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Editorials

"To Reach the Spring" was the title of an editorial by H.Molinari published by the Socialist AVANTI. The writer pointed out that the first winter after a war is always the hardest one, especially for defeated countries. The main difficulties confronting Italy at present are the bad economic situation, delinquency and the corruption of the administration, the danger of political dissensions which may divided the Italians, political speculation on the part of reactionary elements, the uncertainty of the international situation due to the lack of effective solidarity among the winners. "Should we then give up the struggle and lose everything?... It would be a crime we do not intend either to commit ourselves or to allow others to commit. We want the country to go on living. At all costs we must overcome the next four months which may become fatal but, once we have overcome them, will prove that in spite of their terrible trials these people of ours still possess the will, the courage and the spirit of sacrifice needed to overcome the impending crisis. What is to be done? We must first of all stronghten the unity of democratic forces... We must make and accept even very sad sacrifices... We must be content with little, with very little to be shared by many... But in order to demand hard sacrifices which will be particularly hard on the working classes and in order that these sacrifices might be borne, we must show by means of facts that all the healthy forces of the country are united by the iron will of recovery." The article went on to say that the recent appeal by the Socialist Party and the manifesto issued by the CLNAI show that the main present-day task is that of reaching the spring without falling. "In the spring ... we shall be able to resume our programmatic position and to express freely those claims we shall think indispensable for the creation of a new and democratic Italy. In that task for the country's civil defense the socialists, who always fought on behalf of justice, democracy and human solidarity, will be in the forward ranks.

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BANDITS ATTACK VILLAGE - On Friday some fifty armed bandits

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surrounded and occupied Gaggio Montano, a mountain village in the province of Bologna. They later withdrew after plundering a good many houses. (CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE, L'OSSERVATORE)

Local News

SPECIAL TEXTILE SALES - Stressing the news that a second special sale of textiles was announced and then put off (see yesterday's digest), the Christian-Democratic IL POPOLO stated in part: "We are perfectly aware of the disorderly fashion in which the first distribution took place... and we wish that the authorities might realize that the assault on the few shops and the scanty available goods is but an indication of the people's need." The article then pointed out that considerable quantities of textiles were frozen months ago by the Italian Government (when manufacturers were granted freedom of action for the remainder) so that they may be distributed to and farmers. "Then came the promise to distribute textiles captured by the Fifth Army. We wish to recall in this connection that those are Italian goods which the Germans were unable to send to Germany owing to the liberation of Northern Italy carried out by the Partisans. There was a first distribution of limited amounts, and it was badly organized. Then nothing more. Meanwhile the temperature is dropping and prices are raising..." The article in question was entitled "The Poor Must Also Dress".

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TRADE UNION ELECTION - The results of the Trade Union election among the personnel of the Milan Tramways were as follows: "Socialists 30,139 points, Communists 29,323, Christian-Democrats 5,823, Action Party 1,228. (AVANTI).

THE ESCAPE OF FORMER FASCIST MINISTER PELLEGRINI (see yesterday's digest) continued to be dealt with prominently by the AVANTI, LA LIBERTA, L'OSSERVATORE and especially L'UNITA. It was established that the escape was carried out with outside help.

ANOTHER FASCIST ESCAPES - Telesio Interlandi, a journalist who had been prominently active under the Fascist regime, was released by mistake from the Brescia jail, in the place of his own son.

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STATISTICS ON CRIME - The Republican L'ITALIA DEL POPOLO published some statistics of crimes committed in Milan during the past few months. In September there were 64 murders, 87 hold-ups and 1,375 thefts, 52 people were arrested.

THE DAILY CRIME LIST included - two Carabinieri, a Captain and an NCO of the Bolzano Counter-Espionage Center, were held up and robbed on the Autostrada, near Brugherio; a truck belonging to the Milk Central was held up near Rozzano and five of its tires stolen; a dozen young men of between 14 and 19 years of age robbed a miller's house at Berate di Gaggiano; half a million lire worth of goods were stolen from a shop in the Corso Vittorio Emanuele; a considerable number of ration cards were stolen at Garbagnate from the Municipality offices; a maid stole half a million lire worth of money and other objects.

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Editorials

The Communist L'UNITA' published an editorial by Luigi Longo entitled "Foreign Interventions"; The article began by pointing out that the Allies had repeatedly stated that all countries are entitled to democratic self-government; In regard to Italy a statement to that effect was issued jointly by Britain, the U.S. and the Soviet Union; "Two years have gone by since that statement was made; Two years of struggle and indescribable sacrifices made by our people for the common cause; It ought to be high time for us to use of our undisputable right of freely choosing our own form of democratic government;..All Italians and foreigners should be expected to rise and condemn these delays, asking for a prompt and complete realization of war aims: This is not the case. Certain Italian politicians and certain foreign financiers are talking in a very different manner. An Italian-American banker, P.A. Giannini,...spoke in Naples about our internal affairs. He asked us to postpone by at least two years the solution of the institutional question, that is to say the fundamental question as far as our form of government is concerned. He also asked us to form a strong government immediately. He even had the cheek to mention some names for that government, names of people outside the large parties and the mass organizations.. Our readers may judge whether such an intervention is respectful of democracy and our independence... How can a government be strong and democratic, unless it possesses the people's consent and support? Without these requisites it could only be strong in the fascist manner... But the American banker threatens: 'Unless you follow this advice, you shall not receive the assistance of foreign governments;' We know that we need everybody's assistance; We know that those who help us will their credits to be guaranteed, we know, that we shall have to give those guarantees; But the best guarantee is the Italian people's determination to live freely, democratically and independently, not to be at the mercy of this or that foreign group... so as not to fall to the level of cartain South-American republics. Is that what the American banker wants? Is that the meaning of a 'strong' government? Is that the meaning of men like De Nicola, Nitti and Orlando? We have criticized and still criticize these men for their past mistakes and responsibilities but, frankly speaking, we do not dare to think that they may perform such an insulting task;"

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Referring to the Olimpia Theatre incidents, the Communist L'UNITA' published a "corsivo" entitled "The Carabinieri Should Not Be Whistled Down". After stressing the fact that in future the CLN is going to exert the censorship on theatrical shows, the article disapproved of the whistling down of the Carabinieri, stating that this should happen again. The writer described the Carabinieri as "sons of the people". The Communist paper also published the following slogan: "The Carabinieri are sons of the people - The Carabinieri should not forget this, but the people should also remember it."

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General news

THE ATOMIC BOMB - Most papers published in a prominent manner London and Washington reports on the reaction caused by the official statement issued at the end of the Truman-Attlee talks. The headlines stressed that the statement was not received very warmly.
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NEGOTIATIONS ON THE INCREASE OF WAGES (see yesterday's digest) have again reached a deadlock, as there is disagreement on the question of the basic "contingency bonus". Trade Union representatives ask that it should be increased, while the manufacturers want to reduce it. The news was given particular prominence by l'UNITA', which stated in its headline that the manufacturers are "sabotaging" the negociations.

ITALIANS DEPORTED BY YUGOSLAVS - The communist l'UNITA published a short news itemdatelined from Ljubljana. "Competent sources inform that Italians captured in Pola during the perios of Yugoslav occupa-

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tion total 800. They were young neo-Fascists, all of them belonging to the Tenth MAS Flotilla, who continued to resist even after the Germans' surrender and withdrawal. They continued to offer resistance until May 10. The prisoners were taken from Pola to Susak by sea and then moved to Belgrade. They were natives of the various regions of Northern and Southern Italy, but not a single one of them belonged to the Italian community of Venezia Giulia. After three months of intern ment the young men in question were repatriated via Ljubljana and Trieste.".

Local news

SPECIAL TEXTILE SALES - The papers CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE, IL POPOLO and l'OSSERVATORE reported that the special sale of textiles sponsored by the AMG would be resumed on Monday and printed the list of shops in which the sale should take place. Special textile sales for workers, veterans, partisans and displaced persons will also begin shortly to holders of special allottment cards. The sales are sponsored by the Ministry of Postwar Assistance. (NB. The first part of this report was incorrect and all papers were instructed to publish a correction).

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The version published by left-wing papers, and notably by l'UNITA, was quite different. "A small crowd had collected at the entrance half an hour before the show was due to start. They were workers, clerks, students, former Partisans and they were determined to counter-balance the irresponsability of the show's supporters.

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However a cordon of Carabinieri have been placed there to prevent them from entering the theatre. After a long argument in the course of which the people tried to convince the Carabinieri of the inopportunity of their behaviour, the mass of citizens surged forward to overcome the cordon. This caused a scrap and the Carabinieri withdrew to reform the cordon inside the theatre. Someone among the Carabinieri lost his head and fired some shots. This gesture was disapproved by most of the Carabinieri themselves, some among whom told us that they deprecate the presence of irresponsible men in the forces ranks. In any case the revolver shots smashed some glass panes and some people were injured by splinters. Then came the news that the show was suspended. The liveliest scraps took place in the foyer, but nothing was stolen and there was no damage of any amount. The show cases in the foyer, which were full of goods, were not smashed."
L'UNITA did not mention the smashing of property inside the theatre, all the incidents at the road block, but concluded its report by stating that " the Carabinieri behaved in very correct and serene manner".
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All papers reported the incidents in a cospicuous manner and commented on them according to their political creed. Notable the comment printed by l'ITALIA LIBERA, warning the people that "this means playing the game of reaction". The people then begin to sigh for "order" and some ill-asleep longings for a strong government are being re-awakened."

NEO-FASCIST MOVEMENTS - All papers gave considerable prominence to the latest news on the neo-fascist organization in Milan and Turin, although no important new developments were reported. L'UNITA' printed very large headlines running "Neo-fascists Discovered - They were printing the New POPOLO d'ITALIA (The „Uomini Qualunque' were supplying the money)".

FORMER FASCIST MINISTER ESCAPES - The night before last the former Finance Minister of the Fascist Republic, Pellegrini, who had been sentenced to a 30-year prison terms some ten weeks ago, escaped from the cells of the Milan Justice Palace together with another prisoner. All papers carried the news with considerable prominence and according to some records the Carabinieri of the guard detail were given a sleeping draught in their coffee, but this version seems to have been denied by the competent Carabinieri Command. The Communist l'UNITA', which printed the most prominentset-up under the title of "The People are Fed Up", hinted at some obscure complicity in the escape of the former minister and complained that the paper was unable to obtain any information on the escape from the Carabinieri detail of the Justice Palace. The article also complained that Captain Perrone, who is in charge

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TRAIN SERVICE DISCONTINUED - Owing to the shortage of coal and beginning as from to-morrow the train running on the Milan-Magenta-Castano and Monza-Trezzo-Bergamo narrow-gauge lines will be discontinued on Sundays. (CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE, L'UNITA', IL POPOLO).

THE DAILY CRIME LIST included: the theft of a car and other goods to a value of 800.000 lire from a building in the Via Luchino del Meino; the arrest of some people in connection with forging of special meat ration cards for sick people; the State Railways reported that rubber tubes working the brakes of coaches are being stolen to an increasing

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extent. The Christian Democratic IL POPOLO printed a short article stating that crime is apparently once more on the increase and calling for action on the part of the authorities, especially in view of the impending winter fogs. The article stated among other things: "The Allied Authorities should also grant a larger number of permits for the carrying of arms, to honest people of course."

Editorials.

Yesterday the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE had printed the first of a series of articles by Marshal Messe, who had commanded the first Italian Expeditionary Force in Russia (1941/1942), dealing mainly with the humane behaviour of the Italian troops and the good treatment of Russian prisiners on the part of the Italians. Today's l'UNITA' printed a "corsivo" which violently attacked the Marshal for his fascist past and the CORRIERE d'INFORMAZIONE for printing his article. "We thought that Messe commanded the Italian Expeditionary Corps in Russia in order to kill enemies, conquer towns and capture booty; that is what he had told us himself in his communiques. We thought that he had issued orders to capture and shoot Partisans; that is what his own officers had told us. We thought that he was a fascist; he himself had written it to Farinacci and Mussolini. Now we learn something new and incredible, revealed by the big Milanese paper. Messe was the head of a Red Cross Delegation sent to Russia in order to get those poor people to bathe; he was a benefactor of the peoples, charged with punishing fascist soldiers who stole a chicken in some Soviet farm, he was a sincere democrat operating behind the German lines in order to bring a little of Mussolini's freedom to the poor Ukrainians."

A "corsivo" printed by the Action Party's L'ITALIA LIBERA commented on a letter published in the Manchester Guardian by two British Officers and praising the assistance given by Italians to Allied prisoners who escaped from internment camps after the Italian armistice (extracts of this letter were also printed by L'UNITA). "In Britain the real country, that part of the country that someone over here tries to oppose to the legal country for his own political aims, that part of the country which really lived through the war, knows what the Italian did. Its testimonial is explicit. As the two officers state, it is difficult for legal Britain to understand. But the day will come when she will also be compelled to acknowledge and act accordingly."

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General News

ATTLEE-TRUMAN-MEETING - Reports on the meeting were published in a prominent manner on all front pages and particular stress was laid on reports to the effect that Italy's situation is one of the main arguments under examination in Washington. According to one such report from London, printed by LA LIBERTA', great Britain and the United States intend to reach a compromise solution with Russia by making concessions on the questions of Finland and Hungary, while Russia should give way on the question of Italy.

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Italian News

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Padua, Parri said: -"Trieste is Italian and justice must be rendered to Italy, as it must be rendered to all peoples. If there is to be true peace there must be a full and permanent agreement with the Yugoslav people as well."

SIR GEORGE RENDELL ON ITALIAN SITUATION - Interviewed in Naples by an ANSA Agency correspondent, the British Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, Sir George Rendell, said notably: "Britain wishes Italy to recover, so that she may be healthy, peaceful and strong andso that she contribute to Europe's peace and economic recovery. It is certain, however, that starving people can make no contribution to reconstruction. We must therefore drive off as far as possible the threat of famine." The interview was published very prominently by the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE, as well as by IL POPOLO and L'ITALIA LIBERA.

AMERICANS TO RELINQUISH CONTROL IN SICILY ? - On tuesday IL POPOLO published the following item, datelined from Rome: "According to information we received, the American authorities have decided to return the port of Palermo to Italian jurisdiction by February 1st, and seem determined to relinquish all their positions in Sicily by March 1st. This new trend of American policy in Italy seems to be in accordance with the recent agreements concluded with Great Britain, that in turn as confirmed her intention of carrying out a firm conquest of the Italian markets. All this seems to be confirmed by the fact that the staff of the economic section of the British Embassy in Rome has recently been almost trebled. This news is causing lively interest and a certain amount of worry in America Circles, where it is stated that the British Commercial Attache, Sir Richard Hoseworthy, shows that he wishes to carry out a rapid conquest of all Italian markets."

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Local news

PARRI PRESIDES MEETING OF PREFECTS - Yesterday Premier Parri presided over a meeting of the Prefects of Northern Italy, which was also attended by Ministers Molo and La Malfa, by representatives of the SEPRAL and by food experts. Among other things Parri said: "I cannot state when the Northern provinces will be returned to the Rome Govern ment, as not even the Allied authorities know it and they themselves are waiting for instructions from their governments." Dealing with the food situation, Parri said: "Our food situation is not satisfac_ tory. Imports are scarce. We need 38 million quintals wheat and during the past three months we only received half the amounts we had requested... We must absolutely cover our needs for grains until the 15th of January, as after that date Allied supplies will arrive. It is also necessary to insure the essential food for the veterans and the numerous unemployed during the coming winter, that is to say a plate of soup and bread. In order to obtain this, we must have recourse to all forms of savings and control. The discipline of re_ staurants will also continue to be enforced."

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General News

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COAL SHIPMENTS TO ITALY - A Washington report stated that owing to the strikes only 100,000 tons of coal were sent to Italy in October instead of 450,000. The report added that in consequence the November quota will be increased to 500,000 tons. (LA LIBERTA', L'OSSERVATORE)

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Italian News

PREMIER PARRI'S PRESS CONFERENCE - Reports on the weekly press conference held in Rome yesterday were printed by all papers in a very conspicuous manner and under big headlines. In connection with the armistice publication the Premier confirmed that some important documents, notably the Quebec statement and Badoglio's letter to Eisenhower, have not been published and that the Italian government has requested their publication. Parri said "he might point out that the publication of the armistice was useful also in respect of foreign public opinion, which thus sees for itself the necessity that Italy may get out of the paradoxical, unbearable and contradictory situation of being at the same time a vanquished enemy and a victorious co-belligerent." The Premier considered the publication to be "a little step forward towards the alteration of Italy's juridical and military situation. Conversations in this connection are in progress and it is to be expected that the argument will be dealt with at the coming Attlee Truman meeting. It is to be wished that there may soon be an improvement in our conditions, so that we may given a certainty we very greatly need, the economic certainty of facing winter with an easier mind and the certainty of greater supplies of wheat and fuel." Parri then made some statements on the internal situation, particularly in connection with the party strife recently caused by dissension on the epuration law. Notable his statement recalling that "a short time ago we had another law concerning the epuration of managers of private enterprises. That law had been requested with a certain insistence by the Allies themselves, as they considered it necessary, and did not give rise to any objection.

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INCREASE OF RENTS - The Industrial Committee of Northern Italy issued a statement saying that the decree on the increase of rents (see digest for Sep.25) has not yet received the approval of the Allied authorities and therefore it does not apply to Northern Italy.

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DISTRIBUTION OF LIGHTING GAS - The distribution of lighting gas, which had been announced for Nov. 15, has now been postponed to the end of the month. This is due to the fact that the coal supplies allotted for October and November have been delayed. (LA LIBERTA')

THE DAILY CRIME LIST included : a laden truck held up and stolen in the Via Cenisio -- it was recovered a few hours later after a pitched battle with the bandits, but most of the goods laden on it had already disappeared; the theft of half a million lire worth of goods from a grocery in the Via Laghetto; the theft of half a million lire worth of textile from a shop in the Corso Vercelli; two cars held up and stolen; two unattended cars stolen; a man held up by two individuals wearing khaky uniforms and speaking with a foreign accent; the police was reported to have arrested several people in connection with the black-marketing of penicillin, but no exact news was given yet; the police recovered some cars and a large number of tires, the former property of the German armed forces

Editorials

In connection with yesterday's report that Pietro Nenni was charged with having participated in the foundation of the Fascist Party in Bologna (see yesterday's digest), the Socialist AVANTI published a "corsivo" stating that the meeting to which the charge referred was "a meeting of interventionists which ended with the constitution of a "Fascio" that had no future, as in Bologna the "Fascio" began to be "Fascism" when the landowners, with the various Arpinati, Grandi and Bonaccorsi at their head, began to use it as their instrument." The article then listed the anti-fascist activity displayed by Nenni ever since June 1919.

The Communist L'UNITA' published an unsigned editorial on the question of the new epuration law. The article stated that the opposition of some people to the law merely expresses their disappointment, as they no longer wish to hear anything about epuration. The article went on to state that epuration is absolutely necessary in order to remove the causes of restiveness among the masses and of uncertainty among those who are subject to the proceedings of epuration and may see that the people do not consider the sentences passed on them to be final. On the other hand, too many former fascists are ploting aganist democracy and should be epurated for that very reason. The only way of solving the problem is for all anti-fascist parties to maintain their unity of action.

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General News

Yesterday the Communist L'UNITA' published an extra edition commemorating the anniversary of the Soviet revolution.

FOREIGN COMMENTS ON ARMISTICE PUBLICATION - Several papers publish in a prominent manner correspondences from London and Washington reporting on the press and public opinion reaction to the publication of the armistice conditions. An I.N.S. correspondence from Washington, published by the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE, laid particular stress on the fact that the armistice imposed on Italy was the first to be concluded, at a time when the war was very far from being won; and therefore the conditions could not but be very hard. The report also stressed the fact that the conditions were never enforced in a strict manner and it finally stated that the publication of the armistice conditions has once more brought to the fore the problem of the final peace treaty. The AVANTI, L'UNITA' and L'ITALIA DEL POPOLO published an I.N.S. correspondence from London, stating that the publication may be interpreted as a warning to Russia not to meddle in Italian questions. On the other hand, this report stated, the publication may also be interpreted as a warning to Italians that they should not entertain any hopes that an Italian empire may be rebuilt in the Mediterranean. This report also mentioned a London TIMES editorial stating among other things that "with the approaching of the date of the general election it appears daily more reasonable that Italy should again be admitted into that international society she sincerely wishes to belong to." This report was given particular prominence by the Communist L'UNITA', under the headline "The Situation Is Unbearable (the London Press States It)".

Italian News

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The Christian-Democratic IL POPOLO published a Rome correspondence expressing regret that several important documents relating to the conclusion of the armistice, notably the telegram

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Roosevelt and Churchill had sent from Quebec and Badoglio's letter of November 20, 1943, were not published.

Most editorials commented on the publication of the armistice conditions. The general trend followed by these editorial was that of stating that the harshness of the conditions was not cause for surprise as the Italians were already aware that the armistice had been an inconditional surrender, and of calling for a speedy conclusion of peace.

In the CORRIERE DELLA SERA Mario Borsa pointed out that Mussolini and the King are equally responsible for Italy's desperate plight at the time of the armistice's signature, so that it hardly seems possible that there should still be some Monarchic and fascists who hope to recover the power and "are not aware of the feelings of the country's healthy part". The article went on to say that the Allies should be aware of these feelings and that, in their own interest, they should help Italy by granting her a just provisional peace. Quoting the London TIMES in this connection (see above), Borsa commented in particular on the paper's statement that "there already exists an effective collaboration between the Italian Government, the Allies and UNRRA, in order to satisfy the country's essential needs." Mario Borsa commented: Yes, there is no doubt that such collaboration exists, but - and perhaps it is not so much the fault of the authorities as of some executive bodies - this collaboration is not always carried out with that understanding of our needs, of our present conditions and of our own susceptibilities that one might wish for. That understanding would also make it less hard for us not to possess certain powers we feel we would be able to exert with a better experience of our affairs and our people. However, we are confident that within the frame of that general improvement which we are expecting to arise from the present situation these reasons for a certain amount of uneasiness, reasons which are caused either by interferences which are not always necessary or by unavoidable burdens, will also disappear."

