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NICHOLAS PIONEER,
SAC, A.S.S.,
ASS'T ATTORNEY.

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Cable for Edwin P-C Milan

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INFORMATION ON FINAL DISPOSITION FOR MILAN NEWSPAPERS IN NORTHERN
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INTERNATIONAL ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 374
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7 June 45

SUBJECT: Conference in Milan on Press Problems in North Italy

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. A conference was called by P.S.B. in Milan on Tuesday, June 5 to discuss press problems in north Italy. The chief problems were 1) plans for supervision and control of Italian press and radio in the north when P.S.B. disbands under orders from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, and 2) problems connected with the reappearance of pro-Fascist independent newspapers in Milan, Turin, Genoa, Bologna and Venice as called for under paragraph 7 of the Press Plan for the North.

2. Present from the Commission were Mr. Henry Hopkinson, Mr. L. White, Commerce Sub-Commission, and Mr. G. Stewart Brown, AG. All AG regions sent representatives, and IV Corps was represented by Col. Walker. P.S.B. was represented by its northern director, its press officers and commanding officers of all P.S.B. regional offices in the north. The British Embassy was represented by Mr. Michael Stewart and the American Embassy by Mr. James Linen.

3. The conference had before it a draft of a proposal for the supervision and control of the Italian press and radio after P.S.B. will have ceased its distribution of controlled news in the north and have turned over this responsibility to private news agencies. A draft of the proposal is attached as roughly amended in the discussion, subject to more careful redrafting by P.S.B. for submission to a meeting of the Allied Publications Board on Monday, June 11. If approved by A-B it will be submitted to AFHQ through the AG for final approval.

4. There is great doubt as to the wisdom of instituting the control provided in paragraph 4 of the proposal. This control does not exist at the present time and there might be strong protests

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from the Italian government if an attempt were made to place a control over the Rome and Bari radio stations. No such control exists at the present time. P.S.B. suggested the views of the Chief Commissioner be ascertained before a decision is taken by the AIB on June 11. It would be appreciated if your views could be had before June 11. I concur with P.S.B. that this paragraph should be eliminated.

5. Your views on the entire proposal would be welcomed before Monday, June 11. For your information paragraph 7 is being redrafted to make it clearer that the control to be exercised by the Press Officers is supplementary to the normal military censorship which has considerable latitude in stopping the publication of stories or editorials which might endanger public safety and military security.

6. The second item on the agenda concerned the difficulties in getting the pre-Fascist papers started again. Each city reported and following is a summary of the individual situations and the views of the conference:

A) MILAN: The Corriere d'Informazioni is appearing regularly and without further incident. In Milan it is popularly known simply as "Il Corriere". Its editions are exhausted on the newsstands before those of the party newspapers, thus attesting to its popularity;

B) TURIN: Commissioners are being appointed for the newspapers "La Stampa" and "Gazzetta del Popolo" and after expiration they will start publication in two or three weeks. They will appear under their old names and will have a circulation of 125,000 each. There are five party papers in Turin with a circulation of 75,000 each.

C) GENOA: This is the most troublesome city at present. Because the Perrone brothers are owners of "Il Secolo" there is great opposition to its reappearance both by the C.M.I. and the population. This fact was verified by both AIB and P.S.B. They reported there would be serious trouble if the paper reappeared under its old or even under a new name because of its ownership and past history. There have been negotiations between the C.M.I., AIB and P.S.B. for the organization of an independent nonparty newspaper to replace the P.S.B. paper when it ceases publication. The proposal is for the parties to buy half of the stock, equally divided between them, and to sell the other half to the public. The paper would be governed by a public committee representing civic interests, the church and the university. This proposal has been supported by the AIB Regional and Provincial commissioners and the P.S.B. Press Officer in Genoa. As a result of this situation they have asked P.S.B. to recommend to AIB that Genoa be exempted from application of para 7 of the Press Plan which would call for the reappearance of "Il Secolo".

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P.W.B. is submitting such a recommendation to the APB at its meeting on June 11 and if approved it will be submitted to AFM for concurrence. Your views on this question would be appreciated before the meeting. I recommend that AG concur in the recommendation because I am convinced, knowing the Forcenes personally, that there will be trouble if we insist on the reappearance of their paper. Our main objective of having an independent nonparty paper in Genoa will be achieved by the proposal outlined earlier.

D) BOLOGNA: There is no great demand for the reappearance of "Il Resto del Carlino" but there would be no trouble if it did reappear providing there was sufficient newsprint for all the papers. The lack of newsprint has delayed the reappearance of "Il Resto del Carlino". There is some demand for the reappearance of the "Avvenire d'Italia", a pre-Fascist Catholic paper with national circulation. At the present time Bologna has one C.R.L. paper representing all parties and therefore fairly independent, and the P.W.B. paper.

E) VERONA: The public is in favor of the reappearance of the "Gazzettino di Verona" but its publication has been delayed because of the lack of newsprint and the fact that the newspaper's offices are presently occupied by P.W.B. These difficulties will be solved shortly and the Gazzettino will reappear shortly before or simultaneously with the disappearance of the P.W.B. paper.

G. STUART NEWEN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copy for info: Executive Commissioner
Political Advisers
Civil Affairs Section
Commerce S/C, Mr. L. White

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DRAFTCONFIDENTIALPROPOSAL FOR THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF ITALIAN PRESS & RADIO

1. Italian Press and Radio in North Italy will be free to use any new and information available from official sources and private agencies subject to the requirements of military censorship.
2. The elimination of material likely to inflame public opinion and the objective presentation of contentious issues to the Italian population resident in areas under Allied Military Government will be secured through Allied Press Officer, whose functions and status are defined below.
3. APB, which will continue to meet at Rome, will appoint from among the personnel at present employed by PSE, Press Officers. These will be stationed at each regional commission and will act in close co-operation with the Regional Commissioners, 5th AMG, 8th AMG Armies and advanced echelon of A.G.
4. Similar Press Officers will be appointed at Rome and Bari who exercise a like control over the output of the stations Rome and Bari or any other stations, which are audible in North Italy.
5. The Press Officers will act in accordance with directives prepared by APB, concurred by AC/ANG and approved by the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, and in accordance with the instructions of the Regional Commissioner of ANG.
6. The Press Officers will be under the command of the Chief Press Officer, who is directly responsible to the Chairman of APB and who will act as his deputy and will also be a member of APB.
7. Normally, control of the Italian Press and Radio in addition to that exercised by military censorship will be exercised by post-publication scrutiny, but in cases likely to inflame public opinion and in controversial issues, the Press Officer will have the right to demand from the non-political newspapers pre-publication submission of editorial articles and comment, and will be entitled to delete from such articles matter liable to inflame public opinion. He will also be entitled to require the information papers to publish an official contentious statements on issues, the text of which will be approved by himself.
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9. The normal team at each of the above centres will consist of a Press Officer, an Assistant Press Officer, an Italian Press Reader, together with the necessary secretarial assistance.
10. Licensing of the press and posters, and the allotment of circulation to newspapers will be the responsibility of Regional APBs, whose decisions will be subject to confirmation by the Central APB.

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11. The Regional APB will consist of:-

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

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

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

13. If the Press Officers will act as agents of OWI & ACI will be responsible for the distribution of American and British publications in their areas and will have the Italian staff necessary for this purpose.

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DIRECTIVE FOR A.P.M.

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3. To assist AG/ANG in its administration and rehabilitation of territory under Military Government.
4. To assist the reconstruction and re-education of the Italian Press in Democratic methods.

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26 MAY 1945

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 REQUESTED RETURNED COPIES OF THE NEWSPAPER QUOTE CORRIERE DI
 INFORMAZIONE QUOTE WHICH IS THE OLD CORRIERE DELLA SERA PD
PARA FOUR MESSAGE DASH FIVE FROM STONE FROM ALONG HQ PAPER
 PARA TWO PD THIS PAPER STARTED APPEARING TUESDAY UNDER THE
 DIRECTION OF PEB AND COLONEL WALKER OF IV CORPS IN ACCORDANCE
 WITH PARA SEVEN OF THE PRESS PLAN FOR NORTHERN ITALY

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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 NICHOLAS PIGNINO
 CWO - U.S.A.
 ASS'T ADJUTANT

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TO: Chief Commissioner
Through Executive Commissioner

The attached is submitted for approval and signature.

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G. STEWART BROWN
DIR., P.R.D.

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Letter signed and taken by chief
bears to COS, AFHQ today, 18 MAY 45.
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Office, EC.
18 MAY 45

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17 May 1945

LHA/PMB

SUBJECT: P.W.B. Functions in North Italy

TO : Chief of Staff
AMH

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2. In the opinion of the Allied Commission and its political advisers the proposed cessation of P.W.B. control of news and radio in north Italy should not take effect unless and until P.W.B. has set up a system to exercise some control on what the newspapers may publish and the radio may broadcast. The reasons are:

a) The Allied Commission and AMH are responsible for the administration of north Italy until it is turned over to the Italian Government. Administration and control of this territory will be made more difficult if private agencies, both Allied and Italian, are permitted completely uncontrolled distribution of news and information in this territory;

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W. Henry Stone

WILLIAM W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

copy to: Asst. Deputy Dir. P.W.B.
P.W.B. 15th Army Group
P.W.B. Home
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Rear Admiral, USNR
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

P.W.B.

