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POLITICAL

"Quella guerra è giusta che è necessaria".
MACHIAVELLI.

The main feature of the week and the one to which naturally the press gave most prominence was Italy's declaration of war on Japan. The communiqué appeared in the papers of 15 July, accompanied by scare head-lines. All the leading articles in the morning papers praised the steps taken by the Italian Government. Sforza, in *Il Giornale del Mattino*, defined it "an act of faith" and added that Italians should be proud to be allowed to contribute to the liberation of the Japanese people from "the cruel domination of the militaristic and feudal classes". Nenni, in *Avanti*, praised the moral value of the gesture. Even reactionary and monarchist *Italia Nuova* expressed its approval and seized the occasion to utter a long panegyric on the Italian Navy. Only Pacciardi, in *Voce Repubblicana*, commented bitterly that the Government should not have unconditionally thrown Italy—in the sad condition in which the country finds itself at present—into this new war. Evidently, said Pacciardi, no one can any longer have any doubts about De Gasperi's Christian and heroic feelings in having a whole nation "voluntarily" crucified in order to redeem the world from the crime of Fascism. De Gasperi must have asked the Allies' permission for the Italians to fight and die for them, Pacciardi added, which permission must undoubtedly represent a great success of Italian diplomacy.

But apart from this acid comment, the press was unanimous in pointing out that the new declaration of war proves that now Italy is linked to the United Nations and that it is a democratic country which joins in this fight, in which she has no direct interests, in order to express her anti-dictatorial feelings and to give all the contribution she can to the building of a new democratic world. The general expectancy of the week was that Italy's international status would soon change, everybody awaiting anxiously the decisions which the Big Three will think fit to take at Potsdam. Meanwhile, Parri has announced that, besides the navy and air forces, a

number of partisans will be allowed to volunteer for the Far East. The Milan paper *Il Giornale Lombardo* said that Parri was thus trying to solve the problem of "what to do with the partisans".

Council Business.

Last week's second session of the Council of Ministers – a long and lively one – was being held while we were sending our *Bulletin* to the printers. The meeting approved a decree concerning the establishment of the Ministry of the *Costituente* and which outlined its functions. The new Ministry is charged with preparing for the convocation of the *Costituente* and drawing up a program for the new political order of the State and the lines of its economic and social future. A Commission for the study of the election laws will also be formed within this Ministry. Reaching an agreement on this basic instrument was a process both protracted and laborious because both Liberals and Christian-Democrats tried very hard to limit the Socialists' and Communists' apparent tendency to give too much executive power to the new Ministry.

The Council met again 18 July and produced organizational decrees for two more Ministries, despite the press campaign – Socialist and Communist papers excepted – against overloading the already top-heavy bureaucratic machine. *Il Popolo* made the crack that "we must be grateful that the C. L. N. consists of only six parties, otherwise God knows how many new Ministries we would have". These latest additions were the Ministries of the Consulta and of Post-War-Relief. The decision on this last-named, particularly, gave rise to some hearty give-and-take. Though the creation of the Post-War-Relief Ministry replaces various High Commissariats (partisans, veterans, prisoners, internees, civilian victims of war, war "pensionati", etc.), all the same it was felt that a further increase of expenditure might perhaps have been avoided, not to mention the disquieting fact (for the parties) that this new Ministry will be free to choose its own personnel.

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The gestation of these two new departments over, the Council passed on to less high-sounding matters, such as trying to obtain coal from Upper Silesia; once again re-assuring the High Commissioner for Sardinia that measures will be taken to help the island; examining the functions of the High Commissariat for Hygiene and Public Health; discussing the always thorny problem of the *ammassi* and the problem of text books for schools.

Puglie.

The situation in Puglie is now more or less calm, but the deadline for handing in arms has been postponed till 31 July. In the North, the situation has been less than tranquil: On 6 July an armed, masked band broke into the prison of Schio—near Padova—and machine gunned 76 political prisoners, of whom nearly 50 died. Brigadier J. K. Dunlop, AMG Regional Commissioner of Venezia, hurried to Schio as soon as he was informed of the matter and in an impromptu speech to the local C. L. N., he expressed regret that such thing should take place in Italy and said that Italians will never be able to gain British and American friendship as long as they continue to behave in such a manner. The Dunlop speech evoked sundry Italian soul-searchings and comment. *Libera Stampa* said that Parri should have spoken in this vein first and should have followed it by drastic action. *Capitale* said that Italians deserve Dunlop's "strong and hard" words, while *Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican paper, said that the Regional Commissioner should have remembered, before speaking so harshly, that Schio is not the whole of Italy and that anyhow the country is now going through a specially tragic period of hard moral and material conditions.

The busy week had little other news worth recording. With final agreement on extending the public loan to the North, Soleri went to Milan where he urged everyone to support the loan as an effort of the Italian Government towards stabilization of the lira. Togliatti spoke on the radio on 16 July, promising that he would do his best to give back to Italian magistrates their complete independence.

As we go to press, new incidents in Trieste and comment from Yugoslav sources fill the Roman newspapers but as yet without provoking any response, official or otherwise. On the heels of the AMG arrest of several journalists in Trieste, a general strike broke out, apparently in "protest" against the arrests. Reported interviews between AMG and the CLN of the area indicate

an agreement has been reached and that the strike is being called off. What the true facts may be in this latest boiling of the Trieste pot, are not yet clear. All we can say for sure is that we shall hear more about Trieste before we hear less.

THE NORTH

Publication of *La Stampa* in Turin a few days ago resulted in a mixup between organized demonstrators and employees of the newspaper plant when the demonstrators raided the publishing plant and burned copies of the paper, all in alleged protest against the Fascist record of the journal. The demonstrators were apparently ignorant of the facts in the case: namely, that the paper had been epurated and was in the hands of a Commissario who had been instructed to freeze all profits and turn the property over to the Italian government with the cessation of AMG rule for eventual unscrambling of ownership. The incident highlighted the crisis which arose at the beginning of the week when it was learned that the Allied Publications Board regional staff and PWB press officers in the north were to be withdrawn, the order having been given by AFHQ without prior notification to AC. The Chief Commissioner promptly got in touch with Brigadier General A. D. McCrystal, chief of INC at AFHQ, and in a conference attended by the Executive Commissioner, the Political Advisors and PRB, obtained the assurance that the APB shutdown order would be revoked and a press officer attached to each region to handle applications for licenses to publish and to give press advice to the RCs. A directive on the subject will be issued shortly.

Mr. Henry Hopkinson, British Political Advisor, raised a nice point at a staff meeting this week on the question of the surrender of arms. Higher authorities would like to know if the number of weapons turned in anywhere approximates the number estimated to have been held. Figures are most misleading and vague, no strict and correlated accounting having been made to date. Patriots Branch of AC, for example, itemizes 259,034 weapons, including 72,995 hand grenades, as having been handed in in the five Northern provinces. 5th Army also lists thousands. After cross-checking the duplications, there is the intricate matter of figuring the number of weapons that have been extant among the civilian population. Besides the arms dropped by the Allies, there are those taken by force from the Germans or Fascist Republicans, not to mention guns looted from the Italian Army

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stores at the time of the Armistice. The fact remains, according to Public Safety, that there are still plenty of arms in hiding.

Devastated Belt.

Col. Floyd E. Thomas (A), RC of Emilia, has come forward with a detailed analysis of the problem in the 35 devastated communes in his region, scene of the bitter fighting of late 1944 and early 1945. Of the 252,939 persons in the area, 127,195 are homeless. Towns were damaged, on the average, to an extent of 70 per cent., with a third more than 90 per cent. The area is heavily mined, it being estimated that there are 2,000,000 mines still to unearth. Food reserves are gone and 80 per cent. of the livestock missing. To clothe the stricken population, 300,000 garments are needed and to house the shelterless 1,000 Nissen huts, salvage canvas for 15,000 makeshift tents and another 10,000 regulation army tents. The area's 11 hospitals were all damaged and there are no ambulances. Each of the devastated communes now has a doctor but he has to work with no transport, equipment or medical supplies. In the midst of worrying about the economies of the North, aid to meet this individual and most pressing problem has been somewhat overlooked, Col. Thomas said.

Bolzano has been figuring in the news, with reports that the former prefect and former mayor had gone to Allied capitals to plump for autonomy. The AC had to put its foot down on such rumors, officially denying that any travel permits had been issued for political purposes. The Local Government Sub-Commission met with the present prefect of Bolzano, and later with the Italian Government, on preparation of the electoral lists in that border area where so many of the residents are German. The apparent idea at the moment is to exclude those who opted for German nationality in 1939.

The Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Sub-Commission reports that plans are under way to establish an international center for art studies in Florence. The Public Health Sub-Commission, an eye peeled out for typhus, reports a case at the Verona refugee camp and another at Parma. The Communications Sub-Commission says that, of 1,035 telegraph offices in Lombardy before the war, 579 are now connected. The Public Safety Sub-Commission announces that nearly 9,000 CC. RR., who had hidden in the mountains from the Germans, have now reported back for duty. As of 25 July, 13 Corps passed to direct command of AFHQ, Corps now assuming control of all territory in Italy most recently under 8th Army.

ECONOMIC FRONT

In a rather quiet week, economically speaking, the chief item on the boards is the new financial directive from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, completing, in most particulars, the Macmillan Aide Memoire of 21 February to the Italian Government. The financial memorandum comes ten months after the Quebec Conference and in the midst of the Potsdam meeting. In brief, the directive gives free internal action on finances to Italy in territory under its own jurisdiction but retains control over external transactions. The AC must be consulted before any external claims prior to the Armistice are paid and also as to how Italy proposes to handle foreign exchange abroad. Further, rights under the Armistice are reserved and no promises made yet concerning sequestered Italian property in Allied countries.

Speaking of foreign exchange, the black market in such currency has been active of late, presumably because of rumors of an impending conversion of the present lira for the new currency now being printed by the Italian Government. In the last month, the gold sovereign has jumped from 6,950 lire to 9,550; the pound sterling from 780 to 950; the blue seal U. S. dollar from 267 to 307, and the Swiss franc from 124 to 176 lire.

The free and easy use of gasoline by Italian civilians is being checked somewhat by stricter control of circulation permits by the Italian authorities. In Naples, for example, cancellation of 1,600 permits helped reduce thefts of Allied gasoline, not to mention another reason: Removal of the Allied pipeline to the North, from which artery Italians have at times removed as much as 1,000 gallons at one time. The Land Forces Sub-Commission is also trying to stop another leak: Italian Army vehicles, which are of British make, may stop at any British petrol point and fill up. Some charge that the Italian Army drivers then sell the gas to a civilian and then go to another petrol point for a re-fill and a repeat on the whole process.

Cost of Living.

The wage level in Rome is reported by the Labor Sub-Commission as 500 per cent. above that of 1942, when an unskilled worker made 38 lire a day compared with 270 lire a day the same man makes now. Prices are down, the Sub-Commission further reports. A family of five in Rome needed 9,865 lire in June for its food budget, compared with 11,607 lire in May and 12,456 in March. In June, the equivalent

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food budget in Bologna was 7,962; in Turin, 10,418, and in Venice, 9,867... Employed by the Allied Forces in Italy last month were 445,000 persons. Italian industrialists are showing interest in U.S. work simplifications methods and are asking for courses to be started here.

In response to U.S. pressure to permit more commercial travelers to come to Italy, the AC is advising the FEA that such travelers had better be forewarned that responsibility for food, lodging and transport will be their own and that return to the U.S. will have to await the fortunes of redeployment and available shipping space... The Montecatini nylon plant at Verbania has been found in A-1 condition and is now making 500 kilograms of nylon fiber a day for yarn and tooth- and hairbrush bristles. The plant will get a high priority on available coal.

Plans are being worked out to have the Italian economy support an Italian Army of 140,000 and a CC. RR. of 65,000. Seven Italian labor leaders are going to Moscow to return the visit of the Russian trade union delegation last year... Major H. A. Gent (B) is the new director of the Commerce Sub-Commission... The new ammassing season has started, 342,560 quintals having been collected as of 17 July... The first shipment of Chilean nitrate—9,000 tons—is being unloaded at Naples.

