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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

9/PRB

24 July 45

SUBJECT: Italian Papers in Turin

TO : Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
American Political Advisor
British Political Advisor

1. I received the following signal dated 23 July from
P.W.B. in Milan:

"All papers appeared in Turin this morning including
La Nuovo Stampa. Everything seems to be under control. Gazzetta
D'Italia scheduled to appear Monday or latest Tuesday. Both
La Nuovo Stampa and Gazzetta approved by AMG CLN and APB."

C. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION SERVICE
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OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION

INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM P.W.B. MILAN FROM EDMAN REF NR MR 21606
CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED DATE TIME SIG
PRECEDENCE DATE TIME REC 23rd. JULY. 45.
TO STEWART BROWN PRO ALLIED COMMISSION ROME, RUSSELL BARNES PWB NAPLES.

TEXT

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DISTRIBUTION.

ACTION.

F.Y.I. MR. STRALEY.
MR. LINEN.
MR. STEWART BROWN. (AC)

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P. W. B. NO. 1813

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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9/PRB

16 July 1945

SUBJECT: Attached Correspondence

TO : Major S. Noble, Chief Press Officer,
P.W.B.

1. With reference to the attached, in my opinion it would be sufficient for their purposes if you as Chief Press Officer for Northern Italy would issue them a simple "to whom it may concern" letter stating that you as Chief Press Officer have no objection to their resuming journalistic activities. Before doing it, however, I suggest you have them checked to see if they are reliable and not subject to epuration.

2. We have no way of issuing them credentials from here without a great deal of trouble to search their security records. In any case, any credentials from AMG or us would only be good until September when the territory is turned back to the Italians. As soon as possible they should get their accreditation from the Italian Government.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Attachments

Handwritten signature

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
~~INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION~~
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
~~ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS~~
P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

13 July 1945

TO: Public Relations Office, AC.

The 20 copies of Press Releases sent to this office will no longer be required after July 15th. Thank you very much for this service.

It would be very much appreciated if you would send 2 copies of each release to

Press Officer
PWB TRIESTE.

This does not affect any arrangement made with PWB news Division.

Rowena Vining

Copy to: Press Officer, PWB Trieste.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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12 July 45

SUBJECT: Attached Letter

TO : Mr. George Edman
PWB, 15th Army Group Hq.

1. The attached came to me with the minutes of one of your meetings. I assume someone wanted my comments on it. As far as we are concerned I see no reason why they can't start operating, without any particular authorization from us, after July 15 when PWB ceases to function.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Attachment.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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12 July 45

SUBJECT: Allied Publications Board

TO : Col. J.E. Bastion, Jr., GSC
Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 7 July on the above subject.

2. The proposal which you mention in para 3 has not been brought to our attention either by PWB or from any other quarter. Inasmuch as the Allied Publications Board must continue functioning at least until some other decision is made, after PWB closes down in northern Italy on 15 July, it is our opinion that the draft amendments to AFHQ Administrative Memorandum #50 should be put into effect, only if temporarily.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Mr. J. Linen, PWB
Mr. R. Redford, PWB

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

7 July 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

SUBJECT: Allied Publications Board.

1. Reference is made to your undated memorandum PRB/9, received here on 20 June 1945, which forwarded draft amendments to AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 50.
2. As there has been a recent proposal that the Allied Publications Board should be disbanded and its functions transferred to the Allied Commission, no action is being taken to publish the amendments you suggest for the present.
3. It is understood that the proposal to close down the Allied Publications Board will be discussed with you by PWB.

J.E. EASTON, Jr.,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander.

Copy to: PWB.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/mew

FRB/9

7 July 45

SUBJECT: LUCE Situation in Venice

TO : Mr. James Linen
P.W.B., Via Veneto, Roma

1. Attached is some correspondence from George Edman about the Luce situation in Venice. Since P.W.B. is handling the northern end of this matter and films come more in the province of P.W.B. than the A.C., it would seem to me more appropriate that the letter to the Rome party should come from P.W.B. Perhaps you would want your Film Section to consider this matter.

2. As far as I am concerned I believe it would be advisable to ask them to try to name a director compatible to both interests.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Attachments

cc: Mr. Geo. Edman

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GEB/mew

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6 July 45

Dear George:

On receipt of copy of your memorandum of 28 June to Mr. Russell Barnes attaching a memorandum from J. P. Fromer regarding P.W.B. communications equipment, I passed it along to our Communications Sub-Commission for comment.

For your information and possible guidance in reaching appropriate decisions I am attaching herewith a copy of the comments of the Deputy Director of the Communications Sub-Commission.

Sincerely yours,

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Mr. George W. Edman
PCO, PWB, 15th Army Group Hq.

cc: Mr. James Linen, UNIS
Mr. James Straley, PWB AFHQ
Mr. Fred Lyon, PWB Unit 16

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HTWP/ec

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5 July, 1945

SUBJECT: Press Traffic - North Italy

TO : Mr. G. Stewart Brown, P.R.B., A.C. ✓

- Attached*
1. With reference to the ^{Attached} Correspondence, as Col. Scudder is travelling, I have replied below, but shall pass the correspondence to him on his return in a few days.
 2. Circuits: These are presumably circuits allocated by a Military organisation (e.g. CSO, I of C). It is suggested that they be turned over to this Sub-Commission for Italian use. This Sub-Commission will make the necessary arrangements with the Italian Government for the transmission of traffic.
 3. Teletypes: These should be returned to their owners. Machines of the Ministry of Popular Culture, or other Machines with no obvious owners should be passed to the A.C. Regional Telecommunications Officer for the area concerned, with a memo listing the machines handed over, and stating the previous owners if known.
 4. Rental of lines: This Sub-Commission will deal with the matter along with the Ministry of Communications.
 5. The Ministry of Communications will probably pass all Press traffic over its own lines from telegraph office to telegraph office. Teleprinter lines may be required from telegraph office to agency office in the same town. This is a small matter that can easily be arranged if necessary.
 6. The Ministry will probably also allocate certain times for Press traffic over its lines.

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So far as this Sub-Commission is concerned one agency would be easier to deal with than several, but this decision is of course outside our scope.

H.T.W. Miller
H.T.W. Miller
Lt. Col. R.S.

Deputy Director Communications S/C

Lt. Col. Scudder,
Comm. S/C

Have you any
comment on
paras 1 and 2
of the attached?

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28 June 1945

To: Mr. Russell Barnes, Director, PWB AFHQ

From: George W. Edman, PWO, PWB, 15th Army Group Hq.

I asked Julian Fromer to give me a memo on all equipment affected by PWB's liquidation. As you will note, he has posed a question or two and your advice is urgently needed.

GEORGE W. EDMAN, PWO
PWB, 15TH ARMY GROUP HQ.

cc: Mr. G. Stewart Brown, Director, PRE, AC ✓
Mr. James Linen, USIS
Mr. James Straley, PWB AFHQ
Mr. Fred. Lyon, PWB Unit 16

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(COPY)

26 June 1945

To: George Edman

From: Julian Fromer

The imminent closing of PWB news operations in North Italy poses the following questions relating to disposal of news and communications facilities now being used by us under varying conditions:

1. What should be done with teletype circuits linking Milan and Turin; Milan and Genoa; Bologna and Rome, etc.? Should they be kept in operation and if so by whom, and under what plan? Can a system of apportioning time to each agency be adopted, or should one agency take over? If the circuits are to continue, who will settle ownership of the teletype machines (some belong to Stefani, some to the Ministry of Popular Culture, etc.) and who will pay the cost of teletype lines? Or should the circuits be dropped, teletype machines returned to previous owners and the agencies allowed to make their own arrangements, whether individual or joint, to reestablish such service?
2. The PWB news office in Milan, occupying former Stefani offices, now uses equipment (aside from OWI-PWB) belonging to Stefani, Italocable and Ministry of Popular Culture. Should this office be left as originally found, with all equipment returned from whom it was borrowed, or should it all be left together to provide all the facilities available if and when a private news agency takes over this Milan setup?
3. Which, if any, private news agency should be given the PWB-Stefani setup in Milan? (This is the crucial point; in other North Italy outposts, we haven't used Stefani offices, and need only to leave the places we have temporarily occupied. Milan will be the key relay point from the rest of the world, and Rome to other North Italy points, if the agencies can arrange it that way). Or should we leave the Stefani office as we found it, and direct all inquiries about the future of Stefani facilities to the official Italian Government and AMG Commissario, Dott. Vetrano?

Answers to these questions are necessary for proper liquidation of the PWB news and communications setup.

(signed) J. P. Fromer

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29th June, 1945. ✓

TO: Mr. George Edman,
P.W.O. PWB.

FROM: Major G.W. Sinclair Noble,
Chief Press Officer.

George,

Herewith brief fill-in for personal information, on present situation:

VENICE.

"IL GAZZETTINO".

This is the newspaper which, according to paragraph 7 of the Press Plan, should come out under the pre-fascist heading, as an independent. At present its printing plant is being used for the PWB "Corriere" and the Editor of the "Corriere" paper would be able to carry on with the "Gazzettino" along with a highly esteemed local journalist as co-Director. The situation would fit perfectly into the Press Plan except for one factor - the shares of the San Marco Company, the owners of the "GAZZETTINO", which were worth 5,000,000 lire in 1932 and are now worth 400,000,000 lire, are mostly in the hands of Christian Democrats, who bought them in September of last year.

For the time being, since there is a commissario, one could be sure that "IL GAZZETTINO" would maintain an independent line, but once the Italian Government is in power in the North and the question of ownership must be settled, there will be a strong possibility that the Christian Democrats will take over.

There is not, therefore, much of a guarantee that the independent newspaper will remain independent for long.

The Sindaco of Venice, who is a Christian Democrat, says that his party is not interested in the line which would be taken by the newspaper and would leave it as an independent, but human nature being what it is, one cannot lay much credence on this.

The alternatives are:

- (1) To go ahead and authorise the "GAZZETTINO" with its independent co-editors and its commissario, leaving the Italian Government to decide in the future whether or not they are prepared to have the most powerful paper in the region owned by one party, or
- (2) To find an independent group of financiers to take over the paper under another name.

The first solution is not quite straightforward because although

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the problem will automatically come before the Italian Government, we will already have loaded the dice in favour of the Christian Democrats.

The second solution would not be easy, since there is no group which is "ripe" to take the paper and it is not a good thing for FWE to go to one or more financiers who have no claims or strong interests in the newspaper business and say "Here is a present of a newspaper".

I suggest that Stewart Brown be asked to obtain the opinion of the Italian Government and a feeler as to what the Italian Government proposes to do upon taking over the North, should we go ahead and authorize "IL GAZZETTINO".

TURIN.

Until yesterday, all reports from Turin indicated that "LA STAMPA" and "LA GAZZETTA DEL POPOLO", which are already authorized by AFB under paragraph 7 of the Press Plan (Pre-Fascist papers), would begin to publish without significant opposition, since Commissarios had been appointed by AMG.

Yesterday, Lt. Col. MacFarlane, O.C. Turin came down and stated that opposition from political parties would be strong and that the Regional Commissioner was prepared to take violent action against party newspapers which might openly criticize their initiation. The Regional Commissioner's viewpoint was that since parties had expressed such strong opposition as to constitute a threat of trouble should the papers come out, that he was prepared, if necessary, to close down the party papers.

Our job is to get out the independent papers if possible but it is certainly not our job to create a situation necessitating a clamping down on the party press.

After talks with Lt. Col. D. MacFarlane and Mr. Marari, who knows the Turin situation from the outset, we agreed upon the following: Only "LA STAMPA" should come out for the present, as should the total circulation for independent papers, Turin, can only be 120,000 and if both "LA STAMPA" and "GAZZETTA DEL POPOLO" come out they would have only 60,000 each. This is not enough for either of them to live. "LA STAMPA" is the older of the two and is less compromised by Fascism.

The editor suggested is Luigi Salvatorelli who is quite independent and anti-Fascist and who refused the editorship of "CORRIERE DELLA SERA" a year or two ago because of its Fascist policy. He is at present Editor of "IL NUOVO EUROPA" in Rome and I propose signalling Mr. Stewart Brown to check if he will accept. He used to be on the "STAMPA" and is acceptable to all interests in Piemonte.