The unsigned editorial published by the Liberal LA LIBERTA' ended as follows: "The last addition to the evolution of the armistice, the last emendation can only be the practical admission of the part played by the Italians in the Allies' favor Therefore it can only be a peace treaty - even if a provisional one - that may finally give us back our dignity as a nation and allow us to look to the future without excessive bitterness and without rancor. In other words, we should not be judged according to the spirit of the armistice, but according to the spirit of that peace that had such a high significance in the statements and promises of the United Nations' most authoritative and powerful representatives, since we wish and we have deserved to be one of these nations."

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The Communist L'UNITA' carried the slogan: "The 1943 armistice states that Italy is subject to the Allies. But in 1945 it should be recalled that there has been the Partisan war."

THE NEW EPURATION LAW (see digest for Nov.2); which had caused th Liberal Party's opposition, was approved by the Administrative and Justice Commissions of the Consultative Assembly.

COMMUNIST VERSION OF CAPODISTRIA INCIDENTS (see digest for Nov. 4-5) - The Communist L'UNITA' published the following report datelined from Trieste: "The slanders spread by the usual tendentious papers in connection with the Capodistria incidents

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have now been fully given the lie by the Judicial Commission which carried out the inquiries. It was ascertained that the two persons who died in the conflict were two fascists and very active collaborationsits, who were hated by the population because of the crimes they had committed at the time of Nazi occupation. The demonstration developed as a spontaneous expression of the entire Italian and Slovene population, which was indignant because of the renewed Fascist provocations on the part of elements who try to exploit the postwar situation in an attempt to trouble order and prevent the normalization of life and of economic reconstruction."

COAL SUPPLIES - The paper L'ITALIA LIBERA reported prominently that the reduction in the shipment of coal supplies from the United States only applies to the month of October and is due to the strikes of miners and dockers in the U.S.

RESUMPTION OF PRIVATE TRADE WITH THE U.S. - Several papers reported that at the end of a meeting of the Interministerial Reconstruction Committee with some representatives of the Allied Commission, Minister Ruini stated that the resumption of private trade exchanges between Italy and the U.S. is imminent. He also said that the U.S. State Department now accepts requests of passports for Italy. The Socialist AVANTI reported in this connection that the rate of exchange between the lira and the dollar is expected to be lowered by the Italian Government. It seems, the paper stated; that the government will adopt the rate of exchange current on the black market, which is at present of 342 lire to dollar.

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Local News

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ALLIED AUTHORITIES INSPECT SCHOOL- Yesterday Colonel Hancock, Colonel Falck and other Allied authorities inspected the "Istituto Gonzaga" school in Milan. The news was reported by IL POPOLO and L'OSSERVATORE; the latter also published a photograph.

SALES OF BISCUITS PROHIBITED - The Prefect of Milan prohibited all production and sales of biscuits.

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THE "MILAN BRIGADES" - The Communist L'UNITA' published on its front page with very great prominence a report on the organization of so-called "Milan Brigades" which, the paper stated, are being created by a mysterious "General Command". The report was entitled "Reactionary Plots" and included the facsimile of a membership card. In this connection the AVANTI published a warning by the Socialist Party stating that the organizers of the

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"Brigades" are illegally using the name of the party itself to recruit members.

THE DAILY CRIME LIST included: a small truck held up and stolen on the Milan-Bergamo Autostrada by five armed individuals, three of them wearing Allied uniforms, who were using an Allied vehicle; unidentified individuals sold unemployed jobs in the name of the Provincial Labor Office; the theft of two million lire worth of gloves from a shop in the Piazza Marengo; many people have been arrested as members of a large gang of robbers that operated in the Porta Genova area.

Editorials

- The Socialist AVANTI published an editorial by M.Molinari entitled "Useless Blackmail" and dealing with the atomic bomb secret. The writer stated that, like it happened before in history, to try and keep the production of the atomic bomb a secret would be of no use whatever, as all the other countries have already created special centers for the study of atomic energy. The result of the policy of secret would merely be that of spending many billions that could be much better used in the reconstruction job. The various governments, the article stated, should promote one international center for the study of atomic energy, with the task of finding the best way for employing that energy for peaceful purposes, and not as a means of destruction. "The study of the atomic energy's employment should also be placed on the plane of international solidarity. That is the only way of guaranteeing the world's peace and security."

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General News

PUBLICATION OF ITALIAN ARMISTICE - The full text of the armistice conditions was given first place and big headlines by all papers, with the exception of the Communist L'UNITA', which printed in a more prominent manner the report of Molotov's speech. Here are some of the headlines used: "We Know Our Cross" (AVANTI), "The Text of the Armistice - Now We Want the Peace Treaty" (L'UNITA'), "The Armistice - Drafted with Harshness, Enforced with Clemency" (LA LIBERTA'). In addition to the armistice clauses, all papers featured in a prominent manner the text of General Eisenhower's letter to Marshal Badoglio, written on September 29, 1943, and stating that Italy had "in fact become a collaboratrix of the United Nations". The papers LA LIBERTA' and IL POPOLO published a Washington report stating that the publication of the Italian armistice has again brought to the fore the question of the conclusion of a provisional peace treaty. "Leading American politicians stated that a provisional agreement might become necessary if the negotiations for a final treaty should be further delayed."

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GREEK DEMAND FOR REPARATIONS - The Greek Minister of Finance announced that Greece will claim one billion 300 million dollars reparations of Italy.(L'UNITA')

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Italian News

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CLASH BETWEEN CLN AND ALLIED GOVERNOR IN PIEMONTE - "The Regional CLN of Piemonte replied to the statements made yesterday by Colonel Fiore, the Allied Military Commander in Piemonte. Colonel Fiore had stated that the CLNs have no longer any foundation or reason for existing. Today the CLN issued to the press an extensive communique stressing the political and democratic functions of the

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CLNs, which are the basis of the Italian democratic government, and recalling the work they have done for the construction of a free Italy." (L'ITALIA LIBERA)

1946 IMPORT PLAN - The paper L'OSSERVATORE reported that the 1946 import plan has been agreed upon by the U.S. and Italian Governments. Imports will total the value of one and a half billion dollars. Out of this total 450 million dollars should be covered by UNRRA appropriations for the purchase of wheat, coal and fuel, 500 million by the opening of a credit with the Import-Export Bank, the remainder by existing Italian credits abroad and by exports.

Local News

IRREGULARITIES IN THE SALE OF A.C. TEXTILES? The Communist L'UNITA' published the following item: "The Best Cloth Has Been Sold Already? Yesterday we received two phone calls. Two indignant voices told us that the shops "La Tessile" in the Piazza Cordusio and "Biraghi & C." in the Via Borchet had already begun yesterday the sale of the textiles placed at the people's disposal by the Allied Command, sale which should have started today. (NB. See digest for Nov.3) Yesterday's sales were confined to exceptional customers, those taking advantage of the usual 'special recommendations'. We do not know whether the information is correct, but it does not appear unlikely. We ask therefore what the people of Milan will find today in these shops, if the best goods were already sold yesterday under the counter to the usual friends. Friends who, of course, are the usual black-market dealers, the usual speculators, people who do not certainly need to save a thousand lire on the material for a suit."

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A SOVIET PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION opens in Milan today. The news was featured by L'UNITA' in a particularly prominent manner.

"L'UNITA'"TRUCK STOLEN - The Communist paper published on its front page and under the title of "Active Reaction" the news that one of its trucks was held up and stolen early this morning in the Sesto San Giovanni area by "four armed fascists".

THE DAILY CRIME LIST included: two cars held up and stolen; the theft of two million lire worth of textiles from a shop in the i.e. Foro Bonaparte; the theft of one million lire worth of tires and other goods from a workshop in the Viale Col di Lana; a robbery in the house of a physician at San Vittore Olona; the holdup of an NCO of the Italian police; a man found murdered

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Editorials

The Action Party's L'ITALIA LIBERA published an editorial by its Chief Editor F.Schiavetti, entitled "Armistice and Epuration". The armistice conditions did not cause very great impression on the Italian people, both because they are now too old and because many of them were never enforced. In spite of this

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the document still represents "a terrible indictment, smashing with its irrefutable documentary value the regime and the ruling class that brought the country to that necessity" and the Italian people know that both Mussolini and Badoglio bear the same amount of responsibility. "By far the gravest character of the armistice of September 29, by comparison with that of September 3, is its close connection with the spectacle of ignominy and decay given by the Royal Government in that fatal September of 1943. The stinging recollection of that crisis is alive in the memory of all patriots and increases their indignation at the impudent manner in which the reactionary and fascist elements are by and by trying to regain their lost ground." At present the Italian situation is characterized by two main necessities: on the one hand the necessity for reconstructing the unity af all Italians, on the other the need for "making an end to the insidious remains of fascism and reacting with the utmost energy against the political plots and the more or less hidden manoeuvers aiming at the resumption of power by the old ruling class. These plots and those manoeuvers exist, are not merely the product of our imagination." They are favored by many elements, as for instance the political and moral corruption of the government's administration, the survival of fascist groups everywhere; the Monarchy and the economic crisis. "The country's best part demands to be defended against this conspiracy. The conspiracy does not possess the capacity and strength to constitute a serious and concrete danger, but it undoubtedly possesses that minimum of irritating virulence sufficient to cause reactions and disorder... All this has got to end. Epuration must be serious and quick and those political parties which do not seem to feel at ease in the government coalition should make an end to their uncertainty and assume precise attitudes and responsibilities."

The Communist L'UNITA' and the Socialist AVANTI published editorials dealing with the anniversary of the Soviet revolution in Russia.

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General News

PUBLICATION OF ITALIAN ARMISTICE - An I.N.S. report from New York, published by the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE, stated that the armistice will be published officially on Monday or Tuesday, but the emendments to the original document will not be made known. The report added that "it seems that the Allies have already agreed" on the alteration or even the replacing of the armistice conditions.

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DE GASPERI'S SPEECH - Foreign Minister De Gasperi spoke in Milan on Sunday afternoon, at a ceremony commemorating victory in the first world war. Dealing with Italy's international situation, De Gasperi said that the Italian people have proved their attachment to democracy and international solidarity. "This should be stated and repeated today, when it seems that Allied 'jurists' live and breathe in the atmosphere of armistice and inconditional

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ITALIAN ARMISTICE - All papers printed with large evidence and in headlines an I.N.S. report from London divulging the main clauses of the Italian armistice before their official publication. The report in question added:-"As it is evident, the armistice handed Italy body and soul into the Allies' hands, but competent Allied sources have already pointed out that many clauses were never enforced rigorously, while others were enforced only in part. It is also pointed out that a comparison between the hard conditions of the armistice and present-day "de facto" rule in Italy proves that Italy has already travelled a long stretch of the road towards the return to normality, peace and the United Nations' esteem. The Malta armistice was drafted essentially in view of the continuation of the war against Germany and did not in any way prejudice Italy's final future from the diplomatic, military, economic and territorial viewpoint. The future of Italian colonies was not mentioned in the armistice conditions. Competent Allied circles state that the new status that will be granted to Italy will be in keeping with her actual present-day situation and will give due consideration to the magnificent services Italy has rendered the Allied cause as a co-belligerent during the past two years. The status will doubtless sanction in a formal and official manner the fact that Italy has ceased to be an 'enemy power'. The British Foreign Office announced that Britain does not intend to hasten the publication of the armistice document because of the publication of indiscretions of the subject. It is the well pondered opinion of His British Majesty's Govenment that said document cannot be officially published unless it is also possible to publish all the other important documents connected with it. This above all in view of the fact that some of these documents relieve Italy to a certain extent from the execution of certain clauses."
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LONGO ON THE QUESTION OF REPARATIONS - In an interview he granted to the ORBIS Agency, the Communist member of the Consultative Assembly, Longo, said that even after the British Foreign Office's denial (see yesterday's digest) he confirmed his previous statement that Italy has already paid the Allies some 200 milliard lire. "In fact we are not faced with a claim for reparations on one side and a renunciation on the other side, but rather with two different proposals: the Russian proposal fixing a total amount of 300 million

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SWISS-ITALIAN TRADE AGREEMENT - (see digest for Oct.30) "It is learned that the Allies did not object to the content and the commercial substance of the agreement, but to its financial part." (CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE)

THE ITALIAN MINISTER COUNCIL met in Rome yesterday. It approved the draft of a decree which aims at fostering the activity of co-operatives for the distribution of food to particular categories and in the big cities.

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LETTER BY BENEDETTO CROCE - Benedetto Croce appealed to both the Allies and the Italians in a letter he sent to the Chief Editor of the Florence newspaper LA PATRIA, extensive summaries of which were published prominently by the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE, LA LIBERTA' L'ITALIA LIBERA and IL POPOLO. In his letter the philosopher said notably that "when compared with their acts before the war and their statements and promises during the war, the spectacle of the policy carried out by the victors in respect of Italy causes the rebellion of moral conscience. What is happening at present is not a fact that may be morally and juridically judged and condemned, but a political fact: the perpetually recurring fact of war, with its

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Local News

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ALLIED COMMISSION SPONSORS SALE OF TEXTILES - Most papers gave considerable prominence to the news that textiles captured by the 5th Army in Italy will be sold to holders of bread ration cards at very low prices. Every person will be allowed to buy a maximum amount of 2,000 lire of these goods. The sales will begin on November 7 in some Milan shops.

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STRIKES - The concierges and low-rank judicial employees are on strike.

THE DAILY CRIME LIST included : the attempt to cheat a shop out of 70 million lire worth of furs - the furs were very promptly recover-

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ed by the Carabinieri and the criminals were arrested; the laden truck stolen near Cernusco (see yesterday's digest) was recovered by the police near Cambiago and the stolen goods were recovered in a nearby farm; a certain Vojo Petkovic, who was arrested yesterday evening, confessed that in a period of ten days he had held up and stolen 20 cars and 13 motor-cycles; a man who supplied forged currency, both Italian and Allied, was arrested yesterday.

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OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER
R/65/PRB MILAN

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Daily Digest of Milan Press
for 6 November 1945

Italian News

PUBLICATION OF ITALIAN ARMISTICE - Reports from Rome stating that the documents relating to the Italian armistice will be officially published today were printed prominently by most papers. The Republican L'ITALIA DEL POPOLO commented: "The long and pitiful story of the armistice publication has come to do an end. Still unsolved is now the question of the northern provinces' return to Italian administration. It had been announced, even by sources which seemed to be authoritative, for September 1st; then for the 15th, for the 1st of October - and the end of October. Now there is no longer any talk about it or, at the most, it is stated that it is not yet possible to say when that return will take place. During hostilities there was much talk of the 'war of nerves', reported to be just as effective as the war of guns and airplanes to smash enemy resistance. Hostilities have now come to an end, but we suspect vaguely that the war of nerves has not yet ended and that it is being fought against the Italians."

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wish that the Allied forces should remain rigorously neutral as far as Italian politics are concerned. "However, should the situation become so tense (but I do not think that this is likely to happen) that the Italian government should ask for our help, we would probably give it."

WAR MATERIAL DISPOSAL - The independent CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE published a long article of general information on the disposal of surplus war material. The article confirmed that the Italian Government is granted priority in the purchase of surplus American war material and it stated that the War Material Disposal Subcommission has already handed over 35,000 tons of former German material to competent Italian organizations.

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THE DAILY CRIME LIST included: the theft of metals worth 1,400,000 lire committed by armed bandits who overwhelmed the night watchman of a foundry in the Via Polidoro da Caravaggio; a robbery in a farm near Locate Triulzi, for a total value of 200,000; the man responsible for the assassination of a young hunter in the

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vicinity of Cesano Boscono was arrested by the Carabinieri in his home village near Pordenone, Veneto; and brought back to Cesano Boscone, where the people attempted to lynch him.

Editorials

The Communist L'UNITA' published an editorial by its Chief Editor Gian Carlo Pajetta, entitled "For the Defense of Democracy - Enough of Culpable Inertia!" The article recalled that the Communists have been warning against reaction for some time past, but not merely in order to alarm the people. "We know that the people's freedom is threatened so long as those conditions survive, which once already allowed anti-democratic reaction to score a success. These conditions are still in existence. They are the financial power and land property left in the hands of those who used their riches against the workers. It is the underground work of the cliques of Monarchist militarists... More and more reports show that we were right and prove the necessity of taking steps. Reaction is again stretching out its claws, the fascists renew their attempts, the necessity for defense is becoming more urgent daily." The evidence, the article stated, may be found in the Puglia incidents, in a recent attempt to set fire to the Central Communist Headquarters in Milan, in the recent attack on the San Vittore jail, in the attempt on Longo's life. "The enemy does not give up the struggle, since Mussolini's henchmen have been left unpunished, his accomplices are allowed to finance reaction... But the situation becomes even more dangerous because of the culpable inertia of those who should defend the citizens' freedom and guarantee democratic order. We ask the President of the Council and Minister of the Interior: What is the police doing? What are the Royal Carabinieri doing, whose numbers General Brunetti wants to increase, but whom he does not want to employ against the fascist bandits? It is a clear symptom that the criminal hatred of reaction should be directed just against that comrade of ours whom General Brunetti had indicated as 'public danger number one'. It is a clear symptom that the 'dangerousness' of this fighter for democracy and patriot should be judged in a similar manner by armed fascists and by the very high government official who, we believe, should defend us against the fascists. Yesterday we had the grave news of police espionage against our comrade Secchia... Testimonials of the 'democratic' activity of our police forces... Where do they want to get to? Whom and what does the public administration serve? We ask the President of the Council whether he is really convinced that this is the best way of preparing the Constituent Assembly in an atmosphere of order and freedom. Somebody seems to be of the opinion that the patriots are shortly to be locked up rather than become members of the Constituent [illegible] received a piece of information

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394 T:R/ob
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

N209/PRB 22 October 1945

SUBJECT: Suspension of AVANTI and UNITA' (Milan)

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. I received a telephone call to-night at 1615 from Maj. Noble, APB secretary in Milan. He told me that AVANTI and UNITA' confronted with the penalty of one day's suspension appealed to the Regional Commissioner and while admitting the justice of the penalty asked that instead their circulation might be cut proportionally rather than lose a day's issue. The Regional Commissioner agreed to this on condition that both papers would publish a public apology. As this indeed had been discussed in the APB meeting as an alternative penalty and as public acknowledgment of their error might prove more salutary than arbitrary suspension the Regional Commissioner agreed. Asked by Maj. Noble what I thought of the matter I also agreed.

2. Text of apology to appear in both papers - as read to me by Maj. Noble:

"On Saturday last we received a communique from APB that as a disciplinary measure resulting from unauthorized publication we are to be suspended for one day.

"However (sic) we admit the fault of publishing an unauthorized edition and the justice of the sentence and we are grateful to the Allied authorities for upholding our appeal against interruption of publication and imposing instead a reduction of circulation.

THOMAS G. BERGIN,
Lt.Col., AUS
Director
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cc: Ex.Comm.
Pol. Adv. (A)
Pol. Adv. (B)

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R269/PRB

22 October 1945

SUBJECT: Suspension of AVANTI and UNITA' (both of Milan)

TO : Chief Commissioner (for files)

1. At a special meeting of the Allied Publications Board held 18 October, the above mentioned newspapers were voted one day's suspension.

2. In the case of AVANTI the reason was that the paper had printed a so-called "Sporting" number on Monday 15 October. License for such a supplementary number had not been granted. In the case of UNITA' the issue for the same date had consisted of four pages instead of two, in contravention of agreement made between all papers in Milan.

3. The APB acted on the suggestion of the Regional Commissioner, Lombardy Region, and the vote to suspend was in accordance with his wishes and allowed him discretion in the matter.

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Copies to: Executive Commissioner
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ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER
MILAN

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
Daily Digest of Milan Press
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Italian News

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S MESSAGE - All papers printed in a prominent manner on their front pages a message President Truman had sent Premier Parri on September 20, when Italy's peace treaty was under discussion at the London Conference. The message said notably: "The task confronting us is not simple, nor can all solutions be perfect. However, I am confident that with determination and good will we shall be able to reach such a peace as to place Italy in a position to reconstruct her political and economic structure and to take up in the community of nations the place justified by the qualities of her people and required by our common interests."
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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR DENIES CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE - Referring to the circular letters recently published by the Communist paper L'UNITA' (see digest for Oct. 11), the Ministry of the Interior issued a statement affirming that the request of information in question merely aims at filling in political records kept by the Ministry on all political movements and possesses no character of police espionage. (IL POPOLO)

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WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS have been re-established between Rome and Rio de Janeiro. (IL POPOLO)

STRIKE OF POSTAL EMPLOYEES - The entire staff of the Bologna Post Offices came out on strike yesterday morning. The strike also affected telephone communications in Genoa, Padoa and Venice, as these centers are served through Bologna . The cause of the strike is the failure to epurate the Provincial Chief of postal services. (IL POPOLO)

Local News

COLONEL HANCOCK ON INDUSTRIAL SITUATION - The Liberal paper LA-LIBERTA' published in a very prominent manner on its front page the report of an interview with Colonel Hancock, signed by "B.E.V." Colonel Hancock pointed out that the plan which had been originally drawn up for the assistance to Northern Italy immediately after the liberation had been based on the conviction that all the main industrial installations would be destroyed by the withdrawing Germans. At the present moment the United Nations have a difficult task in assisting most of Europe and it was not possible to alter the plan at the last moment to suit local conditions. The present economic difficulties of the country will be considerably eased next year, thanks to the new distribution plan now under approval in Washington. Colonel Hancock also mentioned a plan he has proposed to UNRRA for the use of Northern Italian industries and said that on the whole UNRRA seems to agree on the plan. He then pointed out that controls on the distribution of raw materials are at present enforced throughout Europe and even in Britain.

"In conclusion, the impression we received from the interview with Colonel Hancock is that, on the whole, the Italian industrial situation is much less gloomy than one may think and that, with a lot of good will and above all with earnest determination, we shall be able to overcome this period of time, which is certainly one of the most critical in our political, economic and social history."