A TRUE STORY

Col. J. A. C. Penneyenick, AMG Commissioner for Naples and AC Liaison Officer for Southwest Italy, has given the Executive Commissioner a report on the grasshopper plague in his bailiwick. Col. Penneyenick has an eye for details. To combat the plague of the insects near Battipaglia, DDT powder is now being used, the result of long and careful research. The colonel recalled that in April the 'hoppers' eggs had hatched and swarms of the dear, little things appeared. The Italian civilians, however, paid no attention to their chance, then, of simply stepping on the recumbent hordes. By May, Colonel Penneyenick tells us, the insects had grown enormously, being semi-winged and extremely, extremely voracious already. In June, the grasshoppers began trying out their wings in their first solo flights and also began playing at biological fiddlywinks, thus thankfully having less time for eating grain. After this, usually, the males up and die; the females lay their eggs in hard ground and proceed to join their mates in Valhalla. But, it seems, in the interval between the life and death of the grasshopper, there is hell to pay.

The grain is practically stripped by the swarms, and heroic measures must be taken. A natural

enemy of the grasshopper is the *Zanabris*, a certain wasp-like creature, to whom AC is now making overtures. The *Zanabris* lays its eggs in the same ground as the female grasshopper, according to Col. Penneyenick (who is a professor of entomology in his spare moments). The *Zanabris* grubs, being no slouches themselves, eat the grasshopper eggs, which is good to hear. However, the *Zanabris* likes wet weather. This year Italy has had dry hot weather, and perhaps the grasshopper eggs have been rather brittle, because the Penneyenick report gives us the news that the *Zanabris* babies are currently favoring wild honey as their principal diet. In any event, sterner steps had to be taken.

Poison.

Poisoning the grasshopper brats had been suggested. Sodium arsenate and copper arsenate, mixed with bran, had been used but the cast-iron stomachs of the grasshoppers did not seem unduly affected. A malarial control unit came up with the idea of using DDT, 5 per cent., in a kerosene spray. A test worked beautifully disastrous results on the grasshoppers. It was about decided to use the new method widely when an Italian came up with this remark:

"And what about the birds? If they eat the poisoned grasshoppers, they may die. And there are so few birds in Italy now."

This provoked widespread discussion in the Commune of Battipaglia, even the CLN being divided among itself. Italian authorities scoffed at the fear, asserting that birds do not often eat dead grasshoppers, not being tasty enough. But an experiment was insisted on. Some old hens, of no value, were selected; hens, moreover, chosen thriftily because they were past laying. The finding: The DDT-fed hens did not die. Instead, they re-commenced laying eggs.

This has inspired the following tribute from one M. S. L.:

ODE TO DDT

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*It pulverizes lice on men
This famous DDT
And stimulates a barren hen
To great fertility.*

BACKGROUND ON SOCIALIZATION

As somebody has said, Mussolini, before he received his due, like a wasp, left a sting in the body of North Italy which he hoped would fester to the embarrassment of the nation. That sting was the Fascist Republican attempts at socialization of industry in the North. Opinion has it

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on one hand that he was attempting to woo the workers with socialistic projects. Somewhat overlooked was the fact that the disintegrating Duce also wanted to use the threat of socializing plants as a club to force employers to meet German demands for an 80 per cent. increase in war production. Mr. William H. Braine, director of the Labor Sub-Commission, who has been investigating the situation, has some interesting remarks on the subject.

The Fascist Republican Government, we are told, started its attempt at socializing industry by the issue of Legislative Decree No. 375 on 12 February 1944. This Decree provided that joint stock or limited liability companies having a capital of more than 1,000,000 lire should be liable to reorganization under a management composed of a head, appointed by an assembly of equal worker and employer representation, and a council, appointed by the assembly and also having equal representation of workers and stockholders. Private undertakings, whether partnerships or under personal ownership, and having more than 1,000,000 lire capital and over 100 employees were also liable to be similarly organized.

The head of any socialized undertaking would be liable to dismissal or replacement if his conduct did not conform to the production plans or social policy of the State, and such replacement could be proposed by the management council. The management council was empowered to give decisions on all questions of scope, expansion and general production; it could deal with the protection and disciplining of all labor and it would be responsible for preparing a balance sheet of the undertaking and for proposing the allocation of all profits. Profits allocated to the employer interests of any undertaking would be limited by annual regulation and workers would take a share in profits according to the amount of pay received during the year. The share of any worker was not in any case to exceed 30 per cent. of his total annual pay. Surplus profit, after calculation of employer and worker entitlement, would be appropriated by the State.

Slow Start.

For some time after the publication of this decree, little effort was made to put it into effect extensively, although the Fascist *Ministero dell'Economia Corporativa*, at intervals, applied the new policy in selected concerns by way of trial. However, following a Supplementary Decree No. 361 of 12 October 1944, socialization was extended to a number of specified firms in the

North of Italy and finally, by Fascist Republican Decree of 1 April, 1945, all undertakings were ordered to implement the policy of socialization. Three dates were fixed for the completion of socialization of industrial establishments, the time limits ranging from 20 April 1945 to 10 May. The liberation of the North, of course, put *finis* on Benito's plans.

During the immediate pre-liberation period, the clandestine Italian resistance movement, conducted by the Central C. L. N. for Northern Italy, made use of workshop C. L. Ns. in industrial establishments. The C. L. Ns. arrived at agreement among themselves on various questions affecting industry (as, for example, the promise of payment of a liberation bonus to industrial workers in the North). With regard to socialization of industry, the C. L. N. A. I. issued a "decree" on 17 April, 1945, just before the general uprising against the Fascists. The C. L. N. A. I. edict purported to annul the Fascist Republican socialization decree and to suppress the management councils established by the Fascists, substituting for them temporary management boards (*Consigli di Gestione Aziendali*), containing equal representation of owners and workers. Within three months of the date of liberation, workers' representatives would be freely elected by employees of the establishments concerned, to take the place of those appointed by the factory C. L. Ns. The C. L. N. A. I. ruling also provided for the continuance of the system of allocation of profits, limited the share to be given to the owners and required the workers' share to be paid into a national fund which would be used to meet the needs of the working classes arising from current circumstances, such as popular messes, assistance to children and to war orphans.

C. L. N. Activity.

In the interval before assumption of full administration by Allied Military Government, there was activity on the part of certain local C. L. Ns. and factory C. L. Ns. in the nature of interference with management by removal of managers, supervisors and foremen and widespread establishment of the workshop management committees. In some cases removal of managerial and technical staff was based, unfortunately, upon personal grounds rather than on reasons of collaboration with the Fascists. The effect threatened for a time to impair the technical and administrative efficiency of industrial concerns. The situation was rectified early in June by AMG which reviewed all C. L. N. appointments of Com-

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missioners and Receivers to act as heads of industrial concerns, made appropriate removals and appointed its own Receivers and Commissioners where necessary.

As indicated, time did not permit general socialization under Fascist administration as intended by the Fascists. The C. L. N. A. I. regulations, however, were interpreted by various elements in Lombardia as giving authority for the introduction of socialization into establishments which would have been liable to this process under the Fascist decree, even though they had not in fact been socialized at the time of liberation. A state of uncertainty thus existed in numerous plants.

Information is being collected on the subject but it is not yet complete. Reports received to date show that in Genoa four printing and publishing firms were socialized. In Piemonte Region firms which are concerned include Fiat, Italgas, Suia Viscosa, Venchi Unica, Vetrocche, Ferrovie Torino-Nord, Soc. Editrice Torinese, S. I. P., Cartiere Burgo, Stipel, La Stampa, Officina Meccanica Zausi and I. N. C. R. T. Lombardia statistics have not yet come in.

Nationalization.

The nationalization of key industries, the socialization of general industry, participation of workers in management and sharing of profits for workers, are basic questions of the political future, of course. The statements on the socialization of industry which have been issued by responsible Italian authorities are therefore important. On 3 June, 1945, the representatives of the six parties belonging to the central C. L. N. arrived at an agreement which *inter alia* laid down that C. L. Ns. should act in a consultative capacity and that workshop C. L. Ns. should be transformed into technical and syndical agencies which should prove themselves adequate to meet the requirements of production and social justice.

The next day Prime Minister Bonomi informed the Allied Commission that the Italian Government would immediately study this question of workshop management committees which embraced a complex problem having wide social, political and economical implication. He suggested that it would be desirable that any action which AMG might take in this connection should be such as not to prejudice any more stable and definite solution which the Italian Government would propose in the shortest possible time.

Although some workers' representatives in the North may have expected the post-liberation

Italian Government to support a socialization program, the new Parri Government has not committed itself. A communiqué of 26 June, 1945, however, included the following reference to socialization:

"The Government intends to develop and organize the control of industrial establishments by the various categories of employees, in such a manner as not to disturb the productive capacity of the country and not to obstruct the revival of economic activity for which it widely relied on private initiative."

The Monarchist newspaper, *Italia Nuova*, on 27 June commented: "These are, as you see, beautiful and nebulous words capable of any interpretation from the most extreme socialism to the most reactionary liberalism."

Epurazione.

On 2 June, 1945, AMG issued General Order No. 46 dealing with "Epurazione in Private Industry". The order makes it an offence for any person other than properly appointed managers or receivers of an industrial establishment to dismiss or suspend any person from employment, or to prevent or endeavor to prevent a person from continuing in his employment. Dismissal or suspension on account of Fascist activities or collaboration must first be considered by an Epurazione Commission for the firm concerned, duly appointed by a Provincial Commission and subject to the approval of Allied Military Government.

Besides allowing for proper consideration of complaints against employees, the Order provides that the employees dismissed for alleged collaboration with Fascists since the date of liberation and prior to the date of the Order, may appeal to the duly appointed Epurazione Commission of the firm in question for reinstatement. There is also provision for appeal to a higher board against a decision of the Epurazione Commission. The Order applies not only to employees and workers, but also to managers and persons of similar standing. The operation of the Order already has had a good effect and will help to rectify arbitrary acts of the first hectic days of liberation.

In brief, AMG has not committed itself on the socialization question, which is as it should be. The attitude has been that the issue is one for decision by the Italian Government and that AMG should not take any action to prejudice that Government's deliberation. This attitude on the part of AMG has not been easy to maintain amid C. L. N. pressures, to say the least.

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ODDS AND ENDS

The Deputy Executive Commissioner is busy these days re-assigning personnel of 5th Army and IV Corps AMGs since their authority was turned over 15 July in the North... Although arrangements were made to enlist as many as 1,000 Patriots into the Italian Army (a figure set despite cries for a higher quota in some quarters), only 400 Patriots joined the Italian forces in June, the Land Forces Sub-Commission reports... Col. S. W. Miller (B), AC Liaison Officer at Bari, reports two items of particular interest: In the Brindisi area, there are already some 4,000 unemployed, another 7,000 persons will be laid off soon, and the district is expecting the return of another 8,000 Italian POWs who will want work; despite the personal requests of Italian Ministers for handing in of arms in the Andria-Minervino area, where disturbances occurred recently, only 198 weapons have been collected, the majority of which were from persons not concerned with the disorders and who had previously declared their ownership, while 50 of the arms were Balilla muskets... The first war crimes trial in the MTO will be held 23 July, when Italian Maj. Gen. Nicola Bellomo goes before a British military court charged with killing a British officer-prisoner; AC PRB is arranging to send Italian and political correspondents to cover the story... The Italian Government is preparing a decree giving the vote to persons who will be 21 on 31 December 1945, the Local Government Sub-Commission reports... The Education Sub-Commission announces completion of its exhaustive study

of the Italian educational system started more than a year ago... The AC educators also tell of a pretty gesture by the Italians who, hearing that the House of Commons wanted a 35-volume set of the *Enciclopedia Italiana*, have presented one as a gift... Lieut. Clement Petrillo (A) has been awarded the Bronze Star... T/3 Frank E. Cicone (A) has received an official commendation from the 5th Army for "outstanding performance of duty" in helping distribute civilian supplies (as much as 200 tons a day) in the forward areas during the campaign with 5th Army AMG... AC is trying to persuade AFHQ to derequisition more hotels for the Italian Government, having in mind, for example, the prospective convention of the *Consulta* in Rome this fall... Approaches of Italian *Ex-Combattenti* organizations to AC about volunteers to fight in the Japanese war are being referred by the Land Forces Sub-Commission to the Italian Ministry of War; to date, incidentally, there has been no official request from the Government for permission to use the Italian armed forces against Japan...