It is up to the O.C. and Press Officer, Turin to recommend whether the paper can come out as "LA STAMPA" or whether the position would be such as to warrant a compromise, such as "LA NUOVA STAMPA"

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FLORENCE.

You know the situation in Florence as it was when I left there, with the Commune paper "CORRIERE DEL MATTINO" closed down and "IL CORRIERE", with a private group authorized in its place.

The Commune sent a delegation to Libonati just before Libonati's position as Under-Secretary for the Press was abolished by the new Government and Libonati agreed to authorize the Commune to run a paper called "IL NUOVO CORRIERE" under the personal editorship of the Mayor (the same man as had tried to dismiss the PWB editor on the grounds that he was "insufficiently leftist").

When the licence of "CORRIERE DEL MATTINO" was cancelled, the paper should have been liquidated and its affairs completely settled. The newsprint already drawn for the coming month should have been turned back to A.C. or passed over to the privately owned newspaper authorized by APB in place of the "CORRIERE DEL MATTINO". In fact, what has happened is that the Commune is using the "CORRIERE DEL MATTINO" organisation, funds and contracts to run their new newspaper and have also taken over the "CORRIERE DEL MATTINO" newsprint, without any distinct closing of the "a cura del PWB" paper.

Mr. Harari, who knows the whole Florence situation, is going to Florence immediately to make a report.

MILAN.

A week or two ago the leader of the "Franchi" group - a band of young and enthusiastic patriots who gained a high reputation with the Allies for their subversive activities against the enemy, came to me with a letter from the British authorities in Switzerland recommending that they be given the ownership of "GIORNALE LOMBARDO" when PWB closes down. I told them that APB, the authority for the publication of newspapers in Italy - had already decided that "GIORNALE LOMBARDO" was to go to "CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE" in place of the "CORRIERE'S" evening edition "IL POMERIGGIO" as an independent newspaper and that no group with political axes to grind, no matter how worthy, could be considered as owners of an independent newspaper.

There are two other factors:

- (1) that "CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE" cannot carry on financially without its evening paper.
- (2) the "Franchi" group, which already has been authorized to produce a weekly newspaper, has no claim by tradition or by journalistic qualifications, to a daily newspaper.

A signal arrived to-day from PWE London saying:

"Do not transfer "Corriere Lombardo" (meaning "Giornale Lombardo")

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"to Borsa & Co. (meaning the "Corriere group) until you have
"first seen Cunard (PID London) who has just arrived in Italy
"from London. SOE (which I think means Special Operations,
"Europe) support rival claimant".

I am assuming that "rival claimant" means the Franchi group,
since the Franchi people stated that they intended to get in touch with
London asking for support. I hope we can see Cunard and get his angle
before putting the whole thing to APB on the 9th July.

G. M. SINCLAIR NOBLE,
Major. The Buffs.
Chief Press Officer.

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"CORRIERE DEL MATTINO"

Notes made on the "Corriere del
Mattino" situation by Major Counseland
when in Milan, 27th June, 1945.

Further to my full reports on the above subject from Florence,
the following facts might be of interest and guidance in the matter:

In spite of my receiving an assurance from Prof. Bracca and Sig.
Giunti of "IL NUOVO CORRIERE" that the profits of "IL CORRIERE DEL MATTINO",
which were amassed when this paper was "a cura del PWB", would be paid out
to the workers before the new paper began, this was not done.

I called Prof. Bracca to my office and stressed that this would have
to be done. I took advice from Mr. Wayne Bentley, Fiscal Officer, PWB.
Florence and he too agreed that we should insist that the profit made whilst
the paper was under our aegis should be paid off before PWB cleared out of
Florence entirely.

Prof. Bracca, in spite of his promise and written agreement, still did
not have the money paid over to the workers. This I heard on Saturday
night and accordingly I waited at Florence until Monday morning to ascertain
what was happening. I then found that not only had the money not been paid
out but that Prof. Bracca had approached the workers of "IL NUOVO CORRIERE"
informing them that it was proposed that the profits might be utilised to
keep "IL NUOVO CORRIERE" going. This was occasioned by the fact that the
new paper has done badly. Expenses have risen considerably - petrol,
telephones, tyres, correspondents, news services must all now be paid for
where before it was gratis - and the circulation has dropped considerably.

The workers are obviously not prepared to accept this and so "IL NUOVO
CORRIERE" is going to be faced, as I see it, with a problem.

I spoke to Mr. Wayne Bentley on the whole matter and he agreed to see
to it that the money now being held by the Sindaco for "CORRIERE DEL MATTINO"
would be paid over to the workers as originally agreed and planned.

If it is formally established and enforced that the Comune pay over
this money, then there is little doubt that "IL NUOVO CORRIERE" cannot
carry on, but if it is felt that this new paper run by the Comune should
be crushed - as I think it should - then pressure can readily be brought to
bear by the A.C. paper control. Quite wrongly the paper earmarked for
"CORRIERE DEL MATTINO" was given over to "IL NUOVO CORRIERE". This
was done on the orders of S.E. Libonati, after Comm. Passigli had telephoned
to Rome in the matter and both he and Bracca had spoken to S.E. Libonati.

AFB authorised Passigli's new paper to be successor to "CORRIERE DEL
MATTINO" and "IL NUOVO CORRIERE" was not even heard of at that time.
Their claim to the paper is therefore illogical and wrong.

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With the cease of "CORRIERE DEL MATTINO", "LA NAZIONE DEL POPOLO" foresaw a wider circulation by publishing in the morning as well as in the afternoon. I pointed out that if they did this it would be against the APB permit, a permit which was automatically taken over by the Italian Press Commission. They, however, pleaded their complete liberty in the matter and accordingly published in the morning and the afternoon at 35,000 copies each edition, i.e. halving their authorised 70,000 copies.

These greedy tactics failed miserably however, and I am told that they have dropped their sales considerably. They will not admit to this but I am assured on very reliable grounds that their "returns" are alarmingly high.

The question of Comm. Passigli's new newspaper, re-named "IL GAZZETTO DEL MATTINO" now arises. This newspaper Marchese Fossi is very ready to edit, with a strong editorial controlling board, including such names as Avv. Castelnuovo, Marchese Morra, Avv. Rossi and perhaps even Prof. Calamandrei. Such a strong team under Fossi would undoubtedly be able to make a better job of the newspaper than the Comune - "IL NUOVO CORRIERE" is a pretty poor job and the paper would be able to take an independent line such as neither a Community nor a Liberation Committee newspaper could ever hope to follow.

There have, of course, been the usual rumours about FWE granting Comm. Passigli this permit and the most extravagant is that Major Noble has received 1,000,000 lire and the writer 500,000 lire. Such idle rumours should, of course, count nothing in our determination to allow a private individual to run, finance and organise a newspaper, as opposed to a Community, which is always bickering and changing its views.

I feel it essential that Major Noble should visit Florence as soon as possible to obtain an overall picture of the situation as it now is.

David C. Cowland

D. C. COWLAND,
Major. R.A.

Distribution:

Mr. Russell Barnes.	Mr. Stewart Brown.
Mr. Radford.	Mr. Michael Stewart,
Mr. G. Egan.	Miss Vining.
Major Noble.	File.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS

INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM P.W.E. ITALIAN NOBLE
CLASSIFICATION
PRECEDENCE
TO P.W.P. ROME FOR DANCROFT

REF. NR.
DATE TIME SIG 252155
DATE TIME REC 30th. JUNE. 45.

TEXT

Please pass the following message to G Stewart Brown of Allied Commission immediately para
Gazette of Venice ready to go ahead to once fitting perfectly into pre fascist para
of Press plan. Only difficulty is that majority of sheres worth about three hundred million lire bought by Christian democrats. Commissario can guarantee independence for present, but can Italian Government guarantee independence for future. Christian democrats disclaim any interest in future policy of paper but obviously would not remain detached completely. Only other solution would be forming private group for new paper.
Refer Gazette to wish our resolutions on above.

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ACTION: MR. DANCROFT

P.Y.L.: STEWART BROWN

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MR. H. B. BROWN

CLASSIFICATION

DATE TIME SIG: 292155

PRECEDENCE

DATE TIME REC

50th. JUN. 45.

TO: E.W.P. ROY FOR RANCROFT

TEXT

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Prefer Gazetting to wish your reactions on above.

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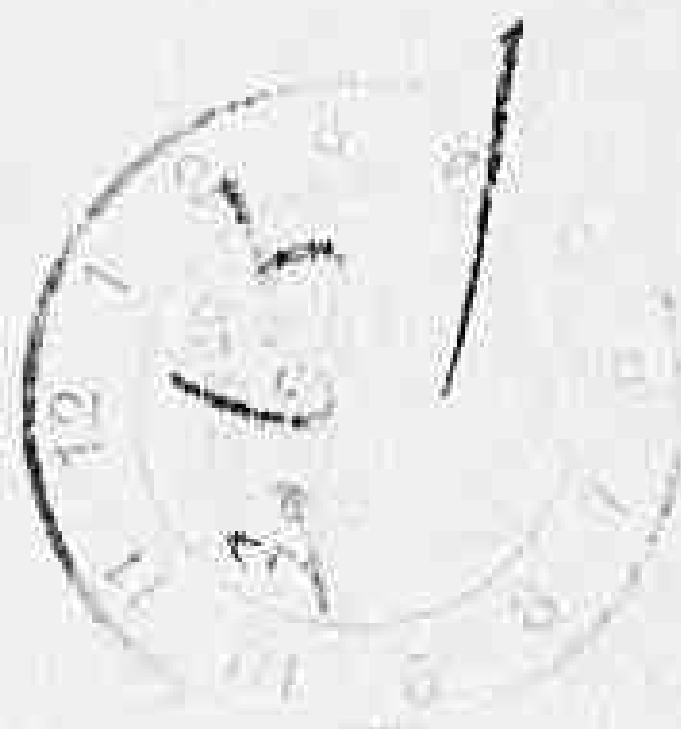
ACTION: MR. RANCROFT

F.Y.I.: " STEWART BROWN

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L. M. B. ROME



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MSG NR 3

TO PWB ROME MISS VINING COPY TO MR G STEWART BROWN
CMA ALLIED COMMISSION
FROM PWB MILAN EDMAN
REF NO MR 29379

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF APB AT ROME ON JULY NINTH
ELEVEN AM CMA AS BOTED AT LAST MEETING PD ISSUE
NOTICES AT ONCE PD ENDIT +

BT 122530

sent copy to Vining

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DISTRIBUTION OF NEWS - NORTH ITALY

1. The following facilities will be at the disposition of Private News Agencies as of July 15th, 1945 for distribution of news to North Italy.

A. Telephones:a. Rome - Milan

Each of the 3 agencies will be permitted to book a 6 minute call daily between 8:00 and 21:00 hrs. and a call up to 18 minutes duration between 21:00 and 24:00 hrs.

b. (Rome - Genoa)
(Rome - Turin)

Each of the 3 agencies will be permitted to book a daily call up to 18 minutes duration between 21:00 and 24:00 hrs.

B. Telegrams:

a. Rome - Milan circuit capacity	8000 words hourly
b. Rome - Turin	1000 "
c. Rome - Genoa	3000 "
d. Rome - Bologna	6000 "
e. Rome - Venice	3000 "

C. Radio:

a. A broadcast transmission service - no reception or delivery arrangements for which are to be made by agencies. Rate will be 50 centesimi a word capacity 40,000 words daily.

2. In case of congestion, traffic will be cleared in groups of 500 words for each agency - order of transmission to be rotated daily so that no one agency is given a preferred position.

3. Telegrams and Messages for transmission by radio to be presented at Central Telegraph Office, Piazza San Silvestro, Rome. Arrangements for booking telephone calls to be made with Azienda di Stato for booked calls at regular hours or by dialing 04 for day or eve booking.

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Each of the 3 agencies will be permitted to book a 6 minute call daily between 8:00 and 21:00 hrs. and a call up to 15 minutes duration between 21:00 and 24:00 hrs.

b. (Rome - Genoa)
(Rome - Turin)

Each of the 3 agencies will be permitted to book a daily call up to 15 minutes duration between 21:00 and 24:00 hrs.