NENNI SPEAKS IN LEGNANO - Yesterday the Socialist leader spoke to some 25,000 people in Legnano. He said that, apart from the Constituent Assembly, the Socialist Party will ask for three fundamental measures: the legalization of "Management Councils"; the formation of "People's Committees" for the control of food distribution and the formation of "Farmers' Committees" for the control on agricultural produce. Nenni concluded his speech by exhorting the workers to be calm and to continue working for the reconstruction of the country.

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COLONEL HANCOCK ON INDUSTRIAL SITUATION - The Liberal paper LA-LIBERTA' published in a very prominent manner on its front page the report of an interview with Colonel Hancock, signed by "B.E.V." Colonel Hancock pointed out that the plan which had been originally drawn up for the assistance to Northern Italy immediately after the liberation had been based on the conviction that all the main industrial installations would be destroyed by the withdrawing Germans. At the present moment the United Nations have a difficult task in assisting most of Europe and it was not possible to alter the plan at the last moment to suit local conditions. The present economic difficulties of the country will be considerably eased next year, thanks to the new distribution plan now under approval in Washington. Colonel Hancock also mentioned a plan he has proposed to UNRRA for the use of Northern Italian industries and said that on the whole UNRRA seems to agree on the plan. He then pointed out that controls on the distribution of raw materials are at present enforced throughout Europe and even in Britain.

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CLN ON FOOD SITUATION - A meeting of citizens, sponsored by the Milan CLN, was held on Sunday. The main point of the motion carried at the meeting was the appeal to Italian and Allied authorities to take measures so that the various provinces may be compelled to hand over their surplus production.

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ACTION AGAINST RICE BLACK MARKET - A special action is being carried out in the provinces of Novara, Vercelli and Cremona, in an attempt to curb the rice black market. Between Set.15 and Oct. 1st, legal proceedings were started against 86 persons and 1,200 quintals of rice were seized. (LA LIBERTA', L'UNITA' , L'OSSERVATORE)

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The Liberal LA LIBERTA' published an unsigned editorial entitled "Reaction". The Communist Party, together with the other left-wing movements, stages more and more frequently demonstrations asking for the usual reforms and especially for the Constituent Assembly and for defense against reaction. This will not mean that the Constituent Assembly will be convoked any sooner, although no one wishes to put it off, unless it is some

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CLN which wants to stay in power. The true reason for all this left-wing activity lies in the fact that these parties fear that the masses may calmly become aware of the true conditions of the country. Therefore they wish to keep alive the excitement until the people are called to the polls. This plan cannot, of course, be revealed and a good pretext is therefore needed to stage all demonstrations. That pretext is furnished by the bogey of reaction. It is quite possible that a few remaining individuals may hope to revive Fascism, but their chances of success are practically non-existent. Apart from these few, who carry no weight, "all in Italy are in favor of freedom, but the freedom of all."

The Christian-Democratic IL POPOLO published a short unsigned "corsivo" entitled "Togliatti No.1 and No.2 ". On Sunday the Communist leader spoke words like "far from us any thought that the standard of the struggle for independence, etc." and "we shall never accept that our country should be debased to the position of a semi-independent or semi-colonial country". Whom were these substancially threatening words addressed to, at a moment like the present one when the Allies are still governing part of the country? They were evidently the words of Togliatti the Communist leader, but how can they agree with Togliatti the Justice Minister, the colleague of Foreign Minister De Gasperi who is so skillfully carrying out a very difficult and very delicate task of trying to re-establish friendly foreign relations ? On the other hand, the Allies "are not only two". The third Ally is not present here with his troops, but he is not absent from the peace conferences. "The Communist Togliatti wants the country's full independence. We also want it, we ardently wish it to come about. But whom shall we most anxiously ask for it? The near Allies, whose ships are already unloading coal and food in Genoa and Naples, or the other Ally who, it is true, is far away but not sufficiently so that we may not hear his voice, not devoid of greed when the future of our colonies or the future destination of our industrial installations are at stake ?"

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My dear Avvocato Bonomi:

Since receipt of your letter of October 4 there has been a meeting of the Allied Publications Board.

At this meeting it was decided to grant a license to the Labour Democrat Party to publish a daily newspaper of 35,000 copies in Milan, the name of the paper to be determined later. It was further decided that inasmuch as the title of the old pre-Fascist newspaper, IL SECOLO, to which you referred in your letters, was owned by another company and the property has been placed under a Commissario, APB could not legally authorize the Labour Democrats to use this or an almost similar name, IL NUOVO SECOLO.

Since the Labour Democrats are now assured of a newspaper in Milan, I trust you will agree with this decision.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Avvocato Ivanoe Bonomi
Piazza della Libertà 4
Rome

Info copies to: Political Advisor (A)
Political Advisor (B)

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TO : The Chief Commissioner

Forwarded for signature.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

9 October 1945

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Chief Commissioner.

I submit that the letter to Bonomi should not go over your signature. You should deal with Ministers but not Others particularly on purely political matters

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I agree normally, but he was a loyal cooperator as P.M. & this gives his predecessor is entitled to a little more than customary courtesy.

P.R.Br.

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Ref 1. Letter is returned for dispatch. Copies have been withdrawn for EC and EC files.

CAIRO, I.C.

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Translation

Consulta Nazionale

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Rome, 4 October 1945

Dear Admiral,

W Pergusso

Some time ago, I asked for your kind interest about the publication of the 'Secolo' in Milan.

The publication of the newspaper which has a long democratic tradition meets with constant difficulties in the Milan milieux.

I hereby forward a copy of a memorandum sent to the P.W.B. or Milan by the appointed Editor of the paper.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

S. Ivanoe Bonomi

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Translation

Milan, 27 September 1945

To the representative of P.W.B. in Milan.

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To my knowledge, the motives which made this office refuse the permission to publish this paper are the following:

a) the Allies pledged themselves at first not to publish in Milan, during the period of the occupation, any newspaper besides those considered as the expression of the parties;

b) the fact that the paper supported by my group couldn't be considered as the expression of a determined political party;

c) lack of paper.

The first motive can now be considered as no longer existing, as two papers at least had the honor of being granted permission by this office: 'Il corriere lombardo' and 'Milano sera'.

The second argument used to reject my request should also be considered as no longer valid, for in a previous request, myself and my group proved that the paper 'Il nuovo secolo' could and should be considered as the daily organ of the democracy, party belonging to the government coalition, and admitted, also in north Italy, to take part in the activity of the National Committees for liberation.

About the third motive (shortage of paper) I have nothing to say.

Nevertheless, I learn about a request made by a group of manufacturers, represented by Mr. Borgatti, of the Borgatti wool-mill, to be allowed to publish a daily paper, using the heading (testata) of the 'Secolo'. This heading belongs to the Soc. An. Gamma, whose funds and assets have been sequestered by the national government, for they formerly belonged to Benito Mussolini's patrimony.

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I also consider it strange and significant that, considering that the occupied provinces are soon to be handed over to the national government, the group represented by Mr. Bergamini does not even wait for this passage, but tries to obtain by surprise from this office, the permission which was refused to me, using as an argument the fact that the province of Milan is shortly to go back under the national government, and that the Italian government should therefore decide about my request.

Finally, and to have this office correctly informed, let me point out that, considering all the assets of the Gazzetta are sequestered, including therefore the heading of the people, there is no serious and lawful possibility for the sequestrator to let temporarily or sell the heading, for the powers of the sequestrator are limited to the safeguarding of the patrimony that has been sequestered, for the national government hasn't yet fixed anything about what is to be done with the property of the ex-duce.

I took the liberty of explaining these facts so that the Office shall be fully informed before making my decision.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

G. Ciampolini

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CONSULTA NAZIONALE

Caro Ammiraglio,

Le scrivo per invitarla a partecipare alla riunione della Commissione Difesa che si terrà nella prossima settimana, presso l'aeroporto militare.

Le accludo copia di un articolo che l'designato direttore del giornale ha

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diretta a S. E. il Ministro
dell'Aeronautica.

Con ossequi e cordiali saluti

Ivanoe Bonomi

Roma, 4 ottobre 45

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Milano, 27 settembre 1945

Onorevole signor rappresentante del
P.W.B. a Milano

Mi consento, quale condirettore del giornale quotidiano "Il Nuovo Secolo" e quale sottoscrittore della domanda di autorizzazione alla pubblicazione del giornale stesso, replicatamente rivolta sin dall'aprile scorso a codesto onorevole Ufficio, di esporre alcuni rilievi relativi alla mancata autorizzazione del giornale in parola.

I motivi che avrebbero indotto codesto onorevole Ufficio a rifiutare sino ad oggi il permesso di pubblicazione vanno ricercati, secondo quanto mi consta:

a) in un impegno inizialmente assunto dagli Alleati a non pubblicare in Milano, durante il periodo della occupazione, altri quotidiani che non fossero quelli ritenuti espressione dei singoli partiti;

b) nel fatto che il giornale dal mio gruppo patrocinato non avrebbe potuto considerarsi come la espressione giornalistica di un determinato partito politico;

c) nella deficienza della carta.

Il primo motivo può ritenersi ormai superato, giacchè due altri giornali almeno hanno avuto l'onore d'essere autorizzati da codesto Ufficio, cioè: "Il Corriere Lombardo" e "Milano Sera". 4627

Il secondo argomento invocato per non aderire alla mia richiesta avrebbe dovuto e dovrebbe considerarsi ~~superato~~ superato, giacchè, in una

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successiva richiesta, io ed il mio gruppo abbiamo dimostrato che il giornale "Il Nuovo Secolo" poteva e doveva considerarsi come organo quotidiano della Democrazia del Lavoro, partito della coalizione governativa, ammesso, anche nell'Alta Italia, a prendere parte ai lavori dei Comitati Regionali di Liberazione.

Dal terzo motivo (deficienza di carta) io non ho nulla da eccepire.

Senonchè, mi risulta che una domanda, da parte di un gruppo di industriali, il cui esponente è il signor Targetti del Lanificio Targetti, ha presentato istanza per poter stampare un quotidiano, quando della testata del "Secolo". Testata di proprietà della Soc. an. Sume, il cui capitale e le cui attività sono stato, in quanto già appartenenti al patrimonio di Benito Mussolini, posti sotto sequestro, da parte del governo nazionale.

Mi guardo bene dal discutere se il signor Targetti e il gruppo che egli rappresenta possano seriamente ritenersi continuatori della tradizione democratica rappresentata dal giornale quotidiano il Secolo, e se essi abbiano titoli di preferenza sull'ing. Giuseppe Pontremoli, che sarà con me condirettore del "Nuovo Secolo" e fu l'ultimo proprietario, in regime di libertà, del Secolo; su Ivanoe Bonomi, primo presidente del governo italiano di liberazione, e antico condirettore del Secolo, insieme a Leonida Bissolati; su Luigi Gasparotto, rappresentante politico della Democrazia Lombarda. Voglio soltanto sperare che quelle difficoltà di rifornimento di carta, sono immensi per non consentire ancora alla nostra domanda siano veramente un motivo insuperabile anche per altri, che fará o abbia fatto richiesta di stam-

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pare un quotidiano.

E mi permetto inoltre di constatare come sia strano e significativo che il gruppo rappresentato dal signor Targetti, nella imminenza della consegna delle province occupate al governo nazionale, non voglia attendere questo passaggio, ma pretenda di ottenere di sorpresa, da codesto onorevole Ufficio, l'autorizzazione che fu negato a me invocando l'imminenza di questo ritorno al governo nazionale della provincia di Milano, e quindi la opportunità che sulla mia domanda decida il governo italiano.

Infine, o perchè codesto onorevole Ufficio, sia esattamente informato, mi permetta di rilevare come, dato il regime di sequestro al quale è sottoposta tutta la attività della Banca, e quindi anche la testata del Secolo, non vi sia una seria e giuridicamente fondata possibilità, da parte del sequestratario, di dare in locazione temporanea, o di vendere, la testata stessa, in quanto i poteri del sequestratario sono circoscritti e limitati alla conservazione del patrimonio sequestrato, non avendo ancora il governo nazionale stabilito quale sia la destinazione da darsi ai beni dell'ex duce.

Tutto questo mi sono permesso di esporre perchè codesto onorevole Ufficio possa decidere con informata coscienza.

Mi professo col dovuto ossequio

f.to Giampietro 4625

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Stewart Brown
-To Command-file

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Translation

Consulte Nazionale

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S. Campolini

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A.C. /A.M.G. PRESS CAMP
MILAN.

Maggiore Lucaco

26th Sept. 1945.

To; Mr Stewart Brown Public Relations Allied Commision.
Subject. Presentation to Col. Fiske.

I. The enclosed is a translation of an account of todays ceremony taken from an Italian newspaper which I send on to you togetherbwith some additional information about Col. Fiske and a list of the areas in the United States in which he would like the necessary action taken.

2. I am not a journalist in any shape or form and consequently do not feel it wise to tackle a handout on one of the focal stars of the Allied Commision constellation here. I trust this will earn your approval.

3. Generally affairs are proceeding smoothly though the staff shortage is a little exasperating at times. However I am quite able and satisfied to carry on as we are until my departure at the end of October as I realise to the full that on this business of staff, or lack of it , we are all in the same boat. Most people are very helpful and appreciative of our difficulties. The transport problem is now completely tiedup with no loose ends hanging out. Additionally I believe the authorities here, and the press, are content with the working of this office. AT least I have yet to hear the air rent ~~rent~~ with the squeals of rage or disapointment.

Would you very kindly give my regards to Dick Pollard if he is still with you.

S.G. Griffiths Capt
P.R.O. attach.

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS.
C.M.F.

Major Lemmon

Subject: Duties, Officers.

To: Captain G.T. Griffiths, Hotel Plaza, Milan.

1. Commencing immediately and through the month of October your services have been loaned to the Allied Commission for the purpose of carrying out Public Relations duties in Milan for the Commission. You will be responsible to Col. Fiske.

2. Arrangements are being made for your transfer to Public Relations Branch, Austria with whom you will be employed after you have completed your duties with the Allied Commission in Milan. In the meantime you will continue to be carried on the strength of your present unit and no formal transfer or attachment to the Commission will be made.

3. You will retain with you, to assist in your work in Milan, Sergt. Cole. He also will remain on the strength of his present unit and no transfer or attachment will be made. You will be advised later what disposal will be made of Sergt. Cole on completion of your work in Milan. He also will probably be transferred to P.R. Austria.

4. Acknowledge.

J.L. Hayden
Lt.Col. G.S.

copies to:
Colonel Astley, D.D.P.R.
Mr. Stuart Brown, A.C.I., P.R.
Capt. Jones, Admin Ofr. Censorship Branch.

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PAGER TO AG PRO MILAN FOR LT POLLARD FROM DEUEL PRO AJOS ROCK PAGE

YOUR NINETEENTH SEPTEMBER LETTER PD COLONEL HAYDEN SAYS NO FORMAL TRANSFER IS NECESSARY FOR RECIPIENT GOES PD HE IS INSTRUCTING THEM REMAIN ON DUTY MILAN THROUGH OCTOBER REPORTING TO GOL FIELD MAJOR DUEUL LFTS PD

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NICHOLAS PIGNATO
CPO USA
Asst Adjutant

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M I L A N
Press Camp
Hotel Plaza

19th September 1945

Mr. Stewart Brown
Public Relations Officer
Allied Commission
Rome

Sir:

On the Griffiths-Cole matter: The Allied Commission is taking over the Plaza hotel and they desperately need these two men to run the hotel and the mess. Major Ma c Namara, who should be getting these men ttansferred into AC has been putting it off for weeks. Could you please see if someone in GI could'nt write the orders either transferring them into the regiment and detaching them here, or just transfer them directly to this Company. I don't know the book work necessary but I do know that (1) we could use these men both in the hotel and in PRO (2) the men are willing and anxious (3) AC here wants them and rather naively assumes that they can secure the transfer anytime in the future (4) Colonels Astley and Hayden are willing. All we need is for someone to initiate the transfer. Could you help? You can get the nexessary information about the two men from AFHQ, PRO. I have'nt discussed with Colonel Fiske the possibility of Capt Griffith becoming PRO here after I leave but regardless we do need him to run the hotel and he is willing. As a matter of fact Colonel Fiske, on Monday, said he did'nt think he needed a PRO at all aft r October 1. He does want a photographer to take pictures of decoration ceremonies and I have arranged this.

I have one Correspondent here. No one said a word when the 399 left. Everything is quiet as far as the press camp is concerned. As a matter of fact we have a press camp in name only. Since we have no communications of our own and all the other services for correspondents such as rations, gas, PX, billets are taken care of automatically, we will not be missed after the first of the month.

Best 461st

Richard Pollard

1st Lt

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PRB file

LT POLLARD PRO AC MILAN

5779 21 September 45 PRIORITY

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PAREN TO AC PRO MILAN FOR LT POLLARD FROM BROWN PRB ALCOM ROME PAREN COL FINER DECIDED NOT ISSUE FORMAL RELEASE ON POSTPONEMENT CLARKS VISIT MILAN BUT IF ANYONE ASKS YOU ABOUT IT YOU CAN SAY VISIT BEEN POSTPONED BECAUSE OF MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES BUT DATE WILL BE SET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PD

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NICHOLAS PICCHINO
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

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Another problem-- I've been trying to reach you be phone on this.

Colonel Fiske wants a release of some kind on the Parri-Mark Clark ceremony. He asked me to check with you. My suggestion is that your office prepares a ~~re~~ statment ~~lease~~ and that we release it at the same time. I don't know enough about the matter to w rite an intelligent handout but I guess we'll just have to explain that the whole affair has been postponed because of conflicting dates, etc.. Because the affair is so touchy I sure wish your office would prepare the information and wire it to me. Is this possible? The newspapers ~~xxxx~~ here are after us each day for information. My personal opinion is that the whole thing should never have started and I wish we could announce, now, that the whole affair has been indefinitely postponed. I'm certain that if the ceremony ever does come off the Allied Governments will be embarrassed in some way. The Italian press here seems so belligerent about everything.

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Copy to: Col. Fiske
Major Leacacos

LT POLLARD PRO AC MILAN

2775 21 September 45 PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

PAREN TO AC PRO MILAN FOR LT POLLARD FROM BROWN FOR ALOHA ROSE PAREN
COL FISKE DESIRED NOT ISSUE FORMAL RELEASE ON POSTPONEMENT CLARK
VISIT MILAN BUT IF ANYONE ASKS YOU ABOUT IT YOU CAN SAY VISIT BEEN
POSTPONED BECAUSE OF MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES BUT DATE WILL BE SET
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PD

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NICHOLAS PIGNATELLO
CPO USA
Asst Adjutant

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20th September 1945

Dear Stewart:

I understand that G 1, AC, is making up another discharge list on the 25th of this month. My name will come uo again and they will ask you about my availability. For the redord, I sure do want to get out of the army at this time.

As I explained briefly in my letter of yesterday, this is a press camp in name only. We have no communications of out own. All of my enlisted men have gone and there is no need for replaements. There are only two Correspondents here--Mkrus Marus of Reuters and Forte of U.P.. Neither of them made the slightest protest when the 299 was taken away. (All they ask is that no one agency--and they specify ANSA--be given any special privileges). It is my opinion that by keeping a Camp open we are doing a disservice to AFHQ, PRO's policy of letting the Correspondents take care of themselves for as long as we give them the chance they will lean on us for services which they could very well do for themselves. As it stands now, a system has been set-up here whereby Correspondents can file, draw rations and billets, procure gasoline and PX supplies, etc. without our acting as middlemen. This system is working well.

Colonel Fiske agrees that there is no reason for keeping open even now and has asked me to move my offices from the Plaza to the AC headquarters. He ahs further agreed to let me go after the 30th of this month. He does want someone to take picutres of the award ceremonies and to write home-towners. I have hired a competent Italian photographer to do this and have also found an enlisted man in the next office who is a newspaperman and could handle the xxxxx stories in his spare time.

Just for the record, Stewart, I'd like you to know that in my nearly three years overseas in PRO I've been given every tough, disagreeable and dangerous assignment anyone could think up and have received exactly nothing in the way of promotions and awards. This was partly my fault since I never asked for anything--before. Now I want to get out as fast as possible. I don't feel good. I'm tired and old and disgusted. And in this state of mind I would'nt be much of a public relations officer for the Allied Commission.

HELP!

Best,

Jack Belden

Roy

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Copy to. Col. Fiske
Col. Astley
Major Cacacos

LT POLLARD PRO AC MILAN

5742 20 September 45 PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

PAREN TO AC PRO MILAN FOR LT POLLARD FROM BROWN PRB AC ROME PAREN UNDERSTAND GRIFFITHS AND COLES HAVE AGREED STAY ON MILAN AS PRO FOR AC MILAN PD COL ASTLEY PUTTING THROUGH ORDERS ASSIGNING THEM TEMPORARY DUTY AC MILAN PD AS SOON AS YOU CAN TURN OVER TO GRIFFITHS PLEASE REPORT ROME AND PREPARE FOR RELEASE AS YOUR NAME HAS BEEN PLACED NEXT LIST PD COL FISKE AGREES BUT PLEASE SEE THAT GRIFFITHS COLES WELL INDOCTRINATED AC AND ACQUAINTED FISKE CUNDLIFFE BEFORE YOU LEAVE PD

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

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11 September 1945

SIGNAL TO LT RICHARD POLLARD PRO MILAN FROM BROWN PRB ALCOM ROME

REFERENCE YOUR SEPTEMBER SIXTH LETTER PD ASSUME
YOU HAVE RECEIVED MY LETTER OF SEPTEMBER THIRD ASKING YOU
TO KEEP PRESS CAMP OPEN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE PD WILL
CLEAR THE MATTER OF GRIFFITHS AND COLE WITH COL FISKE
WHEN HE RETURNS

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M I L A N
Press Camp
Hotel Plaza

6 September 1945

Mr. Stewart Brown
Public Relations Officer
Allied Commission

Sir:

Following your written instructions, the Milan Press Camp will be closed on the fifteenth of September.

The radio team will be returned to Rome as per present instructions from AFHQ, PRO.

The three enlisted men now assigned to this office will also return to Rome. They are now assigned to Hq, AFHQ, and attached to AC, PRO. One of the boys should be released on the average ruling before the 15th. The other two, both writers, will be placed as you see fit. You can either put them to work in Rome or let them revert to Hq Company, AFHQ.