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15 May 45

SUBJECT: P.W.B. Functions in Northern Italy
TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Your attention is called to the attached letter from the Assistant Deputy Director, P.W.B., enclosing two papers submitted to the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, on P.W.B. functions in northern Italy.

2. Although AFHQ has not yet issued instructions based on the recommendations from P.W.B., I believe it would be advisable for the Communications Sub-Commission to study and prepare recommendations as to the date by which normal communications can be established with northern cities. Once this date is established and instructions have been received from AFHQ, we can meet with private Italian agencies and with P.W.B. to determine the formal date on which P.W.B. will cease furnishing news in northern Italy.

3. Particular study should be given to para 4 under chapter II "Recommendations".

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Communications Sub-Commission

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

CONFIDENTIAL

10th May, 1945

TO : AC, (Attention of the Director of Public Relations),
Copy to PWB 15th Army Group.

FROM : Assistant Deputy Director, PWB-AFHQ

SUBJECT : PWB Functions in North Italy.

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2. I am addressing this letter and the copies to the Director of Public Relations as it was with that office that I discussed the matter while I was in Rome last week.
3. If liquidation of PWB responsibilities as proposed in the attached paper is to take place at an early date, it is necessary that steps be taken as soon as possible to secure the smooth transfer in the fields of Radio, Press and News.
4. PWB is already in close touch with the General Directorate of RAI to ensure that the PWB Radio arrangements in the north will be such as RAI eventually desires to take over, and that PWB actions in this field are confined to what is strictly necessary for the operational control of the programmes in the interim period.
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6. The smooth transfer of the news organization depends on the possibility of representatives of the private news agencies, including the Italian agencies, ANSA, ORSIS, and SI, being able to visit North Italy at an early date in order to make arrangements for the link up. In forwarding these copies of this proposal, PWB desires to draw attention to this point, as permission for the representatives of the Italian agencies to visit North Italy is a matter for the Public Relations Branch of AC, and not for PWB.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

CONFIDENTIAL

10th May, 1945

SUBJECT: PWB Functions in North Italy.

TO : Chief of Staff.

I. DISCUSSIONS:

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have directed in FAN538 that informational activities in Liberated Italy should be separated on national lines when integration ceases to serve in direct support of military operations, and that public informational facilities should be released to civilian agencies as soon after liberation as military conditions allow.

It is the opinion of PWB that the unconditional surrender of the German forces has brought about conditions in Italy in which allied control, other than censorship for security reasons, of the informational services, is no longer necessary. It is also felt by PWB that the Italian patriot contribution to victory has been such that any attempt to prolong this control beyond the minimum period necessary for the re-establishment of communications, would arouse Italian hostility and excite non-cooperation to an extent which would embarrass allied administration more seriously than the inconveniences which might arise from the uncontrolled entry and dissemination of news, including comments critical of allied policy and administration.

2. Geographical Considerations.

These considerations apply to the whole of North Italy, but the matter is most urgent in the industrial areas of the North West, where the patriots, especially the Left elements, most critical of allied control, are strongest. It would therefore be logical to suggest that measures should apply in the first place to Lombardy, Piedmont, Liguria and Emilia, that they should be extended as soon as possible to the Veneto and if circumstances permit to Venezia Tridentina. Venezia Giulia is a special case which is not considered in this paper.

3. News

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SUBJECT: PWB RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE COLLECTION OF INTELLIGENCE
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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15 May 45

SUBJECT: P.W.B. Functions in Northern Italy

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Your attention is called to the attached letter from the Assistant Deputy Director, P.W.B., enclosing two papers submitted to the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, on P.W.B. functions in northern Italy.

2. Although AFHQ has not yet issued instructions based on the recommendations from P.W.B., I believe it would be advisable for the Communications Sub-Commission to study and prepare recommendations as to the date by which normal communications can be established with northern cities. Once this date is established and instructions have been received from AFHQ, we can meet with private Italian agencies and with P.W.B. to determine the formal date on which P.W.B. will cease furnishing news in northern Italy.

3. Particular study should be given to para 4 under chapter II "Recommendations".

G. STERNART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Communications Sub-Commission

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

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10th May, 1945

TO : AC, (Attention of the Director of Public Relations);
Copy to PWB 15th Army Group.

FROM : Assistant Deputy Director, PWB-AFHQ

SUBJECT : PWB Functions in North Italy.

1. I herewith forward five copies of the Staff paper which is being submitted to the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, for his decision as to future procedure and approval.
2. I am addressing this letter and the copies to the Director of Public Relations as it was with that office that I discussed the matter while I was in Rome last week.
3. If liquidation of PWB responsibilities as proposed in the attached paper is to take place at an early date, it is necessary that steps be taken as soon as possible to secure the smooth transfer in the fields of Radio, Press and News.
4. PWB is already in close touch with the General Directorate of RAI to ensure that the PWB Radio arrangements in the north will be such as RAI eventually desires to take over, and that PWB actions in this field are confined to what is strictly necessary for the operational control of the programmes in the interim period.
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FOR MR BROWN

P.W. Press Plan

Meeting ~~xx~~ on Corriere della Sera in Brig Lush's Office
12 10 May. Present: Brig. Lush, Mr Dowling, Mr Hopkinson
Lt. Col. Munro, Maj. Bergin.

Lt Col. Munro reported unanimous reluctance on part of Milan CLN to see the Corriere reappear. In fact they indicated they would not be responsible for consequences. Lt Col. M. had been surprised as such an attitude was out of line with previous statements of these same delegates and also with attitude of government. He had urged them to discuss the matter again with the government and had said that unless they had something more to add the paper would be brought out on 22 May. Lt. Col. M. had come to Rome for AC approval and support.

Discussion made it clear that it was allied policy to see to it that a city such as Milan should be provided with one good informational sheet and not left entirely to political journals. It was decided that this should be made clear to the CLN. If they didn't like the name Corriere that could be attended to but a non-partisan informational paper they must have. It was suggested that the matter might be mentioned to the Northern delegates now in Rome - either by Admiral Stone or Brigadier Lush.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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41A/PRB

28 April 1945

SUBJECT : Approved Press Plan for Northern Italy.

TO :

1. On instructions from the Executive Commissioner we are attaching herewith a copy of the P.W.B. Press Plan for Northern Italy which has been approved by AFHQ on recommendation from the Allied Commission and the Allied Publications Board.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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21 April 1945

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2. Suppression of Proletarianism. On entering a newly liberated town or city, all newspapers and other publications of Proletarian or severe identification with Proletarian leaders, such as Togliatti's "Rinascita" or Gramsci, will be suppressed and not allowed to re-appear.
3. Combat Team Information Service. PWB Combat Teams will issue "Combat Team Information" as an emergency news and information sheet. The content, direction and duration of these Combat Team papers will be on the initiative and at the discretion of PWB Combat Teams with the respective armies, acting under General PWB 15th Army Group directions. In addition to more, they will carry AMG and Army proclamations, as required. The personnel of such papers form a part of PWB 15th Army Group.
4. Restatement of Christian Press. Newspapers and other publications favorable to the Allied cause and publishing exclusively prior to Allied liberation are continued to be published openly, but their publication is generally subject to para. 10 in the case of Italian, on the following conditions:
 - (a) Application for a provisional permit (see para. 11) must be made within seven days of the Military Government's proclamation.
 - (b) All papers must be subject to military censorship (see para. 14).
 Lists of the more important disseminating papers, known to be in existence in each region prior to Allied entry, will be supplied to the C.C.O. of AMG by the Chief Press Officer, PWB.

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4. Prohibition of Circulating Press. Newspapers and other publications are prohibited in all liberated areas and publishing clandestinely or for ABC information any material to publish anything bearing their particularity in general, subject to P.W.D. in the case of leaflets, or the following conditions:
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5. Non-Fascist Papers. Non-Fascist papers (in any) and papers of a technical nature may apply to continue publication on the same provisional permit conditions, subject to military needs.
6. New Papers. Papers other than the existing ones referred to in paragraph 4 may submit applications for provisional permits to publish.

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 organizational directives on policies on internal affairs, the
 Alliance will preserve their own channel by means of openly
 solicited affidavits and state records may be published in the
 Italian language in the following centers: BOLOGNA, MILAN,
 ROME, GENOA, VERONA, TRIESTE. These centers will be Italian-
 owned and administered, but will include technical documents
 and general layout will reflect two objectives. One will
 further appear, this will other editorial supplies. In no
 case will articles or comments be signed by their editorial
 writers.

These information papers will work as operational tools, which may be opened up or closed down by the Allied Publications Board without obligation or reference to any individual commercial or proprietary interest other than formal notification as provided for by the Allied Publications Board. These newspapers will be called "Corrorg" with an indication of the nation it serves (e.g. "Corrorg-England" in BOLONGA). The phrase "Corrorg" will appear at the top of the masthead. In cases where PWS editorial control is brought to an end, provision will be made for the cancellation of the titles of these papers.

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information and to be able to bring in their own views, the
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and long articles and reports which may be published in the
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and other countries, but all having the same, concerns
and general interest will be in the Press. The Editor will
publish them, in the Press, and other countries. In no
case will articles be published in the Press or other countries
writers.

