatore Olindo Malagodi che la tenne con molto decoro dal 1910 alla fine del 1923. Il Malagodi, il quale era stato prima per lunghi anni corrispondente della stessa Tribuna da Londra ove lasciò buon ricordo di sè per il suo valore e per la sua rettitudine politica e personale, dette al giornale più accentuato carattere democratico e in questa linea ne accrebbe e migliorò la collaborazione chiamando fra gli altri lo storico Guglielmo Ferrero e l'economista Maffeo Pantaleoni.

Alla fine del 1923, quando il regime fascista cominciò a limitare la libertà di stampa, il Malagodi e la maggioranza della redazione politica lasciarono il giornale la cui direzione venne assunta da Tullio Giordana.

Cominciò allora la decadenza dell'accreditato organo che dopo un anno, e precisamente nel 1925, cambiò proprietà e direzione. Quest'ultima venne assunta da Roberto Forges Davanzati, che era stato prima socialista e poi nazionalista e che inviase nella Tribuna il poco diffuso giornale del partito nazionalista "L'Idea Nazionale" insieme con alcuni suoi collaboratori.

Morto il Forges Davanzati la direzione del giornale venne data dal Governo (che aveva già cominciato a ingerirsi direttamente e totalmente nei giornali sino a nominarne direttori e redattori al di fuori e al di sopra dei proprietari e degli editori) a Umberto Guglielmotti il quale era stato sino

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allora al di fuori del giornalismo militante limitandosi a pubblicare un periodico settimanale del partito fascista.

Si ha ragione di ritenere che la Tribuna, opportunamente migliorata e diretta e ricondotta alle sue origini di giornale liberale e democratico, potrebbe riacquistare il grande credito e l'antica autorità di cui ha goduto per molti anni in Italia e all'Estero.

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A G E N D A

Central APB Meeting, 11.7.44

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1. Report of Paper Sub-Committee.
2. Pro-Fascist Newspapers (see attached memorandum).
3. Report on Press Law " "
4. Italian Government and APB project for handover (see attached).
5. Party Youth Organs.
6. Minutes of Palermo Local APB, June 27.
   " Sardinia " June 3, 26.
   " Bari " May 31, June 7, 14, 21.
   " Naples " June 12, 21, 26.
   " Catanzaro " June 12, 21, 26.
7. Lo Verde's plea.
8. Naples Christian Democrat's plea.
9. Censorship Action, Palermo.
10. " " Salerno & Enna.
11. LA VERITA and GIOVENTU of Salerno.
12. LA RISATA plea (Naples).

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7 July 44.

CONFERENCE with Under-Secretary of the Interior Sig. Spataro and Major Rossini, Italian Government Press Officer.

SUBJECT : Press Law.

TO : Mr. George W. Edman, ADPWO (Lib) Italy.

1. The Under-Secretary explained that pending consideration of the projected Press Law by the cabinet he proposed sending a circular of instructions to the Prefects substantially based on the points of the suggested Press Law itself.

2. Copy of the suggested circular to Prefects was left with me. I consider it a first-class document. The salient points are: Recognition that it is a Commission and not the Prefect which has exclusive power to authorise, suspend or revoke publications; that the only preventive censorship is military; and that "political crimes are excluded from any application of the existing penal code" (which is, of course, still the Fascist one until that can be adjusted by the Italian Government some time hence).

3. The Under-Secretary believes that it might be a month or so before this circular could be transformed into terms of a decree by the cabinet, but in any case this makes it applicable de facto though not de jure.

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

Copy to: Mr. Rayner.
Col. Upjohn.
✓ Major Fielden. — F.Y.I.

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Reflections on the Rome Press Situation

1. The Roman press is the first example of a complete capital city - and almost national - press which has fallen into our hands intact, undamaged, in full running order, with its full complement of journalists, agencies, records, and printing establishments. In this it differs fundamentally from the press of previously-occupied territory which had been so damaged and disintegrated as to provide a vacuum into which a completely new set-up could easily be introduced, and, owing to its limited scale, easily controlled.

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5. The PWB endeavoured to exercise a rigid control over the whole Rome press, but it was soon evident that such control - at least on the lines adopted at Naples - was not in fact feasible. The control of ten daily newspapers cannot be channelled through a single office. Rome newspapers were not, and will not be, content with a limited service such as the U.K.B.S., and the journalists of Rome cannot be prevented from reporting or inventing news or formulating views. Moreover any rigid and propagandist control will be countered immediately by criticism and a natural tendency to be "again the government".

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Appendix "B"

MONTHLY CONSUMPTION OF NEWSPRINT IN SICILY

as of July 28, 1944

Papers authorizedand printing:

Place	Name	Copies	Periodic	Kilos	
Palermo	"Giornale di Sicilia"	50.000	Daily	24,000	
"	"Azione del Popolo"	5.000	Weekly	170	
"	"Voce Comunista"	5.000	"	170	
"	"Voce Socialista"	5.000	"	170	
"	" Popolo e Libertà"	5.000	"	170	
"	"L'Ora Nuova"	3.000	"	100	
"	"Becco Giallo"	10.000	"	640	
"	"Novella Settimanale"	2.000	"	270	
"	"Radio Rivista"	3.000	"	390	
"	"La Rondine Sportiva"	1.000	"	32	
"	"La Voce Cattolica"	3.000	Fortnightly	50	
"	"Economia Siciliana"	2.000	"	70	
"	"Giornale di Medicina"	1.000	Monthly	40	
"	"Foro Siciliano"	2.000	"	80	
"	"Ai Nostri Amici"	2.000	"	60	
					26,412
Catania	"Corriere di Sicilia"	30.000	Daily	14,000	
Messina	"Notiziario di Messina"	10.000	"	2,250	
Caltanissetta	"La Vita Siciliana"	2.000	Twice weekly	150	
Enna	"Il Solco"	2.000	Thrice weekly	200	
Ragusa	"La Gazzetta"	5.000	Twice weekly	500	
"	"Vita Nuova"	300	Monthly	12	
Trapani	"Alcione"	1.000	Fortnightly	64	
				43.588	17.176

Papers authorized but not yet printing:

Palermo	"Il Lavoratore"	2.500	Weekly	80	
"	"Bollettino della Soc. dei Concerti"	500	Fortnightly	10	
"	"Nuova Critica	1.000	Monthly	32	
"	"Bollettino del Lavoro"	1.000	"	32	
"	"Sicilia Agricola"	2.000	"	70	311
"	"La Legge"	1.000	"	40	
"	"Scienza e Umanità"	500	"	25	
Catania	"Bol.d.l.Soc.Med.Quirug.	200	Quarterly	10	
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"	"Bollettino Medico"	300	Quarterly	9	
			Total anticipated	44.046	458

N.B. - According to latest information Sicily will receive monthly 74 tons of newsprint in rolls, plus 16 tons of flatbed paper. Administration newsprint requirements are not expected to exceed 30 tons monthly, leaving 44 tons monthly for newspapers without drawing upon present stock of approximately 150 tons, or the 16 tons of flatbed paper expected monthly.

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The tighter the control attempted, the more certain is the reaction against the PWB, the party papers and even the parties themselves. There is already a clear current of opinion to the effect that the six parties constitute "an antifascist dictatorship" and this opinion is largely a result of the "press plan" imposed.

6. At its meeting on July 4 the AFB licensed three more daily papers fathered by partisans or clandestine workers. This makes already a total of 12 daily newspapers. It seems probable that the Italian Government itself, in view of the accusation of monopoly brought against the six party papers, will press for the republication (possibly under different names) of Il Messagero, Il Giornale d'Italia, Il Popolo and La Tribuna. Certainly there will be public pressure, though it is masked for the moment by the monopoly of the six. If these papers are republished there would be 16 daily papers; and the Government will certainly claim its own paper to replace the Corriere of Palermo, making 17. No wonder that a "shortage of paper" is feared! But if anything is certain it is certain that, if there is any question of paper shortage, 17 daily papers cannot justify their existence.

7. Meanwhile the press itself is in confusion. No real epuration has been carried out. Accusations are being made openly against journalists in the employ of authorized papers. The PWB itself has employed suspect people, e.g. the whole staff of the Vedo agency whom it decided, after a month, to sack. Papers are seized because published without permission: legally this is correct, but the promoters may complain, not without justice; that they have worked for the Allied cause and that the "shortage of paper" which is the official reason for their suppression, is either a myth (as it may be since the latest researches indicate a stock of 1,000 tons in Rome and a supply of 200 tons a month from Rome mills and 400 tons from Naples) or the result of a crazy policy of imposing 12 unpopular and unknown daily newspapers on Rome. It is in fact very doubtful whether the six party newspapers sell anything like the quantity they print, but so far this has not been checked.

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without it, we shall undoubtedly have a spawn of irresponsible and ex-Fascist journalists roaming at will through Liberated Italy and affecting public opinion at a very critical period.

10. The freedom of the Press - by which is meant the right to express popular opinion, except of course Fascist opinion - can only be obtained if the Italian people is permitted to choose the type and number of its papers. In other words there must be a free, and not artificially imposed or subsidised, market for newspapers. Admittedly this is not easy because the element of financial subsidy, whether introduced by State, party, or private enterprise, is difficult to avoid. But the point here is that under present circumstances it can probably, with goodwill and careful work, be done. It is, as I see it, a question of the APB putting itself, so to speak, into reverse. Instead of attempting at its meetings the quite impossible task - for which moreover it is quite unfitted - of assessing the merits of a newspaper or periodical before its publication, it should at each meeting assess, on the basis of accurate figures, the success or failure of those already published, and its decisions should simply determine which publications have earned the right to continue. It goes without saying that the APB would also have the duty of safeguarding minority opinion, but this does not affect the argument that the work of APB should be to guide and control the issue of paper to publications on their merits instead of denying publication before any merit or demerit can be properly assessed.

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LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
167, Corso Umberto I
N A P L E S

MINUTES of Meeting of Naples Local APB held at the above offices at 2.30 p.m., Monday, 10th July 1944.

PRESENT: Capt. J.N. Lummus, Region III, ACC (Chairman),
Major G.N. Sinclair Noble, Executive Secretary,
Lt. J. Davie, Military Censorship.

Observer:

Mr. R.G. Shorney, Press Office, Naples.

1. Minutes of previous meeting on 3rd July were approved.

2. The Executive Secretary reported that he had requested Economics and Supplies Sub-Commission to send a representative to the Board meeting when necessary to advise the Board on the newsprint situation. The Sub-Commission replied that owing to shortage of staff it was impossible to do this, but they would send a report on newsprint stocks at the end of each week.

Today's newsprint situation as follows:

In Stock	:	173½ tons.
Due to arrive in 2/3 weeks	:	129 tons.

3. APPLICATIONS:

The following applications for licence were approved by the Board:

LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA - Following precedent of Central Board. Weekly. Circulation 4000.

SOLIDARIETA' - Educational. Editor, Olga Arcuno, strongly recommended by authorities. Monthly. Circ. 5000.

SETTIMANA - Temporarily suspended in May. Re-authorisation granted following adjustments.

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4. The following applications were rejected, subject to confirmation of the Central Board:

STORIA - Cultural Bi-Monthly - circulation 10,000. Considered unessential.

L'OASI - Letters and Art. Bi-Monthly - circulation 5,000. Considered unessential.

LA MEZZORA - Both satirical, humorous. Reputations previously good, but in both cases editors dead. Relatives without journalistic reputations apply to revive publications. Not recommended.

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DEMOCRAZIA - Independent weekly. Circ. 10,000. Considered unessential.

CORRIERE FINANZIARIO - Financial and commercial news. Weekly. Circ. 5,000. Previously rejected. Case against proprietor for unauthorised publication in Court.

AZIONE - Official Organ Partito d'Azione. Weekly. Application to increase size from 2 to 4 pages and circulation from 7,000 to 15,000, involving increase in newsprint from 2 to 8 Qnts.

Not considered timely to expand in Salerno, in view of departure of Government.

BOLLETTINO DEGLI ANNUNZI - Financial and commercial, Benevento. Purports to take place of FOGLIO DEGLI ANNUNZI LEGALI of Benevento Prefettura journal, not yet publishing. Bi-Monthly. Circ. 1,000. Referred to ACC for opinion.

5. BEACHHEAD NEWS - Troop Morale Paper:

Application for loan of 10 tons of newsprint for period of one to two months. Board decided, in view of recommendation from Rome, to grant application. Five tons granted forthwith. Remainder on arrival of next assignment.

6. UNAUTHORISED PUBLICATIONS:

Executive Secretary advised the Board of progress made in regularising situation. Cases against most flagrant offenders in course of preparation. Hoped to convene superior courts for cases BANDIERA ROSSA and L'IDEA next week.

7. Meeting adjourned.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTER
Psychological Warfare Branch
Information and Censorship Section
PWB Unit N°6 -APO 550

MINUTES of the tenth Meeting of the Sicily Local Allied Publications Board, held at the A.C.C. offices in Palermo at 4.p.m. July 10th, 1944.

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PRESENT : Bernard Bevan, PWB Press Officer. Sicily.
(Chairman & Executive Secretary)
Col. Hancock, Regional Commissioner, A.C.C.
Capt. D.C. Orback, Allied Military Press Censor.
Capt. Hunter, Economics & Supply, A.C.C.
Sig. Giorgianni, Ufficio Stampa, High Commissariat for Sicily.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, July 5, were approved.

Matters arising from the last meeting were deferred for full consideration until after Mr. Bevan's journey to Messina and Catania, to begin on July 11th... with, however, the following exeptions :-

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2. Captain Hunter informed the Board of the following monthly shipments of paper etc., to begin in August.

To Palermo.	37	tons of newsprint in rolls
	8	tons in flatbed.
	1	ton flatbed ink.
	2	tons of rotary ink.
To Catania.	37	tons of newsprint in rolls.
	8	tons in flatbed.

Mr. Bevan agreed to find out whether flatbed paper could be used in Catania, Messina, Ragusa and Syracuse.