Mr. Ivor Thomas, British Labor MP, and chairman of the Anglo-Italian Committee of the House of Commons, is visiting Italy; in an interview with *Avanti*, he told of meeting the Chief Commissioner whom he described as a "great friend of Italy's"... Mr. A. S. Halford of the British Embassy who also fills in as British Political Advisor to AC, is producing, directing and even acting in "Berkeley Square" at the Argentina in Rome...

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Emilia Region AMG, APO 394, U.S. Army 24 June 45

TO: Headquarters Allied Commission
(Attention: Public Relations Officer)

1. The facts with regard to Air Commodore Benson's investment as an honorary Texan are true of my own knowledge.

2. While I note that the AC Weekly Bulletin did not claim that General Browning was the first to be so honored, the Texas delegation in Emilia insists that there is an implied representation to that effect in the story.

3. In any event--anything for a gag.

4. Forwarded.

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Maj Geococcos

Alfred C. Bowman
ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Regional Commissioner

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Jack: I am tempted to publish
Thomas' letter in toto - it has
a nice flavor. Certainly some of it.
no? J.

Provincial Commissioner

12 June

Washington, D.C.

Honorable Commissioner, U.S. Public Health Service.

1. Since Public Health Service has an available record of "sirens" and intends to print in its position, the public health service of AC No. in accordance with the report in their files.

2. A very interesting article in the 12 June Bulletin of the U.S. Public Health Service, dated 12 June 1944, mentions that the first official record of honor or citizenship in the State of Texas, obtained for the first time by one Col. Clayton P. Barr.

3. In the attached letter above, on 12 June 1944, from Col. Clayton P. Barr, of the U.S. Public Health Service, Dallas, Texas, to his friend the Governor, the details of his service in the U.S. Public Health Service, dated 12 June 1944, for his service (then Major General) U.S. Army.

4. The writer, being from Arizona, that impressive land of mountains, of all the mountains of nature in the U.S. and Canada, a most beautiful but there is further the view of this beautiful land; but for what it is worth the air is clean and the land is a most beautiful land.

5. It is requested that by proper department the information be forwarded to the proper authorities in order that the records may be corrected to conform to the facts.

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THOMAS E. BROWN
Colonel, Inf.,
Provincial Commissioner

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
GENOA PROVINCE
A. P. O. 394

21 June 1945.

SUBJECT : News for Publication in Weekly Bulletin.
To : Public Relations Branch
Headquarters Allied Commission
APO 394

1. Request publication of following news in your next
issue of the " Weekly bulletin ":

" Lieut Colonel Eugene R McPhee Provincial Commissioner
of Genoa Province, A.M.G. has been awarded the U.S.
Bronze Star . Congratulations ".

Samuel S. Urette
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21 June 1945

SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation

TO : Director, Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives Subcommission

1. I have just received the attached copy of the resolution of appreciation and thanks passed by the Society of American Archivists on the superior work of the Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives officers in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations.

2. In this resolution of appreciation I sincerely concur and pass it on to you with my wholehearted congratulations for the fine accomplishments of the officers and men of your organization. Please convey this note to all personnel concerned.

H. Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNA
Chief Commissioner

cc: CA Section
PRG

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RESOLUTION

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref 4/16B/CA

3 June 45

SUBJECT : Weekly Bulletin - Odds and Ends

TO : PRO

- 1 The VP directs ^{AC} to request that you publish a note concerning two items in the Weekly Bulletin Vol II No 9 dated 2 June 45.
- 2 The items are both in Odds and Ends and are
 - a) All promotions have been suspended
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- 3 Would you kindly point out that both paragraphs refer to the American side only. Complications are liable to arise if this is not clear!

A.D. Bonham-Carter
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Lt Colonel
for VP CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS
LA SPEZIA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

HQ/9

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Ref. Lig/Sp2/PG/162

7 May 1945

SUBJECT Damage to La Spezia

TO: Headquarters Liguria Region, APO 394.

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Page.3. Para. A.M.G. with the Armies. Referring to La Spezia it states that La Spezia was found only moderately damaged. I would refer you to my Report No.1. which states that La Spezia is estimated damaged as follows: 30% completely damaged, 30% uninhabitable and 40% habitable.

As the destruction in this town was done some considerable time ago the debris has been tidied up and the town on first appearance looks in good shape, but I am afraid the damage is far more than moderate.

I would like to have this error corrected with A.C. HQ as I feel La Spezia will need all the help it can get.

H.P.P. Robertson Lt. Col.

H.P.P. ROBERTSON,
Lt. Col., Buffs,
Provincial Commissioner
La Spezia Province
LIGURIA

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FILE: LIG/HQ/17 1st Ind
HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, APO 394
TO: Hqs., Allied Commission, APO 394
Attention: Public Relations Branch

1. Forwarded for your consideration.
2. This Headquarters concurs, in general, with the estimates of damage to the City of La Spezia.

For the Regional Commissioner:

William R. Jordan
WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Colonel, CAC
D.R.C.

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"Like every other observer I have been immensely impressed by how much you have achieved with very modest resources. The whole conception of Allied Military Government is unique in two ways: first, because never have victorious armies turned so immediately to the task of liberation and reconstruction, and secondly, because never has an alliance between two nations been accompanied by such closely woven and integrated effort. At Headquarters we deal with papers and plans; in the field one has the inspiration of seeing these plans translated into action. And what a variety of things I have seen in recent days!

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"We now set out together on a new task. I am certain that you will crown your efforts by success in the solution of the problems that await us in Northern Italy. If you can do this (and I am sure you can) and set the Italian people upon a new path towards liberty and dignity, you will be able to look back with legitimate pride as partners in an undertaking unique in history."

AMG WITH THE ARMIES

The front lines in Italy are moving so fast that it is simply impossible to give an accurate and complete picture of conditions AMG is finding in the liberated towns. Two facts stand out: Italian Patriots are doing excellent work in maintaining law and order while waiting for AMG to come in and AMG staffs and regional follow-up teams are moving as rapidly as possible to assume their new tasks. Lombardy, Liguria and Venetia Regions are moving into their bailiwicks. An unverified report had a British colonel, a liaison officer with the Patriots, speaking over Milan radio early April 27. The fall of Verona, railroad link to the Brenner Pass, announced as captured in communiques of April 27, but badly damaged, caused Brigadier General Hume, SCAO, 5th Army AMG, to rush to the city at once, shortly after reviewing a Patriot parade in Bologna and receiving the surrender of 4,000 weapons by 3,500 Patriots. Lieut. Col. Thomas Michie and a small team were also en route to Verona. An AMG team has also left for Genoa. All three RC's of the forward regions - Brigadiers Carr and Dunlop and Colonel Poletti - are now forward and on the heels of the on-rushing troops. 3695

La Spezia, the West Coast naval base, was found only moderately damaged. Carabinieri and the provincial commissioner are already on the job. 2,500 Patriots are there, well-disciplined and under command of an Allied officer. Reggio Emilia has water, power, little damage and 5,000 Patriots. Food will last for a few days yet. The 8th Army AMG reported on a large number of smaller towns, where incidental damage was indicated and no acute problems. Ferrara was mainly undamaged except for the railroad station and outskirts. The water aqueduct was broken for two kilometers but city wells had water. Power was out but food and health were o. k. Ferrara, incidentally, was first entered by two AMG officers, Capt. Keith Erskine (B) and Lieut. Don Pesaro (A), who accompanied two Patriots into town and took 30 German prisoners.

ECONOMIC FRONT

In the midst of concentrating to the utmost to help the fast-moving field operations of AMG, the Economic Section found time during the week to overhaul its shop and divide the sub-commissions between the two Deputy Vice Presidents, Brigadier D. L. Anderson and Brigadier General Edward B. McKinley, for general supervision. Brigadier Anderson will be in charge of production activities and so will supervise Industry, Public Works and Utilities and Labor Sub-Commissions. General McKinley will be in charge of supply and has jurisdiction over Agriculture, Food, Commerce, Shipping and Transportation Sub-Commissions. Finance Sub-Commission will report directly to the Acting Vice President, Mr. A. G. Antolini. General McKinley started off his group by having an afternoon

session on supply and requisition procedures and general functions under the New Deal economic directive.

Mr. Antolini will hold a press conference April 29 to explain the economic boundary line between Liberated and North Italy, the private trade program and the amount and value of the civilian supplies which the Allies have imported into Italy — Mr. David C. Sachs, American civilian, has been appointed deputy director of the Labor Sub-Commission — The trouble at the Sardinian coal mines seems about over and normal production should be reached again soon, it is hoped — The Italian Ministry of Agriculture plans to name a Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Forest among its long-range re-forestation plans — Wheat amassed, to April 24, was 11,177,975 qtl. and olive oil collected was 449,541 qtl — A sulphuric acid plant has gone into production at Castellino at the rate of 300 tons a month — Glass production also has commenced at the Bordoni plant in Rome — Arrangements have been made to hand over to COGENA 10 ships flying the Italian flag for use in coast-wise shipping — The second 35,000 kw. generator at Terni has been repaired after six months' work and is now supplying power to Central Italy — A Joint Military Finance Committee has been set up at AFHQ to coordinate Allied military financial policy in this theater; the committee will work in closest cooperation with the AC.

ODDS AND ENDS

The Commerce Sub-Commission has made 182,000 blankets available to the Welfare Branch of the Public Health Sub-Commission for distribution to needy Italians through ENDSI — Civil cablegram service to the U. S. and U. K. will be resumed, probably about May 4, the Communi-

cations Sub-Commission reports — The first call-up for recruits for the Italian Navy will take place in May and June, the Navy Sub-Commission announces — The War Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission has finally worked out the status of Italian prisoners of war still held in Italy and who are called "cooperators": the lot — 34,000 — will be released to the Italian Government July 1 — Undulant fever is reported at Pisa, Tuscany Region says — The Public Health Sub-Commission, incidentally, has caused an imported American vaccine for brucellosis — the cattle disease which results in undulant fever in humans — to be manufactured on quite a large scale in Rome, 5,000 tubes having been produced, although only 12 cows have been vaccinated to date — A new transfer of territory to the Italian Government is being studied, approval for which has to be given by the Allied Advisory Council — Col. Norman E. Fiske, Deputy Executive Commissioner, has been awarded the Bronze Star "for meritorious service in support of combat operations in Italy during May and June, 1944"; congratulations — British officers in AC are also being offered the chance to go into civil affairs in the Far East — Lieut. Col. Joseph D. Scholtz (A) and Col. John B. Thornhill (A) have been appointed Deputy PC's of Venetia and Umbria-Marche Regions, respectively — The Local Government Sub-Commission has suggested to the Italian Government that its election plans, based on a 1915 law, are not yet good enough to guarantee a free election democratic style — New U. S. Army regulations state that officers going home on TD will not be returned to this theater — Brigadier Maurice S. Lush, the Executive Commissioner, has returned from London.

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5 May 1945

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Sincerely yours,

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
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Lt. Col. P. Friend-James
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cc: Brig. Lush for info.
PRB Files

HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMY GROUP
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APO 777

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There is one other point and that is on page two the location of Headquarters Eighth Army is disclosed. I am sure you will agree that while hostilities continue in Italy, a location such as this should not be published.

Yours Sincerely,
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Brigadier M. S. LUSH, CB, CBE, MC,
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message to all AC/AMG officers and officials saying that I hoped to meet them personally as often and as soon as possible.

"In spite of a number of distractions (including a visit to London to lay the foundations of the New Deal for Italy and several weeks of civil war in Athens) I have seen a good deal of the work both at headquarters and in the field. I have also had the good fortune to make two four-day trips to the forward areas in recent weeks - one upon the west of the line, and the other a few days ago upon the eastern side.

"Like every other observer I have been immensely impressed by how much you have achieved with very modest resources. The whole conception of Allied Military Government is unique in two ways: first, because never have victorious armies turned so immediately to the task of liberation and reconstruction, and secondly, because never has an alliance between two nations been accompanied by such closely woven and integrated effort. At Headquarters we deal with papers and plans; in the field one has the inspiration of seeing these plans translated into action. And what a variety of things I have seen in recent days!