These instructions advise that work is operational until 10:00 a.m. which may be opened up or closed down by the Allied Publicity Section without objection or reference to any Italian, Communist or proprietary interest other than general satisfaction of the Italian Press by the Allied Publications Desk. Back - These newspapers will be called "Carriers" with an insertion in the margin it serves (C.G. "Carriers Edition" in BOLCOM). The phrase "our del PM" will appear in part of the paragraph. In cases where PWS editorial control is brought to an end, provision will be made for the cancellation of the titles of these papers.

But I have just been talking to members, and several are saying to me that they are going to vote for the B&O.

U.S.I.I. In order to protect administration among applicants and to help towards the equitable distribution of available newspaper or printed papers, it is recommended on principle that the parties of the U.S.I.I. shall have first priority. Any applications for additional papers are being eventually considered.

10. Censorship and Permits. With reference to paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 and with reference to the publication of newspapers in general prior to the restoration of the Northern areas to Italian jurisdiction, all daily papers everywhere should be in conformity with the law (all party or no party) and party papers should be published. However, the local Committees of National Liberation recommend that party organs be allowed to publish and provide such arrangements are approved by the local Committees. The local Committees will judge the matter of publication solely from the point of view of newspaper availability. It is recommended that MILAN and TURIN present special problems in this regard and that if the local Committees of National Liberation ask for party facilities, such requests will receive consideration provided that it were possible to supply the necessary newspaper.
11. Provisional Permits. In army forward areas provisional permits will normally be issued through the PWB Press Officer, subject to the right of the AMO Officer at Army HQ and the C.I.C. AMO (as soon as he shall begin to function) to authorize such publications as he may consider necessary within the framework of this plan.
- Such provisional permits are at all times subject to suspension or withdrawal by order of the Military Governor.
12. Allied Publications Board. As soon as conditions permit, Allied Publications Board will set up Regional Boards to which all applications for permits will thereafter be made. Provisional permits granted in accordance with the preceding paragraph will be referred to these Regional Boards for action by Allied Publications Board. In all cases newspaper to the ex-communicating and other early applications, Allied Publications Board will take into account the requirements of the non-party papers referred to in paragraph 7.
13. Finance and Management. With the exception of PWB's responsibility for the combat "Corriere all'ente" publications, neither PWB nor AMO will concern themselves with the financial or administrative side of newspapers or other periodicals. In the case of the PWB information papers referred to in paragraph 8, Italian groups will be financially and administratively responsible, PWB confining itself to editorial control and supply of operational necessities, such as paper and ink.
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In the large cities (BOLOGNA, MILAN, TURIN, GENOA, VERONA, TRIESTE) AMG Press Censorship Offices will be established and will assume responsibility for military censorship for local Press and Radio, as at present in FLORENCE.

In localities other than those mentioned above, censorship will be exercised by responsible persons designated by the Provincial Commissioners. These censors will set in accordance with military censorship directives laid down by AFHQ, which will be furnished by EWE Combat Team Press Officers. Liaison between AFHQ Press censors in large cities and AFHQ-nominated censors in other localities should be established and maintained.

15. Circulation Provided. No party or other newspapers published outside the 15th Army Group area will be allowed to enter any point within the said area without the specific approval of the Military Commander on recommendation from EWE.

16. Paper Stocks. In each town or area entered by the Allied troops, every stockholder of newspaper or printed paper will be required by EWE Printing Officer to declare what stocks and resources he has in hand and to what purposes they are being used.

17. News Service. EWE will provide on demand a free Italian language news service, special articles, maps and photographs, to all authorized publications within the limits of whatever communications exist or may be established. No other news or photographic service will be permitted to operate in the Army Group area until such time as the Allied Commission permits the resumption of normal commercial news and picture distribution.

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Draft of Proposed Agreement for P.W.B. Editorially
Controlled Newspapers in North Italy.

Any Contract between P.W.B. and "X" Publishing House
(hereinafter called "The Company") will contain the
following clauses together with such others as may
be considered necessary to meet special individual
cases on the discretion of the local Press Officer.
Such contract shall be initialed and put into
immediate effect by the local Press Officer. If there
is any additional clause, the contract must be
initialed also by the Chief Press Officer. In any
event all can prove, when agreed upon between the
Press Officer and the Company, will be forwarded to
the Chief Press Officer for transmission to the
Director of P.W.B.

Article I. The Company agrees to print, publish and circulate
"Corriere..." a current P.W.B. and also to place
its material, machine and other personnel at the
disposition of the said "Corriere..." with pre-
cedence over all other non-military publications of
the Company. Each number will carry prominently
displayed as in "X" beside the title "a cura del
P.W.B."

Article II. The title "Corriere..." is the property of PWB
and ceases when the paper stops publication on the
orders of PWB. Under no circumstances may the
title of this paper be adopted or revived by any
Italian group after the cessation of its publi-
cation by the allies.

Article III. PWB reserves the right of appointing the responsible
editor and chief sub-editor which the Company is to
employ for the "Corriere..."

Article IV. The Company will resist PWB in ensuring that the
responsible editor and the chief sub-editor form
an editorial staff such as may be required for the
proper conduct of the "Corriere..." from elements
uncompromised by fascism and always subject to the

(hereinafter called "the Company") will consist of all such clauses together with such others as may be considered necessary to meet special individual cases or the exigencies of the local press office. Such contract shall be initiated and put into immediate effect by the local press office. If there is any additional clause, the contract must be initiated also by the local press office. In any event all such clauses shall be forwarded to the press office and the Company will be forwarded to the Chief Press Officer for transmission to the Director of I.W.B.

Article I. The Company agrees to print, publish and circulate "Corriere..." a daily I.W.B. and also to place in circulation, machine and other personnel at the discretion of the said "Corriere..." with pre-ference over all other non-affiliated publications of the Company. Each number will carry prominently thereon as an "I.W.B." besides the title "a daily I.W.B."

Article II. The title "Corriere..." is the property of I.W.B. and no person shall copy or reproduce publication on the basis of I.W.B. unless as circumstances may require of this paper be adopted or revised by any Italian group after the cessation of its publication by the said.

Article III. I.W.B. reserves the right of appointing the responsible editor and chief sub-editor whom the Company is to employ for the "Corriere..."

Article IV. The Company will accept I.W.B. in carrying out the responsible editor and the chief sub-editor term on all other staff such as may be required for the proper conduct of the "Corriere..." from elements unconnected with I.W.B. and always subject to the approval of I.W.B.

Article V. "Corriere..." will be under the editorial direction of I.W.B. It is I.W.B.'s intention to carry straight news and to present no Italian Allied ways of life and thought in war and in peace. The "Corriere..."

will be used to further the policy of AMHQ. It will present an objective picture of Italian internal affairs and will not participate in Italian party conflicts.

Article VI.

Control of circulation figure, format and the amount of advertising accepted will rest with PWB, with the reservation that circulation and format will be determined by the amount of newsprint and advertising available for the press in general and that a lost and column of advertising for news is available to the company if desired.

Article VII.

All advertising, circulation and other revenues will belong to the company.

Article VIII.

The company will bear all salary, printing, papers and overhead costs.

Article IX.

The company hereby agrees to hold PWB and its authorized staff free and harmless and to defend them against any charges or action that may arise from this transaction.

Article X.

PWB shall have the right to terminate the publication at any time.

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Ref. MA/4/PAT

27 April 1945

Subject: Proposed Italian Broadcasts to Northern Italy

To: Colonel Lunley
Director of PHB, Italian Theater

1. A copy of a letter dated 24 April from Admiral Stone to the Prime Minister has already been sent to you in which the Italian Government are informed of certain terms laid down by the Supreme Allied Commander for a series of ministerial broadcasts to the North.

2. This letter is to inform you that the series, which will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister, will start forthwith, and you are requested to take whatever steps may be necessary to find room for them in the program.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(Sgd) E. J. [Signature] Major
Executive Commissioner.

A/President
cc: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section
Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)
Public Relations Branch
G-5 Section, AFHQ (With copy Prime Minister Bonomi's letter
350 dated 25 Apr 45)

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
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Rome, 25 April 1945

My dear Admiral,

in answer to your letter about radio reception in occupied Italy - that is now being liberated - I want to tell you that all the conditions asked by the Supreme Allied Command have been agreed to.

The transmission to North Italy will not be limited to the Ministry for Occupied Italy only, they will also be made by the other Ministries. I will begin personally the series of transmissions.

I think it would be advisable to begin on Saturday April 28th.

Yours very truly,

a. I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AND
ECONOMIC SECTION

DAC:lrw

Ref. ES/15.07

27 April 1945

SUBJECT: Transmission of "Il Lavoro" to AMG and Army
Territory

TO : Director, P.W.D., 15th Army Group, C.M.F.

1. The Confederazione Generale del Lavoro has requested that facilities be given for sending their newspaper "Il Lavoro" to Florence and other cities in U.G. and Army Territory.

2. In view of Para 15, of the Press Plan for Northern Italy, will you please recommend that the facilities be granted?

For the Chief Commissioner:

/s/ D. L. ANDERSON, Brigadier

D. L. ANDERSON, Brigadier
Deputy Vice-President
Economic Section

Copy to:

Labour S.C., AC

Public Relations Br., AC ✓

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

26th April, 1945.