3. The following application was approved.

Place	Name	Character	Periodic.	Copies
Palermo	"NUOVA CRITICA"	Literary, organized by Univer-	Monthly	1.000

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4. The following applications were rejected.

Place	Name	Character	Periodic.	Copies
Palermo	"NOSTRO TEMPO"	Literary, popular	Weekly	3.000
Palermo	"RIVOLTA DEGLI UOMINI LIBERI"	Democratic, all local parties	One number	2.000
Palermo	"IL DIRITTO PROLETARIO"	Political-legal	Twice-monthly	1.000
Caltanissetta	"LA FORBICE"	News & humour	Weekly	2.000

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Caltanissetta	"L'ECO"	Democrazia del Lavoro, News etc.	Thrice-Weekly	2.000
Caltanissetta	"IL POPOLO"	Democrazia Cristiana, syndicate, cultural.	Twice weekly	2.000

5. The following applications were deferred.

Place	Name	Character	Periodic	Copies
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Palermo	"LA PATTUGLIA"	Organ of Centre anti-fascists.	Weekly	3.000

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"La Pattuglia". This was deferred till local APB had received notice from Central APB that a paper with similar functions o for this organization existed on the mainland.

Col.Hancock asked Sig. Giorgianni for information regarding Domenico Lo Giudice, leader of an organization calling itself the "Ordine Nazionale dei non Iscritti nel disciolto PNF". From Sig.Giorgianni's account there was nothing derogatory known of this man. The organizations' notices can be published in local

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papers provided no personal attacks or polemics are included. The leader is advised, however, to omit the word "Nazionale" in such notices since it exists exclusively at Palermo.

The meeting adjourned at 6,30 p.m.

Distribution :

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1 Lt.Col.Munro
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1 George Edman
1 Capt. Hunter
3 Col.Hancock
3 Sig.Giorgianni
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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
A L L I E D P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D

62 Via Veneto
ROME

10 July 44.

SUBJECT : Unauthorised Newspapers.

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

I attach copy of the measures taken to mitigate prosecution in the case of FERMENTI. I would like your views on the second paragraph of Mr. Barney's memo which please return.

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

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
Via Veneto 62

To: Col. Munro

From: Press Officer

Subject: Impending Prosecution of "FERMENTI" and "UNIONE PROLETARIA"

I called today on Major Battersby in an endeavour, according to your wish, to stop the above prosecution. This is not possible. The editors of these two papers have committed an offence in printing and publishing these without Allied consent and prosecution must follow any sequestration. All that can be done is, in the event that the accused plead guilty, that A.P.W., representative at the trial inform the judge that these cases have been brought to serve as a warning only, and that nominal punishment only is asked for. In the event that the accused plead not guilty, the trial will proceed on normal lines. The police will arrange to inform the judge ahead of A.F.B.'s attitude.

In answer to my query as to whether in the future, only sequestration could be effected, the legal attitude is that prosecution must follow in every case, as an infringement must have been committed to justify sequestration. It seems to me that police action should therefore only be requested in very drastic cases, otherwise valuable time is going to be lost in attending trials of trivial cases, and much bad blood will also be created.

J.G. Barney

J.G. BARNEY
Press Officer

July 7, 1944

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
APO 794 U.S. Army

TO : Mr. George W. Edman, ADPWO (Lib) Italy.

FROM : Lt.Col. I. S. Munro, Chief Press Officer. Italy.

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Ex-Clandestine Round-up

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LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA. This paper works for a republic on the model of the Risorgimento Mazzini Republican.

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Third Priority Papers

These are noted, together with the above mentioned political papers, on the attached list.

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Apart from the 200 applications which have been put into cold storage, the only outstanding Press headache in Rome is now that of those papers with a pre-Fascist history, namely MESSAGGERO, GIORNALE D' ITALIA, LA TRIBUNA and IL MONDO. In my innocence I thought I had solved this problem in principle (see para 2, report of June 1). but I have since learned that such a plan would have left a trail of litigation behind us. A Commissario is an office identified in Fascist laws only with state or semi-state institutions but not with private or joint stock companies. Having imbibed this learning I opened a new angle of attack on the subject and got Col. Poletti to agree that "all individuals or companies applying to publish pre-Fascist newspapers must undertake to appoint a sole administrator in place of any existing or proposed board of directors. The name of such administrator must be submitted for acceptance or refusal by the Regional Commissioner of the area in which application is made and in which the periodical is to be published. The administrator will be responsible: a) for the epuration of all employees; b) for the prevention of any eventual infiltration of any elements which come under the epuration orders of the Allied and Italian authorities, and c) for assurance that shares held by the company do not change hands without the explicit consent of the Regional Commissioner."

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Press Law

In my conference with the Under-Secretary he explained that pending consideration of the projected Press Law by the cabinet he proposed sending a circular of instructions to the Prefects substantially based on the points of the suggested Press Law itself. I examined the circular and found it a first-class document. It brought up all the salient

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points of the proposed Press Law itself and included a) recognition that it is a Commission and not the Prefect which has exclusive power to authorise, suspend or revoke publications; b) that the only preventive censorship is Allied Military Censorship, and c) that "political crimes" are excluded from any application of the existing penal code (which is, of course, still the Fascist one until that can be adjusted by the Italian Government some time hence).

That circular should be in the hands of the Prefects by the time this report is in the hands of the reader.

APB

The Under-Secretary informed me that the Italian Government was working out a plan for the smooth assumption of APB functions in the Kingdom of Italy as apart from ACC territory. I listened to this plan because it seemed to forestall a movement already calculated by PWB as a solution of the ever increasing personnel problem and in keeping with our declared intention of eventually handing back the Italian Press to the Italian people, completely.

Italian Draft Proposal

The procedure is roughly as follows:

a) In ACC territory the APB functions as at present with the addition of the Italian Government advisor;

b) In the Kingdom of Italy the Italian Government would set up a Commission to examine Press and newspaper problems and made recommendations;

c) These recommendations would be passed to the Central APB for approval or rejection;

d) If rejected by APB, and the Italian Government still felt that it should not concur in the rejection--an eventuality which they considered unlikely--the point would be submitted for the decision of AFHQ.

e) Ten days or a week before each meeting of the Italian Commission the agenda, together with the text of any motions or proposals to be brought before the Commission, would be sent to the Central APB for its information;

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It was agreed that APB had already broken the back of the Press problem in Liberated Italy.

Wall Bulletins

Wall bulletins, totalling 7,800 were disseminated from Rome throughout the city and surrounding provinces this week. Back areas in the Alban hills and forward areas up to the battle line of Perrugia were covered. In agreement with the Italian Government spokesman, the Italian Press Office will cooperate with us in supplying cabinet news, etc., to the bulletin, on the model of Bari, and to help their prestige the bulletin will be marked, after arrival of the Italian Government in Rome, as issued by "PWB and Italian Government Press Office." Meanwhile plans have been made to bring out a special number in cooperation with Mr. Peter Rhodes and ACC with special reference to the Granai del Popolo.

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Rome Operation

During this past month my weekly reports have been dedicated almost exclusively to the Rome operation with sketchy reference to the work in other centres. The general Italian character of the Press principles being applied in the capital explain this. I wish to make it clear, however, that in great part the burden of these operations, in their practical application, have been carried out by the Rome Press Officer, Mr. Barney, and the assistant Press Officer, Capt. Isolani. I am stating this, not to hand out bouquets, but to make it clear why there has not been a specific Rome Press Officer report, dated as such.

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

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

PRB/R2

7 July 1944

Subject: FERMENTI and COSMOPOLITA

To: Lt Col I.S. Munro, Chief Press Officer, PWB.

You spoke to me the other day, if I am not mistaken, about the rival claims of Fermenti and Cosmopolita. If Briazzi has anything to do with Cosmopolita I would refer you to his cartoon in l'Industria della Stampa of November - December 1942, page 305. He scarcely seems a suitable person.

Sd/

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

PRB/R2 7 July 1944

Subject: Corriere di Roma

To: Colonel A.N. Hancock, Regional Commissioner, Region I.

1. I have recently had some correspondence with the PWB on the subject of the "Corriere di Messina". The PWB suggestion was that this paper continue to be controlled, as ACC property, by Colonel Ramsey, working to the directives of the PWB.

2. I feel, and the Political Section agree, that such a state of affairs is inadmissible. It is clearly wrong for ACC to own a newspaper, and I think it is also quite wrong for the PWB to maintain a "hidden" control over a newspaper operating in territory handed over to the Italian Government. I think that you probably share this view.

3. The Acting Chief Commissioner directs that this paper and its assets be handed over to the Italian Government and treated on the same basis as other papers operating in territory handed over to that Government.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Copy: to: Executive Commissioner
Secretary-General
Colonel Ramsey, Provincial Commissioner, Messina 271

S.E. Spataro.

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

PRB/R2 7 July 1944

Subject: Corriere di Messina

To: Lt Col I.S. Munro, Chief Press Officer, PWB

1. Reference your letter of July 3 on the subject of the Corriere di Messina.

2. It is clearly inadmissible that the ACC should own a newspaper, or that a Provincial Commissioner should control a newspaper under PWB directives in territory handed over to the Italian Government.

3. The Acting Chief Commissioner directs that the paper and its assets be handedover to the Italian Government and treated on the same lines as other newspapers circulating in their territory.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

PRB/R2. 5 July 1944.

Subject: Corriere di Messina.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner
(through Deputy Executive Commissioner)

The case to which the attached papers refer is so unusual that I should like a decision from you. In brief, a newspaper, "Il Corriere di Messina" was started under the auspices of AMG in September 1943: various quarrels have developed, and the PWB now suggest that the paper be controlled by Colonel Ramsey, Provincial Commissioner for Messina, under the direction of PWB. There is a profit of 400,000 lire to the paper's credit, and a fair amount of stock. The circulation is 5,000 daily.

In my opinion, which is shared by Mr Reber, the PWB proposal is quite inadmissible. ACC should not own a paper and PWB should not seek to maintain a kind of "hidden hand" control over newspapers in territory handed over to the Italian Government.

I would suggest that this paper be handed over to the Italian Government and treated on the same lines as others circulating in their territory.

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LIONEL HILDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Psychological Warfare Branch
APO 794 U.S. Army

3 July 44.

SUBJECT : CORRIERE DI MESSINA.

TO : Major Lionel Fielden,
Public Relations Director,
Allied Control Commission.

1. In order to avoid duplication and overlapping, I suggest that Col. Ramsey be invited to act on behalf of PWB with regard to CORRIERE DI MESSINA in terms of the attached memorandum from myself to Mr. Edman, of June 24. Please let me know your opinion and what action you are taking, and at the same time return me the enclosed dossier. I understand that Col. Hancock would be agreable to such an arrangement.

2. If this line is agreable to you I will arrange for Col. Ramsey to receive all necessary directives as speedily as possible. In point of fact, the change-over would not make any appreciable difference in what is being done just now except that Col. Ramsey would be safeguarded from an additional responsibility.

3. In the event of Col. Ramsey, in turn, being withdrawn from Messina, the directive on the paper could revert to our PWB man in Catania, Mr. Carbutt.

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

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Via Presidente
Pol. Sec

Ma. I have given opinion on two recent struggles between Ramsey & Hancock in Sardegna. Can I avoid being involved with a bit of his mind? Personally I think it premature of Ramsey to act as PWB's agent in Messina.

L Fielden

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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

6 Via Veneto
ROME

6 July 44.

SUBJECT : Newsprint.

TO : Major Green.
Lt.Col. Brown.
Major Leacacos.
Capt. Piscop.

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1. This is to remind you that the Chairman, at the last meeting of the Central Board, asked the newly-appointed Paper Sub-Committee "to go into all questions affecting the newsprint situation and to report back to the Board at its next meeting."

2. Specifically, the Sub-Committee was asked to:

a) Get LA PATRIE to agree to look to Army sources for their newsprint supplies;

b) Discuss with the Resources Board, AAI, APB's mandate for the control of all paper stocks (amendment to Administrative Memorandum No. 89, dated 15 Feb. 44);

c) Cooperate with the Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission, ACC, with a view to getting mills into operation;

d) Tidy up Bari newsprint situation;

e) Investigate civilian and military flatbed needs in Naples;

f) Inquire into 5 Army's demand for a carload of paper to print 5 Army Guide Book to Rome.

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

OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL

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

Room 18, 62 Via Veneto
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AUTHORISED ROME NEWSPAPERS and other periodic publications
6 July 44

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Communist	UNITA	"
Christian Democrat	IL POPOLO	"
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Democratico del Lavoro	RICOSTRUZIONE	"
Liberal	RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE	"
Other Ex-Clandestine		
Monarchist	ITALIA NUOVA	Daily
Independent	TEMPO	"
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Catholic Communist	VOCE OPERAIA	Weekly
Partisans	PARTIGIANO	"
Independent	L'OPINIONE	"
Religious		
Catholic Action	QUOTIDIANO	Daily
"	BOLLETTINO UFFICIALE	Monthly
"	IL MAESTRO	Every two months
"	COLOMBO	Weekly
Church magazine	BOLLETTINO DI PZZA CAVOUR	Monthly
Feast day leaflet	LA PAROLA DI DIO	Occasional
Missionary magazine	REGINA DEGLI APOSTOLI	Monthly
"	IL MESSAIA	Monthly
"	IL MONTE CARMELO	Monthly
"	THE PYLON	Quarterly
Medical	IL POLICLINICO	Weekly
	CUORE E CIRCOLAZIONE	Monthly
	LA CLINICA OSTETRICA	Monthly
	IL VALSALVA	Monthly
Legal	IL NOTARO	Fortnightly

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Escapist		
Humorous	CANTACHIARO	Weekly
Humorous	RUGANTINO	Thrice-weekly
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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
22, Via Niccolò dell'Arca, Bari

MINUTES OF APB BARI MEETING
HELD AT ABOVE OFFICES ON
JULY 5th, 1944
at 1700 Hours.