Reynolds has been transferred to Public Relations in Vienna. I don't know how this came about but I am going to try to keep him from going until we close so I wont have to send one of my men over to AC headquaters each day.

There is still some doubt in my mind about the future of Milan AC public relations office. Reynolds has been handling it by himself since I arrived here and aside from the work which he creates for himself there is very little to do. However, if there is a need for an officer to take over this job I urgently suggest that you try to have Captain G. Griffiths (E) and Sgt Cole (E), who are now assigned to the AFHQ censorship branch, transferred to AC, PRO. They areboth anxious to get into PRO; they are both experienced in this kind of work; they both want to stay in Milan. Neither of them is elgible to go home for some time. I believe Colonel Hayden or Colonel Astley may have already spoken to you about this tranfer. There is some reason for haste since Colonel Fiske's office wants these two men for their Milan headquarters and I think it would be wiser to have these men definitely assigned to PRO.

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As the situation stands today, AC may get control of the Plaza Hotel instead of II District. No one wants the hotel and the odd bunch of people who occupy it but since this group would be the responsibility of AC it is likely they will take it over in self-defense. And that is why they want Capt Griffiths and Sgt. Cole, since these two men know all about the hotel and the mess. My point is that if we have these two men assigned to us, they can perform the dual function of helping AC with the hotel and the odd public relations jobs.

If Capt. Griffiths is retained the correspondents virtually will have the same set-up after the fifteenth as they have now except for the 299 radio. And if we can give them this service without any ~~trouble~~ additional strain on your present personnel we've got nothing to ~~lose~~ lose.

The only complaint I've heard about the closing of the pres camp is loosing the 299. I am trying to make arrangements with 59 area signals to take care of correspondents copy in emergencies.

As for myself, I've given up the idea of being discharged over here and am very anxious to get home under the point system. According to the AC Bulletin all men with 85 or more points will be on their way this month. Is there anything I have to do to get on this list or will they automatically call me? As you know I have sufficient points. And I sure am anxious to get out of the army.

Best regards,

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Richard Pollard
1st Lt. AUS

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD. Jth 209

Via Cesare Cantu No.3.,
MILAN.

20th September, 1945.

TO: Mr. G. Stewart Brown,
Director,
Public Relations Branch,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

FROM: Major G.H.Sinclair Noble,
Chairman,
Allied Publications Board.

Subject: Labour Democrat Newspaper.

Reference your letter of September 1 (Ref:209/PRB).

1. The Labour Democrat party is not a part of the CLNAI.

2. The party has a bi-weekly, IL PROGRESSO.

3. Some time ago I was approached by S.E.Bartolomeo Ruini of this party for authorisation of a daily and he admitted that although the party has a fair following in Rome and the South, it had as yet very little hold in the north, that the bi-weekly was adequate for party needs and that the daily was not to supply party members, but to get them. With newsprint as short as it is, the allocation to parties is based as nearly as possible on the proportion of the public which parties represent.

4. With reference to Bonomi's remarks on IL SECOLO, you are referred to minutes, Central Board meeting of 22 Aug, para. 3 page 4 and the motion "That action on IL SECOLO be postponed pending the passing over of authority from AFB to the Italian Government". In any event, IL SECOLO was applied for as an independent.

(Major G.H.SINCLAIR NOBLE)
Chairman,
Allied Publications Board.

Copy to Mr.George W.Edman,
Deputy Director,
PWB-AFHQ.

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R209/PLB

13 September 1943

SUBJECT: King Features Comic Supplement

TO : George W. Edman, Chairman, APB, Milan
Major Sinclair Noble, Chief Press Officer, Milan

I have discussed your letter of September 6 with the Chief Commissioner because I anticipate that Michael Chinigo will raise a stink in New York and Washington.

The fact remains that APB did license the paper in Rome. Chinigo said he asked for a newsprint allocation at the time but for some reason no action was taken on his request by Lt.Col. Munro. Chinigo further states he did not press the matter then because he wasn't ready to start the paper. He is now ready but wishes to print it in Milan instead of Rome.

The Admiral and I feel that he has a case. In the first place the Admiral feels that it is within the competence of APB to grant licenses to American and British publications as long as they conform to existing Italian laws. Secondly he feels that having granted a license for "Il Pulcinella", APB should have allocated newsprint to it.

It is suggested that this case merits further study.

G. STEWART MEANS
Director
Public Relations Branch

Copy to: Mr. Barnes, PWB, Naples

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

Via Cesare Cantu No. 3.,
MILAN.

6th September, 1945.

TO: Mr. G. Stewart Brown,
Director, Public Relations,
Allied Commission, H.Q. ROME.

FROM: George W. Edman,
Chairman, A.P.B.

Major G.M. Sinclair Noble,
Chief Press Officer, APB.

With reference your signal 041745 on King Features Comic Supplement:

1. It is debatable whether it is within the competence of APB to grant a licence to an American or British commercial enterprise for N. Italy, since licenses once granted, come under Italian law, to which Anglo-American enterprises are not subject. It is suggested that you talk to the U.S. Embassy on this subject.

2. Even if it were within the competence of APB, Italian publications, of which there are still a large number still without licenses, would have precedence.

3. Apart from the above reasons, the policy referred to in the minutes of the last APB meeting on the 22nd August, exclude for the present "Il Pulcinella" from Milan, since it is a Rome authorised paper.

4. The file and application will be passed over to the Italian authorities on the closing of APB and the decision as to whether Italian newsprint shall be given to this type of publication will rest with them.

Copy to Mr. Barnes.

George W Edman
Chairman.

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11 September 1945

SIGNAL TO LT RICHARD POLLARD PRO MILAN FROM BROWN PRB ALCOM ROME

REFERENCE YOUR SEPTEMBER SIXTH LETTER PD ASSUME YOU HAVE RECEIVED MY LETTER OF SEPTEMBER THIRD ASKING YOU TO KEEP PRESS CAMP OPEN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE PD WILL CLEAR THE MATTER OF GRIFFITHS AND COLE WITH COL FISKE WHEN HE RETURNS

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10 September 1945

SIGNAL TO HQ. & DISTRICT FROM ALCOI

The Stars and Stripes Rome edition carries AP report from Milan that 8 British soldiers have been killed by armed Italian civilians in the past week as a result of "trivial incidents" in bars, cafes and on the roads. Further states this revelations came shortly after cancellation of scheduled visit by General Clark to present decorations to Partisans and Prime Minister Parri. PCH Regional Comissioner Lombardia reports this grossly inaccurate and that the facts are that one British soldier was killed by Italian police when Italian truck failed to stop when signaled to do so by Italian police Corso Sempeta Milan and that General Clark's ceremony is arranged for September 15. PCH If you confirm this Suggest AP correspondent be required to make public denial RD

Info Copies to:

Regional Commissioner Lombardia
G-5, AFHQ

Trivial Incidents' Lead To Death Of 8 Britons

MILAN, Sept. 9 — Eight British soldiers have been killed by armed Italian civilians during the past week as a result of "trivial incidents" in bars, cafes and on the road, Associated Press said today.

The revelation came shortly after cancellation of a scheduled visit by General Mark W. Clark to present decorations to Partisans and Italian Prime Minister Ferruccio Parri.

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R209/PRB

5 September 1945

My dear Avvocato Bonomi:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 29th regarding the newspaper situtation in Milan.

I am having the matter investigated by the Allied Publication Board in Milan which is responsible, until such time as the Italian Government takes over jurisdiction in the North, for the granting of licenses to newspapers in Milan and North Italy.

I shall keep you informed of any developments.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Avvocato Ivanoe Bonomi
piazza della Liberta 4
Rome

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To: Chief Commissioner
Through Executive Commissioner

The attached is forwarded to you for your approval and signature.

C. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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1 Sept 1945

To: Chief Commissioner
Through Executive Commissioner

The attached is forwarded to you for your approval and signature.

C. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

R209/PRE
1 Sept 1945

P.R. Branch.

Letter signed as required and returned herewith for dispatch. Copies have been withdrawn for CO and EO files.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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GSB/dp

Ref.209/PRB

September 1, 1945

Dear George:

There is attached hereto a self-explanatory personal letter from former Prime Minister Bonomi to Admiral Stone.

Is it true that there is no paper representing the Labor Democrat Party in Milan? It was my understanding that all the parties of the Committee of Liberation had their own papers in Milan.

Any light you can throw on this and any appropriate action that might be taken to rectify this situation, if the request of the former Prime Minister is justified, would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director
Public Relations Branch

Mr. George Wiman
Chairman
Allied Publications Board
PWB, Milan

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Translation

P.R.B. Legn. 114

Rome, 29 August 1945

Dear Admiral,

I address myself to you personally and I appeal to your friendship for a matter of journalism about which I am greatly concerned.

In Milan, there are daily papers of all the five parties of the Committee for Liberation in question. However, there is no daily to interpret the democratic tendency which, elsewhere, ~~found~~ finds its expression in the sixth party of the Committee for Liberation, i.e. in the Labour Democrat Party.

I am not speaking in the name of this party - to which I am very near - but I greatly wish a sound democratic movement to arise and become strong in Italy, for it might prevent an excessive swaying to the left as well as an exaggerated tendency towards the right.

Our democratic friends of Milan, the Labour Democrat groups of Northern Italy - and for them the Hon. Casparotto - decided to publish the 'Nuovo Secolo' thus bringing back to life the old 'Secolo' whose democratic traditions were of long standing and had therefore ~~caused him~~ to be suppressed by fascism.

I think that Colonel Poletti has nothing against it, but that he finds difficulties with P.W.B. which, though it allows two more dailies to be published in Milan, states that there is no paper for 'Il Nuovo Secolo'.

I trust that these difficulties may be overcome through your intervention.

Thanking you, I remain,

Yours very truly,

S. Ivanoe Bonomi

trans. e/c

EC List - 31 Aug 45

ACTION: PRB (2)

INFO: CHIEF Comm

EXEC Comm

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Roma, 5 agosto 1945

Caro Amendola,

mi rivolgo ancora a Lei e faccio appello alla sua amicizia per una questione gravissima che mi preoccupa moltissimo.

A Milano vi sono giornali genuinamente di tutti i cinque partiti di governo del Comitato di Liberazione. Non c'è solo un giornale democristiano che interpreti la corrente democristiana che attorno la Democrazia del Lavoro.

Io non parlo a nome di questo partito - a cui sono vicino - ma desidero molto che sorga e si consolidi in Italia un solido movimento democristiano che funga da cerniera tra, sia l'ereditiva spinta a sinistra, sia l'ereditiva accentuazione

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di destra.

Gli anarchici democratici di Milano, i
giovani della democrazia del lavoro del=
l'Alta Italia - e per essi l'on. Gaeta=
no - hanno preso l'iniziativa di pubblicare
il Nuovo Secolo, rinnovando così il titolo
Secolo di antica tradizione democratica
e perciò sospetto dal fascismo.

Si conosta che il Col. Fabbri, mun=
cato dell'appoggio governativo, ma anche gli
trova difficoltà nel P.N.F. che, mentre
consente ora due altri giornali
giornalieri a Milano, afferma non
esserci carta per il Nuovo Secolo.
Si consiglia che uno dei fonda=
tori faccia per superare le
ultime difficoltà!

Ringraziando e con i più
cordiali saluti.

dev.
Ivanoe Bonomi.

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Attached correspondence

Chief Commissioner • 4 September 5

With reference to the attached:

Our records here do not show that the Labor Democrat Party has a newspaper in Milan. As I have no information regarding the application to start one, I have written to the Chairman of the Allied Publications Board in Milan asking for a report. As soon as further information is available it will be transmitted to you.

You probably already have received the draft of an interim reply to Avvocato Bonomi which was sent to you for signature.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH GSB/dp

R209/PRB 3 September 1945

SECRET

SUBJECT: Closing of Milan Press Camp.

To : Lt. Richard Pollard, Press Officer, Milan.

For your confidential information it now appears that the turn over of AMG responsibility in the North will be postponed a couple of weeks. The exact date has not yet been fixed but I am afraid you will have to plan on keeping the press camp open through September.

I got your signal about the possibility of losing Thompson and Silverman. I hope you can get some local help to carry you through as I have nobody to send you at the present moment. I shall let you know as soon as I have word on the definite date when AMG will turn over to the Italian Government.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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September 3, 1945

FROM POLLARD TO BROWN

Informatively Reynolds have been ordered to Austria. I also expect to loss Thompson and Silverman on overage release. Also possibly we will loss hotel and mess after 15th. Hence I seriously doubt whether we can stay in business much longer from middle of September without help.

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JJKM V JJCD CENSORED BY SCHOFIELD AFHQ FOR STEWART BROWN ALCOM PUBLIC RELATIONS FROM POLLARD MILAN PRESS 4-1515-INFORMATIVELY REYNOLDS BEEN ORDERED TO AUSTRIA. EYE ALSO EXPECT ZOO LOSE THOMPSON AND SILVERMAN ON OVERAGE RELEASE. ALSO POSSIBLE WE WILL LOSE HOTEL AND MESS AFTER FIFTEENTH HENCE EYE SERIOUSLY DOUBT WHETHER WE CAN STAY IN BUSINESS MUCH LONGER THAN MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER WITHOUT HELP ENDIT-331.

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APO 394

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R209/PRB 3 September 1945

SECRET

SUBJECT: Cessation of AMG Jurisdiction in North Itely.

TO : George Edman
Major Sinclair Noble
PWB, Milan

Just in case Russell Barnes has not informed you I thought you should know confidentially that the date for the cessation of AMG in the North has been delayed a couple of weeks. Subject to confirmation of the Combined Chief of Staffs it now looks like the turn over of AMG to the Italian Government will be at the end of the month. I thought you should have this information for your confidential guidance but please do not let it get out for publication.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

PUBLIC RELATIONS

OUTGOING MESSAGE FORM

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FOR ED AT OR MAJOR MOBLE FWD FROM REGRY ED

MICHAEL CHINIGO DIS VIOLENTLY PROTESTING TO AG REGARDING FAILURE OF APB ALLOCATE HIS NEWSPRINT TO PUBLISH KING FEATURES COMIC SUPPLEMENT IN MILAN STOP WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON STATUS HIS APPLICATION AS HE THREATENS TO HAVE HIS HOME OFFICE RAISE A STINK IN WASHINGTON STOP I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE CASE ALTHOUGH HE SAYS HE SENT A SIGNAL TO ME IN CARE OF ED AT WHILE I WAS BASE IN MILAN ENDS/DDD -16

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PRESS CENSOR

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T.H.I. to Radio Room
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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R209/PMB

1 September 1945

SUBJECT: Future of Milan Press Camp.

TO : Lt. Richard Pollard, PRO, Milan

I had just written you a letter on the future of the Hotel Plaza after September 15th when I received your signal of August 30th stating that II District was taking over the hotel on that date.

Your signal changed my earlier letter. You should proceed to make arrangements to close the Milan press office on September 15th and so inform the correspondents. In this connection your attention is called to the attached AFHQ directive dated 11 August on facilities for press correspondents. You will note that it says that "correspondents" can be billetted at any British and/or American Military hotel in Italy by application to the local HQ concerned. The definition "Correspondents" was purposely left vague by PRO AFHQ in order to let the political correspondents accredited to AC share this arrangement. It is not, however, specifically so stated in the directive but we hope political correspondents will be given the same facilities as war correspondents.

We shall inform PRO AFHQ by copy of this letter that the AMG Press Camp in Milan is being closed as of September 15th and after that date correspondents will be on their own for accommodations as per the directive.

AFHQ PRO says that the radio team, unless you hear to the contrary, should be returned to Rome. It is possible that it might be sent to Trieste.

As for the three enlisted men on your staff I do not know from whence they came. We could use one or two writers on our staff here. If any of them are writers

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could you arrange to have them assigned to us here? If their orders were cut here, please let us know the procedure for calling them back after September 15th. You will probably have to let the others go or place them with other units the best you can.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

Enclosure
Directive

cc: Col. Fiske, AC- Rome, AC- Milan
Col. Astley, AFHQ PRO, Rome

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August 30, 1945

SIGNAL TO BROWN FROM POLLARD

SINCE BRITISH TWO DISTRICT TAKING OVER PLAZA HOTEL ON 15 SEPTEMBER AND WILL THROW US ALL OUT WOULD APPRECIATE FINAL ASSURANCE THAT MILAN PRESS CAMP STILL CLOSING ON THIS DATE AS AGREED. ALSO ARE ANY OFFICIAL ORDERS NECESSARY FROM YOU OR AFHQ BEFORE CLOSING OR SHALL I ADVISE ALL CONCERNED. SINCE BOTH MESS AND BILLET FOR US CLOSING ON 15th APPRECIATE ADVISE ON DISPOSITION OF RADIO TEAM AND THREE ENLISTED MEN PERSONNEL HELPING ME.

Duty Officer told me that Radio Team should be returned to AFHQ PRO Rome.

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Ref.209/PRB

September 1, 1945

Dear George:

There is attached hereto a self-explanatory personal letter from former Prime Minister Bonomi to Admiral Stone.

Is it true that there is no paper representing the Labor Democrat Party in Milan? It was my understanding that all the parties of the Committee of Liberation had their own papers in Milan.

Any light you can throw on this and any appropriate action that might be taken to rectify this situation, if the request of the former Prime Minister is justified, would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director
Public Relations Branch

Mr. George Edman
Chairman
Allied Publications Board
PWB, Milan

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31 August 1945

FOR POLLARD MILAN FROM BROWN ALCOM.

NEITHER ALCOM OR AFHQ ANY OBJECTIONS TO EYEWITNESS OF EDDAS RETURN TO ITALY.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

.6 DAILY NUMBER PAGE 1... CIRCUIT NR-1...

TO ..JJKM..... V ..JJMM-1.....

JJKM V JJMM-1 CENSORED BY SCHOFIELD

STEWART BROWN FROM POLLARD 311200 COULD YOU POSSIBLY GET PERMISSION FROM ALCOM OR HIGHER AUTHORITY PERMISSION CIC AND BORDER CONTROL OFFICIALS TO GIVE EYE WITNESSERS EDDA CIANO TO CORRESPONDENTS HERE QUERY THEY HAVE EXCELLENT STORIES ON EDDA BUT RELUCTANT TALK TO PRESS WITH OUT PERMISSION FROM ALCOM ROME OR AFHQ CASEBTA ENDIT 284

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Col Parson G-2

Col Wickels

Col Stoppenbach

WL Staff 172

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HAVE EXCELLENT STORIES ON EDDA BUT RELUCTANT TALK TO PRESS WITH OUT PERMISSION FROM ALCOM ROME OR AFHQ CASEBTA ENDIT 284

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Col Parson
G-5

Col Nichols
Col Stoyanovitch
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TIME RECEIVED ..... OP ..... GRS .....

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AT 1245 HRS D.A.D.P.R. FILE

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30 August 1945

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SUBJECT: Reference attached.

TO : Cpl. Drummond

Attached are twelve copies of a recent directive from AFHQ PRO regarding facilities for war correspondents.

You will note that 1.(i) was left purposely vague as it does not differentiate between political and war correspondents. Unfortunately the memorandum is addressed only to "war correspondents". In working this out with Colonel Astley it was our thought that political correspondents use this directive to obtain accommodation when they are traveling outside of Rome. Please give a copy of this to each of the political correspondents accredited to us even though they are not still at the mess and explain to them that it might help them to get accommodation outside of Rome after AMG hotels are closed down sometime in September.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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1209/PRB

30 August 1945

Dear Dick:

Thanks for sending me the two bucks which I had forgotten about.

The Military tell me that there are two things that you should do at once:

1) file a request through channels, that is, address to Major Bergin, as a senior military officer here, for discharge from the Army in Italy;

2) to this you should attach a letter certifying that you would be employed here by Time and Life and that you have funds to take care of yourself. It would be helpful if you could obtain a similar letter from Time and Life stating that your services are needed if you could get out of the Army.

It seems there is no longer a classification "essential" or "non-essential". Instead they are returning men to the states with more than 85 points. I believe you told me you had more than 85 points.

If you wish to remain as a civilian in Italy I recommend you file your request pronto for release in Italy.

Sincerely,

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

Lt. Richard Pollard
Public Relations Officer
Milan

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Major Deacon is a military man can you clarify this for me?

28th August, 1945

Dear Stewart:

I forgot to pay you the two dollars borrowed on the golf course so I'll enclose it in this letter.

I did'nt quite understand what you meant the other day on the telephone about my being declared un-essential and I wonder if you could put me straight on my status. Naturally I will stay here as agreed but I'm so damned mixed up now on just what being "un-essential" means that I'd appreciate clarification.

For example, the censors here were declared un-essential the other day and were immediately snapped-up by PBS and assigned to the Naples port. Is that liable to happen to me??? Or does it mean that when you declared un-essential and have enough points to be on a home shipment list that you will go directly from AC to a redeployment area. I sure would hate to leave this job and then be taken on by PBS.

Another point--Ken Clark said the other day that he would release any of hispersonnel if they had a letter from their office staing they were needed right away. I wonder if this would help?

In short, I'm pretty confused and wheras I hear a lot of talk about people getting home who have 85 points or over I'm not at all certain of what the procedure is.

Can you help me out???

Thanks.

Best,

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OUTGOING MESSAGE FORM

MESSAGE PRIORITY		Section originating AC PK
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Routine	C	
Deferred	D	

All Messages must be either typed or printed in triplicate
Briefness expedites transmission

For transmission over circuit JJMM1 V JJKM

Censored by LOUIE QYM Date/Time of Origin 281700

FOR POLLARD FROM BROWN RE
SURVEY FILM LOST AT USIS LABORATORY
AND CANNOT BE FOUND. ENDS DDD 122

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For transmission over circuit JJMM1 V JJMM

Censored by LOWE QYM Date/Time of Origin 281700

FOR POLAND FROM PARSONS (?)
SORRY FILM UNIT OF USIS LABORATORY
AND CANNOT BE FOUND. ENDS /DDD 122

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T.H.I. to Radio Room 1100/28

Time Cleared

1 Copy to: Originator

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JJKM ..... V JJMM-1

CENSORED SCHOFIELD BROWN ALLIED COMMISSION PRO FROM POLLARD MILAN PRESS 281030 APPRECIATE WORD ON ROLL OF ONE DASH TWENTY FILM SENT TO YOUR OFFICE WEEK AGO. PRINTS MUST BE USED AS EVIDENCE IN COUNTERFEITING CASE. IF FILM NOT GOOD OR MISPLACED PLEASE ADVISE AND EYE WILL RESHOOT AND DEVELOP LOCALLY ENDIT-261.