B. Telegraph:

a. Rome - Milan circuit capacity 8000 words hourly	"
b. Rome - Turin " 1000	"
c. Rome - Genoa " 2000	"
d. Rome - Bologna " 2000	"
e. Rome - Venice " 3000	"

C. Radio:

a. A broadcast transmission service - no reception or delivery arrangements for which are to be made by agencies. Total will be 50 centesimi a word capacity 40,000 words daily.

2. In case of congestion, traffic will be cleared in groups of 500 words for each agency - order of transmission to be rotated daily so that no one agency is given a preferred position.

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Copies to: 3 Agencies involved.

Associated Press

United Press

Reuters

International News Service

Agence France

ANSA

Orbis

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Copy for information to U.S.I.S.

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OUTGOING TELETYPE MESSAGE

PWB UNIT 16

REF NO:

MR28364

DATE: 28 JUNE 1945

PRIORITY: URGENT - IMMEDIATE

TO:

MICHAEL STEWART
BRITISH EMBASSY ROME

CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

FROM:

PWB - MILAN

APPROVED:

AGREE THAT INTERFERING LINE OF GIOVANNI LOMBARDI MUST BE
ASSURED BUT RAISE QUESTION OF FOSTER FRANCHI ORGANIZATION.
SEE PWB WEEKLY REPORT ON CONDITIONS MILAN AND LOMBARDY OF
MAY 22 APPENDIX THREE STOP ALSO OTHER PROBLEMS INVOLVED STOP
WILL BE GLAD TO SEE SOGNO. NO FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE
PRIOR TO AFB MEETING ROME JULY NINETEEN

cc: Mr. Barnes

Mr. Lihen

Mr. G. Stewart Brown, ALLIED COMMISSION
MAJOR ANDERSON, AMERICAN EMBASSY

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

June 28th 1945.

CONFIDENTIAL

TO: The Director, Public Relations Branch, AC, Rome.

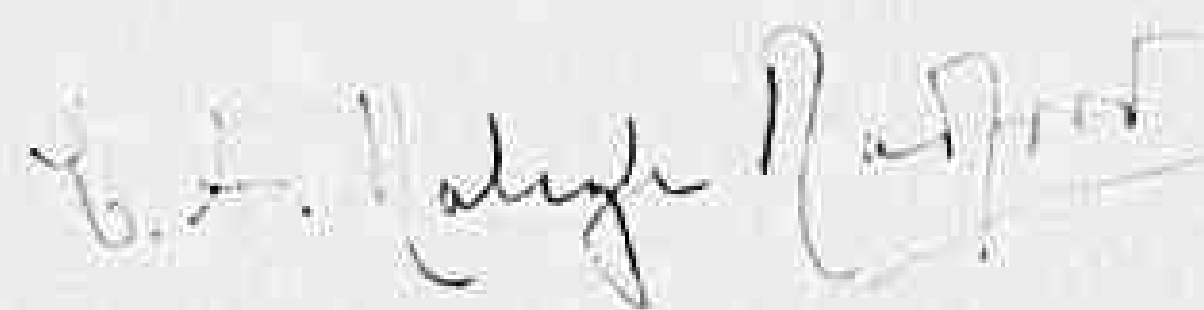
FROM: Assistant Deputy Director, PWB AFHQ.

SUBJECT: Standing Propaganda Directive

1. Reference is made to your letter of 25th June, GSB/mew, PRE/9.
2. With regard to the second paragraph, an additional paragraph has been inserted into the directive reading as follows:

"By objectively reporting and by explanation of the methods followed in the British General elections and other elections in Allied countries, we encourage among the Italian people the desire to see in their own country a free election with a secret ballot"

The entire Directive has now been submitted to the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, for concurrence.



Assistant Deputy Director,
PWB AFHQ.

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MR 7 MR 26326 - TO BANCROFT ROME FROM EDMAN MILAN
PLEASE SEE THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS HANDED TO G
STEWART BROWN ALLIED COMMISSION SOONEST COL MARSHALL
CMA CMA PIEDIMONTE COMMISSIONER IN ROME PD URGENT
YOU SEE HIM TO DISCUSS TURIN PRESS DEVELOPMENTS AND SEN
D BACK WITH HIM REACTIONS YOUR END INCLUDING ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT PD HAVE SIGNALLED MARSHALL TO SEE YOU PD
END IT

2000 26/6 POLICASTRO

Confirmation copy of

phon. call

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PWB file

Signal to Major Noble, PWB, Milan ~~and~~ phoned through
PWB news service here.

The following message/ is for Major Noble in Milan from
Stewart Brown, Allied commission;
(your signal re salvatorelli. He refuses accept editorship
and says he already told senator frassati he would not
accept it because he cannot leave rome

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major PW.B

Message from Milan from Noble. The following message is sent to G. Stewart Brown, Allied Commission: Luigi Salvatorelli, editor of La Nuova Europa is destined as editor of Turin Stampa. Please check if he will accept. Urgent.

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SLN di Piemonte

received 10.25

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of Political Adviser (A)

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June 26, 1945

To: Public Relations Branch

Subject: Standing Propaganda Directive of P.W.B.

It is regretted that the attached file was not returned earlier, but I did not believe that the Political Advisers would comment on this and thought from the address that only the Executive Commissioner's comments were requested.

For your information I have no comments thereon.



Robert H. McBride
Political Adviser (A)

RMcb/jb

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*To File —
Under
PWB*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

*Mr. Dowling
Room 22
3rd Floor*
[Signature]
GSE/mew

PRB/9

19 June 1945

SUBJECT: Standing Propaganda Directive of P.W.B.

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Attached herewith is a proposed standing propaganda directive from P.W.B. on which they would like the concurrence of the Allied Commission.

2. It would be appreciated if you could give me your comments on the directive. I see no objection to it myself.

3. I am also sending copies to the Political Advisors for their comments.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copies to: American Political Advisor
British Political Advisor

*Major Anderson has seen
and has no comments
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[Signature]*

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

18th June, 1945

STANDING PROPAGANDA DIRECTIVE

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- E. To project Britain and America and to prepare for the resumption of full and friendly relations between these countries and Italy.

DIRECTIVE

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3. We stress the world shortage of raw materials and in particular of coal, keeping constantly to the fore the difficulties of life in Allied and Liberated countries, including liberated countries in the Far East.
4. We explain, without entering into polemics, the need for keeping Allied Military Government on the lines of communication with our occupation forces in Austria. Criticism of the retention of AMG or AC from responsible British or American sources will be reported briefly, avoiding as far as possible any impression that there is any difference of opinion between the two countries as regards the status of Italy.

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5. We report Italian political difficulties fairly and objectively, reminding our audience that a full return to normal conditions will necessarily be slow and that the restoration of an effective national administration, which is essential to the reconstruction of the country, demands the active support and interest of each member of the community.
6. We report prominently each step taken to further the resumption of full administrative control by the Italian government.
7. We treat the Committees of National Liberation in accordance with the principles laid down in the order issued by the Committee on June 2nd (see appendix).
8. We encourage, by reporting successful examples, the full use of local resources and local improvisations designed to provide substitutes for unobtainable commodities.

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APPENDIX

18.6.45

Summary of order issued by AMG LOMBARDY, 1st June 1945.

1. All decrees and orders issued by the C.L.N.A.I. and other C.L.Ns. automatically become invalid from the time when they are substituted by decrees or orders of AMG.
2. All appointments made by the aforesaid committees will become invalid within seven days of the publication of the present order unless confirmed by AMG.
3. Any future decrees or appointments made by the aforesaid Committees are annulled.
4. AMG is the sole authority competent to issue decrees and make appointments. These powers will be, as far as possible, delegated to regularly appointed Italian officials, such as prefects or mayors. Any orders so issued must have the written approval of AMG.
5. The C.L.N. will act solely as advisors to AMG which will continue to cooperate closely with these committees.
6. The present order does not prejudice the validity of decrees and appointments made by the aforesaid committees before the present date.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSE/EGW

PRE/9

25 June 45

SUBJECT: Standing Propaganda Directive

TO : Mr. R. Radford
Assistant Deputy Director, PRB AMIC

1. The proposed Standing Propaganda Directive which you sent me on June 18 has been reviewed by the Allied Commission and has its concurrences.
2. It is suggested that the presentation to the Italian people of the desirability of a free election with a secret ballot might be included in the directive.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copy for info to: Executive Commissioner
Mr. Halford
PRB Files

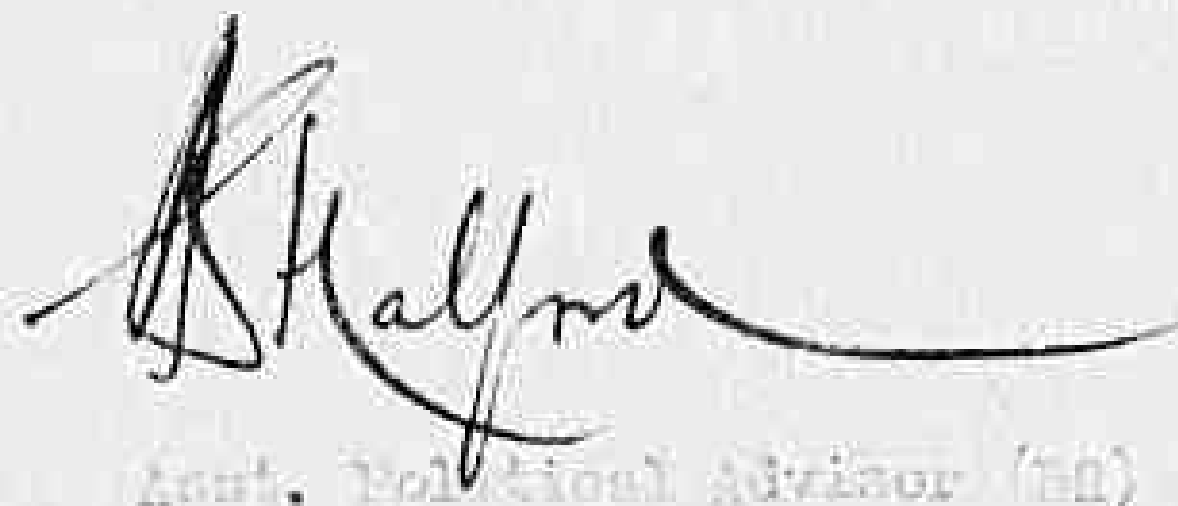
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Director,
FBI.

Subject: Standing Propaganda Directive of FBI

Reference FBI/2 of June 19th addressed to Executive
Commissioner.

The draft directive has been studied by the British
Embassy who see no objection to its terms.



Asst. Political Advisor (EE)

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Copy to U. S. Field
Ex. Com.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 9267/109/EC.22 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Dissolution of PWB in ITALY.

TO : Public Relations Branch.

Reference Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 31 dated 16 June 1945,
Copy No. 37 of which was passed to you by this office on 17 June,
attached please find extract from the Minutes of SACM's 15th Meeting
(Political) at which this matter was discussed.

/JG.

E. J. W.
Lieut. Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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EXTRACT from the Minutes of SACMED's
15th Meeting (Political) held at AFHQ
on 18th June 1945.

MINUTE No.10

10. TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PRESS AND
RADIO NEWS FROM PWB IN ITALY.

(previous reference Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 31).

THE CONFERENCE had before them a paper recommending that transfer of responsibility for the distribution of press and radio news from PWB to private news agencies should take place on 1 July 1945.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE stated that the Technical Sub-Committee appointed by him to investigate a date for the dissolution of PWB had recommended 1 July provided that three radio frequencies now being used by PWB should be made available to Ital-Cable for their use in Northern ITALY. Recently, however, he had been informed that private news agencies had been unable to complete negotiation of contracts as soon as anticipated and a new target date of 15 July was therefore more desirable.

MR. BAUNES stated that he could see no reason why these frequencies could not be made available to the Italian agencies inasmuch as PWB had offered its transmitters in ROME to the Italians on a loan basis.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

- a. Directed the Chief of Staff to investigate the allotment of the three frequencies now held by PWB to Ital-Cable and to submit ~~known~~ to him a report of his investigation.
- b. Directed the Chief of Staff to give appropriate orders for the handover of responsibility for distribution of press and radio news from PWB to private news agencies effective 15 July 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSE/mew

9/FEB

22 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Cessation of P.W.B. News Distribution in Northern Italy

TO : Associated Press
United Press
International News Service
Reuters
Ansa
Orbis
Si
Sidi
Agence France-Presse

1. This is to inform you that AFHQ has approved the hand over of responsibility for the distribution of press and radio news in Northern Italy (with the exception of Venezia-Giulia) from P.W.B. to private news agencies effective July 15, 1945.