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TITLE	CITY AFFILIATION & CHARACTER	PERIODICAL	REMARKS
Germinal	Lecce Educational Political	Bi-monthly 1.500 copies 1 sheet	Paper shortage untimely

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TITLE	CITY AFFILIATION & CHARACTER	PERIODICAL	REMARKS
Il Giornale di Bari	Bari Literary	Weekly 5.000 copies 1 page	Paper shortage Untimely
L'Orifiamma	Bari Political	One number 5.000 copies 2 pages	Paper shortage untimely
La Bottega dei Quattro	Lecce Cultural	Weekly 5.000 copies 2 pages	Paper shortage Untimely

Books approved:

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Psychological Warfare Branch
Information and Censorship Section
PWB Unit No.6-APO 550
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LIBERAL PARTY ORGAN. On this very important question, Sig.Giorgianni informed the Board that he would speak with V.E.Orlando, who had just arrived from Rome.

The Board then passed to consideration of new applications. The following were approved and submitted to the Central APB for final consideration.

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APPLICATIONS APPROVED.

Place	Name	Character	Periodic	Cond
Palermo	"BOLLETTINO DEL LAVORO PER LA SICILIA"	Official Organ of Ufficio Regionale del Lavoro	Monthly	1,000
Palermo	"SICILIA AGRICOLA"	Organ of Lega Agricoltori (Provincia di Palermo)	Monthly	2,000

CONSIDERATIONS. The applicant for "Bollettino del Lavoro per la Sicilia" is Enrico La Loggia, nephew of the leader of the "Democrazia del Lavoro" Party whose paper "L'Ora Nuova" was authorized at the previous meeting. The bulletin would be non-party, would deal exclusively with labour problems, reports and statistics, would give all Regional Labour Office administration news, and would be regional in scope. It is understood that such a publication is required by Italian law. Ninety kilos of newsprint would be required monthly. The application was highly recommended by Lt.Col.Fletcher on behalf of ACC and by the ACC Labour Office. The application was therefore approved with the stipulations that the bulletin keep closely to the programme as outlined above and that all material be submitted before publication to the ACC Regional Labour Office.

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APPLICATIONS DEFERRED. A large number of applications was deferred until other members of this Board could report upon their merits. Chief among these papers were "Giustizia e Libertà", "La Cultura Medica Moderna", "Radio Rivista", "La Patulla" and "Sicilia Canta", all of Palermo. For a complete list, see Appendix (J).

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APPLICATIONS REJECTED. The following applications were rejected.

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Palermo	"MONDELLO-LIDO"	Publicity for beach, hotels etc.	Weekly	10,000
Palermo	"IL FICCANASO"	Comic.	Twice-weekly	3,000
Palermo	"L'ISOLA SPORTIVA"	Sports	Weekly	2,000
Palermo	"IL PRISMA"	International political studies, philosophy, in English & Italian	Weekly	2,000
Palermo	"L'ISOLA"	Political, economic, financial	Weekly	2,000
Palermo	"IL CORRIERE DEGLI STUDENTI"	Education & Culture for youth	Weekly	5,000
Palermo (Carini)	"TEMPI NUOVI"	Humerous & Variety	Weekly	10,000

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Item (A) Applications from Caltanisetta, deferred

Name	Character	Periodic	Copies
"LA FORBICE"	News, local news and humour	Weekly	2,000
"L'ECO"	News, information, Democrazia del Lavoro	Thrice-weekly	2,000
"IL POPOLO"	Cultural, political, Syndicate- Democrazia cristiana	Twice-weekly	2,000

Item (B) Applications from Trapani, deferred

Place	Name	Character	Periodic	Copies
Trapani (Castelvetrano	"LA RINASCITA"	Democratic Propaganda	One number or twice-monthly	500
Trapani (Alcamo)	"ALCIONE"	Literary, artistic, Cultural, popular	Twice monthly	1,000
Trapani (Alcamo)	"LA SENTINELLA"	Political; "Democratic Union of Alcamo	Weekly	500
Trapani	"LA RIVISTA PER TUTTI"	Cultural, Educational	Weekly	3,000
Trapani	"PANE E LAVORO AL POPOLO"	Political sheet attacking local Prefect	One number	1,000
Trapani (App.di Blasi)	"LA VOCE DEL POPOLO"	Propaganda Partito Democratico Cristiano	One number	2,000
Trapani	"LA VOCE DEL POPOLO"	Political: Unione Democratico Sociale (App.G.Ricevuto)	Twice weekly	4,000
Trapani (Marsala)	"VOMERE"	Agricultural Commercial	Weekly	?
Trapani	"LA VOCE DEL CITTADINO"	Partito d'Azione, Provincial Section	Twice-weekly	1,500
Trapani	"BRUSCA E STRIGLIA"	Propaganda & Culture	Twice weekly	500
Trapani (Mazara del Vallo)	"LA FIACCOLA"	Culture	Twice Weekly	1,000

Item (C) Applications from "Corda Fratres", deferred

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Trapani (Mazara del Vallo)	"LA FIACCOLA"	Culture	Twice Weekly	1,000

Item (C) Applications from "Corda Fratres", deferred

Place	Name	Character	Periodic	Copies
Palermo	"CORDA FRATRES"	Cultural University	Weekly	5,000
Termini	"TERMINI NUOVA"	"Sub-Consulate" of C.F.News, cronaca art, literature	Twice monthly	1,000
Catania Messina	"VITA NUOVA"	Political, educational, Youth, Liberal, C.P.	Weekly	2,000

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Item (D) Palermo Legal Publications deferred

Name	Character	Periodic	Copies
"LA LEGGE"	Compilation of Italian Laws	Twice-monthly	1,000
"GIURISPRUDENZA E DOTTRINA"	Juridical Studies	Monthly	1,000
"RACCOLTA DI LEGGI E DECRETI"	Legal	Twice-monthly	2,000
"OSSERVATORE LEGALE"	Legal	Twice-Monthly	1,000

Item (E) Religious publications, deferred

Place	Name	Character	Periodic	Copies
Palermo	"LA VOCE CATTOLICA"	Social-Religious	Twice monthly	3,000
Palermo	"L'OASI"	Parochial Bulletin of small group in Azione Cattolica	Monthly	10[illegible]
Palermo	"AI NOSTRI AMICI"	Jesuit	Monthly	5,000
Palermo	"NOI UOMINI"	Azione Cattolica Unione Uomini	Monthly	3,000
Palermo	"LA CARITA'"	Pious Works, orphanage assistance etc.	"	1,000
Nicosia-Enna	"DIVINA CHIAMATA"	Pious works, priesthood	Monthly	6,000
Agrigento	"VITA NUOVA"	Organ of Giunta diocesano di Azione Cattolica	Twice monthly	1,300

Item (F) Messina papers, deferred

Name	Character	Periodic	Copies
"NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA"	News		
"GAZZETTA DELL'ISOLA"	News	Daily	3,000
"NANNINA"	Women's Literary	Monthly	300
"DIO E IL PROSSIMO"	Religious, in aid of l'Obole, orphans etc.	Monthly	10,000-100,000
"VITA NUOVA"	Corda Fratres, political educational, literal	Weekly	2,000
"IL POPOLO"	Political: Christian Democratic	Weekly	1,500
"VERITA'"	Communist Official Organ	Weekly	2,000

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"OSSERVATORE LEGALE"	Legal		Twice-monthly	[illegible]

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"VERITA'"	Communist Official Organ	Weekly	2,000
"POLITICA E COMMERCIO"	Political & Commercial News	Weekly	5,000
"PIPUCCIO"	Children's & Educational	Twice-monthly	1,00
"LA SCUOLA D'ITALIA"	For teachers & teaching problems	Twice-monthly	1,00
"DON MARZIO"	Political: Liberal Partito Democratico Italiano	Weekly	1,000-3,000
"LA LIBERTA'"	Partito Liberale Italiano della Scz. di Messina. Liberal	Weekly	3,000-4,000

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Name	Character	Periodic	Copies
"LA LIBERTA'"	Liberal Democratic "Classic English type"	Weekly	3,000
"FLORITURA"	Accademia La Fucina. Cultural Magazine. Unknown objectives	Monthly	500
"IL LAVORO"	Political. Partito del Lavoro. (Possibly Separatist)	Weekly	3,000
"LA RISCOSSA SICILIANA (S.Agata Militello)	Political, Partito Siciliano di Rinnovamento	Weekly or Twice Monthly	1,000
"IL PICCHIO" (S.Pier Niceto)	Juvenile, students. recreational. Cyclostyle	Weekly	100

Item (G) Catania papers, deferred

Name	Character	Periodic	Copies
"IL FREMITO"	Comic, sporting, no politics	Weekly	?
"LA LIBERTA'"	Partito Liberale Democratico. Consociazione Agraria.	Twice-weekly	4,000
"INVASIONE"	News of Invasion, 2nd front	Weekly	?
"IL FRANCOBOLLO"	Comic	Weekly	?
"ORIZZONTI GIOVANILI"	Juvenile, aspirations & educational problems	Weekly	3,000
"LA VOCE DEL SIMETO" (Paterno)	Local news. No politics	Weekly	?
"LA DOMENICA"	Instructive, recreational, with photos, Sunday Supp. type	Weekly	5,000
"LE NOSTRE NOVELLE"	Stories	Fortnightly	4,000
"IL CRIVELLO"	Literary, political	?	500
"LA RINASCITA"	Literary, art, variety, philatelic (!). Organ of Casa degli Uomini liberi	Monthly	500
"LA LIBERTA'"	Political. Liberal tendencies	Weekly	2,000
"LA DOMENICA SICILIANA"	News, local news, Illustrated	Weekly	1,000
"LEI E' LARIO"	Comic, political, anti-fascist	Weekly	?
"REPUBBLICA DI SICILIA"	Partito Laborista Siciliana. Cuaderni	Weekly (Sequestrated)	8,000
"IL MONDO NUOVO"	Pacifist. Pan-Europe	Weekly	5,000

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Item (H) Juvenile Papers, deferred

Place	Name	Character	Periodic	Copies
Palermo	"IL GIOVEDI' DEI PICCOLI"	Children's education & culture.Cartoons	Weekly	2,000
Palermo	"MONELLO"	Strip cartoons,boys' adventures	Weekly	5,000
Palermo	"PICCOLO MONDO"	Children's recreational & educational. Strip-cartoons & features in colour	Every ten days	10,000

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Item (J) Palermo applications, unclassified, deferred.

Name	Character	Periodic	Copies
"GIUSTIZIA E LIBERTA'"	Cultural, socialist review. Movimento socia-le-liberale.	Monthly	1,000
"LA CULTURA MEDICA MODERNA"	Scientific	Monthly	500
"NOSTRO TEMPO"	(re-examination) Cultural, economic, social, literary, stories	Weekly	3,000
"RADIO RIVISTA"	Radio news, light features weekly news commentary	Weekly	3,000
"SICILIA CANTA"	Folklore, Sicilian poetry and literature	Weekly	3,000
"LA NUOVA CRITICA"	Cultural	Monthly	1,500
"LA PATULLA"	Organ of Centro anti-fascista	Weekly	3,000
"GIORNALE DELL' UOMO DELLA STRADA"	Object: to create democratic consciousness	Weekly	6,000
"SICILIA EROICA"	Organ of Associazione Combattenti di Sicilia	Weekly	10,000

Other deferrements

Termini	"LA RIVOLTA DEGLI UOMINI LIBERI"	All local parties political	Twice monthly	2,000
Siracusa	"IL SOLLETICO"	Comic	Twice monthly	10,000

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Mr. Jon Friedheim - F.Y.I. RG

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Psychological Warfare Branch
APO 794 U.S. Army

4 July 44.

SUBJECT : CORRIERE DI SICILIA.

TO : Mr. Ralph J. Frantz,
Chief, PWB Sicily.

With reference to Col. Boyall's report to Mr. George Kdman of June 1, and Mr. Bevan's letter to Col. Boyall of June 23, I would like if you could get in touch with Major Ouseley in order that he can contact Musotto and find out what steps, if any, he has taken with regard to the penultimate paragraph of Col. Boyall's report.

The whole situation seems to me to be in danger of becoming needlessly complicated, with all sorts of personal issues weaving through political and business interests.

PWB never uses its control of newsprint to force any political or other issue on proprietors or publishers. PWB's sole interest is to ensure that the Messina region of Sicily is able to hear the voice of the Allies as reported through PWB directives expressed in unadulterated, non-party form in its PWB organs. PWB does not intend that this mission, specifically assigned to it by AFHQ, becomes mixed and confused with regional notions or squabbles. PWB founded the paper in question--founded it as a Combat paper. Once established, it continued as a PWB organ--that is, an Allied official propaganda organ--and it is the intention of PWB, and the desire of PWB, to invite the cooperation of all authorities to ensure that the transfer of this journal into the hands of the Italian Government does not prejudice its basic mission as a PWB and Allied mouthpiece. Any hesitation on the part of the Italian Government authorities, or other authorities, to conform to this plan could not be interpreted other than as a criticism of AFHQ propaganda and desires.

The machinery and procedure already worked out in cooperation with ACC at Salerno, and accepted in principle by the authorities and PWB in Sicily, should be put through as smoothly and quickly as possible because, meantime, it must be pointed out that all the present delay and cross talk is getting us all nowhere. For God's sake let us cooperate in having this newspaper continue on PWB-directive lines, and in Italian Government hands, under the over-all council and guidance of ACC, as quickly as may be.

Copies of this letter may be used by you as a statement of policy when and where you think it might be useful. And to this might be added that it is PWB's desire to cooperate more and more closely

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with ACC so that control of the Press, on behalf of PWB, can be more and more in ACC hands.

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

Copy to: Lt.Col. Boyall, PWB Naples.
Mr. Garbutt, PWB Catania.
Lt.Col. Carroll, Property Control, ACC.
Major Fielden, Public Relations Director, ACC. ✓

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Copy to Lt. Col. RA Fielden

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ROME REGION
APO. 394

Public Safety Division

4th July, 1944.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 3 P.M. 4th JULY 1944,
regarding authorised and unauthorised newspapers

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Mr. Barney, Allied Publications Board
Maj. Battersbey, Deputy Chief of Public Safety
Questore Morazzini
Signor Grella, Commissario in charge of the Press in the Questura.
Lt. Col. Pollock.