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Sorry film lost at USIS laboratory and can't be found.

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IN COUNTERFEITING CASE. IF FILM NOT GOOD OR MISPLACED PLEASE ADVISE AND EYE WILL RESHOOT AND DEVELOP LOCALLY ENDIT-261.

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TO JJKM V JJMM1

v Maj. Leacock

CIRCUIT P-1

JJKM V JJMM1 VIA 299 TO ROME CENSORED BY SCHOFIELD ..STEWART BROWN ALCOM FROM POLLARD MILAN PRESS 27/0930 INFORMATIVELY EYE LOOSING PFC ROBERT ANDERSON WHO RETURNING FOURTH CORPS TOMORROW AND ALSO PROBABLY LOOSING SILVERMAN VERY SOON SINCE HE ELGIBLE FOR DISCHARGE IMMEDIATEL-Y ON OVER THIRTY EIGHT RULING ENDIT 244

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SIGNAL TO: BROWN C/O LT POLLARD PRO MILAN FROM MAJOR BERGIN

CONVERSATION WITH ARPESANI CONFIRMS GOT INTENTION AT DELEGATING LICENSING AND PAPER DISTRIBUTION POWERS TO PRESSE OFFICE OF CLNAI STOP TELEGRAM HAS GONE FROM ROME TO CLNAI ON EIGHTEEN AUGUST NAMING PAOLO DELLA GIUSTA SPECIAL COMISSIONER FOR THESE MATTERS.

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August 20, 1945

SIGNAL TO: STEWART BROWN C/O LT. POLLARD PRO MILAN FROM MAJOR BERGIN

HEREWITH REQUEST FROM M-CHINIGO FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION IF ANY STOP QUOTE SINCE THE LIBERATION OF NORTHERN ITALY I CMA AS REPRESENTATIVE OF KING FEATURES SYNDICATE CMA HAVE ENDEAVOURED TO GET PERMISSION TO PUBLISH A WEEKLY COMIC NEWSPAPER WITH AMERICAN COMICS STOP I MADE THE INITIAL REQUEST TO MAJOR NOBLE EXPLAINING THAT I HAVE HAD PERMISSION TO PUBLISH IN ROME BUT THAT I COULD NOT DO SO BECAUSE OF THE EXORBITANT COST OF PRINTING STOP I REQUEST THEREFORE THAT THE PERMIT GIVEN IN ROME BE MADE OPERATIVE IN NORTHERN ITALY STOP I HAVE HAD REPEATED POSTPONEMENTS AND A LACK OF COOPERATION ON THE PART OF THE AUTHORITIES INVOLVED STOP I FEEL THAT WE SHOULD NOT ONLY GET THE PERMIT BUT WE SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN SUFFICIENT NEWSPRINT TO BPERATE FOR AT LEAST NINETY DAYS DURING WHICH TIME WE CAN PERFECT ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES OR FOR DIRECT IMPORTING OF NEWSPRINT STOP IT IS NOTORIOUS THAT THE FASCIST GOVERNMENT THREW OUT AMERICAN COMICS MANY YEARS AGO AND WE FEEL THAT THE TABLES SHOULD BE TURNED AND WE SHOULD BE TURNED AND WE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE FREELY STOP UNQUOTE

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August 20, 1945

For Brown from Pollard

If ALCOM plane doesn't run you might try Col. Fiske's office. Understand his plane is coming here from Rome this afternoon.

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M I L A N
Press Camp
Hotel Plaza

12 August, 1945

Dear Mr. Brown.

Could you please have the USIS lab develop the enclosed exposed roll of 120 film. On the good negatives we need two sets of contact prints and one set of 5/7s. I did this job, in an emergency, for Union Jack and the Italian papers. They wanted a couple of shots of the British sergeant who uncovered the Milan counterfeiting Gang. I'd like them back as soon as possible.

Our mess is open again and we have taken over the job of running it from FWB. We are still in the Hotel Plaza and unless the 88th Area decides to kick us out when FWB leaves on the 15th, we should be all set.

I'll not bother you with a complete account of the past week only to say that there were no complaints from War Correspondents. They were satisfactorily accomplishing what they had to do. What I found was the damndest mess of internal politics you could imagine. Everyone had a ~~xx~~ story to tell about someone else. The local AC headquarters turned out to be the vilain-- according to the stories. I heard them all out and discovered that AC had been imposed on by an experiences crowd of chislers who were not scrounging in the interests of the War Correspondents. Rather, it seemed, they were trying to set-up a combination rest home and bawdy house instead of a Press Camp. The various officer at AC knew they were being imposed on and immediately jumped on me. Fortunately Major Cunliffe, Fiske's exec, turned out to be a class mate of mine and I enlisted his aid. He called off the feud and we started out fresh. I have since bent over backward not to use transport unless absolutely necessary, not to pad the PX ration list, etc.. The AC officers now are so pleased with the new deal that they actually try ot help us.

So, if its alright with you, we'll call the above ancient history and consider it confidential. About all that was lost was a little more of my hair.

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Major Cunliffe solved the Reynolds problem.

Reynolds, fearing that you would be "prejudiced" by Bullock's report (don't know how he knew about it), went to Cunliffe and gave him a sob story. Cunliffe then asked me to give Renolds a chance. adding that he (Cunliffe) would take him under his wing. Knowing your desires, I jumped at this idea. So Reynolds will be our respresentive at the AC. His office is right next to Cunliffe and I am delighted that they get along. I go over two or three times each day but keep my main office at the Plaza Hotel.

FYI, this Camp was agreed on one thing when I arrived: that Reynolds was an SOB. I discounted the staff's opinion but since the War Correspondents felt the same way, I was worried. Now that he is at AC there will be no trouble with conflicting personalities--until Cunliffe's patience runs out.

The three new enlisted men arrived. I'm glad you warned them about the type of work they would be doing. One is a mess sergeant, one is working in the copy room and one is about to take over the hotel. They are an alert and competent crew. I no longer have any doubts about our ability to "get proper recognition"for Colonel Fiske, though we will not go all out until the Press Camp is running smoothly. Right now I'm using home-towners and photos for strategic purposes ie getting rations, transport, etc..

We took good care of Mrs. Clifford and I think she appreciated it. She did'nt have any orders. Is this the general practice? Cunliffe would take a dim view of this.

We won't send any more Italians on the courier plane. Since this had been going on for some time I did'nt question it.

I definitely do not need any more personnel but I DO need <u>one</u> vehicle.

Best,

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Richard Pollard
1st Lt AUS

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TO JJKM V JJMM-1 CIRCUIT P1

JJKM V JJMM-1 CENSORED BY SCHOFIELD BROWN ALCOM PUBLIC RELATIONS FROM POLLARD MILAN PRESS 161545 DECISION ON PLAZA HOTEL EXPECTED TODAY AFTER WHICH EYE CAN BETTER JUDGE NEED OF PERSONNEL. IF WE RUN HOTEL WILL NEED ALL PRESENT STAFF. WILL WIRE LATER ON 299 SITUATION ENDIT-165.

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HOTEL WILL NEED ALL PRESENT STAFF. WILL WIRE LATER ON 299 SITUATION ENDIT-165.

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SIGNAL TO: BROWN FROM POLLARD

DECISION ON PLAZA HOTEL EXPECTED TODAY AFTER WHICH I CAN BETTER JUDGE NEED OF PERSONNEL. IF WE RUN HOTEL WILL NEED ALL PRESENT STAFF. WILL WIRE LATER ON 299 SITUATION.

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Date / Time of Origin: [illegible]

Message Centre No: [illegible]

Date Time Rec'd: [illegible]

Precedence: [illegible]

FROM: [illegible]

TO : [illegible]

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For NAME to from: Reference your signal HX 3274 of 7 August, in view of number of applications only applicants possessing sufficient [illegible] for 6 months publication have been considered. Regret cannot advise Soezuki turned down for lack of paper.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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August 10, 1945

Dear Major Noble:

Attached is a rather nasty attack on Mr. Harari for his alleged refusal to authorize the publication of a Milan edition of ITALIA NUOVA. If you have any background on this it might be advisable for us to have it.

Yours very truly,

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

Major Sinclair Noble
PWB, Milan

File 209

Due pesi e due misure

"OH LIBERTA' di stampa e di parola, quante tirannie di parola e di stampa si commettono in tuo nome!».

E' la esclamazione storica che potremmo pronunciare anche noi se oggi avessimo voglia e tempo di farci trascinare sul patibolo di una falsa democrazia. Peraltro, la frase non avrebbe, in sostanza, che un valore rettorico se non fosse questa volta diretta precisamente al «Press Office» di Milano, vale a dire a uno degli organi preposti dal Governo alleato a tutelare proprio quella particolare libertà per la quale sono scesi in campo i cittadini d'America e d'Inghilterra e che, se male non ricordiamo, rappresenta una delle famose quattro libertà scritte nella bandiera delle libere democrazie anglosassoni, simbolo e pilastro del mondo futuro.

Forse, che la libertà e la giustizia non hanno, in fondo, un valore assoluto e sia sempre possibile applicare due pesi e due misure e quando pensa Mister Harari del predetto «Press Office» di Milano il quale a due dirigenti del P. D. I. recatisi di recente da lui per conoscere lo stato attuale della pratica riguardante l'autorizzazione a pubblicare nell'Italia settentrionale un quotidiano del Partito stesso, ha risposto di non poter concedere il permesso, contrariamente a precedenti assicurazioni, poiché un organo monarchico appariva oggi inutile, potendo il nostro movimento far capo ad altri partiti del C. L. N.

Ora, rispondiamo a Mister Harari con quella franchezza e categoricità che il nostro buon diritto e la nostra dignità ci consentono e con quella libertà di parola e di stampa alla quale nonostante tutto fermamente crediamo, primo: che la sua giustificazione è completamente gratuita e contraria alla verità, poichè dei sei partiti che compongono il C. L. N. quattro sono dichiaratamente repubblicani (che fa il nesci, Mister Harari? Non legge ella le scritte murarie?), il quinto, secondo una sua congenita distorsione di collo, e nonostante elaborate dichiarazioni, fa la figura del solito pesce nel solito barile; e il sesto è, per sua altrettale dichiarazione, agnostico ma con tendenza repubblicana. Secondo: che il P D I è un Partito politico che ha una sua costituzione precisa e inconfondibile, una sua fisonomia netta, una sua chiara vita economica, i suoi organi di stampa, di propaganda, di amministrazione, i suoi iscritti, le sue sezioni giovanili e larghissima attenzione a favore dell'opinione pubblica. Esso non ha nulla da invidiare, se pure invidiare si potessero, quanto a costituzione ed entità politica ai sei partiti che fanno parte del C L. N. Terzo, che l'autorizzazione a pubblicare i nostri organi di stampa c'è stata data a Roma dal P. W. B., e per questa ragione non vediamo perchè il «Press

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fizzazione a pubblicare nell'Italia settentrionale un quotidiano del Partito stesso, ha risposto di non poter concedere il permesso, considerando a precedenti assetti. Ora, poiché appariva oggi inutile, potendo il nostro movimento intendere benissimo revocato il permesso, per esempio agli organi di stampa del Partito repubblicano, il cui monumento, per iniziativa della vedova Parole di Mister Hartel, ha ben sei partiti a cui far capo nel C. L. N. Naturalmente, il permesso di stampa rilasciato al predetto partito dovrebbe essere a noi dovuto, su un vassoio d'argento e con validità sestuplice, essendocet ceduto un compenso di tempo.

Quanto alla questione della difficoltà della distribuzione di carta, essendo qui stata effettuata la ripartizione del contingente, ebbene, Mister Hartel, crede Elio che sia proprio una ragione valida per negarci il permesso di pubblicazione? Non sa Elio che quando si tebbono e si possono che cose serie, valide e oneste, la carta si trova sempre?

Questo potremmo opporre ai motivi di rifiuto di Mister Hartel del « Press Office » di Mitrano se egli non avesse divenuto **uno strano concetto della libertà** di stampa; però almeno allo stranuc. concetto di giustizia che, prio di recente, ben diversi dimostrato di avere i suoi colleghi alcuni della **Corte** maggiore di Bari.

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MILAN
Press Camp
Hotel Plaza

9 August 1945

SUBJECT : TOTAL WORDAGE TRANSMITTED FROM 1 August 1945, to 8 August 1945.

Total wordage transmitted by this press camp for period of 1 August 1945 to 8 August 1945:

DATE	ARMY CODE	COURIER	SERVICE MESSAGES
1 Aug.	600		170
2 Aug.	310		230
3 Aug.	600		240
4 Aug.	500		80
5 Aug.	960	1000	500
6 Aug.	180	1100	240
7 Aug.	1200		150

RICHARD O. POLLARD
1st Lt AUS
Public Relations Officer

copies to Col Norman E. Pinke, Adv. HQ. AC. Milan
APHQ, ASC Roma
PRO, HQ, AC, Roma
15th Army Group (Col Grogan)
5th Army (Lt Col Clark)
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M I L A N
Press Camp
Hotel Plaza

9 August 1945

The following correspondents and personnel are present for duty at this press camp, as of 9 August 1945:

June Frank	U.P.	American
Aldo Forte	U.P.	"
George Weis	A.P.	"
Ed Dixon	Stars and Stripes	"
Jesse Butler	Christian Evangelist	"
Meyer Berger	New York Times	"
Jennie Clifford	Daily Express	British
John Reuss	Reuters	"
Sgt. Huggett	A.F.H.B. (Photographers)	"
Sgt. Radford	A.F.H.B. "	"

The following are members of attached staff members:

Lt. Richard O. Pollard	P.R.O. Officer	American
Lt. Bruno Cevidalli	Italian Asst.	Italian
Lt. Barney Schofield	Press Censor	American
Capt. Griffith	Press Censor	British
T/Sgt. Robert Reynolds	PRO Clerk	American
T/Sgt. Robert Anderson	PRO Clerk	"
Sgt. George A. Cole	Censor Clerk	British
S/Sgt. J. Scarafile	Radio Operator	American
T/3. Benjamin Craine	Radio Operator	"
T/4. William Koncher	Radio Operator	"
T/4. Geo. Finkelstein	Radio Operator	"
T/5. Fred Clark	Radio Operator	"

Richard Pollard
RICHARD O. POLLARD
1st Lt. AUS
Public Relations Officer

Copies to -- Col Norman H. Pisle, Adv. HQ AC Milan
PRO HQ AC Rome
AFHQ PRO Rome
15th Army Group (Col Brogan)
5th Army PRO (Lt Col Clark)
IV Corps G-2 Section (Col Mills)
Lt. John Atkinson PRO Lombardia Region AMG
Lt Pollards office, Auk Bldg., Milan
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August 8, 1945

To Lt. Pollard, Public Relations Officer, Milan, Lombardia Region, Hotel Plaza
From Major Leacacos

Supplies shipped by air courier today. Can you get us photos of Poletti, newfield and staff for use in Bulletin like Birch loyout.

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CC Mrs Oxnam
Major Bergin - Caracas

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SIGNAL FOR LT. POLLARD MILAN FROM BROWN

PRO AFHQ SAYS NUMBER ITALIAN CORRESPONDENTS ARE COMING DOWN TO MXKX ROME FROM MILAN ON THE PRO PLANE WHICH THEY ARE NOT ENTITLED TO USE BECAUSE ONE OF THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS MUST PAY THEIR PASSAGE. THEY REQUEST YOU NOT SEND ANY FURTHER ITALIANS BY THIS PLANE. SUGGEST YOU TRY ACCOMODATE THEM ON ALCOM PLANE WHENEVER POSSIBLE

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August 7, 1945

SIGNAL for Lt.Col. Bullock, c/o Lt. R. Pollard, PRO Officer
Milan From Brown

Ellison to leave for UK on LIAP Sunday, August 12 and will be away 5 or 6 weeks. Col. Bowman and I ask you to relieve him during his absence. Please confirm that you can arrive Trieste before Saturday. Please telephone me if for any reason you can not comply with above instructions.

New Item for Pollard. Investigating photo material and will inform. Milan Press Digest not vitally needed but is helpful to us if manpower is available to do it. Three privates all of whom are writers are leaving here Thursday or Friday to assist you.

/s/ Major Lascaces

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Signal

SIGNAL TO Lt. R. Pollard, PRO Officer Milan

From Brown. Where can Lt. Col. Bullock be reached by phone or signal.

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Signed to
Major Duncan Hobbs, Pers B. Milan
from Brown.

reference notice of APB meeting x
Did you mean Thursday, August
23rd instead of 24th ? Personally
I would prefer meeting on
Wednesday Aug 22nd if
possible or late afternoon
of August 20th

Copies to
Major Anderson
Michael Steward
Henry Hopkinson
Mr. J. Wesley Jones

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NOTICE OF MEETING.

23rd

The next meeting of the CENTRAL ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD will be held at 1100 hours on Thursday, 24th August, at:

3 Via Cesare Cantu,
MILAN.
(4th Floor)

unless there is an urgent reason for calling another before that date.

Wd 22nd

31st July, 1945.

G. M. SINCLAIR NOBLE,
Major. The Buffs.
Executive Secretary.

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SIGNAL FROM MILAN

All MTOT and USIS personnel coming to Milan.

There is no rooms, messing or transport. Hotel Plaza has block of rooms which they assign to correspondents. Apart from that there is no other facilities.

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-- INCOMING MESSAGE --

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TO JJKM ..... V JJTT .....

PURPOSE FROM THE BEGINNING AND SAID THAT COLLABORATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO QUOTE ALL WHO CAN AND WANT TO GIVE CMA WITH HONEST FEELINGS CMA A CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLE UNQUOTE PAREN BID ELLISON 507

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TO .....JJKM V JJMM1.....

JJKM V JJMM1 CENSORED BY SCHOFIELD STEWART BROWN FROM BULLOCK

.DO YOU NEED DIGESTS OF MILAN PRESS.JOURNALIST HERE WANT GREEN CARDS ISSUED BY AC PR.SURELY THEY ARE NOT NECESSARY ANY MORE BUT IF STILL USEFUL MAY BE MRS CXILIA COULD COME FOR A FEW DAYS AND ISSUE THEM.ENDIT 77

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M I L A N
Press Camp
Hotel Plaza

3 August 1945

The following correspondents and personnel are present for duty at this press camp, as of 3 August 1945:

Jane Frank	O.W.A.	American
Aldo Forte	U.P.	"
Donald Downes	C.B.S.	"
Michael Chalgo	I.N.S.	"
John Marus	Reuters	British
Richard C. Hanson	A.P.	American
George Brin	A.P.	"
Al Nixon	Stars and Stripes	"
Winston Burdette	CBS	"
Sgt. Taggart	A.F.R.U.	British
Sgt. Radford	A.F.R.U.	"
Ed Murray	A.P.	American

The following have departed for elsewhere since the last station list, dated 25 July 1945:

Allen Moorehead	Daily Express	British
Thomas Barrenco	Time-Life	American
Frank Brutto	A.P.	"
Emery Gerad	I.N.P.	"

The following are members or attached staff members:

Lt. Col. T.L. Bullock	Deputy Director	Canadian
Lt. Bruno Covidelli	Italian Asst.	Italian
Lt. Barney Schofield	Press Censor	American
Capt. Griffith	Press Censor	British
Pfc. Robert Reynolds	~~Asst. to Dept.~~ PC Clerk	American
Sgt. George A. Cole	Censor Clerk	British
Pfc. Robert Anderson	MIC Clerk	American
T/Sgt D. Cesarella	Radio Operator	"
T/5. Benjamin Ardine	Radio Operator	"
T/4. William Kongher	Radio Operator	"
T/4. Geo. Finkelstein	Radio Operator	"
Pfc. Fred Lork	Radio Operator	"
Pvt. Stanley Jackson	Driver (Lt Col Bullock)	British

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T. L. BULLOCK
Lt Col., Cdn, Army
Deputy Director (Field)
Public Relations Branch
AC/AMG

copies to Col Norman E. Fiske, Adv Hq AC Milan
MRO Hq AC Rome
APHQ MRO Rome
15th Army Group (Col Grogan)
5th Army MRO (Lt Col Clark)
IV Corps G-2 Section (Col Wells)
Lt John Atkinson MRO Lombardia Region AMG
Lt Col Bullocks Office, Duk Bldg., Milan
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

PRB/209/ APO 394 GSB/dp

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

August 3, 1945

SUBJECT: Transport for Mrs. Jenny Clifford.

TO : Lt. Richard Pollard
PRO Officer
Milan

Mrs. Jenny Clifford, of the Daily Mail, is leaving for Milan on Monday for a specific story she has in mind. This story will require two or three days travel out of Milan. She is very hopeful you will provide transport. I realize this is a big problem but I know you will do everything you can to help her.

As the story in which she is interested may also appeal to one of the Milan newspapers it is possible you might make a deal with one of them to furnish her with car (if you can provide the gas), if you have no transport of your own.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
FORCE CAP
Royal Palace, Milan

2 August 1945

SUBJECT : Total Federal Transmitted Mail 30 July 1945
to 1 August 1945.

Total words transmitted by this press camp
for period of 30 July 1945 to 1 August 1945:

Date	Words Sent	Station Designation
25 July	340	430
26 July	1710	160
27 July	1230	800
28 July		320
29 July	820	510
30 July	100	90
31 July	500	170

[signature]

F.L. Sullivan
Lt Col Cdn. Army
Deputy Director (Field)
Public Relations Branch
AC/AFHQ

Copies to Col Thomas A. Fisher, Adv. HQ. AC. Milan
AFHQ, APO Rome
MAC, Hq. AF, Rome
15th Army Group (Col Vaughn)
5th Army (Lt Col Clark)
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2 Aug, 1945

SUBJECT: Interview at once.