2. This approval is still subject to the satisfactory solution of several minor technical problems. Unless these problems prove impossible of solution before that date please accept this as notice that private news agencies can begin to distribute news in northern Italy (except Venezia-Giulia) as of 0001 hours 15 July.

3. A system for the rationing of wordage which can be filed to the north is being worked out and a meeting will be held as soon as it is ready for discussion.

[Signature]

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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Mr. Michael Stewart, British Embassy
Major F. Weidman, G-5 Section, AFHQ
Mr. George Edman, P.W.B., Milan
Mr. Radford, P.W.B., Rome
Mr. G. Bancroft, P.W.B., Rome
Miss Vining, P.W.B., Rome
Mr. J. Linen, PWB, Rome

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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COPY✓ P.R.B.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

PWB file

21 June 1945

SUBJECT: Cessation of PWB Activities in ITALY

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
ROME

The attached correspondence, originated in compliance
with the decision taken at SAC (P) (45) 15th Meeting, Minute 10 (a),
is forwarded for your information and any necessary action.

(sgd for)
J. E. BASTION, JR.
Colonel, GSC
Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander

1 Incl
Ltr dtd 19 June 45

Copy to: PWB
w/incls.

LC Dist - 22 JUNE 45

ACTION: COMMUNICATIONS SC

INFO: CHIEF COMPT 579

EXEC CONNR

P. R. B.

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AFHQ, OCSigO, APO 512, US Army, 20 June 1945

RAD/WDE/jj

TO: Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ

1. The frequencies 288.23 kcs, 1556 kcs, 6285 kcs and 6485 kcs are still in use by PWB for the Italian News File, but as soon as arrangements can be completed, these frequencies will be re-allocated to Headquarters Allied Commission for ITALCABLE. From the standpoint of frequency allocation, communications for Italian news transmissions can continue without interruption.

For the Chief Signal Officer:

/sgd/ Preston W. Simms,
PRESTON W. SIMMS
Lt Colonel Signal Corps

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

19 June 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Signal Officer

SUBJECT : Allotment of Frequencies to ITALCABLE

1. At the 15th Meeting of the Supreme Allied Commander's Political Conference on 18 June 1945, the Supreme Allied Commander directed that an investigation should be made into the allotment of three frequencies to ITALCABLE for transmission from ROME to news agencies in North ITALY.

2. It is desired that you examine urgently the possibility of allotting these frequencies to ITALCABLE. It is understood that they are at present reserved for the use of PWB, but the Director, PWB, states that he has made arrangements to loan PWB's transmitters in ROME to ITALCABLE so that PWB will have no further use for these frequencies after such time as you indicate that the allotment to ITALCABLE can be made.

/sgd/ J. E. Bastion, Jr.
J. E. BASTION, JR.,
Colonel, GSC

Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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PRE/9

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G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copies to: American Political Advisor
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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

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18 June 1945

To: Mr. Russell Barnes, Director, PWB AFHQ
From: George W. Edman, PWO, PWB, 15th Army Group Hq.

Discussions between RAI and RI are progressing,
administration being the one hitch at the moment.

Carrara and one or two others of RI are going to
Rome soon to continue discussions. Carrara says RAI has
recognized him as the official Commissioner of the north.

GEORGE W. EDMAN, PWO
PWB, 15TH ARMY GROUP HQ.

cc: Mr. Redford
Mr. Stewart Brown ✓
Mr. Lyon
Mr. Thomas

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

PMB/9

18 June 1945

SUBJECT: Cessation of P.W.B. Activities in Northern Italy

TO : Chief of Staff
AFHQ

1. Reference our PMB/9 of 13 June 45.
2. Enclosed herewith are the draft amendments to AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 50 of 25 November 1944 which through error we neglected to enclose in our above mentioned memorandum to you.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Maj. F. Weidman, G-5, AFHQ
Information & Censorship, Att: Col. Hobson
PMB Files

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
P.W.B. UNIT No. 16 U.S.A.P.O. 512

18 June 1945

Mr. G. Stewart Brown, Director
PWB, Hq. Allied Commission
Rome

Dear Stewart:

I shall be interested to know what happened at your meeting of agency representatives Saturday, 16 June.

Sorry to have had to bother you about the Firenze matter, but the opportunity presented seemed too fortuitous to miss. I think the speed with which we acted took the Commune people by surprise. Many thanks for your advice to Major Noble.

I have mentioned the matter of USIS to Miss Cook, and if she hasn't communicated with you, she will. I should hate to lose her services, but I will not stand in the way of her transfer to a job which is more long range and one in which she could be a help in bridging the gap between PWB activities and USIS. The decision, however, is hers.

Sincerely,

George W. Edman
GEORGE W. EDMAN, PWO
PWB, 15TH ARMY GROUP HQ.

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AMENDMENTS TO APH, ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

NO. 50, of 25th November, 1944, the

AMENDMENTS TO TAKE EFFECT OF THE CESSATION

OF PWB ACTIVITIES IN NORTH ITALY.

1. Paragraph 1 is rescinded and the following substituted:

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 - (1) Psychological Warfare Branch, APH (Chairman)
 - (2) Censorship Branch, INC
 - (3) G-2 Section
 - (4) Allied Commission
 - (5) OWI and M of I.
- b. Allied Commission will be represented by the following:
 - (1) Representatives of the political advisors.
 - (2) Representatives of the Economic Section.
 - (3) The Director of Public Relations.
- c. Psychological Warfare Branch will be represented by the following:
 - (1) Head of PWB Italy (Chairman)
 - (2) The Chief Press Officer (Executive Secretary)
 - (3) Representative of the Director, PWB APHQ
2. Paragraph 3A is rescinded and the following substituted:

The Communes of Naples, Ancona and Livorno will be regarded for Allied Publications Board purposes as territory under Italian Government jurisdiction but copies of all applications for license to publish newspapers and magazines in these areas will be forwarded to the AMG Regional Commissioner by the Italian Press Commission. 1568
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JJWU ✓

MSG 2 -

TO PWB ROME - FROM PWB MILAN (EDMAN NOBLE) -
PLEASE PASS TO STEWART BROWN DIRECTOR PUBLIC RELATIONS
ALLIED COMMISSION URGENT MESSAGE READS COLON UNDERSTOOD
FLORENCE COMMUNE DEPUTATION ON WAY TO SEE ITALIAN GOVERN-
-EMENT ON CORRIERE DEL MATTINE DECISION STOP PARA RECOM-
-MEND UNITED FRONT ON ACTION TAKEN AND SUGGEST YOU
CONTACT ITALIAN PRESS AUTHORITIES SIGNED EDMAN NOBLE
END MESSAGE PD ENDITE

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*Confirmation of
phone call*

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June 18th

From Edman and Noble, Milan

Understood Florence commune deputation on way to see
Italian Government on Corriere del Mattino decision.
Recommend united front on action taken and suggest you
contact Italian press authorities.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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16 June 1945

SUBJECT : News Distribution in Northern Italy

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. A meeting was held today with the Italian and American news agencies to seek their views on the date on which they could begin distribution of news in northern Italy, thus permitting R.N.B. to cease its distribution.

2. The agencies were unanimous in their belief that for administrative reasons they could not be prepared to take over news distribution in northern Italy before July 15. It was their recommendation that AFHQ set the date for July 15 rather than July 1.

3. In view of the wordage requirements of the eight agencies, it was decided that Col. Souder's Technical Sub-Committee should, in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Communications and Italian Press Ministry, work out a system of rationing of the wordage of all agencies, especially at peak periods.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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 - (2) Censorship Branch, INC
 - (3) G-2 Section
 - (4) Allied Commission
 - (5) OWI and M of I.
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 - (1) Representatives of the political advisors.
 - (2) Representatives of the Economic Section.
 - (3) The Director of Public Relations.
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 - (3) Representative of the Director, PWB AFHQ

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The Communes of Naples, Ancona and Livorno will be regarded for Allied Publications Board purposes as territory under Italian Government jurisdiction but copies of all applications for license to publish newspapers and magazines in these areas will be forwarded to the AMG Regional Commissioner by the Italian Press Commission.

3. Paragraph 3C is rescinded.
4. The following sub-para is added to paragraph 4:

4. Provide for the direction and control of the Italian Press and Radio in Italian territory under AMG in

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4. The following sub-para is added to paragraph 4X

4. Provide for the direction and control of the Italian Press and radio in Italian territory under AMG in accordance with the instructions the Chief of Staff AFHQ and directives approved by him.

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16 June 1945

SUBJECT : News Distribution in Northern Italy

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. A meeting was held today with the Italian and American news agencies to seek their views on the date on which they could begin distribution of news in northern Italy, thus permitting P.W.B. to cease its distribution.

2. The agencies were unanimous in their belief that for administrative reasons they could not be prepared to take over news distribution in northern Italy before July 15. It was their recommendation that AFHQ set the date for July 15 rather than July 1.

3. In view of the wordage requirements of the eight agencies, it was decided that Col. Scudder's Technical Sub-Committee should, in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Communications and Italian Press Ministry, work out a system of rationing of the wordage of all agencies, especially at peak periods.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

Distribution:

Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section
Communications S/C
Political Advisors - American and British
P.W.B. - Mr. J. Linen, Rome
 Mr. G. Egan, Milan
 Mr. R. Barnes, Naples
 Mr. Radford, Rome
Maj. Floyd Weidman, G-5, AFHQ
Col. Hobson, Info. & Censorship, AFHQ

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF
PRESS AND RADIO NEWS FROM PAB IN ITALY

Note by Secretary

1. At S.C. (P)(45) 13th Meeting, Minute 7 b, the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander directed that, when it became possible to recommend a definite date for the transfer of responsibility for the distribution of press and radio news from PAB to private news agencies, the matter should again be brought before the Supreme Allied Commander for final decision.
2. The Technical Sub-Committee set up by Allied Commission to examine the problems involved in the admission of private news agencies to North ITALY in all but the VENETIA GIULIA region, has completed its investigations and finds that sufficient communications facilities will be available to permit adequate coverage of North ITALY by private news agencies beginning 1 July 1945. A detailed scheme for the control of Italian press and radio in North ITALY after the cessation of PAB activities is attached as Annexure 1.
3. The recommendations of the Technical Sub-Committee apply only to press and radio. The question of distribution of films will be examined separately.
4. The Supreme Allied Commander, in conference, is requested to approve the hand-over of responsibility from PAB to private news agencies with effect from 1 July 1945.

Robert T. Handley
J. B. EASTON, JR.
COLONEL, G.S.C.
SECRETARY.

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Deputy Supreme Allied Commander
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Deputy Air Commander-in-Chief, MAF
Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Northwest African Waters
Commanding General, U.S. Army Air Forces, Mediterranean
Theater
Commanding General, 15th Army Group
Chief of Staff
Chief Administrative Officer
Deputy Chief of Staff
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
Chairman, Mediterranean Joint Planning Staff
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5
Assistant Chief of Staff (BR)
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ANNEXURE 1

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PROPOSAL FOR THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF
ITALIAN PRESS AND RADIO ON CESSATION OF
FAS ACTIVITIES IN NORTHERN ITALY

1. Italian Press and Radio in North ITALY will be free to use any news and information available from official sources and private agencies subject to the requirements of military censorship.
2. The elimination of material likely to inflame public opinion and the objective presentation of contentious issues to the Italian population resident in areas under Allied Military Government will be secured through Allied Press Officers whose functions and status are defined below:
3. Allied Publications Board, which will continue to meet at ROME, will appoint from among the civilian and military personnel at present employed by FAS, Allied Press Officers. These will be stationed in areas in which there is a Regional Commissioner, with whom they will act in close cooperation.
4. The Press Officers will act in accordance with directives prepared by Allied Publications Board concurred by AC/AFG and approved by the Chief of Staff, AFHQ. In case of emergency when public safety is endangered the Press Officer will act on the instructions of the Regional Commissioner; in the event of these instructions being at variance with the directives of Allied Publications Board, the matter will be referred back to higher authority for decision.
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6. The direction and control of the Italian Press and Radio, vested in Allied Publications Board, will be additional to that exercised by military censorship; it will normally be carried out by means of post publication scrutiny. In cases likely to inflame public opinion, and in controversial issues, which will be the subject of directives from AFHQ, Press Officers will have the right to demand from the non-political information newspapers, which will be authorized in each region, the pre-publication submission of editorial articles and comment and will be entitled to delete from such articles matter liable to inflame public opinion. Press Officers will also be entitled to require these non-political information papers to publish, in full or in part, official allied statements and orders.
7. The Press Officer will have the power to exercise similar control over Radio scripts in any circumstances when he may consider this necessary.