"My visit to the Fifth Army a few weeks ago enabled me to appreciate the work of consolidation behind the lines and preparation for the great forward move. My visit to the Eighth Army and to part of the Fifth a few days ago gave me the privilege of seeing the actual forward spring. After many disappointments and great hardships the Allied armies have won a complete and resounding victory. The courage of the troops has been made fruitful by the rare skill of their commanders. In this triumph AMG officers can claim their share. They have at least enough taste of the risks to stimulate and inspire. I have seen this with my own eyes. They also have the satisfaction of carrying into actual operation plans so long prepared. And the variety and complexity of their work would hardly be believed by the ordinary public. Under your guidance the agricultural and industrial life of Italy is being salvaged and restored. The housing and the feeding of her people is in your hands. The preservation of the greatest and most traditional of her national resources - her arts and monuments - is in your keeping. Hardly has the smoke of battle been lifted when the work of reconstruction begins. You have to improvise by new and unconventional methods. You have to depend on resourcefulness and initiative. From the first landings in Sicily to the Pisa-Rimini line where we have stood so long you have done a splendid work.

"We now set out together on a new task. I am certain that you will crown your efforts by success in the solution of the problems that await us in Northern Italy. If you can do this (and I am sure you can) and set the Italian people upon a new path towards liberty and dignity, you will be able to look back with legitimate pride as partners in an undertaking unique in history."

AMG WITH THE ARMIES

The front lines in Italy are moving so fast that it is simply impossible to give an accurate and complete picture of conditions AMG is finding in the liberated towns. Two facts stand out: Italian Patriots are doing excellent work in maintaining law and order while waiting for AMG to come in and AMG staffs and regional follow-up teams are moving as rapidly as possible to assume their new tasks. Lombardy, Liguria and Venetia Regions are moving into their bailiwicks. An unverified report had a British colonel, a liaison officer with the Patriots, speaking over Milan radio early April 27. The fall of Verona, railroad link to the Brenner Pass, announced as captured in communiques of April 27, but badly damaged, caused Brigadier General Hume, SCAO, 5th Army AMG, to rush to the city at once, shortly after reviewing a Patriot parade in Bologna and receiving the surrender of 4,000 weapons by 3,500 Patriots. Lieut. Col. Thomas Michie and a small team were also en route to Verona. An AMG team has also left for Genoa. All three RC's of the forward regions - Brigadiers Carr and Dunlop and Colonel Poletti - are now forward and on the heels of the on-rushing troops.

La Spezia, the West Coast naval base, was found only moderately damaged. Carabinieri and the provincial commissioner are already on the job. 2,500 Patriots are there, well-disciplined and under command of an Allied officer. Reggio Emilia has water, power, little damage and 5,000 Patriots. Food will last for a few days yet. The 8th Army AMG reported on a large number of smaller towns, where incidental damage was indicated and no acute problems. Ferrara was mainly undamaged except for the railroad station and outskirts. The water aqueduct was broken for two kilometers but city wells had water. Power was out but food and health were o. k. Ferrara, incidentally, was first entered by two AMG officers, Capt. Keith Erskine (B) and Lieut. Don Pesaro (A), who accompanied two Patriots into town and took 30 German prisoners.

ECONOMIC FRONT 3692

In the midst of concentrating to the utmost to help the fast-moving field operations of AMG, the Economic Section found time during the week to overhaul its shop and divide the sub-commissions between the two Deputy Vice Presidents, Brigadier D. L. Anderson and Brigadier General Edward B. McKinley, for general supervision. Brigadier Anderson will be in charge of production activities and so will supervise Industry, Public Works and Utilities and Labor Sub-Commissions. General McKinley will be in charge of supply and has jurisdiction over Agriculture, Food, Commerce, Shipping and Transportation Sub-Commissions. Finance Sub-Commission will report directly to the Acting Vice President, Mr. A. G. Antolini. General McKinley started off his group by having an afternoon

session on supply and requisition procedures and general functions under the New Deal economic directive.

Mr. Antolini will hold a press conference April 29 to explain the economic boundary line between Liberated and North Italy, the private trade program and the amount and value of the civilian supplies which the Allies have imported into Italy — Mr. David C. Sachs, American civilian, has been appointed deputy director of the Labor Sub-Commission — The trouble at the Sardinian coal mines seems about over and normal production should be reached again soon, it is hoped — The Italian Ministry of Agriculture plans to name a Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Forest among its long-range re-forestation plans — Wheat amassed, to April 24, was 11,177,975 qtl. and olive oil collected was 449,541 qtl — A sulphuric acid plant has gone into production at Castellino at the rate of 300 tons a month — Glass production also has commenced at the Bordoni plant in Rome — Arrangements have been made to hand over to COGENA 10 ships flying the Italian flag for use in coast-wise shipping — The second 35,000 kw. generator at Terni has been repaired after six months' work and is now supplying power to Central Italy — A Joint Military Finance Committee has been set up at AFHQ to coordinate Allied military financial policy in this theater; the committee will work in closest cooperation with the AC.

ODDS AND ENDS

The Commerce Sub-Commission has made 182,000 blankets available to the Welfare Branch of the Public Health Sub-Commission for distribution to needy Italians through ENDSE — Civil cablegram service to the U. S. and U. K. will be resumed, probably about May 4, the Communi-

cations Sub-Commission reports — The first call-up for recruits for the Italian Navy will take place in May and June, the Navy Sub-Commission announces — The War Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission has finally worked out the status of Italian prisoners of war still held in Italy and who are called "cooperators": the lot — 34,000 — will be released to the Italian Government July 1 — Undulant fever is reported at Pisa, Tuscany Region says — The Public Health Sub-Commission, incidentally, has caused an imported American vaccine for brucellosis — the cattle disease which results in undulant fever in humans — to be manufactured on quite a large scale in Rome, 5,000 tubes having been produced, although only 12 cows have been vaccinated to date — A new transfer of territory to the Italian Government is being studied, approval for which has to be given by the Allied Advisory Council — Col. Norman E. Fiske, Deputy Executive Commissioner, has been awarded the Bronze Star "for meritorious service in support of combat operations in Italy during May and June, 1944"; congratulations — British officers in AC are also being offered the chance to go into civil affairs in the Far East — Lieut. Col. Joseph D. Scholtz (A) and Col. John B. Thornhill (A) have been appointed Deputy PC's of Venezia and Umbria-Marche Regions, respectively — The Local Government Sub-Commission has suggested to the Italian Government that its election plans, based on a 1915 law, are not yet good enough to guarantee a free election democratic style — New U. S. Army regulations state that officers going home on TD will not be returned to this theater — Brigadier Maurice S. Lash, the Executive Commissioner, has returned from London.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. Chief Commissioner
[The Chief Commissioner]

1. We are making arrangements, effective next week, to print the weekly Bulletin instead of mimeographing it.

2. The printing arrangements require a change in the schedule for the copy to go into the Bulletin. The copy will be ready next Thursday night and will be in the printers by Friday noon. I very much hope, in order that we can keep this schedule, you can read and approve the political portion some time Friday morning and that the Executive Commissioner can read and approve the remainder of the Bulletin during the same morning.

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G. STUART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Col. Maj. Quayle
Lt. Lennin
Maj. Bergin
Maj. Lencow

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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26A/PRB

February 24, 1945.

SUBJECT : Printing of AC Weekly Bulletin.

TO : Headquarters Commandant, Printing Section.
(attention: Lieut. Bongarzone)

1. In accordance with a discussion at the 20 February meeting of the Executive Commissioner and heads of Sections, request is made that the AC Weekly Bulletin be printed hereafter rather than mimeographed as heretofore.

2. It is requested that 300 copies of this be printed as a start. 3690

3. This will be a regular weekly production.

For the Director:-

John P. Leacacos,
Major, AUS,
Public Relations Officer.

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22 January 1945

Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Branch
HQ Allied Commission, Rome.

Dear Colonel Drew,

Frankly, I don't know how to answer your letter of December 31, for which I and my staff are nevertheless grateful in a world of ingratitude. The ban of the history still exists, and although I have one of the oddest memoranda on record on the subject from General George Clark, I can still find no valid reason for the veto. Unless I can persuade Mr. Macmillan to do something about it, I am afraid that the history must remain officially buried. I will let you know at once if there is any chance of its release.

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I remain, I fancy, unpopular here and plainly I shall never be permitted to do a real job of work. I sometimes wonder whether I couldn't do a better job from your end, although I don't really want to leave this country.

Anyway, we are all very glad that the Bulletins are useful.

Yours sincerely,

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

From Col. F.C. Drew.

The War Office,
Hotel Victoria,
Northumberland Ave.,
LONDON, W.C.2.

31 December, 1944.

Dear Fielden,

I have been able to get a quick look through your recent magnum opus, "An Anniversary Survey of the Work of the Allied Control Commission", which you sent, I think, to the S. of S. and which is being treated very much as "off the record". As you referred to it in Bulletin No.30 of 29th October, we have been wondering when it would come along. I feel I must congratulate you on its production: not only will it be extremely useful as an unofficial record, but it will also be of very considerable use to staff officers trying to obtain a rapid survey of the back history of the Commission. I sincerely hope, therefore, that we shall, in due course, receive copies through A.F.H.Q. and that it will not be suppressed en route; but we have not yet got our official copies and the object of this letter is to ask you if you can let me know if these are coming.

Senior Commander Stone brought back one or two conundrums from you with which we are trying to deal and to arrive at conclusions satisfactory to you. She will doubtless be writing to you in due course on her return from a spot of leave.

I do sincerely hope that the contretemps which overtook you while Lush was at home has now been satisfactorily smoothed out and that we shall continue to be able to rely on you for the most excellent informal information contained in the Bulletins which we now begin to regard almost as indispensable background.

My very sincere good wishes to you for the New Year.

Yours

F.C. Drew

(Sgd.) F. C. Drew

Major Lionel Fielden,
Public Relations Branch,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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

15 January 1945

Major Lionel Fielden
PRO
Allied Commission
Rome

Included in Bulletin 20 Jan. 45.

Dear Lionel:

Should I have labelled this letter "Secret", since it has to do with the Bulletin?

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Seriously, I want to compliment you on your resume - "PWB Moves On". My only criticism, if it should be so considered, is that the resume did not mention John Rayner's nor my position in the new set-up. If you care to mention it in an early edition, it might help some of your people to know what disposition is being made of our bodies.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Elman
GEORGE W. ELMAN
A.D.P.W.O. Italy

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the BULLETIN

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To:- Major L. Nielsen,
Public Relations Officer,
Headquarters, Allied Commission,
C.M.F.

Subject:- A.C. Weekly Bulletin No. 37.

To correct a statement made in the P.W.B. bulletin
No. 37 of 16th Dec, I have to inform you that there are the
following A.C. officers stationed in CATANIA.

Provincial Commissioner,
Executive Officer,
Supplies Officer,
Export Div. Officer,

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and within the past few days a police officer has been
added. There is also a P.W.B. official, whose existence
should be known to your branch.

18 Nov 44

W.J. WALKER
Lt-Col.
Provincial Commissioner.

Catania.
26 Dec 44.
H.W./JRG.

I suggest this apology
go in your final
piece, sir

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26/PRB

6 January 1946.

Col. H.B. Simson
Naples Zone
Prefettura, Naples.

Dear Colonel Simson,

I apologize for not having answered your letter of December 16 and the enclosed articles. To tell the truth we were all rather puzzled by the latter. The first one - about the marketing scheme - seemed to us to be still too much in the realm of prospective planning to fit into the Bulletin, and we had the impression - perhaps wrong - that beyond the selection of a site nothing had been done. We don't, to be frank, think this quite newsworthy, and hoped you would send us more facts later. The second article seems very vague indeed, and more in the nature of an appeal to Neapolitans to "get on with it" than a story for the Bulletin. This sounds rather ungracious, and I hasten to say that we do very much welcome contributions, and to apologize again for not answering this one. But I think in general the Bulletin should concern itself with facts rather than aspirations.

Yours sincerely,

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LIONEL FIELDEN
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

NAPLES ZONE

(PROVINCES OF NAPLES, AVELLINO, BENEVENTO)

PREFETTURA, NAPLES

File

3rd January, 1945.