1. The Meeting was being held as it would appear certain papers were being printed without authority, and not being quickly prosecuted, and allowed to remain in circulation.

2. Mr. Barney produced three of these papers as follows:

FERMENTI
UNIONE PROLETARIA
CORRIERE GIUDIZIARIA

which were being published without permission.

3. Major Battersby stated that the UNIONE PROLETARIA is already up before the Court - editor responsible, under Proclamation 3.

4. Mr. Barney was of the opinion that both the editor and the printer were responsible as all the paper is blocked and can only be used upon the written authority of the Board.

5. Major Battersbey said that both the UNIONE PROLETARIA and the FERMENTI had been confiscated. 253

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8. Mr. Barney gave a list of the newspapers authorised to continue publication after 20th June, a list of those which will be authorised during the next few days - dailies and weeklies - and a list of numerous papers and periodicals which would be authorised shortly.

9. It was arranged that Mr. Barney and Major Battersbey keep in contact with each other, and that minutes of the board be sent to Major Battersbey so as to ensure rapid action.

10. It was pointed out that the following lady's and children's papers were being circulated:

ANNABELLA
NOVELLA
and a children's paper

but the Questore said that these were of old date.

11. It seemed to be the opinion that the Questore was not doing his work in this connection, but this is not the case as it was he who brought to notice that certain papers were being printed and in circulation without the authority of the Allied Publications Board.

12. Mr. Barney explained that the procedure was that any paper before being printed had to get proper authority from the Allied Publications Board. Then permission to unblock the necessary paper had to be obtained. Any papers circulating unauthorised should be immediately confiscated and editors and printers under house arrest - not in prison- pending hearing of case before the court.

13. No verbal authorisation would be given - only written.

14. In conclusion it was arranged that a careful check-up of all publications would be kept by Major Battersbey's office in union with Mr. Barney's office.

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1. Daily newspapers authorised to continue publication after June 20th:

Quotidiani autorizzati a continuare la pubblicazione dopo il 20 Giugno:

CORRIERE DI ROMA	L'UNITA'
ITALIA LIBERA	AVANTI
RICOSTRUZIONE	RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE
IL POPOLO	IL QUOTIDIANO
Osservatore Romano	

2. Other papers which will be authorised during the next few days:

Altri quotidiani che saranno autorizzati durante i prossimi giorni:

ITALIA NUOVA
LA VOCE REPUBBLICANA } dailies
IL TEMPO } quotidiani

VOCE OPERAIA
IL PARTIGIANO } weeklies
L'OPINIONE } settimanali

3. Humorous papers being authorised shortly:

Giornali umoristici che saranno autorizzati fra poco:

CANTACHIARO
RUGANTINO

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CINEMODA

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RICOSTRUZIONE — RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE
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UFFICIO STAMPA
ROMA

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ALLIED OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Room 18, 62 Via Veneto
ROME

A G E N D A

Special Meeting, 1 July 44

1. Report on situation to date.
2. Newsprint report.
3. Proposal re Commissarios.
4. Authority, in anticipation, for restricted programme as newsprint situation eases, and for flatbed programme.
5. Any other business.

250 tons less
+100
412 tons a month
~~710~~
250 tons now
90 days supply

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UFFICIO STAMPA
COMMISSIONE DI CONTROLLO ALLEATA

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Egregio Signore,

La lettera da Lei mandata al Generale Edgar Hume è stata, essendo il Generale partito, consegnata a questo Ufficio, dal Colonnello Poletti. Il Colonnello, in questi giorni, è completamente occupato. Se Ella lo crede opportuno può venire da me per qualsiasi notizia ed informazione che io sia in grado di darle.

Ossequi.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Maggiore,
Capo Ufficio Stampa dell'ACC.

(Ufficio Stampa dell'A.C.C.
3° piano stanza n°30
ex Ministero delle Corporazioni
Via Veneto)

Avv. Comm. UMBERTO MICALI
ROMA - Via Alessandria, 171
TELEF. 862-039

Roma, June 25th, 1944.

Col. Charles Poletti,
Chief Officer of the Allied Civil Service
R O M E

Dear Colonel,

I would appreciate very much to have a little conversation with you or with a person delegated by you on news papers matters which I think may interest you. I did not take part to the press conference of the 22nd of June because I was informed too late and because I consider the conferences of little use for the knowledge of certain situations.

In order that you may get a view of my activity I enclose herewith a short curriculum and copy of a letter I have addressed some days ago to the Allied Publications Board.

If you would arrange an appointment and communicate it to me I shall be very thankful.

With kindest regards. I beg to remain, Dear Sir,

Respectfully yours,

Umberto Micali

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ROMA - Via Alessandria, 171
TELEF. 862-039

Roma. 14th June, 1944.

Copia.

General Edgar Erskine HUME
Allied Military Government
Civil Services 5th Army
A.C.A.S.

Dear Sir,

I considere it my duty as Italian and patriot to express above all all my gratitude to the Allied Forces for having freed Rome and soon the whole of Italy from the German and Fascists oppression.

I register to my merit to have, as a citizen who loves his country and freedom, to have taken contact in August 1942 in Switzerland at Berne, and precisely during August 24 th and 25th, in the house and at the presence of my friend Mr. Pietro Scanziani (Gutenbergstrasse 45), editor of the Swiss telegraphic Agency, with the correspondent of the New York Times and with the Commercial Attaché at the English Legation at Berne, to try, also in the name of some Italian political friends, to find a solution to the war of Italy as allied of Germany, a war, which has never been wanted by the Italian people and was only imposed upon them by a detested dictatorship.

This initiative of mine, for which I exposed myself to great risques, owing to the police regime then ruling in Italy and the wide net of espionage directed by the Fascists and Nazists in Switzerland, could be followed only much later on account of the Italian political situation, which has only prolonged in vain devastations and grieves.

Following my example, my son, Franco MICALI, Captain in the Royal Navy, who has won six medals for bravery and who on September 8th 1943 was in Rome on furlough for convalescence, refused to present himself to the Germans and Fascists, thus exposing himself to serious retaliations.

Coherent to the above I place tod y myself at the disposal of the Allied Command and call attention to the fact that my activity was that of Journalist, political man and lawyer. In this latter capacity I have been legal adviser of the United States Consular office in Rome from 1936 to the outbreak hostilities.

In view of the above I would appreciate very much to have an appointment with you as soon as possible or with a delegate for the settlement of the newspapers in Rome of which I know quite well the

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having served to the [illegible] could be also
a good Lubavitcher and to [illegible] Committee.

situation.

With kind regards and wishes for a happy New Year, I be

Yours very sincerely,

Rabbi Dear Sir,

AVV. UMBERTO MIGALI

E' stato per molti anni redattore politico de "La Tribuna" durante tutta la direzione del senatore Malagodi con il quale lasciò volontariamente quel giornale nel 1923 quando esso cambiò proprietà indirizzo e direzione.

Fu fondatore e direttore del primo giornale italiano della Libia "La Nuova Italia" di Tripoli.

E' stato Consigliere e Assessore del Comune di Roma nell'ultima amministrazione elettiva capitolina Rava, Valli e Crgmonesi.

Combattente e volontario della guerra mondiale 1915-1918.

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UFFICIO STAMPA
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

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30 Giugno 1944

Alla Direzione del Giornale: "IL TEMPO"

Il Colonnello Poletti è in questi giorni completamente occupato, e mi ha incaricato di rappresentarlo. Le questioni della stampa sono di pertinenza dell'A.F.H.,ma se i Signori Dr.Renato Angiolillo e Dr. Leonida Repaci verranno da me, io darò Loro le spiegazioni e le delucidazioni di cui avranno bisogno.

Distinti ossequi.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Maggiore,
Capo Ufficio Stampa dell'A.C.C.

(Ufficio Stampa dell'A.C.C.
3° piano, stanza n°30
ex Ministero delle Corporazioni
Via Veneto)

IL TEMPO
QUOTIDIANO POLITICO
Piazza di Pietra 34 - Tel. 65279 - 65946

ROMA, 24 giugno 1944

Sig. Col.
CARLO POLETTI
Capo del Servizio Civile di
R O M A

La presente per pregare voler concedere ai nostri Direttori, Dr. Renato Angiolillo e Dr. Leonida Repaci un colloquio con la S.V. Ill.ma, necessario per urgenti questioni relative al nostro giornale.

Distinti ossequi

LA DIREZIONE

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UFFICIO STAMPA
COMMISSIONE DI CONTROLLO ALLEATA

Sig. Mario Ruffilli
Via Della Mercede
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PRB/R2

30 giugno 1944

Egregio Signore,

il Colonnello Poletti ha molto gradito la sua lettera e le gentili espressioni del suo consenso. Purtroppo il Colonnello è molto occupato e non può riceverla personalmente. Egli mi ha incaricato di scriverle e di rappresentarlo qualora Lei voglia venire ad espormi quanto le interessa.

Cordialmente.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Maggiore,
Capo Ufficio Stampa dell'A.C.C.

(Ufficio Stampa dell'A.C.C.
piano 3°, stanza n° 30
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VIA DELLA MERCEDE, 56 - ROMA - TELEFONO 61979

Roma 24 Giugno 1944

Ill/mo signor Colonnello
C A R L O P O L E T T I
Capo del Servizio Civile

R O M A

Signor Colonnello,

il Suo programma esposto nelle dichiarazioni fatte alla stampa, ha ottenuto l'unanime consenso della parte sana della popolazione Romana. Mi permetta d'inviarLe il mio saluto augurale nel momento in cui, Ella, si accinge ad un'opera che solo un Uomo onesto, giusto e leale può portare a felice compimento.

Il mio nome, a parte la professione di Compositore-Editore di musica che mi ha dato buona rinomanza internazionale (fui anche rappresentante per l'Italia di alcune Case Editrici Americane) forse Le sarà noto poichè mio Padre, cittadino americano da circa trent'anni, è il Dr. Pietro Ruccione titolare della Clinica Ruccione - 1129 Temple St.- Los Angeles e già Direttore dell'Ospedale Italiano di New York dal 1914 al 1921.

Allo scopo di poterLe offrire una collaborazione che ritengo utile al Suo alto Ufficio, Le sarei molto grato se volesse ricevermi unitamente ai miei Colleghi dirigenti il CONSORZIO EDITORIALE ITALIANO Comm. Guglielmo Giannini (giornalista, dirigente la Sezione romana della Fratellanza Italo-Americana)il Prof. Ferdinando Borla (Direttore dell'ex giornale clandestino "Il Pubblico") e il Dr. Spirito Matteoda.

In attesa di una Sua cortese comunicazione e con l'espressione dei miei più cordiali e deferenti saluti, mi abbia

Suo dev/mo
(Maestro Mario Ruccione)

M. Ruccione

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UFFICIO STAMPA
COMMISSIONE DI CONTROLLO ALLEATA

Sig. Comte Antonelli
Giornale Libera Stampa
Via Bissolati 12

PRB/R2

30 giugno 1944

Egregio Signore,

il Colonnello Poletti ha ricevuto la sua lettera e La ringrazia delle gentili espressioni in essa contenente. Tutto ciò che riguarda la pubblicazione di giornali ed in genere la stampa, è di pertinenza dell'A.P.B. A questo ufficio il Colonnello Poletti ha rimessa la Sua lettera.

Cordialmente.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Maggiore,
Capo Ufficio Stampa dell'A.C.C.

(Ufficio Stampa dell'A.C.C.
3° piano, 30 stanza,
ex Ministero Corporazioni
Via Veneto)

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Con molti ringraziamenti

Ermete Santucci
direttore del quotidiano indipendente
"Libera Stampa"
Via Biella, nº 12

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Al Col. CHARLES POLETTI
Commissario Affari Civili - Comando Alleato
Palazzo delle Assicurazioni - P.zza Venezia
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Sig. Filandro Orsini
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30 Giugno 1944

Egregio Signore,

Il Colonnello Poletti ha letto con molto interesse la sua lettera ed è dispiaciuto che le sue innumerevoli occupazioni gli impediscono di riceverla. Mi ha incaricato di scriverle e di rappresentarlo. Pertanto, benchè la pubblicazione di nuovi giornali, ed ogni cosa in genere riferentesi al giornalismo, sia di pertinenza dell'A.P.B., io sono a sua disposizione per le notizie e le informazioni che Le potrò dare.

Distinti ossequi.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Maggiore,
Capo Ufficio Stampa dell'ACC.

(Ufficio Stampa dell'ACC.
3° piano, stanza n°30
ex Ministero delle Corporazioni
Via Veneto)

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Ex O-

To:
Colonel Carlo Poletti

The undersigned, a journalist, asks the authoriza=
tio for the foundation of a dayly paper indipendent from
any political party. If that is not possible he asks for
a place as war correspondent in any unit operating in any
front, otherwise to take part in the war against the
nazi-fascist.

for

FILANDRO ORSINI
Via Lucullo 7 Roma

Allied Publications Board

I redattori del "Giornale d'Italia" nella loro assamblea del 27 giugno

Udito il rapporto della loro commissione incaricata di esaminare la posizione morale e politica di ciascuno

Constatato che i Sigg. Dall'Ongaro, Guglielmotti; Santamaria, Tonelli, Franchini e Bernacconi non fanno più parte della redazione

Presc atto dello spontaneo allontanamento di tre colleghi i quali hanno lealmente riconosciuto l'incompatibilità di alcuni loro at= teggiamenti politici col ritorno dei due giornali alla loro tradizione liberale

Constatato che altri sei colleghi hanno cessato di prestare la loro attività in attesa di chiarimento della loro situazione

Invitano altri quattro colleghi, la cui situazione è ancora og= getto di discussione, ad adire il Collegio Probivirale della Federazione Stampa

Affermano il loro ardente desiderio di potersi rimettere im= mediatamente al lavoro per ricondurre il giornale alle nobili tradizio= ni di indipendenza e di libertà a cui si è sempre ispirata l'opera del suo fondatore e direttore Alberto Bergamini

Prospettano all'opinione pubblica il fatto che la libertà di stampa, principio fondamentale di ogni sana e onesta democrazia, è pale= semente violata dalla sospensione del "Giornale d'Italia"

Si augurano che le autorità responsabili mettano termine al più presto a questa assurda situazione permettendo al "Giornale d'Italia" di portare il suo contributo all'opera di risanamento e di ricostruzione del Paese.