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7. The Press Officer will have the power to exercise similar control over Radio scripts in any circumstances when he may consider this necessary.
8. Licensing of the press, including weekly and monthly magazines, and the allotment of circulation to newspapers and posters, will be the responsibility of Regional Allied Publications Boards, whose decisions will be subject to confirmation by the Central Allied Publications Board.
9. Regional Allied Publications Boards will include the following:-

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

The Chairman, Allied Publications Board, will be ex officio a member of all regional boards and may delegate the Chief Press Officer to attend

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as his representative.

10. The Control of Paper Supplies and Production will be the responsibility of AC/SEC.
11. The Press Officers will, if desired, act as the agents for GAI and LOI for the distribution of American and British publications within their areas, GAI and LOI providing the Italian staff necessary for this purpose.

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In Stuart Blair

Notes on closing down of Corriere del Mattino,
Florence.

Consequent upon the extraordinary meeting of members of the Central APB in Florence on 13th June, the following action was taken with regard to the above matter, by Major Sinclair Noble, Executive Secretary APB, Major David Cousland, OC Unit No. 14 PWB, and Mr. Tomasso Russo, Press Officer, PWB, Florence.

1. At 9.30 a.m. on the 14th June Colonel Weber, U.S. Army, Chief Legal Advisor AMG Tuscany Region, was interviewed and the whole matter put before him in the absence of the Regional Commissioner who was in Milan.

Col. Weber suggested that rather than waive the contract made between the Commune of Florence and PWB for ownership and administration of the Corriere del Mattino, it would be wiser simply to withdraw their licence for publication. He explained that in this case we would be exercising a right vested in APB and, in view of the Commune's unsatisfactory handling of the whole matter, would be well within our rights. It would then be an easy matter to grant a new licence for a new newspaper and to forbid the use of "Corriere del Mattino".

2. At 10 a.m. a meeting was held in the offices of PWB Florence at which the Sindaco and Prof. Bracco were present, along with Major Noble, Major Cousland and Mr. Russo.

A formal note was handed to the Sindaco, signed by Major Noble in his capacity as Executive Secretary of APB, informing him that as from 15th June the licence to publish Corriere del Mattino had formally been withdrawn.

There was some discussion and it became clear that this swift action was somewhat unexpected and that the Commune realised only too well that their own action in the matter had been disrespectful, high-handed and unwise. 1557

The Commune were seemingly prepared to make considerable amends and to redeem themselves in the eyes of PWB and the Allies.

It was made clear, however, that our faith in their ability to handle the running of a newspaper with equanimity and justice had been sadly shaken. Although Prof. Bracco at some

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considerable length outlined not only their reasons for wishing the proposed change but their method as to how they would operate in the future, it was made clear to him that the action proposed must be taken forthwith.

The Sindaco and Prof. Braeco make it abundantly clear that they intended by every means at their disposal to put their case before the people of Florence and to give their views as to how the Corriere del Mattino had been taken from the people.

It was clear to all that PWB could do little in the matter once it had pulled out and that our action had been entirely just.

3. Major Noble contacted Mr. Stuart Brown, Director Public Relations, AC, in Rome, by telephone, and he was in full agreement with the action taken.

He suggested, however, that the date of cessation of the Corriere del Mattino should be postponed until the official closing down of the PWB office in Florence, namely the 19th June. A notice should be put in the paper to the effect that with the cessation of the work of PWB in Florence, Corriere del Mattino 'a cura del PWB' would also cease, but that a new paper, Il Corriere, would be published on that date.

4. At 11.30 a.m. Com. Passigli and his partner Sig. Baglini had a meeting with Major Noble and Major Cousland, in which they were informed of the final date for the hand-over.

Com. Passigli and his partner propose calling in Avv. Ugo Castelnuovo to form a triumvirate which would control the new newspaper Il Corriere and see to its being run along the informational and objective lines which were always those along which Corriere del Mattino had formerly been managed while under PWB control.

It was clear that they were aware of the likely hostility of the Comune to the new paper but that they appreciated the need in this area for such an organ.

5. Marchese Fossi met Major Noble and Major Cousland at 12.15 p.m. and expressed his willingness to carry on the Editorship of Il Corriere upon a non-political basis and under the ownership of Passigli, Baglini and Castelnuovo, with whom he was on the very best terms and with whom he was in full agreement.

He foresaw little technical trouble but rather technical adjustments here and there which he was confident time would put right.

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6. It was agreed with Major Noble that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Tuscany APB should be called for June 15th and that at this meeting licence for the publication of Il Corriere should be granted and the necessary papers forwarded to the Central APB, Rome.

It was also agreed that Major Noble and Major Cousland with Mr. Russo should call upon the Prefect of Florence to explain the action taken in the matter.

David C. Cousland *Maj.*
David C. Cousland, Major,
CC PWB Unit No. 14.

14th June 1945.

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MEMORANDUM

June 14, 1945

The following message has been received from George Edman in Bologna to be relayed to:

Mr. Russell Barnes
Mr. C.A.R. Radford
Mr. Stewart Brown ✓

Mr. Michael Stewart
Mr. James Linen

It is quite apparent arrangements on commune ownership of PWB newspaper in Florence will not work. You will understand why when you receive document now on its way. Have discussed with Cousland, Noble and Michael Stewart and we are in agreement that commune ownership should be scrapped at once. We favor private ownership with editor to be chosen in agreement with AC and Italian Commission. Am asking Stewart Brown to obtain some reaction. Will keep you informed on developments. Also we favor scrapping the title if some agreement is not reached assuring insofar as possible continuance of an independent information paper.

NOTE: This message was received in James Linen's office from Florence.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

PMB/9

3 June 1945

SUBJECT: Cessation of P.W.B. Activities in Northern Italy

TO : Chief of Staff
AFHQ

1. On 29 May the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political) directed the Allied Commission to set up a Technical Sub-Committee to recommend a date for the transfer of responsibility for the collection and dissemination of news from P.W.B. to private news agencies, Allied and Italian.
2. The report of this Sub-Committee is attached herewith as "Tab A". It should be noted that communications facilities will be available to private news agencies on July 1. If this is the date on which AFHQ desires that P.W.B. shall cease its distribution of news in northern Italy and to turn over the responsibility to private agencies, the approval by AFHQ should be forthcoming at an early date in order to allow the private news agencies sufficient time to make their plans.
3. There is also attached as "Tab B" the proposal recommended by the Allied Publications Board for the control of press and radio in ASG territory after the dissolution of P.W.B. as directed under II 2 of SAC(P)28. This proposal is submitted for approval by AFHQ.
4. There is also attached as "Tab C" the directive under which the press officers would operate. This is also submitted for AFHQ approval.

/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief CommissionerEncl. Tab A
Tab B
Tab C

DISTRIBUTION:

Executive Commissioner (2)
Civil Affairs Section
Communications S/C
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P.W.B. - Mr. J. Linen
Mr. G. Edman
Mr. R. Barnes
Mr. RadfordMaj. F. Weidman, G-5 Sec.
PMB Files
Information & Censorship
Section, Att: Col. Hobson

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Tab A

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Communications Sub-Commission

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13th June, 1945

SUBJECT: Distribution of News by Private News Agencies
in North Italy (excluding Venezia Giulia)

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

1. The Technical Sub-Committee appointed by you to study communication facilities available to private news agencies for distribution of news in North Italy is satisfied that as of July 1st, 1945 facilities will be available to permit adequate coverage of North Italy by private news agencies provided that:

a. radio frequencies now used by P.W.B. for news distribution be allocated to the Italian Government for use by Italcable. Request for such allocation is being made to A.P.H.C.

/S/

H.H. SCUDDER

Lt. Colonel, Sig. C.

Director.

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
62 Via Veneto, Rome
Telephone 489174 Extension 178

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12th June, 1945

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
Copies to Director, PWB APB

FROM : Chairman, Allied Publications Board.

SUBJECT : Direction and Control of Italian Press and Radio.

1. A detailed scheme for the control of Italian Press and Radio in North Italy after the cessation of PWB activities is submitted herewith. The scheme provides for direction and control through press officers and a directive to govern the work of these officers is annexed thereto.
2. The scheme and directive have been adopted by APB, in accordance with recommendation 2 of the annexure to SAC(P) (45) 28, after discussion with representatives of the AMG Regional Commissioners in North Italy and of OWI and MOI.
3. The scheme does not apply to Venezia Giulia or to that part of Italian territory lying east of the security control line.
4. The scheme does not provide for the control of Southern Italian transmitters, such as Rome II, which are audible in North Italy. This question was fully considered both in consultation with representatives of the Regional Commissioners in Milan and by APB. Though, from the point of view of AMG, the desirability of such control was fully appreciated, APB considers that any attempt to reimpose political censorship over stations such as Rome II and Bari I would be out of place at the present time, when the tendency is towards a relaxation rather than a tightening of Allied control. It was further of the opinion that the re-imposition of such control would require a use of Allied personnel and would arouse Italian opposition out of all proportion to the advantages to be gained. In reaching this conclusion APB was influenced by the consideration that such control to be effective would have to be extended to British and American transmissions in Italian, a measure beyond its terms of reference. APB was therefore of the opinion that all reference to the control of Italian transmitters situated outside

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5. The annexed scheme calls for the amendment of the AEBQ Administrative Memorandum defining the powers of constitution of AEB. A draft of the required amendments is attached.

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6. AFB invited the IC to forward the attached scheme and directive to the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, for submission to the Supreme Allied Commanders Conference (Political) and to forward the draft amendments for issue as an AFHQ administrative Memorandum subject to the Conference's approval of the scheme.

/s/ GEORGE W. EDMAN

Chairman,
Allied Publications Board.

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12th June, 1945.

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

PROPOSAL FOR THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF
ITALIAN PRESS AND RADIO ON CESSATION OF
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12th Jan, 1945.

DIRECTIVE FOR A.F.P.

I. AIMS

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

II. DIRECTIVE

1. We encourage the Italian Press and Radio to present a fair and objective picture of contentious issues, and to restrict their comment to a straightforward presentation of their own case, avoiding unnecessary misrepresentation.
2. We encourage Italian writers to avoid violent comments and the reporting of unconfirmed rumours in cases where this is likely to cause public unrest and public disorder.
3. We endeavour, by the supply of long-term material and features not otherwise available to the Italian Press and Radio, to provide them with the means of presenting a balanced picture of world events and of events in other countries.
4. We endeavour, by means of personal influence, to ensure that work necessary for the reconstruction and the efficient administration of the country is given proper publicity over the Italian Press and Radio.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
Communications Sub-Commission

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9th June, 1945

Minutes of the First Meeting of Technical Committee, Appointed
to Study Communications Facilities for Private News Agencies
Held in the Allied Commission, Friday June 8th, 1945.

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Lt. Col. L. P. Reeves

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1 Radio Receiver, property of O.W.I.

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1 Transmitter, property of P.W.B. operating on 1556 Kcs.

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Rome - 1 Transmitter property of Italcable operating on 6275 Kcs.

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Venice - 1 Transmitter property of F.W.B. operating on 6425 Kcs

1 Receiver property C.W.I.

4. Mr. King stated that News distribution in Venezia Giulia by F.W.B. would be operated independently of any operations in the rest of Italy and that the same was true for Austria.

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11. As for distribution of news to R.A.I. for radio broadcasting, arrangements now in force could be extended to include the North. Dr. Fano stated he would take this up with R.A.I. to insure that arrangements were made.
 12. Major London agreed that satisfactory arrangements could be made to censor press traffic as long as censor points were limited to those places now used by P.W.B. namely: Milan, Rome, and Venice.
 13. It was agreed by all present that as of July 1st, 1945 adequate facilities would be available for dissemination of news by private news agencies to Northern Italy (Venozia Giulia excepted) provided radio equipment and frequencies now employed by P.W.B. for this service were made available to the Italian authorities.
 14. The meeting adjourned to meet again at the call of the chairman.
- Copies to all present plus:
one copy to Chief Commissioner & one to Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

20a/PRB

13 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Entry of Private News Agencies into AMG Controlled Territory in Northern Italy.