Subject:

Dear Fielden,

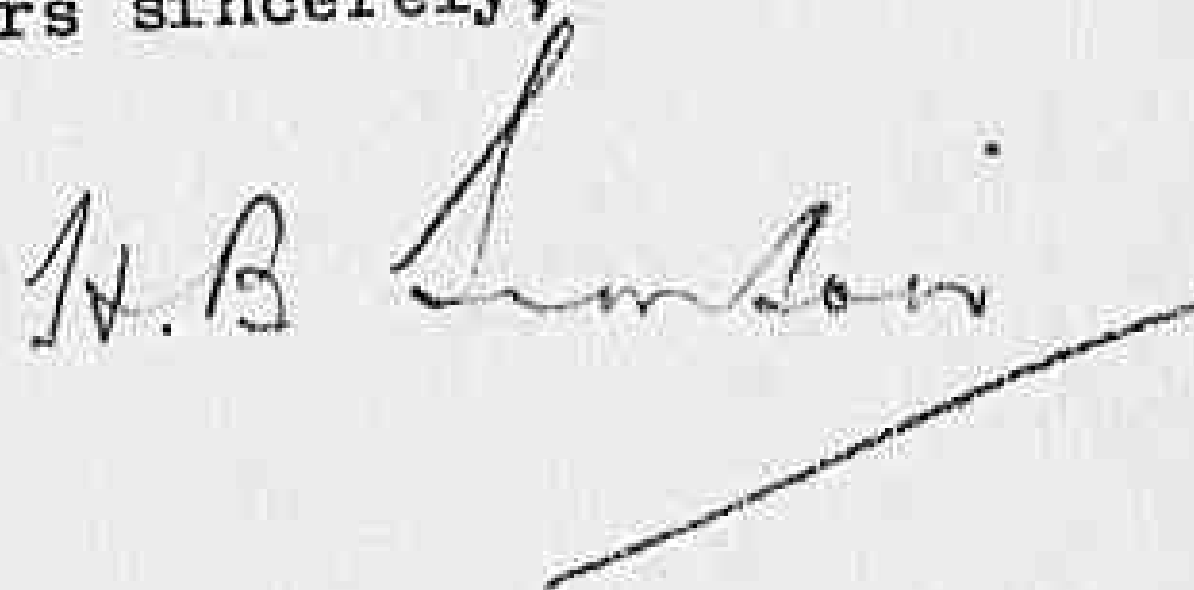
To:

A little time before Christmas I sent you two short articles on affairs in Naples which I thought might be of interest to your chatty weekly Bulletin. I have not heard from you nor have these appeared so far and I am curious to know if they were received. If they were of no value or of no particular interest then I understand.

Wishing you a share of all the good things in 1945.

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Yours sincerely,



ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

NAPLES ZONE

(PROVINCES OF NAPLES, AVELLINO, BENEVENTO)

PREFETTURA, NAPLES

File

Subject:

To:

PROPOSED CENTRAL FRUIT AND VEGETABLES MARKET - NAPLES,

Prices of fruits and vegetables in Naples City have advanced out of all proportion to their real economic value. They have risen beyond the purchasing means of the common consumer. Perhaps the chief causes of these fictitious prices have been the higher rates obtained from Allied Forces and from black market agents for export. Purchasing agents, in conjunction with producers and others, have been declaring surpluses over civilian needs when in point of fact their so-called surpluses were normally required for civilian uses. Ready cash sales through these same Commission Agents encouraged the ever present cupidity of those concerned to avoid sales by grade or quality.

Although a form of market is presently in use, its form is in using certain streets resulting in muddle, thieving, filth, and insanitary conditions.

To overcome the many serious objections of the present disorderly methods of disposing of fruits and vegetables, I have for some time been discussing the subject with interested appropriate representatives.

The Neapolitan greatly required stimulation.

At one time the local authorities had envisaged some such market and did in fact, commence a scheme at Poggioreale on a site now occupied by RENNE, and likely to be retained by them for a considerable time even after the war. Further, this site is not well situated.

In all my talks with those chiefly concerned, I have continuously stressed unanimity and that it is a scheme which must at all stages be handled by themselves. Such a scheme must have a long term policy and not an effervescent enthusiasm doomed to failure because of misapplied ambition and wasted money in the early stages. The scheme must develop as the needs demand, or as the scheme succeeds and so build up progressively an confidence is created and maintained.

Finance and suitable market site were the first elements. A site on the *TAZZOLI DA S. LUCIA* has been unanimously agreed upon and preliminary work will be commenced at low cost immediately.

I have outlined to the people concerned that this scheme must be worked out in detail from the planning and organisation to Prefects decrees and Comune by-laws, and that adequate publicity must be allowed before the opening date of the market in order to avoid confusion or suspicion. Full consideration must be given to road access, vehicle parking space, rail proximity, water, drainage, and business facilities. Grading of all produce should be initiated whereby the skilful producer should be recompensed and the less careful producer encouraged in realising that marks and grades shall be recognised.

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It is obvious that unless we take a hand in knitting together the various elements, guiding them along on commonsense business lines, no success will result. In other words an emulsion is needed to keep the various parties mixed and prevent the separation which seems to attend every event in present Italian life of vociferation.

The Joint Com.
We are having further meetings, including producers, wholesalers, commission agents, and banks.

The scheme will mean that all produce normally coming to Naples City will go to the Central Market from whence it will go to 15 subsidiary markets in the wards or zones of the City for retail. Each day, the Price Board will fix prices following economic principles.

There are other details such as the immediate payment to producers at the time of sale and one Bank is willing to act as a Clearing House for all such payments or to advance money to approved clients. Arrangements are also to be made whereby Allied Forces in the more distant parts may purchase surpluses locally without going through the Central Market but otherwise they may purchase in the Central Market.

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NAPLES CITY - REHABILITATION

Rehabilitation of Naples City is retarded by political uncertainty or instability, and lack of money.

At present, many thousands of Neapolitans are employed by Allied Forces but there are also large numbers of unemployed.

Factories which might be useful for Italian production have been taken over by the Forces and others, more or less, war damaged, remain in disrepair in many cases. Housing difficulties have become acute from Forces requisitioning and war damage. Here again initiative is needed. Local authorities look to their Government for aid, and failing that appeal to the Allied Commission.

The ever present problem of increasing unemployment as the Forces withdraw is one which must receive serious consideration. Provision must be made for a gradual reduction of unemployment, the restoration of industrial activity, and to provide for the period when the Forces begin to relinquish their holdings and a switch over is to be effected to peace time conditions.

Housing shortage is acute and there are many people in Naples, unemployed and homeless, wandering about the streets by day and living in deep underground shelters at night in conditions which would not be tolerated in our own towns.

It is better to adopt a system of self help than to continuously wait for direction from Rome. An exhibition of virility in Naples will become an example to other places.

The "Young Men"
Like the "Young Men"
Have

~~I have~~ discussed these subjects with all classes including Banks. The latter have expressed their willingness to examine any schemes put forward including industry, public utilities, and housing. ~~2689~~ A start has been made, and by awaking energy, discarding lethargy, and achieving coordination, Neapolitans will become progressive and united.

One feature of Neapolitan condition has been the absence of riots and disorders which might well have taken place in this port with all its activities, congested conditions, mixed nationalities, unemployment and the irritation of war conditions undiminished after more than a year of occupation.

In taking an interest in the general welfare and rehabilitation of Naples, ~~I have~~ always maintained a friendly connection with all political parties and with all other organisations claiming to have useful purposes in view. Sound impartial administration, is the basis of good ord-

has been

er, and prosperity, and power, which all parties have to some degree, is a weapon to be wisely exercised. In meeting these bodies they have realized that we also recognized the manifold difficulties and in turn they accepted the principle of their contingent liability in the maintenance of order.

Naples City is A.M.C. territory but this has been more in theory than practice overlooked by many Neapolitans, but never the less a right we retain should such authority be required.

HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

File

File Ref: RVIII/37/off/63

Date: 30 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: Addressing of AC Weekly Bulletins.

TO : HQ,AC(Attention Public Relations Branch).✓

1. Your AC Weekly Bulletins in the past have been received addressed to Provincial Commissioners by name.
2. This practice has led to a certain amount of inconvenience, as the letters have been treated as personal to the officer concerned and no one but that officer has been permitted to open them, On several occasions PC's have been out on duty when the documents have been received, and in some cases, when their return has been delayed, 3 or 4 days have elapsed before the envelope has been opened.
3. It is appreciated that the Bulletin is an informative one on which no action is necessary, but at the same time it is an official document and should be treated as such.
4. Could you therefore please arrange to forward the Bulletins to officers by appointment and not by name.

For the Regional Commissioner:

GM/ac.

Howard Salter
J. HOWARD SALTER,
Major, R.A.,
Adjutant.

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Return to PRO

WAR DEPARTMENT
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
WASHINGTON

18 December 1944

Capt. Gori P. Bruno,
Acting Chief, JICA/RAAC,
A.P.O. 794, U. S. Army.

Dear Capt. Bruno,

With regard to the Allied Commission weekly bulletin which you showed me in your office some weeks ago may I express my personal appreciation of the style, scope and material content of that publication. It is a most informative source for current and background developments and a welcome short-cut to the reading of a large number of Italian newspapers. It is particularly valuable from that standpoint as well as for its excellent organization and lively style. I would be grateful if you would convey my appreciation to Major Fielden, who, I understand, is responsible for its appearance.

Sincerely,

O. J. Hale 3677
O. J. HALE,
Lt. Col., AUS,
Foreign Press Section.



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25/PRB

27 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Weekly Bulletin

TO : Chief of Staff.

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6. On page 11 a Florentine poster directed against the Prefect of Florence is given in full without comment. Here again our Bulletin would scarcely have been so biased.

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7. On page 13 there is a "write-up" for the Communist party in Sardinia.

8. On the same page there is a "write-down" of the Carabiniere (of course dubbed monarchist) supported by the comment that:

One Carabiniere said: "So long as I know that my family has not enough to eat my principal pre-occupation will be their welfare, to the exclusion of all else including duty".

9. There are examples which could be multiplied and from which it could be logically argued that the PWB document is violently biased as pro-Communist and anti-monarchist and that its sources are frequently unreliable.

10. I do not think that any such argument could be brought against our Bulletin which, though definitely and intentionally adopting a light note, has been, as far as in our power lies, accurate and impartial.

Lionel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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A very justifiable and well documented poster from PRO about G.S.'s condemnation of his booklet. You might consider passing this on?

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CSC He agrees. B.f. Lebow Sub Cover

Telegram about the vagaries of the Russian

Lebow Decision will dictate. MS/27/11

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COS

Ref. min 4 unable to locate the telegram you refer to. However, letter on same subject in file S205/COS folio 11. attached herewith. Feb 30 Nov.

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Seen by COS. No further action for 20/12

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

26/PRB

12 Dec '44

TO : Chief of Staff, A.C.
SUBJECT : BULLETIN NO. 36.

As a late comment on our comment on Scoccimarro in the Bulletin, the following from ITALIA LIBERA of this morning may be of interest :

"As is well-known, one of the reasons which induced Bonomi to tender his resignation was the proposal, which he himself had put forward, that the High Commissariat for Epuration should be abolished. Now there is a rumour that in spite of the objections made to Bonomi's plan by the Ministers without portfolio, the High Commissariat will in fact be suppressed and a Committee of three Ministers nominated instead. We need not dwell on the political repercussions of such a step; we reserve our comments."

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LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

Senior Commander Stones

It might amuse you to see this
— just to see his difficulties
which our Bullheads got through!

Richard

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Brigadier Lush
Very annoyed over
this & has taken
action himself. No
action to be taken
by U.S.
EHB.

(68) 3792
P.R.O. 716 26*

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

20 November 1944

G-5: 300.5-4

SUBJECT: A. C. Weekly Bulletin No. 32.

TO : Major General J. H. Millaring,
Director, Civil Affairs Division,
War Department, Washington, D. C.

Major General A. V. Anderson, OBE,
Director of Civil Affairs,
War Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

1. Subject Bulletin, for the period 6 - 12 November 1944, is not being distributed by this Section. The normal distribution list includes civilian as well as military agencies in both Washington and London, and the facetious way in which this issue of the Bulletin is written lends itself readily to misinterpretation.

2. The essential material covered in the Bulletin is contained in the factually reported FME circular Conditions in Liberated Italy No. 42, which has been given normal distribution.

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Copy to:
HQ.ACC. APO 394. ✓

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under separate cover with
action.*

EAST HEADQUARTERS
EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

26 (67)
Bulletin

~~16 Nov 44~~

To: Public Relations Branch, HQ, Allied Commission.
(Attention Major L. Fielden)

See Bulletin 34

Dear Fielden

The Regional Commissioner told me that you had asked him for material for an article on Mussolini's birthplace after its capture.

The Provincial Commissioner of FORLI has sent me the attached, which I hope will be of use to you.

Yours ever

H. H. S. Hartley

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...his overshadowed by the ...
 ...the ...
 ...the ...
 ...the ...
 ...the ...