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IL GIORNALE D'ITALIA

IL DIRETTORE

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often times he was also his secret adviser.

It is indeed a strange fact that "Giornale d'Italia" has been suspended and threatened with suppression the very day in which, as a result of the downfall of fascism, its editorial management had been resumed by Alberto Bergamini, its founder, and by Armando Zanetti.

It would be greatly helpful if the true history of "Giornale d'Italia" were brought to the knowledge of the British and American public. We are synthetizing it here, even though it is known for some part.

"Giornale d'Italia" was founded in I900 by Sydney Sonnino, a liberal statesman internationally famed. His mother was a British. Alberto Bergamini, a talented journalist and an able organizer, was entrusted with the editorial management since the start. Soon the paper succeeded to gain a commanding position, which has been constantly held. Its influence has only dwindled under Gayda's nefarious influence. In I9I4/I5 "Giornale d'Italia", together with "Corriere della Sera" of Milan, was instrumental in creating a strong current in favor of Italy's intervention in the world war. That current ultimately prevailed and Italy joined the cause of the Allies.

In the period following that conflict and prior to the seizing of power by fascism, "Giornale d'Italia" was the interpreter of the mind and tendencies of the Italian bourgeoisie, which mistakenly would see in fascism a defender of the social order against the bolshevist menace.

Disappointment set in immediately after the advent of Mussolini to power. A political and personal dispute arose soon between Bergamini and the head of the new government. The former yielded the management to Vittorio Vettori, his main collaborator and domestic policy editor. At the same time the controlling interest in the paper - which was held by Bergamini after the death of Sonnino - passed into the hands of a group of liberal stockholders, represented by Mr. Borzino, a shipowner and insurance man of Genoa.

Under the management of Mr. Vettori, who had chosen Mr. Zanetti as his main collaborator (Zanetti is at the present the editor of the

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paper), the anti-fascist attitude of "Giornale d'Italia" took a greater accentuation. It was a period of bitter fighting, often a dangerous one. Mr. Zanetti, who in the meantime had founded "Revival of liberalism", a magazine, saw the latter publication suppressed by fascists.

Three years later under pressures and threats of any sort, the group headed by Mr. Borzino gave up, and in April I926 yielded the controlling interest to a fascist group headed by Enrico Corradini, a nationalist writer. This latter group entrusted Virginio Gayda with the editorial management. Vettori, Zanetti, Adolfo Tino (now one of the leading members of the Action Party) and Mario Matteucci quit the paper. Vettori withdrew to private life and died in I937. Zanetti went into exile from whiche returned in consequence of the downfall of fascism.

Under the editorship of Gayda the paper, as said previously, became the mouthpiece of Mussolini, especially in matter of foreign po= licy. It was a one man management. The only writer on foreign affair questions was Gayda himself. Information and even headlines were supplied by the organs of the fascist propaganda (Ministry of Popular Culture). The staffers had to limit their work to the technical side of the paper. From this latter point of view, the tradition set by Bergamini continued. "Giornale d'Italia" remained the most acceptable paper to the public. Thanks to its efficient circulation system, it retained its control over central and sout/ Italy. Fascist elements made their way in the staff very slowly, for the bulk of staffers, who were opposed to the new regi= me, had retained their jobs.

The controlling interest in the paper changed hands for three times during Gayda's management. A group headed by deputy Castelli= no succeeded to Corradini's. Later Castellino's merged with a group headed by Count Bonmartini. The business management of these three groups resulted disastrously for the paper. "Giornale d'Italia", which had been a paying concern constantly, underwent a serious financial crisis. X The concern was saved by the present owners, who succeeded to put it again on its formerly sound basis.

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Here it is deemed it fit to make a digression.

It is erroneously believed in England and United States, or at-least in certain sections of the two countries, that Italy had been fascist in its entirety until July 25th I943. This is a mistake. The Italians, in their great majority, went through a period of fascist faith, or rather illusion, which had its climax in the Ethiopian war. A change in this frame of mind, however, followed quickly. The disappointment which followed the Ethiopian war, then the Spanish adventure, and later the entrance in the world war, helped youths, whose education had been made in the fascist school and whose political conscience had been formed in an atmosphere in which any free debate was banned, to open their eyes. An atmosphere of misgiving and skepticism set in, and this accounts for the lack of enthusiasm which marked Italy's entrance in the conflict.

The best of the Italian youth engaged in a clandestine action against the war in liaison with exiled elements who had never relented in their fight against fascism. The day of July 25th I943 marked the crash of a facade behind which fascism was living no longer.

The fortyfive days in which Badoglio held the power were, in spite of censorhip, air bombings by the Allies and blunders by the Badoglio government, a bath of light, liberty and enthusiasm for all Italians. The people's sentiment, profoundly anti-German and sincerely pro-Allies, got a free vent. Armistice day found Italy, and Rome in particular, completely gained to the Allied cause and to the cause of democracy which the Allies represented.

This radical change took place also in the editorial staffs of the newspapers, particularly in "Giornale d'Italia". Following an internal pronunciamento by the staff on July 26th, Gayda was ousted ad Alberto Bergamini, whose prestige as one of the leading members of the opposition had been greatly increased in the meantime, was called back to the editorial chair. The old standing members of the staff on

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one side, and the young ones who had been won to the new tendencies on the other, rallied round Bergamini. Only a few men who had remained loyal to Gayda and fascism continued to be part of the staff. Zanetti returned from his exile and took stand in favor of home pacification through a series of editorials which played a great influence upon the public opinion.

Alberto Bergamini stuck to his post even after armistice day. On Semptember 13th he refused to publish a speech by Hitler on the grounds it was insulting to Italy, and took the initiative of inviting the editors of Rome papers to do similarly. The German command ordered the speech to be published at all cost. Bergamini refused to heed the order and preferred to quit the paper. He left "Giornale d'Italia" together with Trombetti and Zanetti, and advised the staffers to stick to their jobs. This advice was regarded as a necessity since it had become known that the Germans would consider the suspension of the paper as a case of political strike, to be punished with the death of the political editors and the officials of the business management.

For a few weeks the paper was edited by Luigi Chibbaro, a non-political staffer. In the hope of saving the paper, Chibbaro agreed to publish a few editorials with pro-German leanings. This, however, was not sufficient for the nazis. On December 10th the German command ordered the editorial management to be taken over by two republican fascists: Umberto Guglielmotti for "Giornale d'Italia" and Enrico Santamaria for "Piccolo" (the noon edition of "Giornale d'Italia").

A period of terror, passive resistance, subtle sabotage to orders, information and editorial comment imposed by the occupational authorities, set in. Bergamini and Trombetti were arrested and kept in jail until February 1st. Bergamini succeeded to effect a dramatic escape. Zanetti, though keeping in hiding, managed to keep in touch with the anti-fascist cell which was led with a rare courage and

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shrewdness by Vittorino Arcangeli, a staffer. Several staffers were forced to keep in hiding or were arrested. One of them, Enzio Malatesta, a youth of twentyfive, was executed by a German firing squad. Only a few declared themselves openly to be, or were suspected of being secret adherents to the so called social republic of Mussolini. The leader of this fascist group was Giovanni Tonelli, chief of the city news department, who fled to north Italy together with a number of suspicious elements on the eve of the Anglo-Americans' entrance in Rome.

On the very night the liberators entered the city, Zanetti, by agreement with the anti-fascist cell, took possession of the premises of "Giornale d'Italia", and waited for the arrival of Bergamini there. Bergamini, disgusted with the hostility shown by the six parties toward the name of "Giornale d'Italia", yielded the editorial management to Zanetti who declared himself to be ready to relinquish it back at any time Bergamini may want it. Two days later "Giornale d'Italia" was suspended as a spite to Gayda's name.

It is not our task just now to illustrate the cooperation which, under particularly trying circumstances, the owners and the officials of the business management lent to the anti-fascist fight in an extremely dangerous period. We want limit ourselves to attach herewith a written record about the staffers who have quit the paper or will presumably be retained under the editorial management of Bergamini-Zanetti.

We want only to add the following observation to this memorandum. It is an undeniable fact that the great majority of Romans and provincial populations as well, have been led astray as the result of the suppression of their two favorite papers. The party papers which are published at the present, are edited by writers and political men who, though a respectable lot, are lacking true journalistic qualifications. The only well done paper from a journalistic point of view is "Avanti !", edited by Pietro Nenni. It is advocating

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a republican form of government and is pursuing a hotly extremist policy. Such attitude, however, is not in conformity with the frame of mind or tendencies of the large majority of populations in central and south Italy. The public at-large is missing a counterbalancing element to this misleading propaganda. Bonomi government, although enjoying the Allies' confidence, is lacking a big independent press organ which may create for it a mass consent which is necessary to any government desirous to survive in an atmosphere of liberty. Such organ couldn't be any other than "Giornale d'Italia".

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	Dr Gonghini Vincenzo	Via Aniola, 6
Avanti	Prof Luigi Kallari fu Camillo	Via Meroede, 21 Tessera Postale n. 148182 - Roma
Quotidiano	Bartoloni Ezio fu Oreste	Via Vespignani, 1
Ricostruzione	Gregori Ettore fu Luigi	Via Faa di Bruno Tessera Ferroviaria Giornalisti n. 6239 - Roma
Risorgimento Liberale		
Italia Libera	Dr Alatri Paolo fu Giacomo	Via Lombardia, 14 Carta d'identita n. 1721262 - Roma
	Prof Muscetta Carlo di Angelo	Via Sabotino, 46 Tessera Ministero Educazione Nazionale n. 8318
Osservatore Romano	Dr Mario Cinelli	Telephone: 55351 401 (Bureau)
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	Avv. Francesco Longo	P.za S.Pietro in Vincoli 40
	De Sanctis Gino	Via della Lungara 10
	De Sanctis Giuseppe	Corso Trieste 37

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P A R T I T O I T A L I A N O C O N T A D I N O

CHI SIAMO E CHE VOGLIAMO

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II°) L'ottanta per cento della popolazione italiana è investito dal movimento delle nostre idee.

III°) Sono con noi i coltivatori della terra, i piccoli proprietari, l'immenso esercito dei tecnici, nonché professionisti e burocrati, artigiani e pescatori, che sono la spina dorsale dell'Italia vittoriosa del '18 e di quella di domani.

IV°) Rappresentiamo il popolo delle campagne che non vuole essere secondo al popolo delle città.

V°) Siamo stati taglieggiati e sfruttati dal Fascismo, che ha nutrito del sangue dei nostri figli le proprie ambizioni imperialistiche e del nostro denaro la propria bramosia di ricchezza: impediremo ad ogni costo che tale tragica esperienza si ripeta.

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VII°) Vogliamo la democrazia della terra: quella che può sola convogliare tutte le democrazie per instaurare la difesa del popolo italiano contro ogni pericolo di dittatura di domani.

VIII°) E perché sinceramente democratici, propugniamo essere indispensabile che per tutte le questioni interessanti la vita nazionale, il popolo sia chiamato ad esprimere il suo parere attraverso referendum, che diano chiaro indirizzo dell'orientamento della pubblica opinione, così come è praticato dalle democrazie più progredite.

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I T A L I A N P E A S A N T P A R T Y

- who we are and what we want -

1) We are the old National Peasant's Party, which already had a great organization in the Nation, we had our own deputees in the Chamber, and which has been disolved by the Fascism.
Men of all democratic origins have followed us,and which the agriculturist economy of Italy to return as before.

2) Eighty per cent of the italian population is convinced of the sincerity of our ideas.

3) With us are peasants, small proprietors, the great lot of the tecknicians, even professionist and burocrats, workmen and fishermen,which are the vital spine of the victorious Italy of 1918 as - well as for the future.

4) we rappresent the people of the country which do not wish to be less than the people of the twon.

5) we have been cut off and exhausted by the Fascism which has nurished its own empirialist ambitions with the blood of our children and its greed of wealth with our money: we will avoid at any rate, that such tragic experience shall be repeated.

6) we trust that the old formules of parties are over: the problem of the life of italian people is strictly tied to a severe establishement of a rigid agriculture economy sub-stained by a big party of peasants.

7) we want the democracy of the earth: the only one which can collect all the democracies to be able to defend the iatalian people, againest

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all the dangers of a future dictatorship.

8) Beening sincerely democratic, we affirm it necessary for all the questions which interest the National life that the people should be called to express his will through referendum as to give a clear orientation to the public opinion, as it is used in the most advanced democracies .