PRESS PLAN FOR NORTHERN ITALY

The attached Press Plan for Northern Italy is issued
with the approval of the Chief of Staff, A.F.H.Q.

Director,
FWD-AFHQ.

Distribution:

A.C. (for Chief Commissioner, Political Advisors, Civil
Affairs, Patriots Branch, and Regional Commissioners
designate) (15)
British Embassy, Rome (2)
U.S. Embassy, Rome (2)
FtB 15th Army Group (5)
A.P.3. (5)

Chief Press Officer (for local Press Officers in Northern
Italy and Regional A.P.B.'s) (10)

FWD Rome (5)
FWD, AFHQ (8)

For Information:

British Resident Minister
U.S. Political Advisor
G-2 A.F.H.Q.

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G-5
INC

PID London (3)
OWI London (2)
FWD SHAFF (2)
OWI Washington (2)
OWI New York (2)



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Russell B. Jones

Director,
PWB-AFHQ.

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- British Embassy, Rome (2)
- U.S. Embassy, Rome (2)
- PWB 15th Army Group (5)
- A.P.B. (5)
- Chief Press Officer (for local Press Officers in Northern Italy and Regional A.P.B.'s) (10)
- PWB Rome (5)
- PWB, AFHQ (8)

For Information:

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Please note Distribution



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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26 April 45

SUBJECT: Revised Press Plan for Northern Italy

TO : Lt. Col. I. S. Munro
Executive Secretary, A.P.B.

1. For a matter of record I am attaching herewith a copy of a letter from the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, concerning the approval which has been given to the Press Plan for Northern Italy.

2. Also attached are five copies of the approved Press Plan for Northern Italy.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Encl.

1. Copy of letter from COS, AFHQ, to CC, AC.
2. Five copies of approved Press Plan

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/mew

41-A/PRB

26 April 1945

SUBJECT: Approved Press Plan for Northern Italy

TO : Major Floyd Weidman
G-5 AFHQ

1. Attached is the official Press Plan for Northern Italy which has been approved by AFHQ upon recommendation of the Allied Publications Board and the Allied Commission.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Encl.

Same letter sent to Maj. Bullock
Mr. Rock Ferris
Capt. E. Ellyson

Copies of Press Plan also sent to Col. Munro
Lt. Robbins

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief of Staff

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20 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Press Plan for Northern ITALY.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

1. With reference to your letter 41-A/PRB dated 28 March 1945, the PWB Press Plan for Northern ITALY and Standard Contract have been approved subject to minor amendments, and PWB, AFHQ, have been instructed to promulgate them at once. Copies of the approved documents are enclosed for your information.

2. The amendments to Staff Memorandum No. 50 were published on 9 April 1945 in AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 22; copies of this publication were furnished to you on standard distribution.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

7.17.1945
W. D. MORGAN
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.Incl:
As stated.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Psychological Warfare Branch

Draft Standard Agreement for P.W.B. Editorially
controlled newspapers in North Italy.

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Article I.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

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7. Pre-Fascist Papers. Papers with a pre-Fascist history, which had, however, been taken over and run as Fascist periodicals, will be suspended on Allied entry, pending the appointment of a Commissario by the AMG Regional Commissioner. As soon as the Commissario can show that epuration is completed, these papers will be allowed to re-appear under their own and historic titles, but as independent non-party information sheets. If the Regional Commissioner considers it necessary or if an appeal to the

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7. Pre-Fascist Papers. Papers with a pre-Fascist history, which had, however, been taken over and run as Fascist periodicals, will be suspended on Allied entry, pending the appointment of a Commissario by the Regional Commissioner. As soon as the Commissario can show that expuration is completed, these papers will be allowed to re-appear under their own and historic titles, but as independent non-party information sheets. If the Regional Commissioner considers it necessary or if an appeal to the Regional Commissioner is made by responsible elements of the community, a committee of three will be attached to the Commissario in a consultative capacity. The papers will conform to all economic and other restrictions imposed by wartime conditions on the press as a whole.

 Any profits accruing will be frozen by the Commissario who will retain control until the area is returned to Italian administration.

Questions of ownership and eventual political control will then be settled in accordance with procedure to be laid down by the Italian Government, which has agreed that none of these papers will be returned to the control of Fascist owners.

3. PWB Information Papers. As freedom of the Press automatically excludes the rights of the Allies to impose their own information directives or policy on Italian editors, the Allies will reserve their own channel by means of openly declared Allied news sheets which may be published in the Italian language at the following centers: ROMA, VENICE, TRIESTE, GENOA, MILAN, TURIN. These papers will be Italian-owned and administered, but all leading articles, comments and general layout will follow PWB directives. PWB will furnish paper, ink and other operational supplies. In no case will articles or comment be signed by their editorial writers.

These information papers will rank as operational activities, which may be opened up or closed down by the Allied Publications Board without obligation or reference to any Italian commercial or proprietary interest other than formal notification of the decision taken by the Allied Publications Board. Each of these newspapers will be called "Corriere" with an indication of the region it serves (e.g. "Corriere Emiliano" in BOLOGNA). The phrase "a cura del PWB" will appear as part of the masthead. In cases where PWB editorial control is brought to an end, provision will be made for the cancellation of the titles of these papers.

PWB will bring out wall news bulletin as required, also marked "a cura del PWB" as part of the masthead.

9. C.I.L. In order to prevent discrimination among applicants and to help towards the equitable distribution of available newspaper or flatbed paper, it is recognized on principle that the parties of the C.I.L. shall have first priority when applications for political papers are being eventually considered.

10. Dailies and Weeklies. With reference to paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 and with reference to the publication of newspapers in general prior to the restoration of the Northern areas to Italian jurisdiction, all daily papers everywhere should be information sheets only (all party or no party) and party papers should be weeklies. However, if the local Committees of National Liberation recommend that party organs be allowed as dailies and provided such arrangements are approved by AMG, Allied Publications Board will judge the matter of ratification solely from the point of view of newspaper availability. It is recognized that MILAN and TURIN present special problems in this regard and that if the local Committee of National Liberation ask for party dailies, such requests would receive consideration provided that it were possible to supply the necessary newspaper.

11. Provisional permits. In Army forward areas provisional permits will normally be issued through the PWB Press Officer, subject to the right of the AMG Officer at Army HQ and the C.A.O. AMG (as soon as he shall begin to function) to authorize such publications as he may consider necessary within the framework of this plan.

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ex-clandestine and other early applicants, Allied Publications Regional Boards will take into account the requirements of the non-party papers referred to in paragraph 7.

12. Finance and Management. With the exception of PWB's responsibility for the combat "Corriere Aliento" publications, neither PWB nor AMB will concern themselves with the financial or administrative side of news-papers or other periodicals. In the case of the PWB information papers referred to in paragraph 8, Italian groups will be financially and administratively responsible, PWB confining itself to editorial control and supply of operational necessities, such as paper and ink.

14. Military Censorship. Military censorship is essential. No permits will be considered or allowed unless military censorship control on the spot can be guaranteed and sustained.

In the large cities (BOLOGNA, MILAN, TURIN, GENOA, VERONA, TRIESTE) AFHQ Press Censorship Offices will be established and will assume responsibility for military censorship for local press and radio, as at present in VIENNA.

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15. Circulation Proviso. No party or other newspapers published outside the 15th Army Group area will be allowed to enter any point within the said area without the specific approval of the Military Commander on recommendation from PWB.

15. Paper Stocks. As each town or area is entered by the Allied troops, every stockholder of newspaper or printed paper will be required by PWB Printing Officer to declare what stocks and resources he has in hand and to what purpose they are being used.

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25th April, 1945.

TO: P.W.O. P.E.B. 15th Army Group
Chief Press Officer,
Head, PWB Liberated Italy
Allied Publications Board, Rome
Allied Commission, Rome ✓
Chief of Staff, AFHQ.

FROM: Assistant Deputy Director, PWB AFHQ.

SUBJECT: Press Plan for Northern Italy.

1. I attach copy of the PWB Standard Agreement for editorial control of papers in North Italy.
2. This standard form of contract has been approved by the Chief of Staff, AFHQ.



62 [Signature]
Assistant Deputy Director.
PWB-AFH.

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20th April, 1948

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Psychological Warfare Branch

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STANDARD AGREEMENT FOR F.A.S. EDITORIALY
CONTROLLED NEWSPAPERS IN NORTH ITALY

Any Contract between F.A.S. and "X" Publishing House (hereinafter called "The Company") will contain the following clauses together with such others as may be considered necessary to meet special individual cases at the discretion of the local Press Officer. Such contract should be initialled and put into immediate effect by the local Press Officer. If there is any additional clause, the contract must be initialled also by the Chief Press Officer. In any event all contracts, when agreed upon between the Press Officer and the Company, will be forwarded to the Chief Press Officer for transmission to the Director of F.A.S.

Article I.

The Company agrees to print, publish and circulate "Corriere....." a cura del F.A.S. and also agrees to place its technical, machine and other personnel at the disposition of the said "Corriere....." with precedence over all other non-military publications of the Company. Each number will carry prominently displayed as an "ear" beside the title "a cura del FAS".

Article II.

The title "Corriere....." is the property of FAS and ceases when the paper stops publication on the orders of FAS. Under no circumstances may the title of this paper be adopted or revived by any Italian group after the cessation of its publication by the Allies.