TO : P.W.B. (Att: Mr. James Liran
Mr. Griffin Bancroft
Mr. I.N. King)

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Copy for info:

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Conrad Brown
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Major Anderson, American Embassy

Maj. F. Weidman, G-5 Section, AFHQ

Mr. Geo. Edman, P.W.B., Milan

Mr. Radford, P.W.B., Rome

Miss Vining, P.W.B., Rome.

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13th June 1945.

To : Mr. Russell Barnes,
Director, FWB, AFHQ.
Mr. Raleigh Radford,
Deputy Assistant Director,
FWB, AFHQ.
Mr. Stuart Brown, /
A.C., Rome.

Enclosed please find copy of Notes on Dismissal
of Chief Editor of Corriere del Mattino, Florence, and subsequent
events.

Mr. George Edman, who passed through Florence to-day,
has asked that this be forwarded to you for information.

Mr. Edman has got in touch with Mr. Stuart Brown of
AC in the matter who will contact His Excellency Libonati for
discussion.

In the meantime Mr. Edman and Major Noble, in Florence,
are thrashing out the matter hoping to arrive at a recommended
line of action.

David C. Consland

David C. Consland, Major,
O.C. FWS Unit 14.

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Mr. East/Brain

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Notes on Dismissal of Chief Editor
of Corriere del Mattino, Florence.

Introduction.

Marchese Fossi, the Editor in Chief of the Corriere del Mattino, who was appointed to this post by FWB upon foundation of this paper, informed Major Cousland and Mr. Russo privately that he had heard that he was going to be dismissed by the Florence Town Council from his present post. He had been secretly informed that the reason was that his policy with the newspaper had been insufficiently Leftist.

Hard on the heels of this information Marchese Fossi wrote Mr. Russo, the Press Officer, a letter thanking him for all his help throughout the Marchese's period as Editor in Chief and stating that he had been formally advised that as from 12th June, which was the day after these rumours had reached his ears, his services were terminated.

Marchese Fossi was naturally very considerably perturbed in the matter and not so much from the fact that he was temporarily unemployed but from the fact that he felt (rightly or wrongly) that he was being victimised on the grounds of his having been for so long a helper of the Allies.

Further information showed that not only had Marchese Fossi been dismissed thus peremptorily but that a certain Dr. Micheli had been introduced into the staff of the Corriere del Mattino. Major Noble, Mr. Harari and Mr. Ellison had all in turn strongly protested at the introduction of this man in earlier days and had indeed effected his removal. Micheli is a known, proved and former active Fascist, who was Chief Editor of La Nazione up to the liberation of Florence and an ardent supporter of Favi, former Fascist owner of this publication.

The introduction of this man to the Corriere del Mattino and Nazione del Popolo staff has caused much unrest among the employees who are beginning to feel that he is now being employed, under the aegis of the Town Council, simply as a spy.

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Consequent upon the foregoing events the following action was taken jointly by Major David Cousland, OC FWE Unit No. 14, and Mr. Tomasso Russo, Press Officer, Florence.

Mr. Russo contacted the Sindaco, Sig. Pieraccini, and invited him to attend a meeting at once in the FWE offices to discuss the matter, and requesting that the dismissal of Marchese Fossi be rescinded forthwith pending discussion in view of the fact it violated the agreement under which Corriere del Mattino was handed over to the Comune stating that any change of policy or of personnel was first of all to be agreed upon by FWE through the Press Officer. The Sindaco refused to rescind the order but agreed to attend the meeting.

The meeting was therefore held in the office of the OC FWE Unit No. 14 at 10 a.m. on Tuesday 12th June. Present with the Sindaco were Prof. Devoto and Prof. Bracco.

Mr. Russo carefully explained the situation as FWE saw it and read from the agreement drawn up prior to the handing over of the paper, which clearly stated :

"FWE has the right to control the staff of the paper to make sure that the paper keeps its character of an independent informational "daily" without any party tendency but always adhering to the principles of liberty and democracy. To this end the appointment of staff and "direzione" will be made only after consultation with FWE."

Prof. Devoto countered this reading by stating that all the personnel on the paper were upon a four-months trial basis and that June 12th saw the end of this period. This he maintained left the Sindaco the right to dismiss out of hand and without prior notice any one who displeased them.

The Sindaco, however, did not uphold this but stated that the policy which had been pursued by Marchese Fossi in the Corriere del Mattino had displeased them all, especially Communists and Socialists, who were of the opinion that the paper had too strong a Right tendency.

Mr. Russo thereupon clearly explained that the editorial policy of the Corriere del Mattino was and had been at all times vested in the Press Officer, FWE, Florence, and that during these last weeks Mr. Russo himself had been responsible for the policy and character of the paper. The aim had at all times been to walk the middle path and to produce a newspaper solely devoted to information and objective reporting. In view of this it was grossly unfair to blame Marchese Fossi or any other Italian employee on the editorial side, and that the step taken was therefore unjust. 543

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Prof. Devoto showed some considerable concern at this view and was even more concerned when it was pointed out that until the original agreement was complied with, namely that any change of staff be discussed immediately with FWB, Marchese Fossi's dismissal was not in order. He would accordingly have to be reinstated and ~~be~~ allowed to carry on with his work. Prof. Devoto contended that this was not within the power of FWB and said that he was prepared to fight the matter at law. It was pointed out that this was impossible and that under the present circumstances the Sindaco had no other alternative but to carry out their part of the original agreement.

Concluding this part of the problem Mr. Russo requested the Sindaco to submit a complaint in writing concerning the editorial behaviour of Marchese Fossi and to enumerate the complaints as put forward by the Communists and Socialists concerning this paper which Mr. Russo again stressed was openly a newspaper for information only, holding allegiance to no Party. The Sindaco agreed to submit such a report, and it was arranged that following receipt of the report the whole matter would be reviewed with every sympathy.

Touching upon the question of Dr. Micheli's employment with Corriere del Mattino, Mr. Russo explained that this man had been considered undesirable for work with Corriere del Mattino in view of his previous political connections, and that his removal was essential. Upon this the Sindaco became exceedingly agitated, leaping to his feet and banging the table, and shouting at the pitch of his voice defending Micheli, pointing out that every man once upon a time had had Fascist "tessera", and that the Sindaco as the administrative power over the paper were entitled to do exactly as they pleased, to appoint whomsoever they pleased and to refuse that this man be removed. He continued in this strain for some time and it was only after persuasion that he could be prevailed upon to sit down and listen to our views in the matter which were that epuration had been one of our main objects in setting up this newspaper and that the other employees on the paper were "afraid" of this man and of the future harm he might be able to inflict upon them and their families. It was also pointed out that Allied policy had always been to eradicate known, proved and undesirable Fascists and that this case did not come under the same category as the ordinary run of man who had been forced to have a "tessera"; it was not a mere "tessera holder" that we were complaining about, but a proved enemy of the Allies.

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Immediately following upon this somewhat abortive meeting, Mr. Russo telephoned the Prefect and asked for an immediate interview. This was granted and Major Cousland and he met the Prefect within a few minutes in his office at the Prefettura.

The whole situation was there explained to the Prefect, Sig. Paterno, who showed some considerable concern at the behaviour of the Sindaco and who was particularly perturbed that such lack of courtesy to PWB and the Allies should have been displayed. He agreed that the matter should definitely have been discussed first and that the high-handed behaviour of the Sindaco was most unfortunate.

The Prefect expressed the view (off the record) that he was against this paper being given to the Comune as it would only tend to become a Party paper expressing the views of the Party in power, and that accordingly its independent character which had been so noteworthy since its inception and under our guidance would be lost.

The Prefect was exceedingly concerned about the introduction of Dr. Micheli to the staff of the Corriere del Mattino since he knew him as an active Fascist and as one who definitely could not be trusted at this stage.

In our presence the Prefect telephoned through to Rome to speak to His Excellency Libonati, the Under-Secretary of State for Press, Cinemas and Theatres, and from him learned that he hoped to be in Florence within a day or two when he would personally discuss the whole matter with PWB.

The arrival of Mr. George Edman, PWO, HQ PWB 15th Army Group, is awaited for further discussion and if possible immediate decision in the matter.

In the meantime Marchese Fossi carries on.

David C. Cousland?
hj.

12th June 1945.

OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
62 VIA VENETO, ROME
TELEPHONE 489171 EXTENSION 178

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12th June, 1945

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.
Copies to Director, PWB AFHQ

FROM: Chairman, Allied Publications Board.

SUBJECT: Direction and Control of Italian Press and Radio.

1. A detailed scheme for the control of Italian Press and Radio in North Italy after the cessation of PWB activities is submitted herewith. The scheme provides for direction and control through press officers and a directive to govern the work of these officers is annexed thereto.
2. The scheme and directive have been adopted by APB, in accordance with recommendation 2 of the annexure to SAC(P) (45) 28, after discussion with representatives of the AMG Regional Commissioners in North Italy and of OWI and MOI.
3. The scheme does not apply to Venezia Giulia or to that part of Italian territory lying east of the security control line.
4. The scheme does not provide for the control of Southern Italian transmitters, such as Rome II, which are audible in North Italy. This question was fully considered both in consultation with representatives of the Regional Commissioners in Milan and by APB. Though, from the point of view of AMG, the desirability of such control was fully appreciated, APB considers that any attempt to reimpose political censorship over stations such as Rome II and Bari I would be out of place at the present time, when the tendency is towards a relaxation rather than a tightening of Allied control. It was further of the opinion that the reimposition of such control would require a use of Allied personnel and would arouse Italian opposition out of all proportion to the advantages to be gained. In reaching this conclusion APB was influenced by the consideration that such control to be effective would have to be extended to British and American transmissions in Italian, a measure beyond its terms of reference.

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APB was therefore of the opinion that all reference to the control of Italian transmitters situated outside the area under AMG should be deleted from the scheme and recommended that no control, other than military censorship, should be exercised over these radio stations.

5. The annexed scheme calls for the amendment of the AFHQ Administrative Memorandum defining the powers of constitution of APB. A draft of the required amendments is attached.
6. APB invites the AC to forward the attached scheme and directive to the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, for submission to the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political) and to forward the draft amendments for issue as an AFHQ Administrative Memorandum subject to the Conference's approval of the scheme.

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George W. Edmund
Chairman,
Allied Publications Board.

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DRAFTAMENDMENTS TO AFHQ ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM
NO. 50, of 25th November, 1944: the
AMENDMENTS TO TAKE EFFECT ON THE CESSATION OF
PWB ACTIVITIES IN NORTH ITALY.

1. Paragraph 1 is rescinded and the following substituted:
 - 1a - The Allied Publications Board comprised of representatives of the following has been created:
 - (1) Psychological Warfare Branch, AFHQ (Chairman)
 - (2) Censorship Branch, INC
 - (3) G-2 Section
 - (4) Allied Commission
 - (5) OWI and M of I.
 - b. Allied Commission will be represented by the following:
 - (1) Representatives of the political advisors.
 - (2) Representatives of the Economic Section.
 - (3) The Director of Public Relations.
 - c. Psychological Warfare Branch will be represented by the following:
 - (1) Head of PWB Italy (Chairman)
 - (2) The Chief Press Officer (Executive Secretary)
 - (3) Representative of the Director, PWB AFHQ
2. Paragraph 3A is rescinded and the following substituted:

The Communes of Naples, Ancona and Livorno will be regarded for Allied Publications Board purposes as territory under Italian Government jurisdiction but copies of all applications for license to publish newspapers and magazines in these areas will be forwarded to the AMG Regional Commissioner by the Italian Press Commission.
3. Paragraph 3C is rescinded.
4. The following sub-para is added to paragraph 4:
 - e. Provide for the direction and control of the Italian Press and radio in Italian territory under AMG in accordance with the instructions the Chief of Staff AFHQ and directives approved by him.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

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

1. Italian Press and Radio in North Italy will be free to use any news and information available from official sources and private agencies subject to the requirements of military censorship.
2. The elimination of material likely to inflame public opinion and the objective presentation of contentious issues to the Italian population resident in areas under Allied Military Government will be secured through Allied Press Officers whose functions and status are defined below:
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5. The Press Officers will be under the command of the Chief Press Officer, who is directly responsible to the Chairman of APB. The Chief Press Officer will be a member of APB and will act as Deputy to the Chairman as required.
6. The direction and control of the Italian Press and Radio, vested in APB, will be additional to that exercised by military censorship: it will normally be carried out by means of post publication scrutiny. In cases likely to inflame public opinion, and in controversial issues, which will be the subject of directives from AFHQ, Press Officers will have the right to demand from the non-political information newspapers, which will be authorised in each region, the pre-publication submission of editorial articles and comment and will be entitled to delete from such articles matter liable to inflame public opinion. Press Officers will also be entitled to require these non-political information papers to publish, in full or in part, official Allied statements and orders.
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8. Licensing of the press, including weekly and monthly magazines,

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and the allotment of circulation to newspapers and posters. will be the responsibility of Regional APBs, whose decisions will be subject to confirmation by the Central APB.