TO : Regional Commissioners, LOMBARDIA Region

1. The Rome newspaper IL GIORNO on July 27 published the following UPI despatch from ROME :

" POLETTI AND COAL FOR ITALY, Rome, July 26th.

In an interview with the ROYAL COMMISSIONER Poletti declared that Italy's deficiency of coal could be avoided if the Russians would authorise the importation of coal from Czechoslovakia and Poland. Importation could reach the figure of 1,000,000 or more tons per month. Poletti concluded saying that measures were being taken to favour private initiative by abolishing the restrictions which until now have been a hindrance. "

2. I should be interested to know if you were correctly quoted. For your information this is a delicate subject and should not be discussed in public as it may have political repercussions.

3. In this instance I hope you have been incorrectly quoted.

M. S. LIGHT

ELLIOTT F. STONE
Rear Admiral, USCG
Chief Commissioner

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To the Chief Commissioner through Executive Commissioner,
for approval and signature.

28 July 1945

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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Director, P.R.O.

As the draft letter opposite is for the signature of the C.C., may we it be retyped please, using the first person singular in the penultimate paragraph.

31 July 45

M. Pasley Secretariat
C.S.O.

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To the Chief Commissioner through Executive Commissioner,
for approval and signature.

30 July 1945

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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Ref 4 above. Letter to R.C., LOMBARDIA Region is returned for dispatch. Copies have been withdrawn from files of C.C. and E.C.

2 Aug 45

M. Pasley
S.T.C.M.O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

R29/PRB APO 394 CSL/dp

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

SUBJECT: Poletti, Interview on Coal

TO : Chief Commissioner

Executive Commissioner

For your information IL GLOBO today publishes an INS despatch from Como reading as follows:

"POLETTI AND COAL FOR ITALY, Como, July 26th.

In an interview with the POPOLO COMASCO Poletti declared that Italy's deficiency of coal could be avoided if the Russians would authorize the importation of coal from Czechoslovakia and Poland. Importation could reach the figure of 1,000,000 or more tons per month. Poletti concluded saying that measures were being taken to favor private initiative by abolishing the restrictions which until now have been a hinderance."

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

RETURN TO
Chief Commissioner 4550

Poletti should be asked if correctly quoted.

If so, he should be cautioned not to repeat — because of political repercussions I do not know how Italy could handle

Two ideas touched. Just cc

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PUBLIC RELATIONS ALLIED COMMISSION (AMV)

MILAN PRESS DIGEST

2 August 1945

EDITORIALS

CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE Dealing with the future of the Italian colonies, Marcello Borsa says that to deprive Italy of her colonies, would show a lack of understanding on the part of the Allies of all the Italian efforts and cooperation after the Armistice. Apart from any idealistic consideration, England has a political and historic interest in Italian friendship and alliance in the Mediterranean. It has been said that England considers Italy's future as very miserable and for this reason does not appreciate her friendship. If such is the case the English are wrong. We are absolutely certain of the resurrection of our country; and refuse therefore to believe the above mentioned talk. But if such should become a reality then we know to whom we are indebted.

LA LIBERTA' (Alberto Albertini) Italy has reached her third phase. Firstly was the Armistice and the Badoglio Government, secondly was the fight for liberation and the Bonomi Government, and thirdly we now have the phase of the Democratic Government; the phase of reconstruction. There are many difficult questions, among which the most important one is the stablization of our country's financial system which our life, if we suceed in stabalizing it. Italy is safe, but if we fail, everything is lost. This is the reason for the loan

I'ITALIA LIBERA (The Participation of the Action Party in the Government and Constituencies) Among the antifascist ones the Action Party holds the most delicate and intriguing postion, owing to the fact that one of the Pary, Ferruccio Parri, is at the moment President of the Council and Minister of the Interior. As our part, name itself explains, we are not the representatives of the classes' interests, nor the supporters of abatracte ideologies, but we are determined in the quick activation of our political and social progam. It is therefore evident that while parricipating in the Government and taking our share of responsibility we are also the party vanguard determined to fight for a popular republic and for the rights of the workers. We are anxious for an early formation of the Constituente, but we must take all necessary and legal garanties that the Army, still tied to the monarchy by oath, will bow to the choice of the people, the Republic. Regarding the future of the C.L.N.s after the Constituente the paper propses to turn them into a "Labor Republican Front"

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AVANTI Necessity of plans for the economic reconstruction is again dealt with by Luigi Morandi. The need for plans for every branch of production, dealing with the needs of production on a national and world scale must be worked outby the Economists and not by the Technicians. The Fascist Economy had built some irrational constructions, which must disappear, including all factories which represent liabilities. What about the workers? It is necessary to tell them the truth. Many of them have to find other work some have to become peasants whilst others have to emigrate.

L'UNITA Still dealing with the Socialist Conference and the different speeches of the Socialist chiefs, Giancarlo Paietta is convinced that the fusion of the two parties is necessary inevitable.

POLITICS

THE SOCIALIST PARTY COUNCIL

After the appointment of a new Executive Committee, the council issued a motion in which it recommended to the Italian Government a more open and energetic activity in Venezia Giulia, the council asked also for the reactivation in that region of the C.L.N.s composed by Italians and Slovenes proportionally and stated its hope for a better understanding between Italy and Jugoslavia.

THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARTY COUNCIL

A motion has been passed recommending the Constitution within the Direction of the Party of a special commission dealing with all the questions of Venezia Giulia"bulwark of the Romanity in front of the Balkans" Speaking about social reforms, Minister De Gasperi said that Christian Democrats do not fear any reform that might be called, I left wing but will never support any reforms attempted by force of arms.

LOCAL NEWS

Col Poletti inspected mines at Val Gandino in the Bergamo province an organization known as "Lega Italiana del Libro" was formed yesterday with headquarters in Via del Lauro 9. The group proposes to make available to it's members, at a low price, books of a cultural nature. Among the charter members are the author Ignazio Silone and Rodolfo Morandi President of C.L.N.A.I.

An Anglo Italian organisation for promoting friendly relations between Italy and Britain met for the first time yesterday at this headquarters at Corso Porta Vittoria 16.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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R209/1/PRB

2 August 1945

SUBJECT: Lt. Richard Pollard

TO : Col. Charles Poletti
Regional Commissioner
Lombardia Region

We are relieving Lt. Col. Bullock of his assignment as our advanced PRO officer in Northern Italy and replacing him with Lt. Richard Pollard.

For your information Lt. Pollard is an old Life-Time man and is extemely well liked by the correspondents. He has been doing PRO work in SHAEF and was recently assigned to our branch.

I have asked him to call on you as soon as possible upon his arrival as I am very anxious that he work with you and your office especially Lt. Atkinson. His main responsibility will be to take care of visiting Allied correspondents while they are in Milan. This will include messing, billeting, transport and communications. Undoubtedly transport will be his biggest problem and I would very much appreciate if you could give him some help in this direction.

I know you will like Lt. Pollard and I have asked him to work closely with you.

C. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

cc: Lt. Pollard ✓

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AMG MILAN FOR COLONEL FISKE.

2945 1 AUGUST, 1945 ROUTINE.

CONFIDENTIAL FD.

PARA ONE FD PRO AFHQ HAS ASKED THAT LT. COLONEL BULLOCK BE RELIEVED OF HIS POST AND ANOTHER OFFICER ASSIGNED IMMEDIATELY FD.

PARA TWO FD. GEORGE ONE BRITISH IS ORDERING BULLOCK TO REPORT TO ROME IMMEDIATELY AND AYE AM SENDING LT. RICHARD POLLARD AMERICAN TO REPLACE HIM FD. POLLARD FLYING MILAN ON FRIDAY VIA ATC FD.

PARA THREE FD POLLARD IS RECOMMENDED PRO OFFICER FROM SHARP AND IS WELL LIKED BY CORRESPONDENTS FD HE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED BY BRANCH FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH FD.

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NICHOLAS PIZZERINO,
CWO, A.U.S.,
ASS'T ADJUTANT.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
Hotel Plaza, Milan

30 July 1945

Dear Stewart

I'm not yet out of the woods because I am now in the restaurant business, but by slaving like a dog, chiselling like a bastard, and alternately bullying and being polite to the British (who, incidentally, have said little but done much to help) I'll survive, I guess, until the 299 set shuts down.

Your letter of commendation was very welcome. Just before it arrived Tom Bergin blew in an gave me a cheerful, skeptical blessing which did no harm, even if it didn't help any. I had been contemplating murder or suicide or both. Now I feel a bit better.

The main trouble here seems to be that Adv. AC and Lombardia Region HQ ought never to have been put into the same town. The logical thing would be for me to centralize all AC/AMG PR in Milan and get both headquarters to chip in, but it just wouldn't work. As it is, we are working strictly off the record with Atkinson, and Poletti's motor pool is helping me out in emergencies, but neither of the Colonels knows about these little deals of mine.

The correspondents are, as you suspected, exacting and childish. Half these Joes are going to fold up when they are dumped on their own. The Italians, now, are a different kettle of fish, and that Orbis gang is really wonderful.

Threw a big party last night at the Italo-American Press Club and got Parri to drop in. The idea was to get Italian and Allied newspaper people together, and it worked. I never saw a party get launched so quickly, and it raged for hours, especially after the Brass went home.

Now if you would be a good boy and get AC HQ to vote me an expense account and could also wangle me some CIGARETTES, I'd be on the pleased side about things.

Yours Sincerely
Ted

2/6/45.
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C. Stewart Brown, Esqre.,
Director of Public Relations
HQ Allied Commission, Rome.

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TO ..... JJKM V JJMM-1 .....

JJKM V JJMM-1--CENSORED BY SCHOFIELD BROWN AC PR FROM BULLOCK REGARDING REUR 208 ROBBINS WAS PRIMARILY PRO TO GENERAL CRITTENBERGER AND HAD ALL RESOURCES FOUR CORPS AND FIFTH ARMY PR WHICH NOW HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN COMPLETELY.TRANSPORT ALWAYS AVAILABLE AND FOUR CORPS KEPT FOUR MEN IN OFFICE.THINK SUGGESTION HAS MERIT AND SHALL DISCUSS WITH FISKE AND POLETTI,BUT YOU MUST REMEMBER POLETTI PREPARING TO CLOSE DOWN AND FISKE HOPING TO EXPAND.ENDIT 19

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OUTGOING MESSAGE FORM

MESSAGE PRIORITY		
Urgent	A	Section originating PRO
Priority	B	
Routine	C	Authorized to be sent in clear by JOHN T. DUGAN, Captain, Ass't PRO
Deferred	D	

All Messages must be either typed or printed in triplicate
Briefness expedites transmission

For transmission over circuit JJMM/1 V JJKH

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FOR MAJOR BULLOCK FROM STUART BROWN PRO AC

PRESS CAMP MILAN

REFERENCE YOUR CABLES AND FONE CALLS TO LEACACOS FISKE LEFT FOR MILAN TODAY AND YOU SHOULD DISCUSS TRANSPORT AND MESSING PROBLEMS WITH HIM PD TALKED LAST NITE WITH HIM AND HE SAID HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD IF COL CLARK DID NOT GRANT OUR REQUEST WHICH ASTLEY TELLS ME TODAY HAS BEEN DENIED PD BELIEVE FISKE IN BETTER POSITION TO ASK FOR GERMAN VEHICLE FROM AFHQ G-4 THAN ASTLEY SINCE THEY WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO AMG PD PRO AFHQ SAYS THAT PETROL TIRES AND BRTS CANNOT BE SOLD TO ITALIAN WAR CORRESPONDENTSPD BELIEVE YOU SHOULD HAVE ENTERTAINMENT ALLOWANCES AND SUGGEST YOU DISCUSS WITH FISKE AND POLETTI ENDS GGG

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T.H.I. to Radio Room

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D.A.D.P.R.

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TO ..... JJKM V JJMM-1 .....

JJKM V JJMM-1 ---CENSORED BY SCHOFIELD BROWN PR AC VIA DUGAN .
AM TRYING TO FIND GOOD CIVILIAN CLERKS HERE TO KEEP PRESS OFFICE
OPEN ON REDUCED SCHEDULE NOTIFIED YESTERDAY . WHEN ROBBINS
ARRIVES CAN PEP UP ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS PR WORK . POLETTI HAS
ATKINSON AS PRO CMA OUR MATERIAL FOR LOCAL PAPERS IS RELEASED
THERE AND REGION STUFF FOR OUTSIDE HANDLED BY US . MY PHONE AT PLAZA
SOTEL IS 12170 REPEAT 12170 AND AT FISKE HQ 12622 CMA 3 CMA 4
CMA AND 5 REPEAT 12622 CMA 3 CMA 4 AND 5 . WAS AT PLAZA PRESS CAMP
ALL DAY YESTERDAY . AND HELP ON TRANSPORT EVEN GERMAN VEHICLES IS
URGENTLY NEEDED . ENDIT 13

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ARRIVES CAN PEP UP ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS PR WORK . POLETTI HAS ATKINSON AS PRO CMA OUR MATERIAL FOR LOCAL PAPERS IS RELEASED THERE AND REGION STUFF FOR OUTSIDE HANDLED BY US . MY PHONE AT PLAZA SOTEL IS 12170 REPEAT 12170 AND AT FISKE HQ 12622 CMA 3 CMA 4 CMA AND 5 REPEAT 12622 CMA 3 CMA 4 AND 5 . WAS AT PLAZA PRESS CAMP ALL DAY YESTERDAY . AND HELP ON TRANSPORT EVEN GERMAN VEHICLES IS URGENTLY NEEDED . ENDIT 13

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TO .....JJKM. V .JJMM-1.....

JJKM V JJMM-1--CENSORED BY SCHOFIELD BROWN AC PR FROM BULLOCK . OUR GERMAN BUS HAS BROKED DOWN AND WILL BE LAID UP TWO DAYS IF PARTS ARE AVAILABLE . MY OWN FIAT IS IN THE WORK SHOPS. AC/AMG POOL IS BEING MOVED AND REORGANIZED AND 30 TAXIS SEVERELY RESTRICTED EVEN FOR LOCAL RUNS. AFRAID FISKES POOL WILL NOT WORK SMOOTHLY FOR SOME TIME IN SPITE HIS WILLINGNESS TO LET US USE IT . ENDIT 16

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WAR CORRESPONDENTS AND STATION LIST
ALLIED COMMISSION
Hotel Plaza
Milan

The following correspondents and personnel are present for duty at this press camp, as of 19 July 1945:

Jane Frank	O.W.A.	American
Ed Murrey	U.P.	"
Aldo Forte	U.P.	"
Lemon C. Aguilar	Reuters	British
John Marus	Reuters	"
Richard C. Peacock	A.P.	American
Thomas Durrance	Time Life	"
George Erla	A.P.	"
Mr. Yancey	A.F.R.O.	"
Mr. Johnson	A.F.R.O.	"
Sgt. Huggett	A.F.P.U.(Photographers)	British
Sgt. Radford	A.F.P.U. "	"
C.P. Clarke	Sunday Times	American

The following have departed for elsewhere since the last station list, dated 12 July 1945:

Josef Israels	I.N.S.	American
Donald Downes	O.W.A.	"
Frank Brutto	A.P.	"
Edmund Wilson	New Yorker	"
Stanley Maltzoff	Stars and Stripes	"
Milton Brown	Stars and Stripes	"

The following are members or attached staff members:

Major T.L. Bullock	Deputy Director (Field)	Canadian
Lt. Bruno Covidelli	Italian Asst.	Italian
Capt. John D. Ford	Press Censor	American
Capt. G. Griffiths	Press Censor	British
Pfc. Robert Reynolds	Asst. to DDPR	American
Sgt. George A. Cole	Censor Clerk	British
Pfc. Robert Anderson	PRO Clerk	American
T/Sgt. D. Scarfile	Radio Operator	"
T/3. Benjamin Ardine	Radio Operator	"
T/4. William Foncher	Radio Operator	"

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T/4 George Finkelstein	Radio Operator	American
Pfc. Fred Lark	Radio Operator	American
Dvr. Stanley Jackson	Driver	British

T.L. BULLOCK
Major, Cdn. Army
Deputy Director, (Field)
Public Relations Branch
AC/AFHQ

Copies to IV Corps G-2 (Col Wells)
AFHQ MRO Rome
15th Army Group (Col Grogan)
5th Army (Lt. Col. Clark)
MRO HQ AC. ROme
Col. Norman E. Pinke, Adv. HQ. AC, Milan
Lt. John Atkinson, MRO, Lombardy Region AMG
Hotel Plaza
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ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
Plaza Hotel Milan

19 July 1945

SUBJECT : TOTAL WORDAGE TRANSMITTED FROM JULY 11, 1945 to JULY 18, 1945.

Total wordage transmitted by this press camp for period of July 11, 1945 to July 16, 1945:

DATE	TRANSMITTED ON 239	COURIER	ITALIAN CIFX	SERVICE MESSAGES
July 11			4400	370
July 12	2020		3300	590
July 13	750		1000	580
July 14	1500		2800	720
July 15	1860		1100	30
July 16	770		2000	330
July 17	920	350	3000	350

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15th Army Group (Col Grogan)
5th Army (Lt. Col. Clark)
AMG HQ AC, Rome
Col. Norman E. Fiske, Adv. HQ, AC Milan
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Via Reuters 4th

--- INCOMING MESSAGE ---

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TO JJKM W JJMM-1

JJKM V JJMM-1 CENSORED BY FORD -- URGENT -- FOR BROWN AC PR FROM BULLOCK. CHINIGO OF INS WANTS TO DRAW PETROL FOR ITALIAN JOURNALISTS IN HIS BUREAU WHO USE OWN CARS. ~~XXX~~ WHATS THE ANSWER QUERY ENDS 419

Phoned 2030/17 July

REC--172033B--TT

Miss Wolff:

Please phone this message to atty Jos Bullock or Mr Zeigler.

Ital journalists must get their petrol from Italian source.

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Phoned 2030/17 July

REC--172033B--TT

Mrs Wolff:

Please phone his message to atty Jo Bullock re Z-99.

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TO JJKM ..... V JJMM .....

Major Berpin
Major Lacaio
Lieut. Wolff

JJKM V JJMM-1---CENSORED BY FORD STEWART BROWN VIA DUGAN FROM ROBBINS LIEUT M MCALEER WHO HAS BEEN WITH ME HERE WILL BE IN CHARGE PROBABLY UNTIL TWENTYETH JULY. PRESS HDQ STILL IN DIANA WE STILL CONSIDERING PLAZA OR CONTINENTAL BUT CANT DECIDE UNTIL KNOW IF AC WILL TAKE OVER EITHER OR BOTH . MEAN TIME WE COMFORTABLE AND HDQ CAN MOVE SOON AS DECISIONS MADE. WIRED YOU PREVIOUSLY COMING ROME AC PLANE THURSDAY TWEBFTH END 331

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July 11

From Robbins for Brown

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9 July, 1945

Dear Stewart:

Trust you have received my letters of recent date having to do with liquidation of this press camp. These were sent by RED BAG and may, like others you spoke of, have been delayed, so I will try this via AC Message Center.

Present plan is for IV Corps to close between the 15 and 20th of July, probably closer to the 20th. Our problem then becomes:

1. Billeting. Should we attempt to provide space in an AC hotel, correspondents to pay on a basis which would fully cover Allied cost for the service. Some thought is now being given to having rooms at the Continental, or the Plaza, at which this arrangement presumably could work.

2. Messing. Should we have messing facilities at the Continental or the Plaza, along with other AC people, and correspondents pay at a rate which would cover this service. Also, in this connection, should we provide these facilities for families of correspondents, their employes and drivers. Also, where is the line to be drawn between correspondents, i.e., War Correspondents, AC accredited and correspondents who have no accreditation but bob up here with letters from some service or newspaper indicating they are employes or stringers.

3. Transmission. We have had no word, but I suppose our 299 will be scheduled to be taken back to Caserta around the 15th. Our traffic has been averaging 3,000 words a day, or maybe a little better. Unless Caserta has a better place for this radio crew and its equipment, and unless the Rome reception end is to be discontinued, it might be well to leave this equipment here until commercial communication facilities are better able to handle press copy.

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4. Censoring. Will our censors be withdrawn when IV Corps pulls out, or should they continue here, to work out of AMG. If the 299 is taken away perhaps all censoring can be done in Rome, if indeed censoring is to be continued anyway.

I will be much interested to know what decisions you come to in Rome as regards accommodations to be extended correspondents, so that we can began to shape our operations accordingly.

In another letter I said that General Crittenberger asked or rather said that he was going to request that I stay with the Corps until it finishes its training period in Rome or near Rome and heads out for the U S. If that is to happen I would strongly recommend that another PR officer be put here to handle correspondents and produce AMG copy. As I wrote I should like to come back here, or stay here and do that job. I told General Crittenberger that I didn't want to go back to the States with the Corps, preferring to stay here in Italy if that is possible.

Regards

Charlie R.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/cb

44m/PRB

9 July 45

Dear Charlie:

Your letter of July 4 poses some problems on which I cannot give you full answers. I have just talked with AFHQ and they tell me that their whole scheme to turn the correspondents loose on their own on August 1 has been turned down by Caserta. This means that PRO AFHQ will have to continue messing, billeting and transporting war correspondents for an indefinite period.

As far as we are concerned I am strongly of the opinion that AMG should do its utmost to provide billets, messing facilities and transport for those correspondents accredited to us, excluding the Italians who are not entitled to billets and messing privileges.

I agree that it would be very advisable to take a block of rooms in the Continental for use of wandering correspondents who will become the charge of AMG when IV Corps pulls out. Naturally there should be no charge for billets and only the normal charge for meals as has been the practice in the past. In my opinion you will need both your officer and Reynolds to help you keep things running. If you find you don't need Reynolds I would be glad to have him back here but I do not want to cut you short.

I think it would be a swell idea if you could come to Rome before the 15th. You do not need to worry about the closing of the de la Ville because it will probably remain open until August 1 after which time the correspondents will be entitled to billets at any Army hotel in Rome.