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COMITATO CENTRALE

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  Via Carducci, 4 - ROMA -

- GUALTIERO SIMONETTI - Contadino -
  MATELICA (Marche) - attualmente fra le bande di partigiani -

- CESARE DONATI - Contadino -
  Via Appia Antica, 34 - ROMA -

Il Partito ha pubblicato, durante l'occupazione nazi-fascista, un giornale clandestino dal titolo " L'IDEA LIBERA ", di cui si uniscono alcuni esemplari.-

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P I C C O N O T A

1)- The programme ""Che cos'è il Partito d'Azione"" (What the Action's Party is) - Pe erico Comandini - may thoroughly be published except in the page P.N.5,where it is invited to relentless strife against Monarchy,using abusive words.-

2)- "Il Partito d'Azione nei suoi metodi e nei suoi fini" (The Action's Party in its methods and in its scopes) - Francesco Marchi - From page 18 to 20 contains some considerations and expressions that are unsuitable to a peaceful statement of a party's programme.-

3)- ""Panorama dell'Italia Libera"" (Free Italy's panorama) contains in page 15 N.15 too much abusive considerations,and they ought to be moderated for being authorized.-

4)- ""La Ricostruzione dello Stato"" (The Rebuilding of State) - Emilio Lussu - on page 4 severely offends the Papacy.- On page 15 there are some assertions which could not be allowed,as those about possible attempts against the life of high prelates and the Pope Himself. Besides,it offends the Holy See,assuming the expiration of the Lateranense Treaty.-

5)- "" Partito d'Azione e Socialismo"" (Action's Party and Socialism) - Carlo Rosselli - . No objection against it.-

Signed Lt.Colonel Perinetti

TO: Colonel Poletti

June 20th, 1944

1)- No objection N°5.
2)- I am not prepared to pass the others in view of remarks above.-

J. D. POLLOCK
Lt. Colonel
Chief,Public Safety
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Via V e n e t o, 62

TO : Public Safety Officer,
A.M.G. - Rome Aerea Command,
Palazzo delle Assicurazioni,
Piazza Venezia.

FROM : Executive Secretary,
Rome - Allied Publications Board
Via Veneto, 62 -

SUBJECT : Political Posters, Pamphlets & Leaflets.

We enclose herewith 5 pamphlets of the Partito d'Azione, entitled :

1° - Il Partito d'Azione nei suoi metodi e nei suoi fini.

2° - Partito d'Azione e Socialismo.

3° - La ricostruzione dello Stato.

4° - Panorama dell'Italia libera.

5° - Che cosa é il Partito d'Azione.

for scrutiny & your O.K. for publication. Please return same at your earliest convenience.

Rome, June 20 - 1944

J.G.BARNEY
Executive Secretary

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Psychological Warfare Branch (INC)
PWB Unit No.6 - Palermo (Sicily)
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MINUTES of the Eight Meeting of the Sicily Local Allied Publications Board, held at the A.C.C.offices in Palermo at 10:30 a.m., June 27, 1944.

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Mr. Bevan moved, and Capt.Hunter seconded, a resolution expressing the Board's desire to see the monthly allotment of 50 tons for administration purposes reduced to 30 tons, if this were at all possible, and the quota for newspapers and other publications upped from the present 41 1/2 tons to 50 tons monthly. This motion was unanimously approved.

Mr.Bevan then read a list (see Appendix) showing the consumption of newsprint by papers already authorized or scheduled to be authorized, amounting to some 41 1/2 tons monthly, leaving a balance of 8 1/2 tons monthly for any new papers to be authorized or present circulations increased.

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Mr. Bevan added that if the 60 tons for schoolbooks and another 60 tons for a ten-ton monthly allowance towards the newspapers were subtracted from the total paper supply in stock, ACC would still have a surplus of more than 91 tons. He suggested this be reserved for PWB-controlled papers in case a future shipment of paper arrived late.

The Board then passed to consideration of applications. The following applications were approved and submitted to Central APB for final consideration.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Place	Name	Character	Periodic	Copies
Palermo	"L'ORA NUOVA"	Official Organ Democrazia del Lavoro	Weekly	3,000
Palermo	"LA RONDINE SPORTIVA"	Sports	Weekly	1,000
Ragusa	"LA GAZZETTA"	News:Non-political	Twice-weekly	6,000
Caltanisetta	"LA VITA SICILIANA"	UNN-News	Twice-Weekly	2,000
Enna	"IL SOLCO"	UNN-News	Twice-Weekly	2,000

CONSIDERATIONS

"L'ORA NUOVA" - This application was approved since the paper is the official organ of the "Democrazia del Lavoro", one of the six parties represented in the National Government. Owing to the present shortage of % paper (and the smallness of the party in Sicily) it was approved as a single-sheet tabloid with a circulation of only 3,000 copies weekly in place of the 5,000 requested.

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"LA VITA SICILIANA" - This paper has been publishing regularly under the terms of a "Nulla Osta" from PWB. The application is approved for a twice-weekly single-sheet tabloid, with a circulation of 2,000 copies, on the condition that it takes UNN news and remains non-political. The paper will be run by Prof.Bianca. The Board agreed that Caltanissetta, in the centre of the island, urgently needed a newspaper.

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"IL SOLCO" - Reference was made to the Minutes of the last Meeting (May 15th) in which it was suggested that the directors of "Il Solco" and "Unità Proletaria" unite to publish an apolitical newspaper. Since that date the editor of "Unità Proletaria" had died.

The Board agreeing that Enna needed a newspaper, it was now recommended that "Il Solco" be permitted to publish provisionally with the stipulation that it become apolitical and confine itself strictly to news. It would publish twice weekly with a circulation of 2,000 copies per issue. Should this stipulation be violated or exceeded the provisional license would be withdrawn.

The following Applications were rejected:

APPLICATIONS REJECTED

Place	Name	Character	Periodic	Copies
Palermo	"LA RISCOSSA"	Organ of Republican Federalist Party	Twice-monthly	4,000
"	"IL NUOVO PENSIERO"	Literary-Artistic	Twice-monthly	2,000
"	"TRINACRIA"	Separatist	Weekly	10,000
"	"FORGIARSI"	Literary-scientific for Youth	Monthly	3,000
"	"LA SICILIA SOCIALISTA"	Political	Weekly	15,000
"	"VOCE DI STRADA"	Popular Education	Weekly	6,000
"	"IL VENTO"	Popular Education	Weekly	6,000
"	"IL CORRIERE SICILIANO"	Cultural-educational	Weekly	6,000
"	"SICILIA ILLUSTRATA"	Students-Cultural	Weekly	1,000
"	"GIOCONDITA'"	Ligh popular Magazine	Weekly	3,000
"	"IL CORRIERE AMMINISTRATIVO"	Administrative problems in Municipal Offices, Unofficial	Monthly	500
"	"IL POPOLO DI SICILIA"	Anti-fascist Democratic Liberal	One number	2,000
"	"PIFF-PAFF"	Humerous-Mondain	Weekly	2,000
"	"ELIOS"	Literature, Arts, Sports	Weekly	1,000
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"	"LA VOCE DEI LAVORATORI"	Organ of Catholic Syndicate, affiliated with Conf·It.dei Lav.	Weekly	10,000
"	"LAVORO E GIUSTIZIA"	Organ of Ferrovieri contratistas di Sicilia	Weekly	2,000
Caltanissetta	"IL RISORGIMENTO"	Cultural & Political, eventually monarchist	Weekly	1,500

The Board rejected the first 16 of the above and "Il Risorgimento" of Caltanissetta on the grounds of paper shortage, duplication of interests or because they were organs of unrecognized parties.

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"La Voce dei Lavoratori", organ of the Catholic Syndicate, was rejected on the grounds that this organization should voice its appeal through the Christian Democratic Party Weekly or one of the already authorized Catholic publications.

"Lavoro e Giustizia" was rejected on the grounds that it would set a precedent for other syndicates to demand their own papers, which the present newsprint supply could not satisfy.

GROUP RECOOMENDATIONS & REJECTIONS

Group 1. - Trapani Province Papers

Place	Name	Character	Periodic	Copies
Trapani (Castelvetrano)	"LA RINASCITA"	Democratic Propaganda	One number or Twice monthly	500
Trapani (Alcamo)	"ALCIONE"	Literary artictic-cultural	Twice monthly	1,000
Trapani (Alcamo)	"LA SENTINELLA"	Political Democratic Union of Alcamo	Weekly	500
Trapani	"LA RIVISTA PER TUTTI"	Cultural Educational	Weekly	3,000
Trapani	"PANE E LAVORO AL POPOLO"	Political sheet attacking local Prefect	One number	1,000

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Group 2. - Corda Fratres

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Catania Messina	"VITA NUOVA"	Political, educational, Youth, Liberal, C.F.	Weekly	2,000

ACTION. The Board rejected these applications but agreed to consider a future application for one monthly paper with a circulation of not more than 2,000 copies, that would represent the Corda Fratres groups of all Sicily. Sig.Giorgianni would inform the applicants of

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Group 3. - Palermo Legal Papers

Name	Character	Periodic	Copies
"La Legge"	Compilation of Italian Laws	Twice-monthly	1,000
"Giurisprudenza & Dottrina"	Juridical Studies	Monthly	1,000
"Raccolta di Leggi e Decreti"	Legal	Twice-monthly	2,000
"Osservatore Legale"	Legal	Twice-monthly	1,000

ACTION. The first of these papers was recommended by the Rector of the University and the President of the Tribunal of Palermo. All four papers were rejected by the Board, with the recommendation that the would-be publishers get together and agree on one twice monthly or monthly publication of 1,000 copies that would represent the legal profession. Sig.Giorgianni would communicate this decision to the parties concerned.

APPLICATIONS DEFERRED

Group 4. - Religious & Semi-religious publications

Name	Character	Periodic	Copies
"La Voce "CATTOLICA"	Social-Religious	Twice-monthly	3,000
"L'OASI"	Parochial Bulletin of small group in Azione Cattolica	" "	100

ACTION. The application of "La Voce Cattolica", which has been publishing under an earlier PWB "nulla osta" for APB license was deferred, with Mr.Bevan being instructed to see the Cardinal about this and other religious publications, including "L'Oasi", with the idea of having all united in one authorized Catholic paper.

Group 5. - Messina Papers

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"NOTIZIARIO DI MESSINA"	News.		
"GAZZETTA DELL'ISOLA	News	Daily	3,000

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"DIO E IL PROSSIMO"	Religious,in aid of l'Obole, orphans etc.	Monthly	10,000 - 100,000
"VITA NUOVA"	Corda Fratres,political educational, literal	Weekly	2,000
"IL POPOLO"	Political; Christian Democratic	Weekly	1,500
"VERITA'"	Communist Official Organ	Weekly	2,000
"POLITICA E COMMERCIO"	Political & Commercial News	Weekly	5,000
"PIPUCCIO"	Children's & Educational	Twice-monthly	1,000

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"LA SCUOLA D'ITALIA"	For teachers & teaching problems	Twice monthly	1,000
"DON MARZIO"	Political: Liberal Partito Democratico Italiano	Weekly	1,000-3,000

ACTION - The Board agreed to postpone consideration of these eleven applications until after the forthcoming visit of Mr.Bevan and Capt. Orback to Messina.

Group 6 - Childrens Comics & Educational

Name	Character	Periodic	Copies
"IL GIOVEDI" DEI PICCOLI"	Children's education and culture, cartoons	Weekly	2,000
"NONELLO"	Strip-cartoons, boys' adventures	Weekly	5,000

ACTION TAKEN - The Board agreed to defer action on these papers till certain other papers of similar type had filed their applications.

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Palermo	"GIORNALE DELL'UOMO DELLA STRADA"	To create a democratic consciousness	Weekly	6,000
Termini Imerese	"LA RIVOLTA DEGLI UOMINI LIBERI"	Unione Uomini Liberi di Termini. All party-political	Twice-monthly	2,000
Palermo	"SICILIA EROICA"	Organ of Associazione Combattenti di Sicilia	Weekly	10,000

"Sicilia Eroica"- This was an application by the Sicilian branch of the National Veterans' Organization, said by the sponsors to include 120,000 men. "Sicilia Eroica" was said to have been published in Palermo in 1925 and to have been suppressed by the Fascists. This application was referred to the Central APB for action. If any veterans' organizations on the mainland have been granted licenses it is felt that the Sicilian branch should then be granted a license. It is stated by the sponsors that on the mainland the veterans' organizations are still in process of reorganization whereas in Sicily they already form a homogenuous group. The paper is recommended by the Italian High Commissioner.

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"Giornale dell' Uomo della Strada" - The editor of this had been warmly recommended by C.I.C., I.B.S. and has recently obtained authorization to print and distribute a wall-poster quoting Herbert Agar's article in "Il Mese" demanding increased liberal and democratic reasoning in politics from the general public.

Action was deferred pending further investigation.

"La Rivolta degli Uomini Liberi" - This application concerned a paper intended by its sponsors to unite all political parties and groups in Termini. The board felt that if authorized this might set a precedent for authorizing dozens of other papers in small communities, but in view of the Italian High Commissioner's very favourable recommendation for this paper the Board did not reject the application outright.

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SPECIAL ITEMS

(1) "BECCO GIALLO" - The Board approved informally a suggestion that this humorous and satirical weekly now published in Palermo by authorization of APB should be transferred to Rome as soon as possible, to relieve the strain on Sicily's newsprint supply. "Becco Giallo" was formerly published in Rome until its suppression by the Fascists. It was agreed that if necessary a Sicilian edition of limited circulation should then be authorized or that some other similar paper be allowed to take its place provided the quantity of paper used was small.

(2) A LIBERAL PARTY ORGAN

As a result of the demand for "L'ORA NUOVA" the question of a paper for the Liberal Party was brought up by Col.Hancock. Sig. Giorgianni stated that an application had been received from the Liberal Party of Catania for a political weekly. The Board agreed that in view of the newsprint shortage each party could have only one weekly in Sicily and that it was the responsibility of the party leaders to decide whether they wanted this printed in Palermo, Catania or some other city. It was suggested that Sig.Giorgianni get in touch with the Liberal Party leaders, and the Board agreed that a Liberal Party political weekly should be authorized as soon as the Party leaders were in agreement as to where they wished to publish. It is stipulated that the paper must be regional and not for any one town.

As its final action of the session, the Board agreed unanimously that all "nulla osta" to publish, granted by previous PWB press officers, should become void as of June 30th, and that hereafter only APB licenses should be considered as authorizations to publish.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 13:00.

Distribution:

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1 James M.Minifie
1 George Edman
1 Capt.Hunter

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paper be allowed to take its place provided the quantity of paper used was small.