9. Regional APBs will include the following:-

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

The Chairman, APB, will be ex officio a member of all regional boards and may delegate the Chief Press Officer to attend as his representative.

10.

The control of Paper Supplies and Production will be the responsibility of AC/ANG.

11.

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

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DIRECTIVE FOR A.P.B.

I. AIMS

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

II. DIRECTIVE

1. We encourage the Italian Press and Radio to present a fair and objective picture of contentious issues, and to restrict their comment to a straightforward presentation of their own case, avoiding unnecessary misrepresentation.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
UNIT No. 8 - APO 512

June 12, 1945

Mr. Stewart Brown
PRO, AC

Dear Mr. Brown:

I have received the following request from T. H. Ramsey, Brigadier General, U.S.A., Chief Quartermaster, AFHQ.

"1. Allied airmen, POW escapees, and soldiers have died in now unfrequented localities throughout Italy. Many of these were buried by Italian civilians or the military in civilian cemeteries or isolated graves and no record of their burial place has reached the Allied military authorities.

"2. It is requested that through facilities of PWB a series of broadcasts be made to the Italian populace seeking their assistance in the program for location and registration of graves of Allied military in other than established Allied cemeteries. Information desired includes: place of burial, nationality of deceased, particulars of identity, date and circumstances of death. The channel for information to graves registration service to be through the local civil officials to AMG representatives -- or such other channels as may have been found through PWB experience to be most reliable."

I have asked George Edman to be responsible for getting this material into the newspapers and over the radio in PWB-Northern Italy.

In AC-Italy, it seems to me this would fall into your jurisdiction, so I am passing it on to you.

Sincerely,

Russell Barnes

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Director, PWB-AFHQ

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

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12th June, 1945

Subject: DISSOLUTION OF P.W.B. ITALY

1. In accordance with the instructions of the Chief of Staff, A.F.H.Q. the attached detailed scheme and directive for the control of the Italian Press and Radio in North Italy has been prepared by APB and forwarded to AC for transmission to A.F.H.Q. where they will be laid before the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference.
2. Subject to the approval by this Conference and the promulgation of the scheme it is thought that these arrangements will take effect about July 15th, 1945.
3. The scheme here annexed represents a modification of the proposals originally put forward by PWB in a memorandum dated 10th May 1945, of which copies were then sent to you.
4. These documents are forwarded for your information in order to keep you informed of developments in Italy; a subsequent notification of their acceptance or modification will be sent to you as soon as it is received.

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FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP HQ

To : Mr. G. Stewart Brown, P.R.O., A.C.

From: Mr. George Edman, P.W.O. 15th Army Group.

9th June 1945.

Here is an extra copy of minutes of the meeting on June 5th,
in the event that you care to show any portions of it to the
Italian Press Commission.

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P.W.B. UNIT No. 16.

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P.W.B. Unit No.16

MINUTES OF A CONFERENCE AT VIA CAMPU No. 3 on 5 JUNE 1945
TO DISCUSS:

- A. Functions and organisation of APB after PWB has handed over.
- B. Press problems in Northern Italy before PWB hands over to APB.

Present:

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 Mr. C. A. R. Radford, Deputy Dir. AFHQ Mr. Stewart Brown, PRO, AC.
 Col. L. G. A. Cust, DFWO, 15th Army Gp. Col. Jordan, Liguria Region AMG.
 Mr. E. Titchener, Policy Asst. to PWO. Col. Marshall, R.C. Piedmont Region AMG.
 Mr. Julian Fromer, News Chief, 15th A.G. Lt. Col. Hartley, R.C. Emilia Region AMG.
 Mr. Fred. Lyon, Admin. Officer, 15th A.G. Capt. Neufeld for R.C. Lombardy " AMG
 Maj. J. Piscop, Dep. Chief, Printing & Paper, PWB, AFHQ. Capt. Ellison for R.C. Venezia " AMG
 Mr. J. Linen, U.S.I.D., U.S. Embassy
 Mr. K. Stewart, Press Attache, Br. Embassy
 Mr. H. Hopkinson, British Embassy.
 Mr. L. White, Paper Supply Chief AC
 Col. Walker, S.O. 35, 17 Corps.
 Capt. E. Passaglia, Exec. Off, PWB Unit 16
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Mr. Brown, PRO, AC, when asked for the view of AC said that in general the proposal that, when PWB ceased, APB should exercise control in North Italy, co-operating with Regional Commissioners over the type of material likely to cause unrest, had the approval of AC. He pointed out that apart from military censorship, the best way to keep any check on such material was post-publication scrutiny by Press Officers. AC had been present at discussions at Caserta and had no objections, but the Regional authorities might have specific recommendations.

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A. FUNCTIONS AND ORGANISATION OF APB AFTER PWB HAS HANDED OVER

The 14 points of the draft, "Proposal for the Control of Italian Press and Radio" were then discussed in order by the Meeting.

Point 1. Mr. Radford said that this was simply a statement of fact, which already had the approval of the Chief of Staff.

Point 2. was a statement on the principle of control by APB, which Mr. Radford thought to be the most flexible.

Here Mr. Thomas objected that this point did not include Radio, and asked who should decide what material might influence public opinion. Mr. Radford answered that Radio was covered in point 7, that it would be the responsibility of the Press Officers to demand scripts on certain subjects for pre-broadcast scrutiny and, if necessary, to arrange that scripts should be filed at the Press Office after use.

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Points 5 and 6. The controversy on chain of command, referred to under Point 3, was settled by the Chairman, who made it clear that both the AIG Commissioner and the APB Press Officer would work on directives from their higher headquarters. Should any emergency point arise for which no allowance had been made in the APB directive, the question should be referred back to higher headquarters by both AIG and APB, the APB Press Officer taking his instructions from the AIG Regional Commissioner, until the question was settled on a higher level. Point 6 remained with no amendments.

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Point 2. Mr. Eisenhower objected to the word "control" in this point, and indeed throughout the paper, stressing that the work of APB should be advisory. Mr. Brown said that APB powers should be control of a supervisory nature and that to safeguard public safety there would also be Military Censorship. Mr. Hopkinson agreed that we had not for a long time given positive directives to newspapers except those under our control, and that we could only attempt to guide them. Major Noble also agreed with this. Lt. Col. Street proposed that the word "supervision" should be inserted into the title of the draft and it was agreed that this should read "Proposal for the Supervision and Control of Italian Press and Radio". Mr. Radford suggested that frontier questions should be in the form of a separate annex.

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Point 14. No amendments.

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3. PRESS PROBLEMS IN NORTHERN ITALY BEFORE PWB HANDS OVER TO APB.

The Chief Press Officer, on work to be completed before PWB handed over, said that the main point on which the hand-over depended was the settling in important centres of independent non-party papers in order to continue the work of PWB papers in presenting and keeping an objective view of news. It could not be ensured that the papers that were created or re-created would remain independent over a long period, but we could either authorise papers which had proved themselves to have a really strong, pro-Fascist independent tradition, turn over the PWB papers as independent sheets to public companies or private companies.

On the question of FWB papers, before FWB closed down, the future of the FWB dailies should be settled. If proper independent papers were established as agreed in the Press Plan, then there is no reason why FWB newspapers should continue, unless to meet special demands, as the independent newspapers would cover objective news and AMG notices, etc. The projection of Britain and America will evolve on material sent up by O.C. and HOF.

On the question of other Italian newspapers, party papers, periodicals, etc., the Chief Press Officer said that before we hand over we must review APB licenses taking a long view, to ensure that authorizations and circulations were such as could later be maintained by the Italian Press Commission, bearing in mind possible drop in future production.

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O.C. PVB Turin. Lt. Col. MacFarlane suggested that the 5 Turin party papers should be published in Milan. He thought that the PVB paper "Corriere del Piemonte", which now had a circulation of 150,000, should continue after PVB leaves as "Il Secolo Nuovo". Also at the last APS meeting in Turin it was agreed that the two pre-Fascist papers, "La Stampa" and the "Gazzetta del Popolo", which would be welcomed by the public and gradually accepted by the parties, should be revived as soon as possible. They would be supervised by Commissarios, and daily circulations of 125,000 copies each had been authorized. Any increase of paper supply would go to these two papers, until their circulation reached 200,000. Should there be any cut in paper supplies, the circulation for all 7 papers would be cut in the same proportion.

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Mr. Edman called an Extraordinary Meeting of APB to follow the present meeting, to take a decision on the production of the new independent paper recommended by Lt. Col. Klein.

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O.C. PMB Bologna. Mr. Ross said that APB would be faced with a similar situation in Bologna with regard to "Il Resto del Carlino". Newsprint shortage meant that a number of party papers had been forced to suspend in favour of the Committee information paper "Le Rinascenta" with a circulation of 40,000. The PMB daily information paper, "Corriere dell'Emilia" had a circulation of 120,000. There were 8 large cities in the region publishing small bi-weeklies under temporary licenses. Party papers were authorised to appear only once a week on a weekly circulation of 10,000 copies printed flatbed, which was regarded as a token license. Mr. Ross asked whether the PMB paper should continue under new ownership under the same name, or whether the "Resto del Carlino" should be reconstituted.

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Mr. Koffler quoted a statement made by Major Toble that all Press Officers should review present circulation in the light of future production, and added that it would be very difficult to review cases without being informed of the future distribution of newsprint. Major Toble replied that part of our job before handing over will be to check up on newsprint in hand and in view, to ensure that we are not authorising publications on a short-term basis.

In answer to another question from Mr. Koffler, Major Toble replied that all newsprint being produced was for newspapers and periodicals and that newsprint would not be provided for books, which were being published with paper in stock.

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Mr. White then asked whether permission could be obtained from APB for publishers' licenses to be transferred from Rome to Milan. Major Noble answered that while Milan could not produce enough newsprint for a number of its own important periodicals, the transfer of licenses could not be authorized.

The Chairman surmised up by saying that all discussions and recommendations made at the meeting would be given every consideration.

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Milan, June 8th 1945

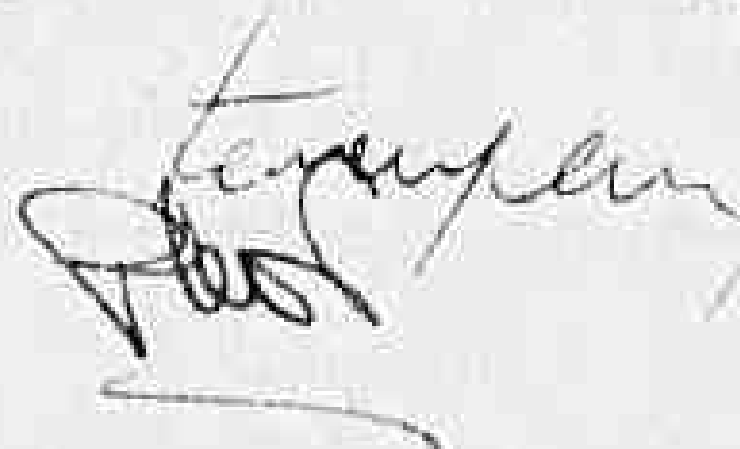
To: GEORGE EDMAN
P. W. O.

From: Capt. P. LEVI and S. FALLOS
P. W. B. - Film Section

We refer to our conversation which we had with you to-day and to our understanding that Film Section of P.W.B. will continue to operate even when the other sections of P.W.B. cease.