In spite of the ... the town of ... is still
 in fairly good order and the buildings remain their away-but
 in aspect. ... The town ... a new town
 to be built on the site of his little village birthplace.
 ... are to be seen everywhere. In the main square
 the high "Factor tower" of a bright red colour, still bears
 its ... in white marble, and the effect of the set-
 ting sun shining on it, is quite pleasing. There are very few
 civilians in the streets, but Polish troops everywhere.

12. Duce's birthplace

... The ave
 ... leading up to ... is evidence, in
 its present unkept state, that ...
 ... and ceased long ago. The house itself is
 almost untouched with the exception of a bomb slightly
 damaged a ceiling on the top floor. All the furniture has gone,
 except two iron bedsteads and some notices with the inscription
 "Visitors are requested not to touch the walls".
 It occurred to us that many visitors who did not obey the injunc-
 tion, may now hoping that their signatures will have been obli-
 terated. An Army Unit, which has occupied some of the ground
 floor premises, has its number painted on the wall, in defiance
 of any prohibition. The remainder of the house is quite empty
 except for a three legged table leaning against the wall. In one
 of the walls, and of fragments of broken glass and plaster which
 are strewn about everywhere.

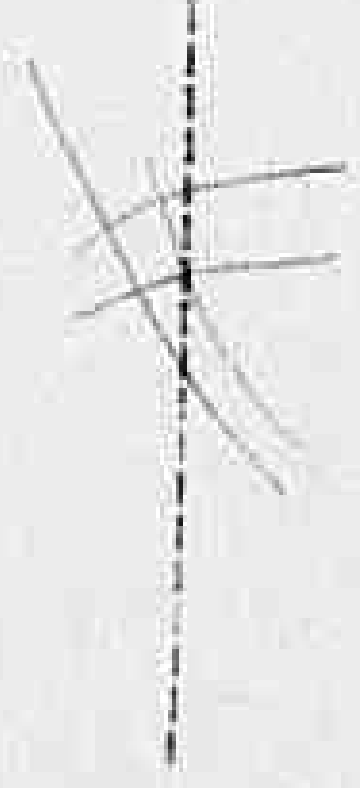
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After much difficulty, the care-taker, a Polish man of
 about forty, who Bertie by name, found. He speaks the local
 dialect, (the same as the Duce's) and appears to be quite well
 fed. He has not much information to impart, except to do his
 best to impress us with the fact that ...
 ... In spite
 of his expressive articulation, we cannot help feeling that this
 is a rather difficult one to swallow. He cannot supply any infor-
 mation, he has no idea where the furniture and various parapher-
 nalia has gone to, his reply to every query is the same: the "Te
 deschi" have been there and have taken everything away.

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✓ We take a turn round the town and talk with ^{the} the few civilians who are about, they have all the same to tell, no ^{one} had anything to do with Mussolini and they are glad to have seen and, they hope, to have heard, the last of him. It is a fact that the allied troops have been well received and that the residents have given them a good welcome and that their attitude is the most collaborative.

We leave Predappio, wondering how most reluctance can be placed on the Duce's fellow citizens, and feeling that they certainly are most ungrateful for all the embellishments and improvements which the liberality of their once illustrious townsman so lavishly expended on them.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394*
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

26/2/FRB

November 20th, 1944

SUBJECT : Weekly Bulletin.

TO : Chief of Staff, AMG Fifth Army.

1. Thank you for your 210/1 of 18 November. This certainly clears up matters.

2. We enclose 10 copies of this week's Bulletin, No 33, addressed "SCAG AMG Fifth Army" and trust that now all will be well.

(Sgt)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

18th November 1944.

210/1

SUBJECT: Weekly Bulletins.

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission - Public Relations Branch.

1. The contents of your letter 26/1/PRB of 14 November have been noted. On looking into the matter more closely this end and checking with the persons whom you mention as having signed the receipt it is found that ten copies have in fact been received every week.

2. However the package was in every case addressed to Brigadier General Hume personally by name and his private clerk, who is not familiar with the work of the general office here, suppressed and later destroyed all but the one copy he gave to the General. 3666

3. We seem to remember having asked you many months ago to address the Bulletin to "S.C.A.O., A.M.G. Fifth Army" and not to General Hume by name. So long as this was done the Bulletins were dealt with promptly at this end and no hold up occurred.

4. Will you therefore please revert to the practice of addressing the Bulletins to "S.C.A.O., A.M.G. Fifth Army": this will ensure that they are promptly distributed to all our officers and will also avoid delay in the package being opened if General Hume himself is away from this Headquarters. Our own Chief Clerk will naturally see to it that the General receives a personal copy.

5. At the same time steps have been taken to ensure that the clerical error at this end referred to in para. 2 above does not recur.

6. This incident is much regretted. We at this Headquarters are keen students of the Bulletin and try to distribute it so that all our officers can read it and so keep abreast of developments in Allied Commission and trends in other parts of Italy.

For the Commanding General:

E. B. Mayne
E.B. MAYNE,
Colonel, U.D.F.,
Chief of Staff,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

/hdp

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

26/1/PRB

14 November 1944

Subject: AC Weekly Bulletins.

To : Chief of Staff, Fifth Army AMG.

1. We were surprised and alarmed to get your letter 113/2 dated 10 November, because ever since our policy letter of 23 Sep. we have been sending religiously each week TEN COPIES of the Weekly Bulletin to Fifth Army AMG.
2. However, we have made exhaustive enquiries here, as a result of which we are satisfied that no blame attaches to us. In the first place the Bulletins have definitely left our message centre: we checked that this morning. In the second, to take only two examples at random, Bulletins you say have never been received at Fifth Army AMG not only have been received, but we even hold your receipts - Bulletin 28, for instance, of 15 Oct, was signed for by WO1 J.S. Neeve; Bulletin 29 dated 22 Oct by M/Sgt F.R. Zito. No doubt we could turn up similar proofs for the others.
3. We should be glad therefore if you would make 3665 investigations to see just what is happening to the copies of the Bulletin that are received at Fifth Army AMG. The Bulletin is a SECRET document and we do not like to think that copies are floating about in such a manner that a letter like yours of 10 Nov. comes to be written.
4. Attached is one copy of each Bulletin from 28 to 32 inclusive to bring your files up to date.

(500)
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

HEADQUARTERS
 AMG FIFTH ARMY
 APO 464 U.S. ARMY

10th November 1944.

113/2

SUBJECT: A.C.C. Bulletin.

TO : Public Relations Branch, Allied Commission.

1. No copies of the ACC Bulletin have been received at this H.Q. since #27 dated 8th October.
2. This is in marked contrast to the policy set out in your letter of 23rd September reference IRB/R26.
3. Will you please make arrangements to see that the Bulletin is sent to us in the future as it is of great interest to our officers. We should also like copies of the intervening bulletins not received.

For the Commanding General:

E.B. Mayne
 E.B. MAYNE,
 Colonel, U.S.A.,
 Chief of Staff,
 A.C.C. Fifth Army.

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/ndv

Checked with Message Centre. 10 Bulletins despatched SCAD
 5 Army AMG

Specimen
 receipts

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16 Oct

J.S. Meade WO1.

1655

23 Oct

11 Sgt F.R. 2110.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

25/2/PRB

November 9th, 1944

SUBJECT : Weekly Bulletin.

TO : Lt Col R.L. Rolph, Provincial Commissioner.
Florence Province.

Thank you for your note PG/115 of 2 November, which arrived here only this morning.

Unfortunately the list of PCs supplied to be here was incorrect in regard to the PC for Florence, but this has now been put right. In the meantime we are sorry for any inconvenience you may have been caused and are seeing that envelopes for the PC for Florence bear your name in future.

(Sgd)

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LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FLORENCE PROVINCE

OFFICE OF PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

REF. NO. FG/115

2nd November 1944

SUBJECT Provincial Commissioner, Florence Province

TO Public Relations Branch
H.Q., Allied Commission.

From the addresses on the envelopes received at this office containing your weekly bulletins it would appear that your records do not contain the name of the Provincial Commissioner of Florence, who is the undersigned.

In the past you have referred to the P.C. as Major Read and more frequently Colonel Hale.

RLR/ag

 3662
Ralph L. Rolph
Lieut. Col.,
Provincial Commissioner.

Major Taebot R26
This is better
to music

See Bulletin 31.

"O" FEVER.

(With apologies to John Massfield)

We must go down to one "O" again
For the other "O" must die:
And all that's left is the hardship
With no star to steer her by.
For without control,
The ship will roll,
Despite the crew a-trying.
But we'll hear "What a race!"
From the C. C. S.
Through GABATA crying.

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A.P.G.S.
27 October 1944.

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
APO 394

E/1135

21 October 1944

Major John P. LEACACOS, ✓
Public Relations Officer,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

Dear Major Leacacos:

of 18 October.

Many thanks for your letter PRB/R26

The military authorities are in the middle of carrying out a clean-up of deserters in Southern Region and your Public Safety Sub-Commission will have full details. CCRB and Questore have been helping, but we have not been advised of the total catch. It was substantial in Avellino, but disappointing in Calabria; probably due to the fact that deserters had moved north where there are more troops and where they would be less conspicuous. There have been no large-scale depredations by deserters recently, such as might be of interest for the bulletin. If any do occur I will let you know at once.

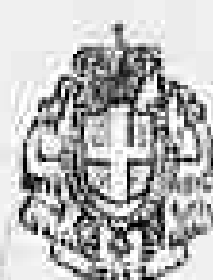
CET/jh



Yours

C. F. Temperley
C. F. TEMPERLEY,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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Ministero delle Corporazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL SEGRETARIATO
DEL CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE CORPORAZIONI
DEGLI AFFARI GENERALI E DEL PERSONALE

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

File 226



Acknowledged by Dulon
1 Nov 1944

Public Relations Branch.
(Attn. Major Fielden).

File 226

Your bulletin No. 30 17/10 to 29 Oct. 44.

Refce. your concluding para. in the above, asking
for information about Sub-Commissions, I take
it that you have copies available of

All send by
Maj. Fielden

- (1) our series of monthly Reports, dating
from Nov. 43 up to and incl. Sept. 44.
- (2) what we sometimes refer to as the
"Justification Report", i.e. the
apology for our existence, required
by Brig. O'Dwyer in July-Sept. and taken
by him to the States.
- (3) a copy of "Basic News" of 18 Oct.,
pages 5 and 6; which was put together
by PWB after close consultation with us.

If you have not the above, please let me know.

G. E. Rhodes - 3559

Lt. Col. RE
A/Director, Public Works Sub-Comm.

REF: 510

BulletinHEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 594

REF: G-18/202/0.

25th October 1944.

SUB: A.T.S. Officers.

TO : Director, Public Relations Branch. ✓

Reference conversations. I suggest the following items might be of interest.

1. 21 A.T.S. Officers have recently joined this Commission, of them 14 have been assigned to Regions, they go in pairs. Four have been assigned to Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission (3 to Camps and 1 to H.Q.) and three to H.Q. A.C.C. as Staff Officers.
2. Ident-Colonel MILLER has been appointed Welfare Officer, Allied Control Commission for British Troops, ~~with jurisdiction over all British Troops, as his Assistant.~~

R. H. ParnellR. H. PARNELL. 3658
Colonel.
EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

RHE/JRG.

Copy to File: 16120/684/0

File 26
21 Oct. 44

from: R. E. ENTHOVEN. CAPT.
Monuments Fine Arts & Archives Officer.
A.C.C. Hq. (Piemonte Region)
Capt.

Since leaving Hq. for Regional activities I have
missed seeing the A.C.C. Weekly Bulletin. Would it
be possible for me, as Divisional Officer, to be put
on the regular mailing list?

R. E. Enthoven
Capt.

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Public Relations Branch
Allied Control Commission.
Hq.

Added to list

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
AIRBORNE CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB/D-6

13 Oct. 1944

Dear Col. Temperley,

We have been hearing off and on about the gangs of army deserters who have been infesting the Southern Region and at times constituting a menace (so it's said) to the civil population. There are gangs around Salerno, in Calabria, and at latest report, around Foggia.

Perhaps, if you have time, you might give us some information on the subject for a piece in the Bulletin.

With many thanks for your kind cooperation, I am;

Sincerely yours,

For the Director :-

(Sgd)

John P. DEACOGG,
Major AUS,
Public Relations Officer.