(2) A LIBERAL PARTY ORGAN

As a result of the demand for "L'ORA NUOVA" the question of a paper for the Liberal Party was brought up by Col.Hancock. Sig. Giorgianni stated that an application had been received from the Liberal Party of Catania for a political weekly. The Board agreed that in view of the newsprint shortage each party could have only one weekly in Sicily and that it was the responsibility of the party leaders to decide whether they wanted this printed in Palermo, Catania or some other city. It was suggested that Sig.Giorgianni get in touch with the Liberal Party leaders, and the Board agreed that a Liberal Party political weekly should be authorized as soon as the Party leaders were in agreement as to where they wished to publish. It is stipulated that the paper must be regional and not for any one town.

As its final action of the session, the Board agreed unanimously that all "nulla osta" to publish, granted by previous PWB press officers, should become void as of June 30th, and that hereafter only APB licenses should be considered as authorizations to publish.

The Board adjourned its meeting at 13:00.

Distribution:

10 Central A.P.B.
1 Lt.Col.Munro
1 James M.Minifie
1 George Edman
1 Capt.Hunter
3 Col.Hancock
3 Sig.Giorgianni
2 Capt.Orback
1 Major Coopman
1 R.J. Fraitz
6 B.Bevan
1 Censorship Branch, AFHQ
1 O.C., PWB Unit No.7
1 PWB files, Palermo.

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A P P E N D I X

Monthly Consumption of Newsprint, as of June 28, 1944.

Place		Name	Copies	Periodic	Kilos
Palermo		"Giornale di Sicilia"	50.000	Daily	25.000
"		"Novella Settimanale"	2.000	Weekly	500
"		"Becco Giallo"	30.000	Weekly	1.200
"		"Azione del Popolo"	5.000	Weekly	170
"		"Voce Comunista"	5.000	Weekly	170
"		"Voce Socialista"	5.000	Weekly	170
"		"Popolo e Libertà"	5.000	Weekly	170
"	+	"L'Ora Nuova"	3.000	Weekly	100
"	+	"Economia Siciliana"	2.000	Twice-Monthly	64
"		"Radio Rivista"	5.000	Weekly	100
"		"Giornale di Medicina"	1.000	Monthly	150
"		"Foro Siciliano"	2.000	Monthly	60
"	+	"La Rondine Sportiva"	1.000	Weekly	32
Catania		"Corriere di Sicilia"	26.000	4 pages 6 days	12000
Ragusa	+	"La Gazzetta"	6.000	Twice-Weekly	400
Caltanissetta	+	"Ia Vita Siciliana"	2.000	Twice-Weekly	130
Enna	+	"Il Solco"	2.000	Twice-Weekly	130
				Total.....	40.546

+ = Papers authorized at Meeting of June 27.

To these figures should be added:-

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			Total....	44.146.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
PWB OFFICES
426, Corso Vittorio Emanuele.
CAGLIARI - SARDINIA

MINUTES of the Meeting held at the above offices on Monday, June 26th, 1944 at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Major L.C. Stevens R.M. PWB (Chairman)
Capt. A.Marks, Jt Liaison Dept. Commissioner's Office.
Major R.G. Alexander. A.C.C.
Capt. R. Turner. A.C.C.
2/Lieut A.Cwr. Allo. Censorship.
Mr. S.D'Arcy-Irvine, PWB (Secretary).

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. Mr. D'Arcy-Irvine was unanimously elected Secretary to replace Capt. de L. Mahaffy who had been posted elsewhere.

3. It was agreed that in view of further delay in the appearance of a new all-Italy press law, the Board should proceed to recommend the issuance of certain licences along the lines agreed at earlier meetings. These recommendations should be sent to the Central Board at Algiers for immediate confirmation, and an explanation should be published in the Press about the Board's activities, the delay caused by the presence of the new law and the provisional nature of all decisions pending the appearance of that law.

4. It was agreed that the two dailies, the Isola (Cagliari) and the Unione Sarda (Cagliari) should receive licences as free newspapers under Indirect P.W.B. control, but that the question of their ownership should be re-examined separately (see para 15).

5. The Chairman presented an analysis of applications received, which fell into four classes (a) dailies (b) Party periodicals (c) religious and social (d) all other applications. After discussion, it was agreed that all class (d) should be rejected as they represented vindictive personal or Party interests in the guise of non-political publications.

6. As regards the Party periodicals it had been previously agreed not to license any publications but to continue to subsidize Socialist and Communist organs along lines which were fair to all Parties. It was considered, however, now said that in view of the fact that we had invited applications, that

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Mr. G.D' [illegible], ESB (Secretary).

1. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. Mr. D'[illegible] was unanimously elected Secretary to replace Capt. [illegible] who had been posted elsewhere.

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4. It was agreed that the two dailies, The Issola (Missouri) and the Lucknow Daily Mail, should receive licenses as free newspapers under Section 2. (1). (a) Central, but that the question of their continuance should be re-examined separately (see para 13).

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7. Social and technical:- A number of applications had been received, including religious, medical, legal, scientific, University and economic technical publications. It was agreed that the Central Board's procedure should be applied, and that the relevant Sections of A.C.C. should invite each technical body to produce one representative publication. A.C.C. to act (Capt.Turner to provide action, in the absence of Capt Marshall).

8. As regards the Religious publications, the Chairman pointed out that there were four Catholic publications which were the only publications besides the two dailies to appear regularly. It was agreed that all four Catholic papers should be licensed, but that their circulation should be limited and that they should all be formally warned that the possession of a license as Priority 3 papers meant that they must abstain from all political controversy. In practice, these papers had been acting as organs of the Democatholic party while no other Party had been publishing more than numeri unici. There were four Catholic papers to cover the widely scattered communities on the Island, and it was therefore fair to limit circulations to the respective area of each paper, or otherwise to ask the Church to merge the four papers into one as had been done in the Italian area. It was agreed to let them continue to appear separately but that they should be closely watched as regards any tendency to political controversy.

9. Capt.Turner stated that the stock of newsprint amounted to 39 tons. Of this 5 of 10 tons had been issued to the three Prefects for administrative purposes, very little of which had yet been used. It was noted that the Board should only authorise the amounts issued and that the Prefects should thereafter deal with the matter. Capt Turner pointed out that at present the Provincial Commissioner has established the correct procedure whereby the Prefect had been informed that he should issue paper for administrative purposes (not for publications) but that for these purposes, applications should then be made direct to the Prefect and not to A.C.C.

10. Capt.Turner said that he had been informed that 42 tons a month would be available as from July. The Chairman proposed that in that case, both dailies should be authorised to extend their circulations to 30,000 if the could easily reach. The circulations had been kept to 20,000 as it was understood that only 20 tons monthly would be available. This was agreed, with a proviso that confirmation should be obtained that 42 tons would be available.

11. Capt Turner raised the point that a definition of "administrative purposes" should be obtained from the Central Board, as there was considerable doubt whether this covered commercial as well as official publications e.g. circulars. It was agreed to let

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12. It was agreed to draw the Chief Censor's attention to the
fact that [illegible] political censorship continued on the Island
when [illegible] Mr. Alexander, of Central
[illegible] concluded that whereas this censorships
[illegible] at present in force did no harm and the
[illegible] before July 1st, as the new Law is
[illegible] inform the Provincial Commissioner
[illegible] and the Prefects of the [illegible] decisions of
the Board [illegible].

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13. Unione Sarda. The Chairman reported that he had had full and serious talks with various personalities and with the High Commissioner's office about the ownership of the Unione Sarda. At the present time the Unione Sarda was the organ of the anti-fascist concentration, and the profits were divided equally among the concentration, the Prefecture (municipal funds) and the owners. The owners were (a) well-known fascists (b) dissatisfied with the financial arrangement referred to. The Chairman pointed out that action had been taken both in Sicily and Rome to safeguard the future and policy of fascist-owned newspapers by the appointment of a Commissario, and that a similar procedure was needed here. Capt Mazia said that from the legal standpoint, there were actually provisions for dealing with the situation on these lines. It was agreed that Capt Mazia and the Chairman should be regarded as a sub-committee to take the necessary action, and that it was desirable that they should consult the Central APB on the procedure as soon as possible, preferably in person. The Chairman undertook to communicate with the Chief Press Officer, PWB on the subject and if possible to arrange a meeting.

Distribution:

Central [illegible] 10

Local Board 7

Brigade Gen.

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ALLIED PUBLICISTICK BOARD
167, Corso Umberto,
NAPLES

MINUTES of meeting of Naples Local APB
held at the above offices
at 10.30 a.m., 26 June 1944.

PRESENT: Capt. J.F. Lummus, Region III, ACC (Chairman),
Lt. J. Davie, Military Censorship,
Mr. R. Meryll, Press Officer PWB (Executive Secretary),

As Observers:

Maj. G.L. Sinclair Noble, (succeeding Mr. Meryll),
Capt. R.F. Cartwright, C/C 312 PSS,
Mr. R.C. Shorney, Press Office PWB

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read:

Para 4: The Title was amended to "AGRARIAN PARTY PAMPHLET", and the following was added at the end of the para. "This was agreed to by the Board."

The Minutes were then approved

2. UNAUTHORISED PUBLICATIONS

The Executive Secretary referred to the existence in the area of these publications, and the following motion was proposed by Lieut. Davie:

"It is considered that the practice of printing and circulating unauthorised, uncontrolled and uncensored publications in this area is contrary to the interests of military security and peaceful political and economic development, and that the utilisation of undeclared stocks of paper, or of paper acquired from the Black Market, makes more difficult the execution of Allied policy;

"It appears that the competent authorities have to date taken no positive action to restrain the responsible editors and printers of such publications;

"It is therefore recommended that the competent authorities be again advised of the existence of unauthorised publications, and be urged to take immediately such steps as will lead to their suppression, thereby restoring to APB the absolute control of

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Capt. Dummus agreed with the motion and pointed out that although machinery existed to deal with the situation, proper action was not taken owing to a lack of organisation between the various departments concerned. He urged better liaison between these departments, and a definite speed-up in action.

Capt. Cartwright, as observer, remarked that frequently cases were allowed to lie dormant, while witnesses left the area and material evidence became increasingly difficult to trace.

As an instance he referred to the case of the Printer Giannini, on whose premises the FSS had found two newspapers, both unauthorised, being printed quite openly. As far as he knew, no action had been taken on his report.

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He concurred that several papers were deliberately evading regulations, and that some were carrying misleading date-lines to avoid discovery.

There was a distinct danger of the situation getting out of hand, he added, and urged strong, immediate and exemplary action.

The Executive Secretary agreed with the opinions expressed by the Chairman and Capt. Cartwright, and hoped that in future it would be possible for all concerned to work more decisively and quickly. Cases should be prepared fully and presented clearly, with definite instructions to the next Department concerned, and every endeavour made to bring cases to court as speedily as possible.

The Resolution was then approved by all Members of the Board.

3. NEWSPRINT FOR SERVICE PAPERS:

A request for the loan of 10 tons of newsprint from the "MAPLE LEAF" was placed before the Board by the Executive Secretary, who added that he understood from "MAPLE LEAF" that their own consignment was already under way. The request was granted.

The application received from the 12th Air Force to publish their troop morale weekly "WEEKLY MESSICH", 20.000 circulation, was granted.

4. "L'UNITA" e "L'AVANTI":

The Executive Secretary informed the Board that in response to his invitation the Directors of both newspapers had called at the Press Office and were advised of ACB's dissatisfaction (see last week's Minutes). Both Directors promised to exercise a stricter control over material submitted to them in the future.

5. "GIORNALE DEI RAGAZZI"

The Executive Secretary put forward an application from this weekly to increase its circulation from 10.000 to 15.000. He stated that the paper was well managed, well written and edited, and was serving a useful purpose. The application was granted.

6. APPLICATIONS

The following applications were rejected:

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Naples	L'Ecco del Lavoro	commercial industrial	weekly	no useful purpose
Naples	L'Informazione	idem	idem	idem

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Naples	Lezione	Democracy Party	Monthly	Not in FNL Previously rejected
Naples	Mercurio	culture and art	idem	unessential
Naples	Il Sole Democratico	popular culture	weekly	idem

7. FOGLIO AVVISI LOCALI

The Executive Secretary pointed out that the position as regards supply of newsprint for the official issue of the

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Prefettura di Napoli was not clear, as no authorisation appeared in the Minutes of the Board, although it was generally assumed that the Prefettura was entitled to a supply and a request for the approval of the Board had been received from ACC on 19th May.

It was decided to apply to the Central Board for information and instructions.

8. The Meeting then adjourned.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
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(Executive Secretary).
Mr. R.G. Shorney, PWB, (Observer).

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. LA VERITA' (Salerno)

The Executive Secretary informed the Board of the letter of ~~the~~ explanation received from "LA VERITA" consequent upon the advice of reduction of their paper quota sent by the NAPLES LOCAL APB, (referred to in the Minutes of the Naples Local APB of the 29th May) and expressed the opinion that, however plausible the explanation might be, APB decisions should not be changed too lightly, and proposed that the matter, which in the meantime had already been referred by letter to the Executive Secretary of the Central APB, should now be referred officially to the Central APB without recommendation on the part of the Naples Local APB. With this opinion the other members concurred.

3. CATHOLIC PUBLICATIONS (Naples)

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4. AGRARIAN PARTY ~~POSTER~~ PAMPHLET (Naples)

An application by the Partito Agrario Nazionale for the publication of a program pamphlet 500 copies, was

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then tabled by the Executive Secretary. It was suggested however that, owing to the political character of the organisation it should not be favourably considered.
This was agreed to by the Board

5. "L'UNITA' & L'AVANTI"

The Executive Secretary brought forward a letter received from Lt.Col. Francis, Regional Public Safety Officer, drawing the attention of the APB to extracts in two Naples papers, the "AVANTI" and the "L'UNITA'" which, as per his letter, "are to a very large extent untrue and written by some person having no knowledge of the facts," and he asked if "it would be possible to tell the Editors that such articles as these should not be inserted in their papers without some verification as to correctness." The Board agreed with these views and decided to ask the Executive Secretary to call the respective Editors to the Press Office and communicate the same to them. Lt.Col. Francis to be advised of this.