I haven't heard from your Navy friend about your liquor. I shall be glad to take care of it and promise I will not drink it up because I have some of my own at the moment. With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

Lt. C.E. Robbins, USNR
IV Corps Press Camp
A.P.O. 304

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4 July, 1945 - Milan

Dear Stewart:

IV Corps probably will turn over its authority to 2 District on 15 July, and move to a staging area near Rome preparatory to returning to the States.

The problem facing us is the same as yours, and so I wonder what policy and practice you are preparing to follow as regards messing correspondents, billeting and providing transportation.

I talked with Colonel Fiske briefly at the airport yesterday about theadvisability of our moving into the Plaza, saying that with PWB liquidation something like 75 rooms or so would be made available and he could take them to ~~exke~~ use for AC and other missions coming to Milan. Colonel Fiske thought it might be a better idea to take the Continental on somewhat the same basis as the Grand in Rome, namely taking a bloc of rooms and operating a separate mess and let the rest of the hotel be returned for civilian use.

This would be all right for us. Probably no more than eight or ten correspondents will be staying here. With that I shall probably become better set to do some AMG work. But the question remains of whether we should feed them, and if so at what price, and how would we price billets and transportation. Donald Downes told me about the session you attended in Rome recently, presided over by Colonel Ken Clark, and apparently you have ground rules pretty well laid for coming events.

I have an officer and enlisted man, besides Pvt. Bob Reynolds, who have done a very good job here running this press camp. The officer can write, although he doesn't know anything about AC matters. The enlisted man can't write, but he takes responsibility very well and makes everybody else work. He would be a good man to have around. The officer has 84 points and the enlisted man only 28 or so. If you could use either I might get them transferred. I could use one or both of them with me, and might talk to Colonel Fiske about getting them assigned here after 15 July.

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Do you think I ought to come to Rome before the 15th of this month? I can get off for a day or so within the next few days, coming down by PRO plane and returning by ATC or AC. Only problem I have is that I have my gear in the Della Ville and I wonder if a section of that is going to be retained for correspondents and PRO use; if so I can just move my stuff into some other room or rather have the hotel do it and pick it up at some later time.

Talked with John Atkinson today and asked him not to release stories having to do with pay increases authorized by AMG to insurance companies, banks and some other kind of concerns. Seemed to me that we shouldn't make any announcements of such increases, because by so doing we probably would infer to some people that we did it. I told John it would be better if we got out a blast saying wage increases were unsound, and didn't do anyone any good and just diluted the lira still further.

Regards
Charlie R.

nb- A Naval officer called today to ask what I wanted done with a stock of liquor I have on tap in Rome at the Continental, which closes in a few days. I took it upon you to ask the Navy to deliver it to you, or call you about it. I will not be adverse to your taking a little for medicinal purposes and for other. I would have excellent use for it here, and that is probably the last low-price liquor I willbe able to get, but I don't see the transportation for it right away.

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7 July, 1945

Dear Stewart:

Sorry my letters have been getting through so slowly to you. I suspect they are laying in Dugan's office at PRO, because they have been going out of here in the Red Bag and our reports show those things are arriving in Rome either the same day or next. However, in future, I'll send letters via AMG mail facilities at the Montecatini building, and that might assure better delivery.

General Crittenberger last night said he wanted me to stay with IV Corps when it leaves here about July 2o and go with it to the staging area outside Rome and stay until it pulls out on the water for the US. He wants that because he wants a build-up back home of the corps and thinks we can get out some good copy to prepare the people back home for the return of this outfit.

The General said he was going to speak to Colonel Fiske about this. I thought of telling him I thought it wouldbe better if I just dropped out when the corps left Milan, but he gave it to me practically as an order, and I didn't think I could argue about it.

My own opinion is that I could do a better job staying here with AMG. If I should be snatched away and go to the staging area I think I ought to come back here. There is considerable to be done here with AMG public relations, and not much has been done yet.

This might infer that I have some special reason for wanting to stay here, and such might be the case. I have a very fine girl here who runs the Italo-American Press Club, and I might say I am greatly enamored of her, as I think it goes. But I don't think all that makes me so jaundiced as not to be able to say that AMG needs public relations here.

We continue to have a pretty good batch of correspondents here, and the radio is kept moderately busy. I suppose we will lose it July 2o.

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I wrote you several days ago about what arrangements should be made as regards billets and messing and transportation for

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correspondents when IV Corps pulls out. I believe that Colonel Poletti will make whatever facilities available which will be in order for us to dispense, in line with your policy. I haven't talked to him about this yet. As a matter of fact I haven't seen him very much, and he may feel that I ought to do something more than I have, but the fact is that General Crittenberger keeps me running pretty much.

Regards

Charlie R.

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Wire to Robbins

1. Cut [illegible] to 21

2. Suggest urge ~~them~~ to [illegible]
stories wait until after imminent
Conference on subject in Milan.

3. Please clear ~~the~~ all Colonel
or wage-price stories with Mr Poletti

phoned over to
procuffy.
6/7/45
5 p.m.

-- INCOMING MESSAGE ---

.11.. DAILY NUMBER PAGE..1.. CIRCUIT NR.....

TO ..JJKA... V .JJMM1.... July 3

JJKA V JJMM1 CENSORED BY FORD TO STEWART BROWN FROM ROBBINS VIA DUGAN ...CONFERENCE HELD TODAY CONREPRESENTATIVE CAMERA DEL LAVORO DASH REPRESENTING PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES AND UNIONE INDUSTRIALE DASH REPRESENTING PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL-XXX-ISTS IN LOMBARDIA COMMA AGREEMENT REACHED WHEREBY 100 PERCENT INCREASED WAGES TO PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYEES PARA 75 PERCENT INCREASED WAGES PROPOSED UNGAINFULLY EMPLOYED PARA FURTHER PROPOSED INDUSTRIALISTS ABSORB 25 PERCENT STATE 50 PERCENT REPRESENTATIVES DEPARTED PERROME PENDING ACTION ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PARA THREE BANKS COMMA BANCO DI ROMA COMMA BANCO COMMERCIALE COMMA BANCO ITALIANO CREDITO INCREASE COST OF LIVING BONUS 3000 LIRES MABES COMMA 2000 LIRES FEMALE FAMILY HEADS COMMA PLUS 300 LIRES EACH DEPENDENT.POLETTI APPROVED PLAN TO REROACTIVE JUNE FIRST.LIKE PROPOSAL ADOPTED WITH INSURANCE COMPANIES INCREASING WAGE 30 PERCENT OVER BASE PAY.ENDIT 193

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/mcw

226/PRB

6 July 45

SUBJECT: Norton Article in Baltimore Sun

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. Reference is to my memo of June 29 (PRB/226) on the above subject.

2. The second letter mentioned in the signal is attached herewith.

3. I do not believe it would serve any purpose to ask Norton to tell us his source as any newspaper man would refuse. Personally, I would not like to ask him myself.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

Att.

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27 June, 1945
Milan, Italy

Dear Stewart:

I talked with the officer here whom I suspected of having been the source of the Norton story criticizing AMG and commenting on alleged British domination of AC/AMG and he denied flatly that he had talked to Norton on this subject. I am satisfied that he was telling the truth. My reason for suspecting him, as I told you in my previous letter, was that he had expressed somewhat similar ideas at another time, at which time I said to him that he was in error and anyway it was bad business to be critical of an ally. He agreed to this, and assured me he wouldn't have anything more to say on this subject.

Colonel Marshall signalled IV Corps saying I had refused to give him the name. Colonel Ladue, Chief of Staff, and Colonel Wells, G-2, both told me they were forgetting the incident and that as far as they were concerned my explanation was satisfactory.

If the matter is to be pursued further I would suggest we try to get Norton to tell us his source. He quite likely will refuse, but we can of course ask him. I understand he has left the theater, but we could message him through his paper, the Baltimore Sun.

Sorry this had to come up. Marshall was throwing his weight around, but I learned from others that he has been doing that elsewhere too. It's too bad a Regional Commissioner has to get himself so exercised when I should think he could better employ himself with more worthwhile activities. However, people is people.

Regards

Charlie Robbins

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HEADQUA TERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/ag

226/PRB

2 July 1945

Dear Charlie:

For some unknown reason your two letters of June 16th just arrived today. That's pretty slow delivery.

I understand you managed to save the Diana Hotel for the correspondents. Is that so? I hope you can continue feeding the political and neutral correspondents. If you have to give up any, I would prefer you drop the neutrals and not the politicals, even though that does mean taking care of Luzzatto.

I hope you have had a chance to talk with Colonel Fiske regarding the fu future of your office after IV Corps moves. The Admiral assumes you will return to AMG/AC when IV Corps moves out of Milan and not remain with IV Corps wherever it goes.

Has Reynolds been any help?

As much as possible I would like you to consider the whole of northern Italy with the exception of Emilia and Venice regions as part of your territory. Major Bullock is now stationed in Bologna and Capt. Ellison in Venice, or rather Padua. I hope either you or Reynolds can dig into some of the AMG work in Lombardy, Piedmont and Liguria.

With warm personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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16 June, 1945

Dear Stewart:

We have been asked to move out of the hotel by 5 Army, which has taken over the Diana and becomes a Rest Hotel. I have another meeting with the officer in charge of 5 Army hotels probably on Monday, at which time we probably will come to some definite decision.

If we are unable to budge them in their decision to move us out, we could go to the Plaza, although it would have to be by installments because Villa Liquidation will not get rolling until 1 July. I believe we can, at the worst, hold the army off so that we can go to the Plaza as fast as that hotel can take us.

I am inclined to think that we have enough support at IV Corps to remain here, since our correspondents' hotel now runs 20 and will be reduced to 15 or maybe even 10 in another week when the Brazilians move out, and when other correspondents now here leave because such situations as on the French border are no longer as acute.

If we stay on here we are again going to have to fight the question of the rights of correspondents. I am sure that 5 Army will say that they will not feed British or any other than American personnel, and especially that they will not feed Italian and other neutral or non-Ally country correspondents. I think we will win part of that fight too, or that we shall be able to induce 5 Army to feed and billet British and all Allied correspondents. We may have a tough one in feeding our Mr. Incrotto.

Should 5 Army back up the Italian correspondents such as Melilli of CRDIS with the Army accreditation, and Incrotto with his AC papers, we might be able to put them down at the Plaza. If 5 Army remained adamant in the matter of feeding any but American correspondents I would be inclined to move our whole establishment out and go to the Plaza. Objection to the Plaza is that it doesn't have a good press room, and also we might have to face the problem eventually of [illegible],

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running the mess there. Another advantage of the Diana is that living conditions generally are better here.

At any rate, that is our situation at the moment. I will write as it gets clarified.

Regards

Charlie

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Hotel Diana - IV Corps
16 June, 1945

Dear Stewart:

On this question of what should be done when IV Corps leaves over to AAI Lombardia:

It looks now as if IV Corps will be here for several weeks. It may pass over all authority to AAI but it will be domiciled here pending being stepped out. As long as that is true I would think we could get better facilities from the army than through AAI Lombardia.

There is no present plan to withdraw any of our personnel, although that is of course a situation that could change fast. This staff functions pretty well, except that we are not able to produce news of AAI operations. Once I get this hotel business straightened out I hope to do some more on writing about AAI. Miss Evans is below here will be helpful in covering AAI, but to do a job we could easily use another man on a full-time basis.

I haven't done much for Colonel Poletti, partly because I haven't had much time, partly because John Atkinson appeared on the scene and Poletti assigned him to be his press officer. I talked with Colonel Fiske saying I thought the AAI public relations should be where possible on the basis of writing about conditions generally in North Italy and not necessarily Lombardia. It might be well if I or someone assigned at one time or another to get into Piemonte and Liguria and developed material for copy. Much of that could of course be done by getting in people from those regions, but some should no doubt be done by being on the scene. I will talk further with Colonel Fiske, and possibly you will be seeing him this week and give me your ideas, as well as we could get a plan going to get it done. If Colonel Fiske is going to have an organization of people who will be in touch with activities in the various regions they will be good news sources. If he doesn't have much of an organization then I may have to do most of my work through the Lombardia region people.

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I suppose the reason why Foletti put John to work was that he reported in to him and he no doubt felt that he was entitled to have a full-time man on FR. The first time Foletti talked on the radio I took the question up with Colonel Walker of IV Corps as to censorship and also as to the possibility that something said to apply in Lombardia might not apply in other regions where Foletti might be heard. Foletti must have gotten the idea, in subsequent conversations with Walker that I was opposing or not being cooperative, and so decided on John. Or, he may have figured I wasn't able to spend enough time on his account. At any rate, John was handy. I told John when he first came in that I wanted to see all his releases and wanted to be informed as to what he was doing so we wouldn't be working at cross purposes. I don't know, though, what he has done besides get out the Colonel's radio talk and make whatever arrangements were necessary for his Saturday press conference. I will talk to Colonel Viele saying John should not be used on FR work or if so only to a limited extent.

Regards

Charles R.

pc - As to the shirts - I ordered three and paid over whatever the amount to cover, and you in turn paid me. I would suggest you ask the storekeeper at the Commodore's office, possibly through Bill Sale. As for returning the borrowed skirt or shirts there's no hurry since I haven't any greys here anyhow.

If you should call Bill Sale would you also please ask him what I ought to do in order to get paid. He might be able to request payment on my account for 200 dollars and turn over to you for transmission to me. I would be much obliged if it could be done, or I could learn what is necessary for me to reach into Uncle Sam's coffers. Thanks on this

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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29 June 1945

SUBJECT: Norton article in Baltimore Sun

TO : Chief Commissioner.

1. Attached is a letter from Lt. Robbins and a later signal concerning the identity of the American officer quoted by Mr. Norton in his article in the Baltimore Sun.

2. The second letter mentioned in the signal has not yet arrived.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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Copy

26 June, 1945

SUBJECT: Norton Article Quoting AMG Officer Criticizing American-British Relations

TO: Mr. G. Stewart Brown

1. Yesterday in Turin I stopped in to see Colonel Marshall, RC of Piemonte, to get acquainted and talk over what I might do in the way of public relations for Piemonte Region.

2. In the course of our conversation Colonel Marshall criticized the Public Relations Branch for permitting Howard Norton of Baltimore Sun to write an article quoting an AMG officer who expressed the opinion that the British were running AC/AMG, and that Americans had only a minor role.

3. I explained that we had no power to stop such a story, but that we tried wherever possible to discourage such an attitude as expressed by this AMG officer, and had we known of such a story being written would have undertaken to have informed the correspondent of the true situation.

4. I also said that I thought I knew who was the source of that particular story, and that I had talked to this fellow and had told him that it was extremely bad policy for him to discuss such a matter with the press and that it was unfortunate for him to have such an attitude. I also explained that I had heard from you about this story, and that you had expressed the concern of the Chief Commissioner in this matter. This officer immediately agreed with our attitude and said that he would in future express no such attitude. He pointed out that he had more British than American officers under his command, and said that they have done their work very satisfactorily.

5. Colonel Marshall asked me for the name of this officer. I told him that I was not certain that he (the informant in this story) was the source, although I thought that I knew. I also explained that this officer was not in Piemonte Region, and therefore not under Colonel Marshall's jurisdiction. I didn't think it right, therefore, to name this officer, particularly inasmuch as I was not certain.

6. Colonel Marshall said that he thought I should tell

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him anyway. He pressed the point so I explained that I was under orders to IV Corps and I felt I was under no complusion to give him this officer's name unless so ordered by IV Corps. Whereupon Colonel Marshall said he would call Colonel Ladue, Chief of Staff, IV Corps, and have Colonel Ladue instruct me to give the name.

7. I explained that I would not like to see that done, stating again that I thought his position was not warranted. He didn't agree to this, and put the call through to Colonel Ladue. After Colonel Marshall stated to Colonel Ladue that he wanted me to name the man Colonel Ladue asked to speak to me.

8. I then explained the situation to Colonel Ladue and he agreed with my position, asking that I talk to him about it when I returned to Milan. I got back here to Milan after 10 o'clock tonight, and will see Colonel Ladue on this and other matters tomorrow.

9. Colonel Marshall, after this phone call, said he was going to Rome tomorrow (25 June) and he would report to G-5 of AFHQ that i had refused to give him this man's name. I again said that I would not be a party to discrediting another officer until I was more sure of my ground.

10. This is written so that should the question come up you will have my version. I am sorry of course that it came up but Colonel Marshall was the aggressor and persisted in his position. The suspected officer in question has done a very good job, at least from my own observations and from what I have heard from other sources, and has recanted for his mistake.

11. If you want this officer's name I will of course give it to you. He said merely what other officers have said at one time or another. It was unfortunate that he said it, and he is now aware of it, and I am sure will not do it again.

Regards

sgd
Charlie Robbins

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original to Chief Commissioner

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12 DAILY NUMBER CIRCUIT NR.....P-1

TO... JJKM V JJMM1....

JJKM V JJMM1 CENSORED BY FORD.... STEWART BROWN VIA DUGAN FROM ROBBINS AS EYE SAID OVER PHONE EYE SAW THE OFFICER WHOM EYE SUSPECTED AS SOURCE OF STORY AND HE DENIED HAVING TALKED TO CORRESPONDENT. AS EYE SAID IN LETTER PRINCIPAL REASON EYE DIDNT WANT TO GIVE MARSHALL INFORMATION WAS THAT EYE WASNT SURE. WRITING MORE ON THIS ENDIT 100

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phoned 1530 28/6/45

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
Public Relations Section
Hotel Diana, Milan, Italy

28 June 1945

Miss Wolf

Would you please place this office on your regular daily mailing list for two copies of the daily press releases and the weekly bulletin.

Also, when the Allied Commission history comes off the press, send us 25 copies for distribution among the various departments at AMG and to the correspondents here.

Thanks.
John Robinson

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FOURTH CORPS PRESS CAMP FOR ROBBINS CMA GEORGE DASH FIVE SECTION HQ ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP FOR BULLOCK CMA EIGHT ARMY PRESS CAMP FOR ELLISON

731 28 June 1945 ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD URGENTLY NEED MORE REGULAR MATERIAL FOR WEEKLY BULLETIN PD

PAREN FOETH CORPS PRESS CAMP FOR ROBBINS CMA GEROGE DASH FIVE SECTION HQ ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP FOR BULLOCK CMA EIGHT ARMY PRESS CAMP FOR ELLISON FROM IRD HQ ALCOM PAREN

PARA TWO PD PLEASE TRY TO LET US HAVE A WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION BY WEDNESDAY EACH WEEK

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

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SCAD #0124 CONF

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23 June 1945

INFORMATION

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PAR. 6(B) TO BE GIVEN LOCAL PUBLICITY TO

PARTICIPATING UNITS ONLY BUT NOT TO ALLIED TROOPS

PARA 7(C) TO CHANGE LOCATION TO READ PU

PARA 7(E) TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RELEASE TO ALLIED PRESS AS MAY BE DIRECTED BY SCAD

PAR PU CHANGE START TO END ONLY MILAN AND OTHER PRESS OFFICES TO LEAVE

NICE

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ASST ADJUTANT

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H/C 2265

Wire to Robbins from Brown

As soon as he can get
transportation am sending
you private —— Reynolds
& our ~~###~~ news staff to
assist you.

phoned from
21-6-45

PRB

--- INCOMING MESSAGE ---

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CIRCUIT NR..P1....

TO ..... JJKM V JJMM-1.....

JJKM V JJMM-1 CENSORED BY FORD -- STEWART BROWN VIA DUGAN MISS EVANS RETURNING THURSDAY MORNING PLANE. WELL BE ABLE TO USE MAN WHENEVER YOU CAN SUPPLY END LGS

REC--192031B--TT

Major Leacacos
Miss Oxtoby

When can you spare Reynolds or Drummond?

JB

A.Z.

Mr Stewart Brown

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REC--1920518--TT

Mary Lacaca
Miss Okita

When can you open Reynolds
& Drummond?

JB

Stewart Brown

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June 19, 1945

Cable to C.E.Robbins, IV Corps

How long will you need Miss Evans? Mrs. Oxilia has got more than she can handle and I believe we should get her back as soon as possible if you can spare her. I hope shortly to be able to send you an enlisted man with newspaper experience.

Brown.

phoned over to AFHQ
3:15 p.m. 19 June 45

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Mr. B:

Col. Bonham-Carter called to say he received a copy of a cable from IV Corps (which he noted you weren't on distribution list) which stated that IV Corps has no objection to Italians holding meetings and assemblies so long as they are held in conformity with article 4 of proclamation III.

Miss Russell called - would like us to give her ~~a ring~~ when you come in to see if you still want to see the Brig.

mv.
3:30

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TO: JJKM V JJMM-1

JJKM V JJMM-1 CENSORED BY FORD -- STEWART BROWN VIA DUBAN FROM ROBBINS FITZ-PATRICK LEFT HERE BY CAR YESTERDAY FOR PISA SAYING WOULD FLY ON FROM THERE. THANKS FOR EVANS 575

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Mr Stewart Brown not available
2030 hrs 1576.

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REC--1520308--TT

Mr Stewart Brown not available
2030 h.c 15/6.

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MAJOR LOCK
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17 June 1945

MR. BROWN

THE FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE AT 115 HRS.

FOR BROWN FROM ROBBINS

DON'T KNOW WHEREABOUTS OF MAJOR BULLOCK BUT IF LEARN WILL

GET WORD RE 13 CORPS

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For Robbins from Brown

Suggest gov publicity recent relaxation of regulations and conditions under which political meetings can be held

phoned one. To PRO office 9.30 a.m. 16-6-45

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TO: JJKM V JJMM-1

JJKM V JJMM-1 CENSORED BY FORD - TO STEWART BROWN ALLIED COMMISSION FROM ROBBINS DO YOU MIND IF MISS EVANS STAYS HERE FEW DAYS TO DEVELOP SOME AC-AMG STORIES. SHE HAS PASSAGE PRO PLANE 15 JUNE BUT IF YOU AGREE WOULD LIKE FOR HER TO STAY HERE FOR SHORT TIME END 361

14-2126-REC-HM

phoned answer over 11a.m -

"ok Evans Stay Milan long as needed

GS Brown

PRO ~~efhq~~ HC .