Article III.

FAS reserve the right of appointing the responsible editor and chief sub-editor which the Company is to employ for the "Corriere.....".

Article IV.

The Company will assist FAS in ensuring that the responsible editor and the chief sub-editor form an editorial staff such as may be required for the proper conduct of the "Corriere....." from elements uncompromised by fascism and always subject to the approval of FAS.

Article V.

"Corriere....." will be under the editorial direction of FAS. It is FAS's intention to carry straight news and to present to Italians Allied ways of life and thought in war and in peace. The "Corriere....." will be used to further the policy of AFHQ. It will present an objective picture of Italian internal affairs and will not participate in Italian party conflicts.

Article VI.

Control of circulation figure, format and the amount of advertising accepted will rest with FAS, with the reservation that circulation and format will be governed by the amount of newspaper and transport available for the Press in general and that at least one column of advertising per issue is available to the Company if desired.

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Article VIII.

The Company will bear all salary, printing, paper and overhead costs.

Article IX.

The Company hereby agrees to hold P.M.B. and its individual staff free and harmless and to defend them against any causes of action that may arise from this transaction.

Article X.

P.M.B. shall have the right to terminate the publication at any time.

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PRESS PLAN FOR NORTHERN ITALY

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PRESS PLAN FOR NORTHERN ITALY

1. This Press Plan for Northern Italy supersedes all previous instructions. Responsibility for carrying out this Press Plan lies with F.W.B. 15th Army Group, through F.W.B. Chief Press Officer, in conformity with AFHQ directives, but subject to 15th Army Group Military Command and in strict cooperation with A.C. and Allied Publications Board.
2. Suppression of Fascist Papers. On entering a newly liberated town or area, all newspapers and other periodicals of Fascist creation or papers identified with Fascist leaders, such as Perinacci's "Notizie Fasciste" or "Gazzetta", will be suppressed and not allowed to re-appear.
3. Combat Team Information Sheet. FWD Combat Teams will issue "Carriere Alleate" as an emergency news and information sheet. The content, allocation and duration of these Combat Team papers will be on the initiative and at the discretion of FWD Combat Teams with the respective armies, within uniform General FWD 15th Army Group directions. In addition to news, they will carry AMG and Army proclamations, as required. The personnel of such papers form a part of FWD 15th Army Group.
4. Treatment of Clandestine Press. Newspapers and other periodicals favorable to the Allied cause and publication clandestinely prior to Allied liberation may continue to publish openly, keeping their periodicity in general, subject to para. 10 in the case of dailies, on the following conditions:
 - (a) Application for a provisional permit (see para. 11) must be made within seven days of the Military Governor's proclamation.
 - (b) All papers must be subject to military censorship (see para. 14).Lists of the more important clandestine papers, known to be in existence in each region prior to Allied entry, will be supplied to the C.I.C. of AMG by the Chief Press Officer, FWP.
5. Non-Fascist papers. Non-Fascist papers (if any) and papers of a technical nature may apply to continue publication on the same provisional permit conditions, subject to military needs.
6. New papers. Papers other than the ex-clandestine ones referred to in Paragraph 4 may submit applications for provisional permits to publish.
7. Pre-Fascist papers. Papers with a pre-Fascist history, which have, however, been taken over and run as Fascist periodicals, will be suspended on Allied entry, pending the appointment of a Commissario by the A.C. Regional Commissioner. As soon as the Commissario can show that repudiation is completed, these papers will be allowed to re-appear under their own and historic titles, but as independent non-party information.

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2. Submission of Fascist Papers. On entering a newly liberated town or area, all newspapers and other periodicals of Fascist creation or papers identified with Fascist leaders, such as Perinacci's "Regime Fascista" of Cremona, will be suppressed and are allowed to re-appear.
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PBS will bring out wall news bulletins as required, also marked "a cura del PBS" as part of the masthead.

9. C.N.L. In order to prevent discrimination among applicants and to help towards the equitable distribution of available newsprint or flatbed paper, it is recognized as a principle that the parties of the C.N.L. shall have first priority when applications for political papers are being eventually considered.

10. Dailies and Weeklies. With reference to paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 and with reference to the publication of newspapers in general prior to the restoration of the Northern areas to Italian jurisdiction, all daily papers everywhere should be information sheets only (all party or no party) and party papers should be weeklies. However, if the local Committees of National Liberation recommend that party organs be allowed as dailies and provided such arrangements are approved by AIG, Allied Publications Board will judge the matter of ratification solely from the point of view of newsprint availability. It is recognized that MILAN and TURIN present special problems in this regard and that if the local Committee of National Liberation ask for party dailies, such requests would receive consideration provided that it were possible to supply the necessary newsprint.

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All leading articles, comments and general layout of these papers will follow P.B. directives. In no case will such leaders or comments be signed by their Italian writers. These papers will rank as operational activities, which may be opened up or closed down without obligation or reference to any Italian or Allied or proprietary interest. Provision will be made for the cancellation of the titles of these papers after the cessation of P.B. editorial control.

P.B. will bring out daily news bulletins as required, also marked "a cura del P.B." as part of the masthead.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/MSW

41-4/PFB

6 April 1945

SUBJECT: Press Plan for Northern Italy

TO : Lt. Col. I. S. Munro
Executive Secretary, A.P.B.

1. This is in reference to Mr. Minifie's memorandum of 3 April 45 to the Director, PWB AFHQ, concerning the comments of Col. Walker on the Press Plan.

2. With respect to the second paragraph I would like to say that the Regional Commissioners have been appointed and therefore it would not seem necessary to add the amendment suggested by Col. Walker. However there would be no harm in doing so.

3. With regard to the comments on censorship it was my understanding that G-2 approved the censorship clauses in the Plan and the Allied Commission has accepted the responsibility for designating censors at those points not covered by regular censorship offices.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copy to: The Director, PWB AFHQ
Asst. D. Director, PWB AFHQ
Chief Press Officer, PWB
PWB, AC Files
Mr. Minifie

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HQ PWB 15TH ARMY GROUP

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3rd April, 1945.

To: The Director,
PWB AFHQ.From: James M. Minifie,
DPWC, HQ PWB 15TH ARMY GROUP.

I think you will be interested in comments on the Press Plan approved by APB on March 26th, 1945 which come from Colonel Walker, in charge of AMG Planning, IV Corps, to whom the plan has been shown.

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James M. Minifie
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Copies to: Assistant Deputy Director, PWB AFHQ.
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Mr. Radford then read the following letter from the Director of Public Relations, Allied Commission dated the 19th March:

"Signor Libonati's office telephoned to-day as a result of my request for an early reply to the Chief Commissioner's letter of March 10 to the Prime Minister to say that the Italian Government prefers plan B under paragraph 3 of the press plan for Northern Italy.

Written confirmation of this preference will be sent shortly.

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A discussion on other paragraphs of the Plan ensued. With regard to paragraph 8, Capt. Anderson emphasized the necessity, so far as the PWB information papers were concerned, of making it clear to the Italian reading public that these papers were "a cura del PWB". Mr. Stewart Brown also raised a query concerning paragraph 11, which he did not think was quite clear and suggested that the matter could be clarified by putting the phrase "as soon as he shall begin to function" in parenthesis.

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The total Plan, as amended, was then formally approved by the Board, with instructions that it be forwarded to AFHQ through A.C. in accordance with paragraph 6 of Administrative Memorandum No. 50.

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3. AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM 50.

The Chairman explained that the re-organisation of PAB, the abolition of the Political Section of A.C. and the establishment of OWI and MOI organisations in Italy necessitated certain adjustments of representation on the Board. The Chairman added that in discussing the whole matter of APB with A.C. and the Embassies, the point had been made that APB was the only channel of intervention between Censorship and the Italian Press Commission in keeping with paragraph 3 (b) of Order 50, if there were differences. It was not desirable to drop this safeguard.

Furthermore, it had been recommended that the Central APB should remain in Rome. Consequently no drastic amendments to Administrative Memorandum No. 50 were necessary at this stage. After discussion, the following alterations to the proposed amendment were agreed upon:

Paragraph 1 (b)

for "Representatives of the US and British Embassies"
read: "Political advisers from the US and British Embassies"

Paragraph 1 add:

(d) Representatives of OWI and MOI.

The Board thereafter formally adopted the amendments and instructed the Executive Secretary to send them to AFHQ through A.C. for execution.

Before adjourning it was arranged that a note of the amendments agreed upon during the meeting should be duly circulated to all present.

The meeting adjourned.

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PRESS PLAN FOR NORTHERN ITALY

1. The Press Plan for Northern Italy supersedes all previous instructions. Responsibility for planning on this Press Plan lies with P.W.B. 15th Army Group, through P.W.B. Chief Press Officer, in conformity with AFHQ directives, but subject to 15th Army Group Military Command and in strict cooperation with A.C. and A.P.B.
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A list of the papers covered by this procedure is given in Appendix A.