6. The Executive Secretary then advised the Board that the case of the "Corriere Finanziario" was coming up before the Courts for trial shortly, and that, at the request of the ACC Legal Office for an APB representative to be present, he had made the necessary arrangements.

7. The Executive Secretary stated that recently a request had been made by a printer for a supply of no less than 10 tons of paper in order to print administrative forms, booklets, etc. for the French Army here. He felt that the application required further investigation, and also that the case should be submitted in any event to the opinion of the Central APB. In this opinion the members of the Board concurred.

8. APPLICATIONS.

The following applications were rejected:

Locality.	Name.	Character.	Periodic.	Reason.
Naples	Noi Giovanni	Cultural	Bi-Monthly	superfluous

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Naples	Spartaco	Libera Unione degli Eguali	Weekly	not in FNL
Naples	Pulcinella	Satirical Monarchist Liberal	Weekly	unessential.
Naples	Strade	Cultural	Weekly	unessential.

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Locality	Name	Character	Periodic	Reason
Naples	'O Scurriato'	Humorous	Weekly	superfluous
Salerno	La Vedetta	Demo-Liberal	Weekly	not in FNL
Salerno	Il Pensiero	general interest.	Weekly	unessential
S.Severino Rota	Il Domani d'Italia	Demo-Liberal	Weekly	not in FNL

The meeting then adjourned.

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Salerno	Il Pensiero	general interest.	Weekly	unessent-ial
S.Severino Rota	Il Domani d'Italia	Demo-Liberal	Weekly	not in FNL

The meeting then adjourned.

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MINUTES OF BARI APB MEETING HELD 21ST JUNE, 1944.

PRESENT:- Mr. Dante Gnudi (In the Chair)
Capt. C.D. Astley, INC.
Major Knight, ACC. (Observer)
Lt. P. Mongoli, Italian Government (Observer)
Mr. T. Russo, Press Officer (Executive Secretary)

The meeting was opened by Mr. T. Russo who succeeds Mr. A. Micocci as Executive Secretary of APB local Board.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

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Rejected:-

LOCALITY	NAME	CHARACTER	PERIODIC	REASON
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BOOKS APPROVED.

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Bari	"Histoire Hongroise."	Imaginary translation from Hungarian. Grounds for rejection: Untimely.
Bari.	"Sulle vie della Liberta'"	Anti-fascist activity in Bari province. Ground for rejection: Superfluous, business venture.

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LOCALITY	NAME	CHARACTER	REASON
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BOOKS HELD OVER

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

63 Via Veneto
ROME

19 June 44.

SUBJECT : Authorised and Unauthorised Newspapers.

TO : Major John P. Macacos,
PRO, ACC.

1. Following is a list of newspapers authorised by the Allied Publications Board to continue publication in Rome as from June 20, 1944:

CORRIERE DI ROMA
ITALIA LIBERA
RICOSTRUZIONE
IL POPOLO
L'UNITA
AVANTI
RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE
IL QUOTIDIANO

2. OSSERVATORE ROMANO, the Vatican publication, is of course free to circulate in Rome.

3. If the following dailies continue to appear on or after June 20, it is recommended that appropriate action be taken against them:

LIBERA STAMPA - Via Ennio Quirino Visconti, 11
IL TEMPO - Piazza di Pietra, 54
CORRIERE DELLO SPORT - Largo dei Lombardi, 4
ITALIA NUOVA - Piazza - Montecitorio, 121
DEMOCRAZIA INTERNAZIONALE - Via Mario dei Fiori, 104
L'ITALIANO - Via Milano, 70
LA VOCE DEL POPOLO - Via 24 Maggio, 43
BANDIERA ROSSA - Via Morgagni, 13
VOCE REPUBBLICANA - Via della Guardiola, 22

4. Weekly papers published prior to June 20 are free to circulate during the present week. If, however, they continue to publish after June 20, action should likewise be taken against them, in accordance with an APB decision. These papers include:

ITALIA LAVORISTA - Via Alberico II, 33
L'AZIONE - Via di Porta Angelica, 15
VOCE OPERAIA - Via De Pretis, 86

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CANTACHIARO - Via dei Prefetti, 8
IL PROGRESSO - Via Appia Nuova, 151
IL SEGNO - Via Salaria 274

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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

62 Via Veneto
ROME

19 June 44.

SUBJECT : Wall Posters and Brochures.

TO : Major John P. Leacacos,
PRO, ACC.

1. The Allied Publications Board is empowered by AFHQ to grant and revoke licenses for all publication products.

2. In conformity with established procedure, texts of wall posters and manifestos will be referred to the Regional Public Safety authorities in Rome for approval, prior to the issuance of licences.

3. The Board would be obliged if you would kindly inform those concerned accordingly.

4. It might also be brought to their attention that no authority, Allied or Italian, is vested with the power of political censorship anywhere in Liberated Italy. Texts of wall posters and manifestos would only be found unacceptable if they were calculated to incite public disorder.

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I. S. MUNRO,
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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Room 18, 62 Via Veneto
ROME

MINUTES of a special meeting of the Central APB held in the above offices on 15 June 44, at 4 p.m.

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Mr. H. A. Caccia, Political Section, ACC.
Major Lionel Fielden, Public Relations Director, ACC.
Major I. C. Alexander, Censorship.
Capt. J. Piscop, PWB (for newsprint discussion).
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Capt. Piscop said his survey of paper stocks in Rome, and mills in the area, was still incomplete. His present inventory showed 650 tons of newsprint, of doubtful ownership, on hand, including Vatican stocks. He urged immediate reduction in the number, size and circulation of papers and also asked for a decision with regard to troop morale papers which had been borrowing newsprint from local stores.

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In addition, there were 150 tons of newsprint in Naples, earmarked for Rome. Transportation would, however, be extremely difficult for some time, even from near-by mills, which made it essential to conserve stocks on hand by the most stringent control.

Capt. Piscop was urged to get mills into operation at the earliest possible moment. Major Fielden was asked to assist him, if necessary.

Capt. Piscop was further authorised to (1) inform troop morale papers that after a specified date, to be determined by him, APB would be unable to loan them any more newsprint, and (2) consult with ACC with a view to pegging the price of newsprint in Rome.

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Party Papers

The Board approved the principle of granting licenses to the six recognised party papers, namely:

RICOSTRUZIONE (Democratico del Lavoro)
AVANTI (Socialist)
IL POPOLO (Democratico Cristiana)
RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)
ITALIA LIBERA (Partito d'Azione)
L'UNITA (Communist)

The Board also approved the allocation of a quota of newsprint to each paper authorised, it being left to the directors of these papers to decide how to use that allotment in terms of dailies, weeklies, bi-weeklies, single or double sheet, etc. Due to the uncertainty of supplies it was agreed that, for the present, the basis of calculation for the quota should be the amount required to publish a one-sheet, large format daily with circulation one-third of that printed on 15 June. Given a betterment in the newsprint situation, the quota might be increased at some future date.

CORRIERE DI ROMA

The Board rejected a proposal that the CORRIERE DI ROMA adopt the MESSAGGERO and re-issue it in its MESSAGGERO format, carrying MESSAGGERO advertisements but with the title CORRIERE DI ROMA and sub-title "incorporating MESSAGGERO advertising."

CORRIERE DI ROMA was approved, however, as an independent PWD editorially controlled daily for the furtherance of AFHQ directives.

MESSAGGERO

On motion of Mr. Reber, it was unanimously agreed that the MESSAGGERO should be allowed to resume publication on non-party lines and after complete epuration, circulation to be established in light of existing paper stocks.

Mr. Reber further recommended that AMG be invited, through the Executive Secretary, to appoint a Commissario for the MESSAGGERO. The Board concurred. It was also agreed that the first issue of the revived MESSAGGERO should announce the appointment of a Commissario.

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GIORNALE D'ITALIA and LA TRIBUNA

The Board agreed in principle that LA TRIBUNA and GIORNALE D'ITALIA, both papers with pre-Fascist records, should be licensed eventually. Their revival should be delayed, however, because they were identified throughout the world with the Fascist regime. LA TRIBUNA, being a lesser offender in this respect, should be authorised before GIORNALE D'ITALIA, and both should be required to "clean their houses" in order to reassure the public.

IL MONDO

The Executive Secretary expressed the view that early revival of IL MONDO, which was brutally suppressed by the Fascists, was important from a propaganda point of view. The Board concurred, and noted that

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Sig. Cianca had already lodged formal application to publish the paper as "democratic propaganda."

It was felt, however, that IL MONDO, like GIORNALE D'ITALIA and LA TRIBUNA, might better be revived as straight party organs in place of existing party sheets. The Executive Secretary was instructed to discuss that possibility with those concerned.

Italian Government

It was agreed that the question of a Government paper was premature. In all questions concerning the press, however, it was agreed, on suggestion of Mr. Caccia, that the Executive Secretary should maintain close contact with Sig. Cianca and Sig. Spataro, the new Under-Secretary of the Press, seeking their advice and guidance.

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Publishers

The Executive Secretary was authorised to make a preliminary survey of the publishing business in Rome and to bring before the Board as soon as possible his recommendations concerning the publication of books.

Posters, pamphlets, etc.

It was agreed that the texts of posters, pamphlets, etc., should be referred to the Regional Public Safety Officer.

The meeting adjourned.

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

62 Via Veneto
ROME

14 June 44.

MEMORANDUM TO : Mr. Caccia
Mr. Reber
✓Major Fielden
Major Leacacos
Major Alexander
Capt. Barcroft
Mr. Rayner
Mr. Minifie
Capt. Piscop

A special meeting of the Allied Publications Board will convene in the office of the Executive Secretary, 62 Via Veneto, first floor, at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, 15 June.

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

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

62 Via Veneto
ROME

14 June 44.

At a meeting held in Lt.Col. I. S. Munro's office on Tuesday, 13 June, and attended also by:

Major I. C. Alexander (Censorship)
Mr. J. G. Barney (Rome Press Officer)
Capt. Jordan Piscop (Printing Section, PWB)

it was agreed that:

1. In view of General Hume's orders, all periodicals which could prove publication at the time of the Allied entry into Rome (June 5-6* could continue publication with temporary permit, subject to revision by APB at its meeting on Thursday. These included:

Dailies - RICOSTRUZIONE (Democratico del Lavoro)
AVANTI (Socialist)
IL POPOLO (Democratico Cristiana)
RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)
ITALIA LIBERA (Partito d'Azione)
L'UNITA (Communist)
~~IL TEMPO~~
~~LIBERA STAMPA~~
~~CORRIERE DELLO SPORT~~

Weeklies - ~~AGENCIA ECONOMICA FINANZIARA~~ (Roneo)
~~PUPAZZETTO~~ (Children's Paper)
IL CUORE DEI PICCOLI (Children's Paper)
RUGANTINO (Humorous)
~~L'ITALIA LABURISTA~~ (representing party of same name)

Bi-M. - ~~L'AZIONE (Christian Socialist)~~

Major Alexander undertook to instruct the authorised dailies to send 50 copies of every number to PWB Press Reading Bureau, 62 Via Veneto, and in addition two copies marked specifically for Military Censorship, at the same address.

2. Also arising out of a meeting with Gen. Hume, it was decided to invite the appropriate authorities of AMG to crack down on those papers published since our entry into Rome, including:

~~QUOTIDIANO~~
~~CANTICHIARI~~
~~LA RICOSTRUZIONE~~

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~~L'ITALIANO~~
VOCE DEL POPOLO
IL PROGRESSO
DEMOCRAZIA INTERNATIONALE
L'ITALIA NUOVA
LA VOCE REPUBBLICANO

3. The meeting also agreed to recommend that the following dailies beauthorised by the Central Board at its meeting on Thursday:

   a) CORRIERE DI ROMA (PWB organ);

   b) MESSAGGERO (Non-party information family paper--but after complete epuration);

   c) IL MONDO (Sig. Cianca has already lodged formal application to revive this paper as "democratic propaganda." IL MONDO has a Liberal Party tradition and for that was brutally suppressed by the Fascists. Cianca was a leading staff member; now he is a member of the Party of Action. It would be impossible for Cianca to revive IL MONDO either as a Liberal or Party of Action daily; in either case it would mean discrimination against the remainder of the six parties. However, it is important from a propaganda point of view that IL MONDO is revived, and the meeting urged that Sig. Cianca be invited to make his paper an organ of no specific party but of the Liberation Committee).

4. Second Priority. The meeting recommended that the following Party papers be licensed as one sheet weeklies, size and format and circulation to be determined by the availability of newsprint:

   RICOSTRUZione
   AVANTI
   IL POPOLO
   RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE
   ITALIA LIBERA
   L'UNITA

   There is already considerable competition between those who have started party papers and those who wish to revive the pre-Fascist character of papers which were seized by the Fascists, such as IL GIORNALE D'ITALIA, LA TRIBUNA, etc. It is suggested that it be made known to such parties that they must solve their own difficulties and advance an application for one paper only, naming their own editor. IL CORRIERE might also be given the opportunity of coming to Rome as a Monarchist weekly.

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5. Third Priority. On third priority papers, the meeting suggested that no licenses should be issued for these pending a complete local investigation, and that eventually the established plan of inviting groups (such as doctors, lawyers and parishes) to organise and submit application for representative sheets.

6. The meeting also urged the necessity of having a clear-cut and speedy method for cracking down on papers. Experience in Naples and elsewhere reveals that the desires of the Board and the demands of military censorship were lost by delays in going through tortuous channels. AMG should be invited to provide an officer of Public Safety to cooperate at first-hand with the Board.

7. Books. The meeting recommended that the Board nominate a sub-committee to meet with representatives of publishing houses at an early conference. The APB representatives would state: a) the desire of APB to keep the publishing houses going as far as paper stocks would allow; (b) the paper situation, and (c) that no manuscripts submitted for publication would be considered unless they came through a publishing house.

8. Posters. The meeting further recommended that all texts and applications for posters and handbills be referred to PRO office, AMG, in accordance with the orders of General Johnson.

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