However, if P.W.B. Film Section must continue its work that time, it needs to be attached to some kind of an allied organisation who could provide transportation, mail service etc., all essential for the working of the Film Section.

We understand that A.I.B. will continue to function, and we would like to ask you if it could be possible that the P.W.B. Film Section shall be attached to this organisation.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

PWB

8 June 1945.

Ref: 9267/EC.

SUBJECT: Dissolution of PWB ITALY.

TO : Public Relations Branch.

1. Reference Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 28 of 29 May 45 copy of which was passed to you by this office on 31 May 45.
2. Herewith for your information an extract from the Minutes of SACMED's 13th Meeting (Political) held on 31 May 45 at which this Paper was discussed.

/JC.

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Lieut. Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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EXTRACT from the Minutes of SACMED's 13th
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MINUTE No.7.7. DISSOLUTION OF PWB IN ITALY.

(Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 28).

THE CONFERENCE had before them a paper by the Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee recommending a procedure for the eventual dissolution of PWB activities in ITALY, together with a note stating that the Chief of Staff had directed that further detailed investigations and preparations should proceed in accordance with these recommendations, and that a suggestion, as to the final date for the transfer of responsibility from PWB, should be made to the Supreme Allied Commander in conference in due course.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

- a. Endorsed the directions of the Chief of Staff as contained in Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 28.
- b. Directed that, when it became possible to recommend a definite date for the transfer of responsibility from PWB, the matter should again be brought before the Supreme Allied Commander for final decision.

F.W.B. Unit No. 1-B

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2. B. Press problems in Northern Italy before FWS hands over to GPS.

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The Chairman opened the meeting and briefly introduced the Agenda. He recalled on Mr. Radford, the Assistant Deputy Director. FMB, AFHQ, to present two draft documents: "Proposal for the control of Italian Press and Radio" and a "Directive for AFPB."

Mr. Radford said that the meeting was called to consider draft plans for the control of Italian Press and Radio and of such Italian-controlled radio stations as were audible in Northern Italy, by APB, to cover the period before the Italian Press Commission took over, the principle of which had already been approved by the Chief of Staff. When the detailed plan had been worked out at this meeting, it would be submitted by Central APB, through SAC, to the Chief of Staff for the Supreme Allied Commander. He added that he had been given authority by the Director, PCEB, AFHQ, to appoint Mr. Edman as Chairman of APB, and Mr. Edman had agreed to act in that capacity.

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A. FUNCTIONS AND ORGANISATION OF APB AFTER PUE HAS HANDED OVER

The 14 points of the draft "Proposal for the Control of Italian Press and Radio" were then discussed in order by the Meeting.

Point 1. Mr. Radford said that this was simply a statement of fact, which already had the approval of the Chief of Staff.

Point 2. was a statement on the principle of control by APB, which Mr. Radford thought to be the most flexible.

Here Mr. Thomas objected that this point did not include Radio, and asked who should decide what material might inflame public opinion. Mr. Radford answered that Radio was covered in point 7, that it would be the responsibility of the Press Officers to demand scripts on certain subjects for pre-broadcast scrutiny and, if necessary, to arrange that scripts should be filed at the Press Office after use.

Lt. Col. Street objected that the emphasis in the draft paper was on pre-publication, rather than pre-publication scrutiny, and stated that the situation in Trieste had been made far more difficult by apparent lack of censorship on the part of Bari Radio and the BBC. He recommended that scripts on all frontier problems should be subjected to pre-publication scrutiny. Captain Orbeck, representing Military Censorship Branch, said there was a guidance for pre-publication censorship in which the specific subject of Trieste was covered.

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Points 5 and 6. The controversy on chain of command, referred to under Point 3, was settled by the Chairman, who made it clear that both the AIG Commissioner and the APB Press Officer would work on directives from their higher headquarters. Should any emergency point arise for which no allowance had been made in the APB directive, the question should be referred back to higher headquarters by both AIG and APB; the APB Press Officer taking his instructions from the AIG Regional Commissioner, until the question was settled on a higher level. Point 6 remained with no amendments.

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Point 2. Mr. Fitchener objected to the word "control" in this point, and indeed throughout the paper, stressing that the work of APB should be advisory. Mr. Brown said that APB powers should be control of a supervisory nature and that to safeguard public safety there would also be Military Censorship. Mr. Hopkinson agreed that we had not for a long time given positive directives to newspapers except those under our control, and that we could only attempt to guide them. Major Noble also agreed with this. Lt. Col. Street proposed that the word "supervision" should be inserted into the title of the draft and it was agreed that this should read "Proposal for the Supervision and Control of Italian Press and Radio". Mr. Radford suggested that frontier questions should be in the form of a separate annex.

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The Chief Press Officer, on work to be completed before PWB handed over, said that the main point on which the hand-over depended was the settling in important centres of independent non-party papers in order to continue the work of PWB papers in presenting and keeping an objective view of news. It could not be ensured that the papers that were created or re-created would remain independent over a long period, but we could either authorise papers which had proved themselves to have a really strong, pro-Fascist independent tradition, or turn over the PWB papers as independent sheets to public companies or private companies.

On the question of PWB papers, before PWB closed down the future of the PWB facilities should be settled. If proper independent papers were established as agreed in the Press Plan, then there was no reason why PWB newspapers should continue, unless to meet special demands, as the independent newspapers would cover objective news and AMG notices, etc. The projections of Britain and America will evolve on material sent up by OMA and KOI.

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Chief Press Officer (ex-Press Officer Milan) Major Hoole reported that the question of the "Corriere della Sera" had arisen the first day we arrived, when all parties except Socialist agreed that the "Corriere" could come out quickly under its old name. Later the GIN went back on its first statement and it was finally ruled that it should be published as an independent paper called "Corriere d'Informazioni". It would continue at least as long as APB controlled licenses, after which any questions would have to be taken up with the Italian Press Commission. He had no concrete statement to make at the moment about the future of the PVB information paper "Giornale Lombardo" which would either close down with PVB, or, less probably, continue under a changed name.

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O.C. PVB Turin. Lt. Col. MacFarlane suggested that the 5 Turin party papers should be published in Milan. He thought that the PVB paper "Corriere del Piemonte", which now had a circulation of 150,000, should continue after PVB leaves as "Il Secolo Nuovo". Also at the last APS meeting in Turin it was agreed that the two pro-Fascist papers, "La Stampa" and the "Gazzetta del Popolo" which would be welcomed by the public and gradually accepted by the parties, should be revived as soon as possible. They would be supervised by Commissaries, and daily circulations of 125,000 copies each had been authorized. Any increase of paper supply would go to these two papers, until their circulation reached 200,000. Should there be any cut in paper supplies, the circulation for all 7 papers would be cut in the same proportion.

The Chief Press Officer commented that since two independent papers were being authorized in Turin, the addition of a third by allowing the PVB daily to continue seemed unnecessary and extravagant.

Press Officer Turin replied that firstly the PVB paper was authorized before it was decided to revive the two pro-Fascist papers, and secondly, that most of the party papers expressed the intention of printing a Turin edition of their paper in Milan, leaving only the three papers in Turin.

Mr. White asked whether newsprint would be transferred to Milan to print the Turin party papers there, to which Mr. Harari replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Hopkinson said that the British Embassy would be glad to see two independent papers in Turin when we left, to which Mr. Brown agreed on behalf of A.C. Mr. Harari added that in Turin the demand for party papers was on the decrease. Mr. Linton said that the U.S. Embassy hoped that the provision made in the Press Plan for consultative committees would be followed.

O.C. PVB Genoa. Lt. Col. Klein stated that the Prefect, the CLM and all parties had made it clear that any efforts to reprint the "Secolo XIX" would be met with blank opposition. The CLM had suggested that a publicly-owned independent paper should be established - a share of the capital to be paid by each of the 5 parties and the balance to be open to public subscription. A Governing Board should supervise the policy of the paper so that it would remain independent. As any such new paper would take at least a month to organize, and he felt that unrest in Genoa was expected as the labour situation grew more acute, Lt. Col. Klein asked for authority to proceed at once with this plan, which he said already had the backing of the A.C. Regional Commissioner.

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The Chief Press Officer commented that since two independent papers were being authorised in Turin, the addition of a third by allowing the PWB daily to continue seemed unnecessary and extravagant.

Press Officer Turin replied that firstly the PWB paper was authorised before it was decided to revive the two pre-Fascist papers, and secondly, that most of the party papers expressed the intention of printing a Turin edition of their paper in Milan, leaving only the three papers in Turin.

Mr. White asked whether newsprint would be transferred to Milan to print the Turin party papers there, to which Mr. Harari replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Hopkinson said that the British Embassy would be glad to see two independent papers in Turin when we left, to which Mr. Brown agreed on behalf of A.C. Mr. Harari added that in Turin the demand for party papers was on the decrease. Mr. Liron said that the U.S. Embassy hoped that the provision made in the Press Plan for consultative committees would be followed.

O.C. PWB Genoa, Lt. Col. Klein stated that the Prefect, the CLN and all parties had made it clear that any efforts to reprint the "Secolo XIX" would be met with blank opposition. The CLN had suggested that a publicly-owned independent paper should be established - a share of the capital to be paid by each of the 5 parties and the balance to be open to public subscription. A Governing Board should supervise the policy of the paper so that it would remain independent. As any such new paper would take at least a month to organise, and he felt that unrest in Genoa was expected as the labour situation grew more acute, Lt. Col. Klein asked for authority to proceed at once with this plan, which he said already had the backing of the A.G. Regional Commissioner.

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Mr. Egan called an Extraordinary Meeting of APB to follow the present meeting, to take a decision on the production of the new independent paper recommended by Lt. Col. Klein.

O.C. PEB Bologna. Mr. Boss said that APB would be faced with a similar situation in Bologna with regard to "Il Resto del Carlino". Newspaper charges meant that a number of party papers had been forced to suspend in favour of the Communist information paper "La Rinnocita" with a circulation of 40,000. The PEB daily information paper, "Corriere dell'Emilia" had a circulation of 120,000. There were 8 large cities in the region publishing small bi-weeklies under temporary licenses. Party papers were authorized to appear only last week on a weekly circulation of 10,000 copies printed flatbed, which was regarded as a token license. Mr. Boss asked whether the PEB paper should continue under new ownership under the same name, or whether the "Resto del Carlino" should be reconstituted.

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Mr. Koffler quoted a statement made by Major Noble that all Press Officers should review present circulation in the light of future production, and added that it would be very difficult to review cases without being informed of the future distribution of newspaper. Major Noble replied that part of our job before handing over will be to check up on newspaper in hand and in view, to ensure that we are not authorising publications on a short-term basis.

In answer to another question from Mr. Koffler, Major Noble replied that all newspaper being produced was for newspapers and periodicals and that newspaper would not be provided for books, which were being published with paper in stock.

Mr. White then asked whether permission could be obtained from APB for publishers' licenses to be transferred from Rome to Milan. Major Jolic answered that while Milan could not produce enough newsprint for a number of its own important periodicals, the transfer of licenses could not be authorized.

The Chairman summed up by saying that all discussions and recommendations made at the meeting would be given every consideration.

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I/I2/44	"Corriere del Mattino"	Florence	Daily Piero Fossi
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	"L'Informatore"	Arezzo	Bi-weekly Arnaldo Funari
	"Rinascita"	Siena	" Vitaliano Candi
II/4/45	"Il Corriere dell'Arno"	Pisa	" Franc. Patti
7/3/45	"La Gazzetta del Serchio"	Lucca	" Enrico Giannini
	"Film-Rivista"	Florence	Weekly Carlo Santini
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25/I/45	"Informatore Economico"	"	Weekly Luigi Alemanni
"	"L'Arno"	"	" Rodolfo M. Foti
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I6/2/45	"La Cronaca dei 7 Giorni"	"	" Enrico De'Negri
25/I/45	"La Domenica Illustrata"	"	" Angiolo De'Carli
I4/I/45	"Vita Nova"	Pisa	" Don Ferd. Ferrucci
I2/3/45	"La Settimana dei Ragazzi"	Florence	" Laura Orvieto
I/3/45	"Il Mondo"	"	" Alessandro Bonasini
5/3/45	"La Provincia di Siena"	Siena	" Dott. Curatolo
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Observation:

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