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14. Military Censorship. Military censorship is essential. No permits will be considered or allowed unless military censorship control on the spot can be guaranteed and sustained.
- In the large cities (Bologna, Milan, Turin, Genoa, Venice, Trieste) AFHQ Press Censorship Offices will be established and will assume responsibility for military censorship of local Press and Radio, as at present in Florence.
- In localities other than those mentioned above, censorship will be exercised by responsible persons designated by AMG Provincial Commissioners. These censors will act in accordance with military censorship directives laid down by AFHQ, which will be furnished by PWB Combat Team Press Officers. Liaison between AFHQ Press Censors in large cities and AMG-nominated Censors in other localities should be established and maintained.
15. Circulation Proviso. No party or other newspapers published outside the 15th Army Group area will be allowed to enter any point within the said area without the specific approval of the Military Commander on recommendation from PAW. C
16. Paper Stocks. As each town or area is entered by the Allied troops, every stockholder of newsprint or flatbed paper will be required by PWB Printing Officer to declare what stocks and resources he has in hand and to what purpose they are being used.
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Chief Press Officer, PWB.

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21st March, 1945.

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APPENDIX A. (Draft PWE Press Plan for Northern Italy
of 20th March, 1945)

Newspapers affected by this ruling are:

"Resto di Carlini"	of Bologna.
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28 March 1945

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ALLERY N. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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TO: Chief Commissioner (through Deputy Executive Commissioner)

The attached covering letters and documents are submitted for the signature of the Chief Commissioner and transmittal to the COS, AFHQ.

28 March 45

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G. STEWART BROWN
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TO: Mr. G. Stewart Brown,
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FROM: Lt. Col. I.S. Murro,
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The extra copy is for A.C. files.

I also enclose draft accompanying letter for the consideration of the Chief Commissioner.

In forwarding this material to AFHQ, I would very earnestly suggest that - in view of the military situation to-day - AFHQ be urged in a separate note to treat the matter with top priority. As soon as you hear from AFHQ, please let me know.

Yours ever
I.S. Murro
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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
62 Via Vitt. Veneto
ROME.

AMENDMENTS AGREED TO AT THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT 3 P.M. ON THE
26th MARCH.

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3. REVISION OF DRAFT AMENDMENT TO ORDER 50

Paragraph 1 (b) (1)

for "Representative of the US and British Embassies"

read:

"Political advisers from the U.S. and British Embassies"

Insert:

Paragraph 1 (d) as follows:

"Representatives of O.W.I. and of M.O.I"

LT Munro
LTJ

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

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Hopkinson
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*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Roma, li 24 marzo 1945

PA/B Pure Plans

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Caro Ammiraglio,

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Al Sig. Ammiraglio
Ellery W. Stone
Capo della Commissione Alleata

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

RVIII/81/169

23 Mar 45

SUBJECT : Newspapers.

TO : Allied Publications Board, APO 794, US Army,
THRU' HQ, AC, Public Relations Branch.

1. Attached hereto and forwarded for your consideration, is a copy of a memorandum from Dr Vincenzo NARDI, Director of the Camera di Commercio of PISTOIA, in which he requests permission to restart a newspaper printed in LEGHORN.

2. If approved may the necessary forms be forwarded please.

For the Regional Commissioner :

(sgd.)

D.M. FINDLAY,
Junior Comdr, ATG,
Acting Adjutant.

PRO-MEMORIA PER IL SIG. GOVERNATORE MC. BRATNEY

Fin dal 1941-42, il movimento antifascista cui appartenevo (ero allora in Francia ed avevo dato molta attività), fin dal 1936, al movimento "Giustizia e Libertà" del mio grande maestro Carlo Rosselli fatto assassinare nel 1937 da Mussolini) aveva guadagnato alla nostra causa anche un piccolo gruppo che doveva agire presso il quotidiano livornese "Il Telegrafo": Alfredo Maccanti (caduto poi in combattimento contro i tedeschi), Vincenzo Greco e Gino Pasetti.

Questi amici erano collegati alla nostra organizzazione neopistoiese la quale, a sua volta, era collegata con me, in Francia.

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Il giorno in cui fossero restituiti al Governo Italiano - sequestratario delle proprietà del defunto Galeazzo Ciano - il mio movimento dovrebbe, se del caso, rivendicarne la priorità nell'acquisto, priorità idealmente acquisita.

Intanto, col consenso degli Alleati, vorrei dar vita a Livorno ad un quotidiano che dovrebbe prendere il posto dello scomparso "Telegrafo", il quale, quando il 10 settembre 1943 cessò le pubblicazioni, aveva una diffusione di oltre 200.000 copie.

Considerate le attuali possibilità di diffusione, un quotidiano edito a Livorno potrebbe avere una tiratura iniziale di circa 70.000 copie.

Già il Governo Militare Alleato ha dato l'autorizzazione alla stampa, con le rotative de "Il Telegrafo" di un foglio, "Il Tirreno" foglio fatto male, scritto male.

La concessione è stata fatta ad una impresa (direttore Athos Gastone Banti) che non risulta aver avuto dei meriti patriottici (anzi.....tutt'altro) e cui non si attribuiscono idealtà di ricostruzione.

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Vorrei dare inoltre ai sopravvissuti compagni di lotta che hanno salvato l'imponente complesso di macchine la possibilità di riprendere il lavoro (tecnico) in un loro giornale libero e democratico. Ne affiderei la direzione a Walter Ottolenghi, patriotta, già brillante giornalista ne "Il Corriere della Sera" cacciato dal giornale e perseguitato dai fascisti.

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Per me, Signor Governatore, non chiedo che la soddisfazione di veder coronata da successo una bella opera di ricostruzione, per l'intuito, per l'amore a questo nostro disgraziato paese, di Voi e del Generale Hume.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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41-A/PRB

21 March 45

SUBJECT: Revised Press Plan

TO : Major Floyd Weidman
G-5, AFHQ

1. Attached herewith is the Revised Press Plan for Northern Italy prepared by Lt. Col. Munro, Chief Press Officer PWB, in consultation with the Allied Commission and the two Embassies.

2. You will note that alternate plans are proposed for the handling of pre-Fascist newspapers. The plan proposed under para 3 (b) is the one preferred by the AC and the British and American Embassies.

3. We have asked the Italian Government which of the two plans they would prefer to see recommended to AFHQ, and they have informally told us that they prefer plan (b) under para 3. We are awaiting their official word on this.

4. Col. Munro is taking this plan down to Naples this week to discuss it with Mr. Russell Barnes, who, I imagine, will submit it to AFHQ shortly.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Encl. (1)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

8th March 1945

Revised Draft Press Plan for Northern Italy

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6. Non-Fascist papers and papers of a technical nature will be permitted to continue publication on the same provisional permit conditions.

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9. Paper Stocks

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All permits will be provisional and will be notified with adequate particulars to Allied Publications Board. If proven desirable, the provisional permits will be endorsed by A.P.B. to ensure that useful publications are safeguarded and that they will

thus pass within the competence of A.P.B. which, in due course, merges Allied control with Italian responsibility as territory is ceded to the Italian jurisdiction.

13. Military Censorship

Military censorship is essential. No permits will be considered or allowed unless military censorship control on the spot can be guaranteed and sustained.

In the large cities (Bologna, Milan-Turin-Genoa-Venice-Trieste-Trento) AFHQ Press Censorship Offices will be established, and will assume responsibility for military censorship of local Press and Radio, as at present in Florence.

In localities other than those mentioned above, censorship will be exercised by responsible persons designated by AMG Provincial Commissioners. These censors will act in accordance with military censorship directives laid down by AFHQ, which will be furnished by PWB Combat Team Press Officers. Liaison between AFHQ Press Censors in large cities and AMG-nominated Censors in other localities should be established and maintained.

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16. Finance and Management

With the exception of PWB's responsibility for the combat "Corriere Alleate" publications, neither PWB nor AMG will concern themselves with the financial or administrative side of newspapers or other periodicals. In the case of the PWB information papers referred to in Paragraph 15, Italian groups will be financially and administratively responsible, PWB confining itself to editorial control.

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All leading articles, comments and the general layout of these papers, will follow Allied directives through P.W.B. Chief Press Officer. In no case will such leaders or comment be signed by their Italian writers. They will rank as operational activities, which may be opened up or closed down without obligation or reference to any Italian commercial or proprietary interest. In no case may the titles of these papers be adopted by any Italian group after the cessation of their publication by the Allies.

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With the exception of PWB's responsibility for the combat "Corriere Alleato" publications, neither PWB nor AMG will concern themselves with the financial or administrative side of newspapers or other periodicals. In the case of the PWB information papers referred to in Paragraph 15, Italian groups will be financially and administratively responsible, PWB confining itself to editorial control.

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COUNCIL March, 1948.

CONFIDENTIALPRESS PLAN FOR NORTHERN ITALY

1. The Press Plan for Northern Italy superseded all previous instructions. Responsibility for carrying out this Press Plan lies with P.W.B. 15th Army Group, through P.W.B. Chief Press Officer, in conformity with AFHQ directives, but subject to Fifth Army Group Military Command and in strict cooperation with C.A.O. and C.P.B.

2. Suppression of Fascist Papers. On entering a newly liberated town or area, all newspapers and other periodicals of Fascist creation or papers identified with Fascist leaders, such as Farinacci's "Regime Fascista" of Cremona, will be suppressed and not allowed to re-appear.