Colonel C.B. TEMPERLEY,
Regional Commissioner,
Southern Region.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R25

15 Oct. 1944

Dear Doc,

Many thanks for the nice letter and the compliment, gratefully received by all concerned, as regards the Bulletin.

We have done our best to rectify the omission and trust that you have now got and will get copies.

Nothing is more irritating to us than that the Bulletin should fail to reach its readers - but we do NOT control ACC transport!

I am leaving Archives very much alone, in their (to me) VERY cloistered and drowsy seclusion. Someday I may start throwing Archives about: at present I haven't the time.

But we are attempting to write a history for our first anniversary on November 10.

Yours

(Sgt) Lionel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director

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Major ROBERT E. DOE
Executive Officer
HQ, Liguria Region
Headquarters ACC, APO 394

HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

10 October 1944

Dear Fielden -

Active
Folder { 1. We miss your weekly information summaries. Don't know whether Liguria Region has been omitted by accident or design. The former, I hope! I would very much appreciate your checking to be sure that we are on the distribution list and would also appreciate having the back issues for the last two or three weeks, if you have extra copies available.

2. I note you have taken over the Archives section from my former office. You now, I see, have a foot in the present and one in the past. When you get into the future that will mean real straddling.

3. Any time that you get a chance to come up this way, I would be most happy to see you.

Regards,

Robert E. Doe
ROBERT E. DOE
Major, AGD
Executive Officer

Major L. FIELDEN
Director Public Relations Bureau
Headquarters ACC, APO 394

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R 26

3 Oct. 1944

Dear Colonel: Simpson,

We read with great interest in a PWB report of your praiseworthy activities in regard to juvenile delinquency in Naples. We would be deeply appreciative if, in a spare moment, you would bring us up to date on conditions and your reforms so that we might use the material for our Secret Weekly Bulletin. Such good work is of the kind we like to tell the ACC about.

With best wishes.

For the Director.

(S.A.)

JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major,
Public Relations Officer

Lt. Col. H.B. Simson,
Zone Commissioner,
Naples,
Southern Region.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/E26

25 September 1944

Dear Colonel Temperley,

Thank you for your letter of 23 September about the distribution of the ACC Weekly Bulletin in Southern Region.

I am sending you 3 copies of this week's issue herewith, as requested.

Incidentally, the "attached list" was not attached to your letter, but you needn't worry about that as a copy of this week's Bulletin has gone to each of your zone Commissioners direct.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd)

Lionel Fielden,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Colonel C. W. Temperley, OBE, MC,
Regional Commissioner,
Southern Region.

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I should be glad to know if they receive them,
as communications are not always satisfactory!

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R26.

Colonel C. E. TEMPERLEY, OBE, MC
Headquarters, Southern Region,
Allied Control Commission,
C. M. F.

23 September 1944

Dear *Fielden*,

X
This region is now receiving three (3) copies of your weekly bulletin. For the benefit of ACC morale and ACC operations, I think it highly desirable that each of my six (6) zones should have a copy and that my dozen sections here should be able to read it without undue delay. Could you possibly let me have nine (9) copies or - better still - send six (6) copies to Zone Commissioners, as in attached list, and three (3) copies to this headquarters.

I shall be much obliged, if you could.

Sincerely yours,

Ch. Temperley

Major Lionel FIELDEN,
Public Relations Officer,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
C. M. F.

CET/jh

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

23 Sep. 1944

PRB/RP6

SUBJECT : ACC Weekly Bulletin

TO : Senior Civil Affairs Officer, 8th Army AMG
Senior Civil Affairs Officer, 5th Army AMG

It has been suggested that the ACC Weekly Bulletin prepared by this Branch would be of interest and assistance to Army AMG Officers.

We are therefore forwarding 10 copies of the Bulletin this week so that a distribution may be made by you to Senior Field Officers in Army AMG.

If you desire fewer or more copies will you please inform us so that the necessary adjustment may be made to our distribution list.

(Sg)
LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director

Copy to : Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
A.M.C. SECTION

15th Sept. 1944

Col. Norman Fiske
Deputy Executive Commissioner
Headquarters A.C.C.-Rome

Dear Colonel Fiske;

I don't believe that I replied to your cordial note nor did I thank you for the information which it contained. I was a little surprised for we had not discussed the subject of promotions during your stay with IV Corps but I was pleased to receive the information. General Crittenberger saw your note and has asked me to convey his regards.

May I be so bold as to make two suggestions -

The first is that the ACC newsletter issued by Public Relations be sent to Army AMG officers as well as Regional Officers. I was handed one yesterday by one of the Provincial Commissioners temporarily reporting to me - and it was the first one I had seen. There were names of old friends and information on subjects with which I at least have been completely out of touch for now nearly nine months.

The second is that A.C.C. officials coming up on official inquiries come to Corps S.C.A.O.s for information on the subject of their inquiries as well as to the Provincial Commissioners. This is not written in criticism but since it has happened recently in two instances I fear that an important source is being overlooked. To be specific when the Matter Patriots was being investigated Provincial Commissioners or at least one Commissioner on the territory of IV Corps was interviewed but no ACC representative visited these Headquarters to talk with the Partisan Officers G-2 and A.M.C.- and we have had much more experience with Partisans groups than any of the Provincial Commissioners. Yesterday two representatives of the Food Sub-Commission were busy interviewing Provincial Commissioners in the IV Corps area. They have not contacted this headquarters where we have two officers who have handled 1st phase alimentation for months.

Please do not interpret this latter suggestion as offended dignity not hurt feelings. I assure you that it is neither. It is made purely on the basis of placing more and possible more accurate information in the hands of A.C.C.

I sincerely hope that you will find time to visit IV Corps again shortly for while we cannot show you the tower of Pisa ahead of us now there are always interesting developments.

Yours cordially,

Hamilton T. Walker
HAMILTON T. WALKER
Major
SCAO AMG IV CORPS

Executive Commission

Here is the letter which
you said you would send
to General Clark

Enclosure

L. Fielden 3648
Major. USA.

From: Colonel F.C. Drew.



C.A.2/DO/F/1/1

The War Office, (C.A.2.),
Hotel Victoria,
Northumberland Avenue,
London, W.C.2.

7 August, 1944.

Dear *Fielden*,

I feel I must write to you to let you know how very greatly we here appreciate the A.C.C. Bulletins which you are producing so regularly, and to offer you personally and the P.R. Sub-Commission generally our congratulations and grateful thanks on their production. We have found the Bulletins of the greatest assistance here.

Before they were initiated, we were extremely short of hot, up to date information on a variety of subjects, being almost entirely dependent on the official monthly reports, which although providing plenty of factual information in official form, are largely out of date and back history by the time we get them. Your Bulletins, on the other hand, come through quickly and regularly and give us just the local colour, background and day to day information that we previously lacked. Above all they come as a breath of fresh air amongst the gloomy array of official papers of all kinds with which we are condemned to deal, and we look forward to them almost with eagerness. We do feel that great credit and thanks are due to all those concerned in their production.

For some reason unknown, Bulletin No. 14 has never reached us here and I should be grateful if you can remedy this so as to make our series complete. 3647

Yours sincerely,

F. C. Drew

(Sgd.) F. C. Drew

Col. CA

Major Lionel Fielden,
Public Relations Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission for Italy,
A.P.O. 394.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R26

14 September 1944

Dear

Your letter of August 7 was very welcome indeed to all of us who are concerned in the ACC Bulletin. It is very encouraging to know that you find it of some assistance. You may perhaps like to know something of its history and personnel.

It was started by me at the request of the Executive Commissioner, Brigadier Lush, who felt, quite rightly, that there was a tendency for Regional Commissioners at some distance from headquarters to know too little of what was going on at the centre. Thus in the first instance it was written for Regional Commissioners only and I thought that, as it was so restricted in circulation, it might justifiably be done with a light touch and some leg-pulling. This however made it more popular than I had ever anticipated and we had many requests for it. As a result there was some frowning on flippancy by the authorities here: a matter upon which I took up the cudgels in the last paragraph of Bulletin No 5.

Major T.G. Bergin (A) of this Branch took over the political summaries from No 7 onwards. He combines this with a Daily Digest of the Rome Press and has become a walking encyclopaedia of Italian politics. Major Lencacos (A) has done tremendous spadework, especially of late, in getting accurate information together from all our widely dispersed sources. These two and myself have always been responsible for the production of the bulletin: its typing has been done and its distribution overseen - sometimes under difficult conditions - by S/Sgt A. Cash who was for three years employed in the Staff Duties Directorate at the War Office.

The bulletin has, I think, been a useful record: I wish that it had been started earlier. As the ACC anniversary looms over us we are trying to get out a complete history, with the help of such archives as we have; but there are many gaps.

Incidentally, and apart from the subject of this letter, I cabled to General Anderson asking him to give me a direct channel to MOI for correspondence regarding political correspondents. The cable may perhaps have been puzzling to you: I take this opportunity of explaining that we here have absolutely no idea whatsoever of the Italian set-up - if any - in MOI, and since presumably the accreditation of political correspondents will be a matter chiefly for them, we should like to know whom we are to deal with there. Incidentally we want much more cooperation from them in matters such as providing English books and newspapers for Italy.

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Colonel F.C. Drew
The War Office (CAA)
Hotel Victoria
Northumberland Avenue
London, W.C.2.

LIONEL FIEBEN
Major
Public Relations Director

Acting Chief Commissioner

NO 400, PRO 394
144 Sep 7 Gen
Rec'd 10 Sept.
JW

Attached is submitted for your information/signature.

Nia! & well deserved.

Major Fielder
pls U.S. War Dept. receive Nam?
JW 3645

W/10/5.

Yes - agree.
JW

Colonel F.C. Drew

The War Office (C.A.2.),
Hotel Victoria,
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C.A.2/DO/F/1/1

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(Sgd) F.G. DREW
Col C.A.

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Major Lionel Fielden;
Public Relations Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission for Italy
A.P.O. 394.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

JEP

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PRB/R26

8 September 1944.

Subject : Weekly Bulletin
To : Navy Sub-Commission.

1. Ref you NSC/803 of 6 September '44.
2. Your request for 2 copies of the Weekly Bulletin is noted and agreed to.

For the Director.

(Sgd)

JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major, AUS,
Public Relations Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

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6 September 1944

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Public Relations Branch, Hq. ACC.
Subject: Weekly Bulletin.

1. It is requested that this Sub-Commission be furnished regularly with two copies ACC Secret Weekly Bulletin.

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H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy
For Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R26

4 Sep 44

MEMORANDUM TO: Lt. Col. Bowman, Regional Commissioner, Region IX.

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1. Many thanks for your letter of September 2. We are always very pleased to know that somebody reads the Bulletin.
 2. In self-defence I can only say that I was quoting directly from the report of 5th Army AMG and I was myself somewhat surprised to note that they included only two teams.
 3. Unfortunately your letter arrived just too late for this week's Bulletin, but I will try to get the information in next week if things are still as they are.

(Sd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION IX
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

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2 September 1944

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MEMORANDUM TO: Public Relations Officer, HQ A.C.C.

1. A.C.C. Weekly Bulletin No. 21, 27 August 1944:

"Fifth Army AMG....reports 'a refreshing contrast' between the already completed teams (2) of Region IX and the 'scramble which accompanied the birth pangs of Region VIII'."

2. The intended compliment is appreciated, but if the "(2)" purports to indicate that Region IX has only two completed provincial teams, it doesn't quite do us full justice.

3. As of the date of the bulletin, Region IX had five of its eight provincial teams actually working for AMG 5th and 8th Armies, and two days later all eight teams were in the field.

4. The completed teams (by provincial names) and their locations are:

Piacenza	formed at	S. Casciano
Parma	" "	S. Gimignano
Reggio	" "	Firenze
Modena	" "	Siens
Bologna	" "	Perugia
Ferrara	" "	Macerata
Ravenna	" "	Fabriano
Forli	" "	Senigallia

Major McKay says there is no objection to disseminating this information within the Commission.

5. In addition, substantial detachments of Region IX Headquarters officers are assisting both AMG Armies in their respective areas of operation. Headquarters itself is reduced to a mere skeleton of "housekeepers", plus a few specialists to hold things together.

6. Comparisons are invidious, and it is also only fair to recognize that Region VIII's organization had to be accomplished in a very short time and under highly unfavorable conditions.