3. Combat Team Information Sheet. PWB Combat Teams will issue "Corriere Alleato" as an emergency news and information sheet. The conduct, allocation and duration of these Combat Team papers will be on the initiative and at the discretion of PWB Combat Teams with the respective armies, acting under General PWB 15th Army Group directions. In addition to news, they will carry AMG and Army proclamations, as required. The personnel of such papers form a part of PWB 15th Army Group.

4. Treatment of Clandestine Press. Newspapers and other periodicals favourable to the Allied cause and publishing clandestinely prior to Allied liberation may continue to publish openly, keeping their periodicity in general, subject to para. 10 in the case of dailies, on the following conditions:

(a) application for a provisional permit (see para. 11) must be made within seven days of the Military Governor's proclamation.

(b) All papers must be subject to military censorship (See para. 14)

Lists of the more important clandestine papers, known to be in existence in each region prior to Allied entry, will be supplied to the C.A.O. of AMG by the Chief Press Officer, PWB.

5. Non-Fascist papers. Non-Fascist papers (if any) and papers of a technical nature may apply to continue publication on the same provisional permit conditions, subject to military needs.

6. New papers. Papers other than the ex-clandestine ones referred to in Paragraph 4 may submit applications for provisional permits to publish.

7. Pre-Fascist Papers. Papers with a pre-Fascist history, which had, however, been taken over and run as Fascist periodicals, will be suspended in Allied entry, pending the appointment of a Commissario by the AMG Regional Commissioner. As soon as the Commissario shows that emigration is completed, these papers will be allowed to re-appear under their own and historic titles, but as independent information sheets. If the Regional Commissioner considers it necessary or if an appeal to the Regional Commissioner is made by responsible elements of the community, a committee of three will be attached to the Commissario in a consultative capacity. The papers will conform to all economic and other restrictions imposed by wartime conditions.

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Any profits accruing will be frozen by the Commissario who will retain control until the area is returned to Italian administration. Questions of ownership and eventual political control will then be settled in accordance with procedures to be laid down by the Italian Government, which has agreed that none of these papers will be returned to the control of Fascist owners.

A list of the papers covered by this procedure is given in Appendix A.

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8. PWB Information Papers. As freedom of the Press automatically excludes the rights of the Allies to impose their own information directives or policy on Italian editors, the Allies will reserve their own channel by means of openly declared Allied news sheets which may be published in the Italian language at the following centres: Bologna, Milan, Turin, Genoa, Venice, Trieste. Each will be called "Corriere" with an indication of the region it serves (e.g. Corriere Emiliano in Bologna). PWB will also bring out wall news bulletins as required.
All leading articles, comments and general layout of these papers will follow PWB directives.
In no case will such leaders or comment be signed by their Italian writers. They will rank as operational activities, which may be opened up or closed down without obligation or reference to any Italian commercial or proprietary interest.
Provision will be made for the cancellation of the titles of these papers after the cessation of PWB editorial control.
9. C.N.L. In order to prevent discrimination among applicants and to help towards the equitable distribution of available newsprint or flatbed paper, it is recognised on principle that the parties of the C.N.L. shall have first priority when applications for political papers are being eventually considered.
10. Dailies and weeklies. With reference to paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 7 and with reference to the publication of newspapers in general prior to the restoration of the Northern areas to Italian jurisdiction, all daily papers everywhere should be information sheets only (all party or no party) and party papers should be weeklies. However, if the local Committees of National Liberation recommend that party organs be allowed as dailies and provided such arrangements are approved by AMG, APB will judge the matter of ratification solely from the point of view of newsprint available. It is recognised that Milan and Turin present special problems in this regard and that if the local Committee of National Liberation ask for party dailies, such requests would receive consideration provided that it were possible to supply the necessary newsprint.
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Such provisional permits are at all times subject to suspension or withdrawal by order of the Military Governor.
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14. Military Censorship. Military censorship is essential. No permits will be considered or allowed unless military censorship control on the spot can be guaranteed and sustained.
In the large cities (Bologna, Milan, Turin, Genoa, Venice, Trieste) AFHQ Press Censorship Offices will be established and will assume responsibility for military censorship of local Press and Radio, as at present in Florence.
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15. Circulation Proviso. No party or other newspapers published outside the 15th Army Group area will be allowed to enter any point within the said area without the specific approval of the Military Commander on recommendation from POW.B.
16. Paper Stocks. As each town or area is entered by the Allied troops, every stockholder of newsprint or flatbed paper will be required by PWB Printing Officer to declare what stocks and resources he has in hand and to what purpose they are being used.
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Chief Press Officer, PWB.

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21st March, 1945.

APPENDIX A. (Draft PEB Press Plan for Northern Italy
of 20th March, 1945)

Newspapers affected by this ruling are:

Resto di Carlino"	of Bologna.
"Corriere della Sera"	of Milan.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

41a/PRB

19 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Press Plan for Northern Italy

TO : Lt. Col. L. S. Munro,
Executive Secretary, APB

Signor Libonatti's Office telephoned today, as a result of my request for an early reply to the Chief Commissioner's letter of March 10 to the Prime Minister to say that the Italian Government prefers plan (B) under para 3 of the press plan for Northern Italy.

Written confirmation of this preference will be sent shortly.

I again refer to para 1 of my letter of 17 March to you in which it is stated that plan (B) under para 3 is also preferred by the Allied Commission, the British and American Embassies.

/S/
G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

Copies to: British Embassy
American Embassy
Chief Commissioner
(Thru: Ex Comm)

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Ref: *PRB*
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10 March 1945

My Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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It is further suggested that your Government seek the view of the representative in Rome of the Committee of National Liberation of North Italy on which of the two proposals you would prefer to have us recommend.

A prompt answer will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

W. S. *Brigadier*
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
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WISED PRESS PLAN.

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DIGEST OF SUGGESTED PLANS FOR PRESS IN THE NORTH.

1. All publications of Fascist creation or identified with Fascist leaders will be suppressed on the entry of the Allied Forces. PWE Combat Teams will issue "Corriere Alliato" as an emergency news and information sheet. Periodicals favourable to the Allied cause and publishing clandestinely prior to Allied liberation may continue to publish if they register within seven days of the Allied Military Governor's proclamation and subject to military censorship. Non-Fascist and technical papers may continue to publish on the same conditions.

2. It remains to decide the future status of those famous papers with a pre-Fascist history which had, however, been taken over and run as Fascist papers. There are two alternate plans suggested:

- (a) Papers with a pre-Fascist history which had been taken over and run as Fascist periodicals will be suspended until responsibility for the Italian Press shall be passed over to the Italian Government when it eventually assumes jurisdiction. Under this plan the Allies will be kept clear of juridical, financial and operation complications concerning proprietorship and the rights of property. Newspapers affected by this ruling will include:

"Resto di Carlino"	of Bologna.
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"Gazzettino"	of Venice.
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- (b) These papers will be suspended on Allied entry pending the appointment of a commissario by the AMG Regional Commissioner. The papers would then re-appear as independent, information dailies under their old and historic titles as soon as the commissario had been satisfied that operation had been complete. A committee of three could be attached to the commissario in a consultative capacity if this were considered necessary by the Regional Commissioner or if such an appeal were made to the Regional Commissioner by responsible elements of the community. The papers would conform to all the economic and other restrictions imposed by wartime conditions on the Press as a whole. ~~Any profits accruing would be frozen by the Commissario and eventually utilized by being applied to local reconstruction in accordance with such orders as the Comune might decree after the area is ceded to Italian jurisdiction.~~ The Italian Government agrees that none of these papers will be returned to the control of Fascist owners and that all questions of future proprietorship, and other legal complications, ~~subject to the above~~ ~~mentioned~~, would be held over until the Italian Government assumes jurisdiction in this territory.

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3. Instructions will be circulated so that provisional newspaper permits issued in the North can be registered by Allied Publications Board and marshalled for eventual consignment to the Italian Press Commission when Italian jurisdiction takes over. No permits will be considered unless Military Censorship on the spot can be guaranteed and sustained. No party or other newspapers published outside the 15th Army Group area will be allowed to enter any point within the said area without the specific approval of the Military Commander.
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5. As freedom of the Press automatically excludes the right of the Allies to impose their own information directives or policy on Italian papers, the Allies will reserve their own channel by means of openly declared Allied news sheets which may be published in the Italian language at the following centres: Bologna, Milan, Turin, Genoa, Venice, Trieste, Trento. To emphasize their Allied character, they will be called "Corriere diLombardia", etc.

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In no case may the titles of these papers be adopted by any Italian group after the cessation of their publication by the Allies.
6. PWB will provide on demand, if asked, a free Italian language news service, special articles, maps and photographs, to all authorised publications within the limits of whatever communications exist or may be established. This news service will be given up as soon as communications allow after the territory is ceded to Italian jurisdiction, following the system already adopted in Central and Southern Italy.

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

9th March, 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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10 March 45

SUBJECT: Revised Press Plan for Northern Italy

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Attached herewith are copies of the revised press plan for Northern Italy.

2. You will note that our point of view regarding papers with pre-Fascist history has been included as an alternate proposal in para 3. We are now seeking the views of the Italian Government as to which of the two proposals they would prefer us to recommend to AFHQ.

3. Your attention is invited to para 13 on military censorship. Does this meet with your approval.

4. Are there points in the plan which you would like me to raise with PWB?

5. I believe the Chief Commissioner would be interested in a copy of the revised plan.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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Revised Press Plan.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

8th March, 1945.

Revised Draft Press Plan for Northern Italy.

NOTE: This is framed as a working plan and is based exclusively on the Press Plan dated the 9th February as amended in conference with Mr. John Rayner and Mr. C.A. Raleigh Redford. It is also in keeping with the suggestions made at a conference with prospective Regional Commissioners of Lombardy and Piedmont.

1. The following Press Plan for Northern Italy supersedes all previous instructions. Responsibility for carrying out this Press Plan lies with F.W.B. 15th Army Group, through P.W.B. Chief Press Officer, in conformity with AFHQ directives, but subject to 15th Army Group Military Command and in strict co-operation with A.C. and A.F.B.
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7. Provisional Permits.

These provisional permits in the Army forward area will be issued by the PWB Press Officer in consultation and agreement with AMG Headquarters with the Army.

The issue of such provisional permits and their suspension or withdrawal in the forward army area is always subject to any countermanding order by the Military Governor.

8. Printing Plants.

The suspension order referred to in Paragraph 3 will not prevent the requisitioning or employment of the printing and publishing establishments from which such papers have issued.

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Papers other than the ex-clandestine ones referred to in Paragraph 5 may submit applications for permits to publish to the local C.A.O. of A.M.G. as soon as he begins to function.

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12. Allied Publications Board.

All permits will be provisional and will be notified with adequate particulars to Allied Publications Board.

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If proven desirable, the provisional permits will be endorsed by A.P.B. to ensure that useful publications are safeguarded and that they will thus pass within the competence of A.P.B. which, in due course, merges Allied control with Italian responsibility as territory is ceded to the Italian jurisdiction.

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Chief Press Officer, F.W.B.

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2. You will note that our point of view regarding papers with pre-Fascist history has been included as an alternate proposal in para 3. We are now seeking the views of the Italian Government as to which of the two proposals they would prefer us to recommend to AFHQ.
3. Your attention is invited to para 13 on military censorship. Does this meet with your approval.
4. Are there points in the plan which you would like me to raise with PRB?
5. I believe the Chief Commissioner would be interested in a copy of the revised plan.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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Ref: 20/PRE

10 March 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

P.W.B. in consultation with the Allied Commission, has been developing plans for its work in northern Italy when that territory is liberated from the enemy.

Among its responsibilities is the control and supervision of permits for newspapers that will be authorized to publish in the territory to be liberated.

Attached is a summary of the main provisions of its proposed plan of operation. You will note there are two alternate plans proposed for those papers with a pre-Fascist history. It is desired to have the consent of the Italian Government on the proposals to accompany our final recommendation to Allied Headquarters.

It is further suggested that your Government seek the view of the representative in Rome of the Committee of National Liberation of North Italy on which of the two proposals you would prefer to have us recommend.

A prompt answer will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LURH

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for ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNH
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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SUBJECT: Press Plan for Northern Italy

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Attached is a proposed letter from the Chief Commissioner to the Prime Minister concerning the PWB press plan for Northern Italy.

2. The plan proposes two alternatives for the disposition of pre-Fascist papers in Northern Italy. The proposal outlined in 23(b) is the one which I believe has major support from the Allied Commission and the American and British Embassies.

3. It was the suggestion of Ambassador Kirk, in which Mr. Halford concurred, that the two alternative proposals should be submitted to the Italian Government for their comment and indication as to which proposal they would prefer us to recommend to AFHQ.

4. As there is certain urgency in this matter, and if you agree with the action recommended, it would be appreciated if you could sign the letter for the Chief Commissioner.

9 March 45

G. STEWART BROWN
D. PWB.

[Signature]
9 Mar.

1. To issue.

2. Have the views of the R.C.s been obtained?
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Would you please ans. 2 above?

[Signature]
10 Mar.

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Exec. Comm.
Not all of them but at the N.W. Planning
Conference Col Volitti and others expressed themselves
in favor of proposal 23(B)

Seen by E.C. 10/12

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10 March

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12 Mar.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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41-4/PRE

17 March 1945

SUBJECT: Press Plan for Northern Italy

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

Confirming the discussion this morning with Brig. Lush, Mr. Schott, and Mr. Hopkinson, we are agreed:

1. That para 2 (P) is the alternate plan preferred by the AC, the British and American Embassies. The British and American Embassies will indicate this preference to the Italian Government.
2. That reference in para 2 (b) to the disposition of the profits frozen by the Commissario shall be eliminated from the plan.
3. That if and when para 2 (B) is approved by AFHQ complete information as to how it is to be carried out will be agreed upon and communicated to Regional Commissioners.
4. That with reference to para 11, AMG and PWB in consultation with the parties of the C.N.L. will endeavor to restrict the political papers to weekly editions.
5. That there shall be close cooperation and consultation between PWB and AC on every level, and especially in the regional and provincial level concerning the news issued by PWB in AMG territory.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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Executive Commissioner
Mr. Hopkinson
Mr. Dowling
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DIGEST OF SUGGESTED PLANS FOR PRESS IN THE NORTH

1. All publications of Fascist creation or identified with Fascist leaders will be suppressed on the entry of the Allied Forces. PWB Combat Teams will issue "Corriere Alleato" as an emergency news and information sheet.
Periodicals favourable to the Allied cause and publishing clandestinely prior to Allied liberation may continue to publish if they register within seven days of the Allied Military Governor's proclamation and subject to military censorship. Non-Fascist and technical papers may continue to publish on the same conditions.

2. It remains to decide the future status of those famous papers with a pre-Fascist history which had, however, been taken over and run as Fascist papers. There are two alternate plans suggested:

(a) Papers with a pre-Fascist history which had been taken over and run as Fascist periodicals will be suspended until responsibility for the Italian Press shall be passed over to the Italian Government when it eventually assumes jurisdiction. Under this plan the Allies will be kept clear of juridical, financial and operation complications concerning proprietorship and the rights of property.
Newspapers affected by this ruling will include :

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"Corriere della Sera"	of Milan
"La Stampa"	) of Turin
"Gazzetta del Popolo"	of Venice
"Gazzettino"	of Trieste
"Piccolo"	of Genoa
"Il Secolo XIX"	

- (b) These papers will be suspended on Allied entry pending the appointment of a commissario by the AMG Regional Commissioner. The papers would then re-appear as independent, information dailies under their old and historic titles as soon as the commissario had been satisfied that epuration had been complete. A committee of three could be attached to the commissario in a consultative capacity if this were considered necessary by the Regional Commissioner or if such an appeal were made to the Regional Commissioner by responsible elements of the community. The papers would conform to all the economic and other restrictions imposed by wartime conditions on the Press as a whole. Any profits accruing would be frozen by the Commissario and eventually utilised by being applied to local reconstruction in accordance with such orders as the Commune might decree after the area is ceded to Italian

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3. Instructions will be circulated so that provisional newspaper permits issued in the North can be registered by Allied Publications Board and marshalled for eventual consignment to the Italian Press Commission when Italian jurisdiction takes over. No permits will be considered unless Military Censorship on the spot can be guaranteed and sustained. No party or other newspapers published outside the 15th Army Group area will be allowed to enter any point within the said area without the specific approval of the Military Commander.
4. As each town or area is entered by Allied troops, every stockholder of newspaper or flatbed paper will be required by PWB Printing Officer to declare what stocks and resources he has in hand and to what purpose they are being used.
5. As freedom of the Press automatically excludes the right of the Allies to impose their own information directives or policy on Italian papers, the Allies will reserve their own channel by means of openly declared Allied news sheets which may be published in the Italian language at the following centres: Bologna, Milan, Turin, Genoa, Venice, Trieste, Trento. To emphasize their Allied character, they will be called "Corriere di.....Lombardia", etc.
They will rank as operational activities, which may be opened up or closed down without obligation or reference to any Italian commercial or proprietary interest.
In no case may the titles of these papers be adopted by any Italian Group after the cessation of their publication by the Allies.
6. PWB will provide on demand, if asked, a free Italian language news service, special articles, maps and photographs, to all publications within the limits of whatever communications exist or may be established. This news service will be given up as soon as communications allow after the territory is ceded to Italian jurisdiction, following the system already adopted in Central and Southern Italy.

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I.S. MUMRO,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief Press Officer, PWB.

9th March 1945

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I.S. HUMPHREY,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief Press Officer, PWB.

9th March 1945

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

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7th March, 1945.

TO: Mr. Stewart Brown,
Director of Public Relations,
Allied Commission.

FROM: Lt. Col. I.S. Munro,
Chief Press Officer, PWB and
Executive Secretary, Allied Publications Board.

SUBJECT: Press Plan for Northern Italy.

1. After conference and consultation with the various bodies and officials concerned with the development of Press freedom in North Italy, I have pleasure in sending you herewith a summary of the rules and principles which will be followed. (draft only)
2. I should be grateful if you would give this to Admiral Stone for communication to the Italian Prime Minister and to the liaison with the Committee of National Liberation.
3. I am sending from this office copies for information also to Sig. S. E. Libonati, Under-Secretary for Press and Information, Avv. Rossini, Italian Press Commission and Sig. Azzarita, Liaison with National Press Federation.

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I. S. MUNRO,
Lt. Colonel.

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