7. Regardless of the foregoing, many thanks for the "plug".

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ALFRED C. BOWMAN, Lt Col,
Regional Commissioner.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R26

31 August 1944.

Dear Colonel French,

Thank you for your letter of August 23.

The figures which we quoted in the Weekly Bulletin on the wheat collections in Region V came from Lieut Koller, who keeps statistics in the Agriculture Sub-Commission. We are very sorry these figures did not quite fit the true facts but we hope we did better in the following issue of the Bulletin where Region V got its full marks for its successful operations. To err is human: especially on Bulletin edition days when this place resembles a madhouse even more closely than it does on others!

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.Colonel Charles French,
Executive Officer,
Region V.

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HEADQUARTERS.
A.G. REGION V.

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23 August 1944.

Dear *Fielden*,

The figures which you publish as our grain collection seem to do us a gross injustice, and I cannot think where you get them, neither can I trace anything like them here.

Our tonnage up to August 19th was 27,264, which is a total of 272640 quintals.

We submit our Sitreps in tons, but even then I cannot trace where our figures come from, which appear in your daily bulletin.

If you have any doubt about our figures would you mind phoning me.

Yours

*Very truly,
Charles DeLoach*

Major Fielden,
HQ ACC.

*He are the guy Shipp about to
above*

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

19 August, 1944

To:

Colonel Charles Spofford, Asst. Chief of Staff G-5

Subject:

ACC Weekly Bulletin. Ref. G-5: 300. 5-4

We are forwarding the copies of ACC Weekly Bulletin which you requested in your letter of 16 August. We have not, however, got six copies of all of these.

(Sgd) THOMAS G. BERGIN,
Major, AUS.
DDPR ACC

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

CMS/EHM/jjr

G-5: 300.5-4

16 August 1944

SUBJECT: Forwarding of Reports.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394

1. Both London and Washington have written this Section requesting that they be furnished with back copies of ACC Weekly Bulletins 1 through 5. We do not have any spare copies of these bulletins.

2. It would therefore be appreciated if you would send us 6 copies of each of the back bulletins 1 through 5.

3. Please expedite as London and Washington both expressed a desire to see the bulletins at the earliest possible date.

E.H. Metzger Jr. 1/20
for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R26

31 July 1944.

Subject: Paragraph in ACC Bulletin No 16.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

The report to which our bulletin refers has not yet reached ACC. If it was sent to Fifth Army PRO (as is obvious) before July 20 the inference is most certainly that, had General Hume so intended, it could have reached ACC PRO (as such a report should have done) on the same day. Clearly there was no effort or intention to send it. AFHQ, which also has not received it, has been asking for it. In my own defense I must add that I should not have presumed to state the facts had not the Executive Commissioner suggested and approved it. That does not absolve me and I don't want to be absolved: because I certainly think that some attention needs to be drawn to the graceless slap in the face which General Hume administered to the ACC and to this Branch in particular.

(S)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB/R26

29 July 1944

Subject: ACC Weekly Bulletin No. 16

To : Regional Commissioner, Region 3. (Attention Adjutant).

1. Reference your R/4351 of 26 July.
2. The Weekly Bulletin is now sent direct to all Provincial Commissioners. That is why only one copy of No. 16 was forwarded. A small slip explaining this was included in each envelope sent to Regional Commissioners last week.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director

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

R/4351

26 July 1944

SUBJECT: A.C.C. Weekly Bulletin No. 16.

TO : Public Relations Branch
Hq. A.C.C.

1. Only one copy of a/m was received this week. May the other five copies please be forwarded to this Hq. so that a distribution may be made to the Provinces.

2. The usual number received by this Hq. is six.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Neil C. Baker
NEIL C. BAKER,
1st Lt., QMC.,
Adjutant.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

17 July 1944.

PRB: R26

Subject: Weekly Bulletin.

To: Chief of Staff, AMG Fifth Army.

1. Reference your 113/1 dated 10th July 1944.

2. A copy of the ACC Weekly Bulletin, prepared by this Branch, has been sent regularly to Brig Gen Hume, Senior Civil Affairs Officer of Fifth Army AMG, and we presumed it would be circulated in HQ to officers who should see it.

3. If, after investigation, you find you need another copy, please let us know and tell us to whom we are to address it. The Bulletin is a secret document and naturally we do not wish to add unnecessarily to its distribution.

For the Director.

JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major,
Public Relations Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

10 July 1944

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SUBJECT: Weekly Bulletin.

TO : HQ ACC, Public Relations Branch. ✓

Para. 72 of the monthly report of the Allied Control Commission for May 1944 speaks of a weekly bulletin which is "proving increasingly useful and popular".

This Headquarters has never seen a copy of this bulletin and would like to do so.

For the Commanding General:

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† E.B. MAYNE,
Colonel, UDF,
Chief of Staff,
AMG 5th Army.

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

PRB/R26

10 July 1944

Subject: Weekly Bulletin

To: A.C.C.L. Adv. A.A.I.

1. Reference your memo of 6/7/44 to Information Division regarding the Weekly Bulletin.
2. This Bulletin was started merely as an internal affair designed to keep Regional officers in touch with matters at Headquarters.
3. We are not anxious to extend its distribution too much since a wide distribution would tend to impose on it an official character. Its aim is to avoid officialese and to be a readable and perhaps even amusing account of ACC activities.
4. I enclose a copy and can put you on the list if you so desire. If you want further copies to distribute you will perhaps consider that in relation to the above remarks.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS

10 July, 1944

Colonel E.H. Foley
Finance Sub-Commission.

Dear Colonel,

The Public Relations Branch would feel honored and edified if you would kindly consent to become an author for our Weekly Bulletin, which, as you know, is a secret registered document designed exclusively for internal distribution in the Allied Control Commission.

The article we would like from your expert pen concerns, strange to say, finance. It should be about 1400 words. We would like your thoughts on experiences to date in ACC finance, the lessons here learned, the chief problems faced, Italian Government finances and what the future holds in store. Perhaps you can use the rest of what you don't put in over and above these highlights for a book after the war.

Seriously, I think all officers would be interested to get a bird's-eye view of this complicated subject from an authority.

What do you say?

(Sgt)

JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major, AUS.
Public Relations Officer

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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3 July 1944

SUBJECT : PRB. "Weekly Bulletin"

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region :

1. This Branch has occasionally heard protests from Provincial Commissioners that they do not see our weekly Bulletin. May we ask your cooperation in circulating the copies we send you among the Provincial Commissioners.
2. We should like to take this occasion to state the purposes we have in mind in preparing and circulating the Bulletin. One is to give information concerning ACC activities in as compact and readable form as we can so that officers may keep up with events affecting our enterprise. Another is to have on record a summarized history of ACC for future references.
3. In connection with the aims stated above we should like to say that we are always open to suggestions for improvement and we are always grateful for any news items from the Regions. While Headquarters news in the nature of things is found to be important to all, we do not want the Bulletin to be simply a Headquarters report.

T.G.BERGIN
for Lionel Fielden
Major DPR.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
APO 394

PRB 26.

30 May 1944.

Dear P.I.

I think, even in the midst of battles, you may be amused, and even informed, to see the weekly bulletins which we do here. I have had my usual battles to prevent them from becoming an official document and so far I have won. I think I can claim at least that they'll give you a view of ACC which you won't get from any other source.

Yours

(Sgd) Lionel Fielden

The Rt Hon Sir James Grigg, K.C.B., K.O.S.I., M.P.,
Secretary of State for War,
WHITEHALL,
London, S.W.1.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO. 394

(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

FILE NO: RPS/014.1

DATE May 22, 1944.

SUBJECT: Black Market Flour.

TO: HQ. Allied Control Commission,
Public Relations Branch.See Bulletin No 8
of 29 May.

1. Reference ACC. weekly Bulletin No. 3 dated 22nd April records in this Headquarters show the amount of flour recovered at Agrigento and referred to in line 5 of Par. 10 to be 14 and not 14,000.

For the Regional Commissioner.

R. A. HENOCK
Major
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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This makes good stuff for your weekly ²⁶ (14)
bulletin. I suggest you ask backfully Adam.
Sec. backfully you with the weekly
M (9/5) ^{Major Benjamin} 3625
Observed for
you. Also stop
Stangor's copying us.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Chief of Section 1385

S-2402 (4)

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8 May 44

SUBJECT : Information for RCs.TO : Executive Commissioner.

I am directed to forward to you attached copy of D.O. letter
addressed by VP Administrative Section to Regional Commissioners.



R.R. Cripps
R.R. CRIPPS,
Lieut. Colonel,
CSO Admin Sec.

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Administrative Section,
Rear Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

6 May 44.

- 1 I am sending you a short resume of the more important items of work recently in hand by the Administrative Section. I should make it clear that this letter is semi-official and that official reports and instruction will reach you through the usual channels. It appeared to me however that you might like as soon as possible to hear in this unofficial way of matters afoot.

2 Interior.

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- e Still a marked lack of information from Regions as to conditions, development and activities of local government.

3 Property Control.

The following subjects are under discussion with the Italian Government;

- 1 Procedure for de-sequestration of United Nations property.
- 2 Measures for the custody of Enemy property in restored territory.

4 Public Safety.

a Public Safety Prefect.

The new Minister of the Interior has been asked to appoint as soon as possible a Prefect to deal with Public Safety matters at the Government level.

A Prefect has not yet been appointed.

b Fascist Militia.

The Minister of the Interior has been instructed, as a matter of urgency to prepare a decree rescinding the Royal Decree of 6th December 1943 which permitted ex-members of the Fascist Militias to be admitted to the CC.NR.

c Motor Vehicle Registration.

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d Civilian Movement.

The Minister of the Interior, the Generals Commanding CC.NR. and GA.FF have been requested to issue instructions to all police agencies respecting the control of civilian movement by passes and "spot checks". This instruction implements the directive on "Control of Civilian Movement" issued by the Executive Commissioner to Regional Commissioners on 26 April 44.

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4 Public Safety (contin)a Prisons.

Officials of the Ministry of Grace and Justice have been asked to suggest steps for relieving the overcrowding of civilian prisons.

5 Education.a From a report of a recent interview with H.E. CASIMIRO by Director of Education, the following is quoted:

1. "We in our turn sought from him light upon our most pressing problem, de-fascistisation, especially in the portion of Region II which has never been occupied. We urged upon him the necessity for prompt and even action so as to bring that territory in line with other ACC and AAA practices. He assured us of his willingness and desire to proceed energetically as soon as his office is established. He cited his own record at Naples University in this regard, and bespoke from our experience together there both collaboration and expedition."

ii. "He (CASIMIRO) is a man not without energy and perhaps with ideas, and we may expect a growing efficiency in the management of education"...He appears less anti-clerical than certain clerics had suggested of him".

b Decreases etc.

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Lt. Col. A. Neville Hancock, RC Region I
Col. John T. Zellers RC Region II
Lt. Col. Chas Poletti RC Region III
Brigadier M. Carr CEE MC., RC Region VI
Col. Kirkwood, R.G. RC Region VII.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. M.O. Section
APO 394.

PBS 26.

1 April 1944.

Subject: Reports on AGO activities.

To: Regional Commissioner, Region I, Region II, Region III,
Region IV, Region V, Region VI.
Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Fifth Army AMG and Eighth Army AMG.

I have asked the Public Relations Branch to send you weekly reports to keep you informed of activities here. The reports are intended to bridge the gap between our official letters to you and what you read in the newspapers.

Any suggestions from you for additions or changes will be welcomed by the Director of Public Relations here, who would also be glad to receive from you any items about your region which you think of general interest for this bulletin.



M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 26/1.

1 April 1944.

Subject: ACC Weekly Bulletin.

To: Regional Commissioner, Region I, Region II, Region III,
Region IV, Region V, Region VI.
Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Fifth Army AMG and Eighth
Army AMG.

As instructed by the Executive Commissioner I forward herewith a short summary of the chief events of the week at HQ ACC. In future this summary will be despatched to you from here every Saturday. I should welcome any suggestions for additions or modifications.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations. 3620

Copy to: Chief Commissioner Vice-President, Administrative Section
Deputy Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner Lt Colonel, PRO Region 3.
Deputy Executive Commissioner Information Section Division
Mr Geo W. Edman, FWB.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

3 April 1944.

PRB 26.

Subject: Weekly Bulletin.

To: Mr George W. Edman, PWB.

The enclosed weekly bulletin is forwarded for your information only, and not for publication. We shall send you a copy each week.

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

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