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phoned answer over 11a.m -

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PRO ~~after~~ HC .

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

C Found over to PROAFHQ 1109 hrs 15 June

Originator do not write above this line

TO FOR ACTION FOUR CORPS FOR LIEUT CHARLES EASY ROBBINS
UNCLE SUGAR MAN ROGER FOUR CORPS PRESS CAMP

REF. No: DATE: 15 June 45 PRECEDENCE: URGENT

(See notes on reverse)

RESTRICTED PD

PLEASE SEND FITZPATRICK BACK TO ROME IMMEDIATELY PD

PARAEN TO FOR ACTION FOUR CORPS FOR LIEUT CHARLES EASY
ROBBINS UNCLE SUGAR MAN ROGER FOUR CORPS PRESS CAMP PAREN
HE HAS ORDERS TO GO HOME AT ONCE

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

TEL. No.

ORIGINATOR's SIGNATURE

Authenticated:

Raymond S. Richards
CWSC USA
Asst Adjutant

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A. C. - Feb. 1945

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G:B/mew

226/PRB

12 June 45

Dear Charlie:

I was sorry I missed you the day I left Milan and your letter explains why I couldn't reach you. What you were doing was more interesting and important than what I had to talk to you about.

The only thing of any importance I had to suggest to you was that you might make a blueprint of what you might require when IV Corps turns over to Lombardia Region and discuss with Fiske and Poletti the staff and equipment which will be necessary for you to function efficiently. If required, I can send you Miss Evans to help out with the Italian contacts and perhaps a private who has had some newspaper experience to do odd jobs. Naturally I would prefer that you get your staff there but if necessary I would help you out.

I did not know that Atkinson had gone to Poletti's office. According to G-1 American he did not go as a PR man but to help Poletti in running his hotels. I would hate to have him handling Poletti's PR and I suggest you discuss this with Col. Fiske and ask him to put a break on Poletti's using John as a PR man. I also suggest you talk to Fiske about Col. Poletti's broadcast and as to whether you or he should check them before they are put on the air.

I just received two of the three grey shirts you ordered for me and they are a godsend. I seem to have lost one of the shirts you loaned me so I will only be able to return one of them and you can count the extra shirt for which I paid you as a refund for the one I cannot return. Or did I order three shirts? I am not quite sure but it seems to me that it was three.

We had to call Fitzpatrick back from the north because he was discharged from the Army. I hope that things are going well for you.

Sincerely.

Lt. C. E. Robbins, USNR
IV Corps Press Camp
A.P.O. 304

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NOTES

1. The Classification, excepting « IN CLEAR BY ANY MEANS », will be inserted as the first word of the text. Grades are :

   TOPSEC
   SECRET
   CONFIDENTIAL
   RESTRICTED
   IN CLEAR BY ANY MEANS

   When no classification appears at the beginning of the text the message will be sent IN CLEAR.

2. Precedence priorities are :

   URGENT (equals British MOST IMMEDIATE)
   OPERATIONAL PRIORITY (equals British IMMEDIATE)
   PRIORITY (equals British IMPORTANT)
   ROUTINE
   REFERRED

   Only in exceptional cases will a precedence higher than « PRIORITY » be used in this Headquarters.

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9 June - 1944

Dear Stewart:

I tried to reach you the other day to explain why I couldn't get over to see you before you got away. It seems that I had Axis Sally to deal with. She had been taken the night before in Turin and was about to be whisked away from Milan down to 15 Army Group. I told the boss that we ought to get a story and some pictures before she got away so he did what I hoped he would and said "well if you think so why don't you go get them yourself." So I did. Don't know what play our release got, but Sid Feder's story made pretty generous use of it. Sally, incidentally, is not overbright and I am pretty sure all she did was read some very clever scripts. A lot of people have asked where she got all the intelligent intelligence she put out, but the answer is that someone else did it and she just was the voice. Instead of finding a tough, cynical and maybe sophisticated (in a radio station sort of way) girl, I found one who was more the victim of circumstances, or so it seems. I have argued a little about her with some of the Corps officers who listened a lot to her, and they think she is smart, but the interrogating officers who were with Sally part of the time I was there had pretty much the same idea that I had about her.

Anyhow, that's why I didn't get down to the Plaza.

As you probably know John Atkinson is here handling Poletti's stuff. Poletti got out his radio speech and sent it to me the other day with the request that I request all newspapers house it in full. I didn't do it, because it would have been impossible for them to havehouse it in full.

Incidentally, is there going to be any check on his radio talks, other than censorship? If the radio station radius was limited to Lombardia it wouldn't be so bad, but trouble is of course that it is heard all over Italy. So he is, in effect, in the position of declaring AC policy from a national level. Should think some thought should be given to the control of that.

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The problem we talked over briefly of my working under Colonel Fisic sounds pretty good. I probably will be able to talk to him in a day or two to get some of his ideas of what I ought to do.

Fitzpatrick and Ahrends of FYB or UCIC have gone up to Nonsano for three days. I thought some about going along, but I couldn't make it.

Regards

Charlie Robbins

---COMING MESSAGE---

34 DAILY NUMBER PAGE 1 CIRCUIT NR. P-1

TO: JJKM V JJMM1

TO JJKM V JJMM1 CENSORED BY GILL TO MAJ. LEACACOS ALLIED COMMISSION PRB FROM FITZPATRICK ...DELAYED DUE TRANSPORT SHORTAGE.LEAVE FOR BOLZANO FRIDAY MORNING RETURNING SUNDAY OR MONDAY ARRIVING ROME TUESDAY ENDIT 228

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Phone 2155

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GSB/mow

226/PRB

7 June 1945

Dear Mr. Allen:

I received your note of June 5 at the hotel but unfortunately was unable to get in touch with you because I did not have sufficient time. Upon my return to Rome yesterday I contacted Mr. Cecil Sprigge, Chief of Reuters Bureau, regarding your request.

Mr. Sprigge said he would have to consult London as to his wishes and if London desired you to come to Rome for consultation he would let me know. I can only authorize transport for you from Milan to Rome on request from Reuters since you are not accredited to any news organization. Reuters hopes to have an answer in a day or so.

Sincerely yours,

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Mr. Robert Allen
27 Via Monte Napoleone
Milan

Sent Press Relations

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Coll Spragg

Milan, June 5th 1944.

Dear Mr Brown,

When Lt Robbins told me last week that you were due to arrive here I hoped to be able to meet you and enlist your aid. However, I learn you are leaving by bomber, I must set down the main points in writing.

On leave of the Nth. Italian Liberation Nucleus Switzerland I met a Swiss in Zurich last June who knew them very well. I was to have stayed about a week, but the closing of the frontier compelled me to stay. He was a very Civilian, and recruited only by the C.L.N.A.I and sent to the N.A.P. by position to Berne Legation.

Counter Office in Rome suggests I go there myself and explain my situation there when it might be much easier. I believe that, once approached you in the subject I have in mind.

If you could see your way without too much trouble, to enable me to find a way to Rome

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Sir please do the immediate favour for which
I am doing me a great favour.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours Sincerely

Robert Allen.

Britain No Front Napoleon 27
Tel. 3797

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TO: JJKM V JJMM-1

JJKM V JJMM-1 CENSORED BY BOAVISTA-STEWART BROWN ALLIED COMMISSION FROM ROBBINS WILL MEET YOU AIRPORT TEN OCLOCK TUESDAY WE HAVE SESSION WITH GEORGE EDMOND AT ELEVEN PD HAVE BOOKED YOU FOR WEDNESDAY RETURN TO ROME VIA AC PLANE END--140.

phoned 04/1725

JHF
D/D

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
Public Relations Section
Hotel Diana Milan, Italy

For Immediate Release — 2 June 1945

Censored By — Release No. 35

An initial program of public works for the city of Milan amounted to 135,600,000 lire has been approved, according to Allied Military Government.

Colonel Charles Poletti, in announcing the program, declared that contracts for these public works should not be given to any firms which collaborated with the Fascist-Nazi regime. Moreover, he stated, each contract places a responsibility upon the employer to give preference in employment to genuine members of the partisan organizations.

The public works program provides for the repairing of 134 school buildings at a cost of 32,100,000 lire, the repairing of 20 hospital buildings at a cost of 14,500,000 lire, reconstruction and repair of 175 apartment buildings which will provide 6,000 rooms at a cost of 55,000,000 lire, repair of sidewalks to cost 2,500,000lire, removal of 120,000 cubic meters of debris at cost of 7,200,000 lire and repair of street lighting at cost of 5,000,000 lire and other smaller projects.

AMG is engaged in preparing a public works plan for the nine provinces of Lombardia, it was stated.

(End)

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IV Corps - Diana Hotel

27 May 1945

Dear Stewart:

I saw Poletti three or four days ago and he said that he had talked to you about my staying here. I hadn't heard of it so I took it to mean that you two had bumped in to each other at some place and only a casual word had been said about it, and anyhow since Poletti was rather casual about it I just said that I liked it here and that there was an A.C PRO job to be done and that if I could be of any help while I was still with IV Corps I would be glad to oblige.

I had stopped in to see him just to tell him that I was much interested in A.C problems and that anyhow since I was an AC man I wanted him to know that I was around (even though I had seen him at a couple of sessions). He didn't say anything about having requested Isaacson by wire but at the message center I learned that a British captain had written the message, although it is of course possible that he did so at Poletti's request. I stopped in at the message center immediately after seeing Poletti.

It now looks as if IV Corps will stay here for some time. However, in answer to your question as to which I would prefer to do when my job there is finished, I believe I would rather be in Rome. This will be interesting for some time to come, and there is much work to be done here by A.C, but if there is a choice I'd rather come back to your place.

As you suggest in another letter, also of 22 May, I'll see Poletti soon and talk over some of the problems he will face in the way of servicing correspondents when IV Corps facilities are eliminated. As for the 299 there are no indications that I know of at the moment that the set will be snatched from us in the near future.

Regards

Charles Robbins

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-- INCOMING MESSAGE --

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22 DAILY NUMBER SER. : ONE CIRCUIT NR. P1

TO : JJKM V JJMM-1

JJKM V JJMM-1 CENSORED BY GILL 011830 -- TO STEWART BROWN ALLIED COMMISSION FROM ROBBINS ON THEORY BILLETS AND RATIONS LIMITED TO ALLIED WAR CORRESPONDENTS BELIEVE WE OUGHT NOT ACCOMMODATE LUZZATTO WHEN HE RETURNS. DIANA NOW RUN BY AMG AND THAT IS THEIR POSITION WHICH EYE THINK AGREED ALL AROUND. ALSO THINK WE SHOULD NOT HANDLE WIVES SECRETARIES INTERPRETERS ETC ACCOMPANYING ANYONE ENTITLED TO STAY HERE. NEWSUBJECT WHY NOT COME UP HERE DAY BEFORE PWB MEETING SO WITH EDMONDS CAN GET PLANS IN SHAPEBEFORE SESSION END 97

Answer phoned over to PRO AFHQ for robbins 2 June 45 at 11:45

AC assumed responsibility for messing, billeting of accredited political correspondents of which Luzzatto is one. In view of this believe AMG should mess and billet Luzzatto. As regards wives, secretaries, interpreters do not believe they should be entitled to billets and rations unless AFHQ PRO authorizes them to travel with the correspondent as working persons.

new subject: Sorry cannot come up on Monday but hope to arrive Milan shortly after 10 a.m. and could meet with Edmen before lunch if he is available.

REC--011659B--TT

brown PRO AC

Phoned 0203

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NOW RUN BY AMG AND [illegible]

ALSO THINK WE SHOULD NOT HANDLE WIVES SECRETARIES INTERPRETERS ETC ACCOMPANYING ANYONE ENTITLED TO STAY HERE. NEWSUBJECT WHY NOT COME UP HERE DAY BEFORE PWB MEETING SO WITH EDMONDS CAN GET PLANS IN SHAPEBEFORE SESSION END 97

Answer phoned over to PRO AFHQ for robbins 2 June 45 at 11:45

AC assumed responsibility for messing, billeting of accredited political correspondents of which Luzzatto is one. In view of this believe AMG should mess and billet Luzzatto. As regards wives, secretaries, interpreters do not believe they should be entitled to billets and rations unless AFHQ PRO authorizes them to travel with the correspondent as working persons.

new subject: Sorry cannot come up on Monday but hope to arrive Milan shortly after 10 a.m. and could meet with Edman before lunch if he is

REC--0116598--TT available.

brown PRO AC

Phoned at 1136

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There will be a meeting of all USP Press Officers and Aides on Tuesday, June 5 at 15.00 hours. Urgent new Ostpolitik [illegible] and must we may have Lord, S.S. and Ostpolitik [illegible] prior to CPL and ATT matter. If you think [illegible] all Zuerke regional Editors of embassies too. You might like to discuss this with Muslim Press Conference [illegible]. We want to be prepared to deal with specific [illegible] Bonn, Cologne and Venice.

[illegible] Office since there's [illegible] announcement stressing that [illegible] will be made without prior consultation [illegible].

[illegible] through PPP - Tel: 6[illegible], Ext. [illegible].

Ingrid Reffler

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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TO AFHQ

REF. No: 9611 DATE: 28 MAY 1945 PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

(See notes on reverse)

RESTRICTED FD

PARA ONE FD REUR NOR EIGHT THREE ONE EIGHT EIGHT CITE FWBG FD

PAPER AFHQ FROM PWB HQ ALSOK FD

PARA TWO FD CORRIERE DINFORMAZIONI STARTED PUBLISHING TWO TWO MAY AFTER COMMITTEE NATIONAL LIBERATION OF NORTH AT MEETING TWO ZERO MAY WITH COLONEL WALKER AND PWB RELUCTANTLY AGREED NOT OPPOSE ITS PUBLICATION AS AN INDEPENDENT NONPOLITICAL NEWSPAPER UNDER PARA SEVEN OF PWB PRESS PLAN FD PREVIOUSLY THEY RESISTED REAPPEARANCE OF AN EXTRATIL CORRIERE DELLA SERA AND ONLY AGREED NOT OPPOSE IT FURTHER WHEN IT WAS SUGGESTED NAME BE CHANGED TO CORRIERE DINFORMAZIONI FD ON FRIDAY WITHOUT WARNING GROUP ARMED PARTISANS VISITED NEWSPAPER SIZED BURNED APPROXIMATELY TEN THOUSAND COPIES OF PAPER FD LOCAL POLICE ARRESTED THREE PARTISANS FD PAPER CAME OUT SATURDAY WITHOUT INCIDENT FD COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER UNITA OF MILAN COMMENTING ON INCIDENT SAID THAT CORRIERE IS NOT MERELY PAPER OF INFORMATION BUT REACTIONARY NEWSPAPER BASED ON THE OLD FASCIST STYLE FD THIS CONNECTION ISSHOULD NOTED THAT PAPER DOESNOT CARRY EDITORIALS AND IS STRICTLY NONPOLITICAL INFORMATION NEWSPAPER WITH A COMMUNIST AS COMMISSIONER AND MARIO BORSA AS EDITOR

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

TEL. No. 473719

ORIGINATOR's SIGNATURE

Authenticated:

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

A. C. – Feb. 1945

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1. The Classification, excepting « IN CLEAR BY ANY MEANS », will be inserted as the first word of the text. Grades are :

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   CONFIDENTIAL
   RESTRICTED
   IN CLEAR BY ANY MEANS

   When no classification appears at the beginning of the text the message will be sent IN CLEAR.

2. Precedence priorities are :

   URGENT (equals British MOST IMMEDIATE)
   OPERATIONAL PRIORITY (equals British IMMEDIATE)
   PRIORITY (equals British IMPORTANT)
   ROUTINE
   REFERRED

   Only in exceptional cases will a precedence higher than « PRIORITY » be used in this Headquarters.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

MAY 28 RECD 226
CC 1014

S.O. to C.C.

Originator's Reference: F 6319
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 271901B

Message Centre No: F/2597
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 272115B
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AMMG SICILY SACTED CITE FWDEG

TO : ALOC ROME

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Facts and reasons behind demonstration MILAN Partisans required here urgently. Refer 6490.

Dist PRS
Action - ~~S.O. to Chief Comm 2~~
Info - ~~Exec~~ Commissioner
File 2
Float
Chief Comm'r.

HEADQUARTERS
28 MAY 1945
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AFHQ G-5

8490 26 MAY 1945 PRIORITY

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1. ROME NEWS PAPERS CARRY MILAN DISPATCH STATING THAT ARMED PARTISANS YESTERDAY VISITED ALL NEWSTAND S IN MILAN AND SEQUESTERED BURNED COPIES OF THE NEWSPAPER "CORRIERE DI INFORMAZIONI" WHICH IS THE OLD "CORRIERE DELLA SERA".

2. THIS PAPER STARTED APPEARING TUESDAY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PWB AND COLONEL WALKER OF IV CORPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 7 OF THE PRESS PLAN FOR NORTHERN ITALY

CHIEF COMMISSIONER
489081 EXT. 222
/S/ STEWART BROWN

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/eb

226/RHB

27 May, 1945

SUBJECT : CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE

TO : Chief Commissioner, A.C.

For your information the following signal dated Saturday, May 26th has been received from Lt. Robbins, PRO, IV Corps, Milan:

"Ten thousand Corriere d'Informazione were taken off stands and burned yesterday (Friday). There was no other disturbance and no recurrence of incident today. Local police handling and have arrested three men but don't know what charges are. Will try to wire more this afternoon".

No further wire has been received as of Sunday afternoon.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

cc. to: Executive Commissioner
Political Advisor (A)
Political Advisor (B)
Major Leoncos

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14 DAILY NUMBER -----INCOMING MESSAGE----- PAGE 1 CIRCUIT NR. P-1

TO: JJKM V JJMM-1

JJKM V JJMM-1----[redacted] /// STEWART BROWN AC FROM ROBBINS TEN THOUSAND CORRIERE DINFORMAZIONE WERE TAKEN OFF STANDS YESTERDAY AND BURNED. THERE WAS NO OTHER DISTURBANCE AND NO RECURRENCE OF INDIDENT TODAY . LOCAL POLICE XXXXXX HANDLING AND HAVE ARREITED THREE MEN DUT DONT Y KNOW WHAT CHARGES ARE. WILL TRY TO WIRE MORE ON THIS XXXX SAFTERNOON END 480

Phoned 26/1500
JHF
D/O

REDV/261355B/WM

FIELD PRESS LIAISON

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XXXX SAFTERNOON END 480

Pleased 26/1500
JHF
D/O

REDV/261355B/WM

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Jos Robbins PRO 4th Corps
from Stuart Brown x Rome
papers says armed partisans
seized burned all copies
yesterdays Corriere di Informazioni x
Chief Commissioner would ~~like~~
appreciate any information on
developments and what action
Col. Walker proposes to take x

phoned
over

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/ ab

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25 May, 1945

Dear Charlie:

In the last Weekly Digest of Public Opinion on Civil Affairs in Occupied and Liberated Territories, prepared by the War Department Bureau of Public Relations, there is a story dated May 15 from Tourin, Italy, by Howard M. Norton of the Baltimore Sun. The headline for the story is 'British Power in AMG in Italy Under Attack' with as sub-head 'American Officer Says Policy Plays into Hands of Communists Seeking to Tie Nation to Russia'. The story itself quoting a "high ranking American officer" is highly critical of British control of AMG and AC. The officer is not named but it is obvious that he was someone with a spite against the British. As you can realize this is highly deplorable and it is extremely regrettable that an officer in the American Army would talk in such terms.

As you yourself know there is a slight preponderance of British officers in AMG and AC but that is mainly due to the fact that the U.S. has not supplied the necessary officers to keep a position parity. If the British do have greater representation in AMG and AC than the U.S. it is our own fault. I wish, if you have an opportunity to talk to Norton, that you would point this out to him. There is no reason for attacking the British for a condition for which the U.S. is to blame. Furthermore, it is highly reprehensible for an American officer in AMG to openly criticise our Allies to an American correspondent.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

Lt.C.E. Robbins, USNR,
IV Corps PRO
IV Corps Press Camp
APO 304
c-o NYC

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18 DAILY NUMBER ----- INCOMING MESSAGE ----- CIRCUIT NR. P-1

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TO: JJKM V JJMM-1

DUGAN

JJKM V JJMM-1 CENSORED BY FORD .. AMG HOTEL MANAGER SAYS TRAVEL ORDERS AUTOMATICALLY AUTHORIZE FOOD AND BILLET UNLESS SPECIFICALLY SO STATES . WE ALL RIGHT ON ORDERS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED BUT BELSEVE THAT SITUATSOTN WOULD BE CLARIFIED IN FUTURE IF WHEN TRAVEL ORDERS ISSUED WOULD SHOW THAT RATIONS AND BILLETS NOT TO BE PROVIDED. NEW SUBJECT WILL GET GIUSTA TO ROME ON PLANE SOON END ...425

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TO: JJKM V JJMM-1

JJKM V JJMM-1 CENSORED BY BOAVISTA 23/1140 -- STEWART BROWN ALLIED COMMISS-
ICN FROM ROBBINS CORRIERS DINFORMAZIONE CAME OUT YESTERDAY NO INCIDENTS.
ON FUTURE ORDERS TO CORRESPONDENTS PLEASE STATE WHETHER THEY ARE OR ARE NOT
ENTITLED TO RATIONS. HOTEL AMG MANAGER HERE INSISTS ORDERS AS PREVIOUSLY
WRITTEN REQUIRES HIM TO RATION AND BILLET NEUTRAL AND COBELLIGERENT CORRES-
PONDENTS ENDIT 411

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PONDENTS ENDIT 411

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---INCOMING MESSAGE---

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TO: JJKM V JJMM-1

JJKM V JJMM-1 CENSORED BY GILL 241430 RELAY TO STEWART BROWN ALLIED COMMISSION PRO ROME FROM ROBBINS CLN SYRIAN CORRESPONDENT YAHIA CHERIF REPEAT YAHIA CHERIF CH DAMASCUS ALEF DA CM NOW MILAN DESIRES ORDERS TO VENICE AND TRIESTE PD WILL YOU AUTHORIZE OR SHOULD CHERIF RETURN ROME QUERY IF AUTHORIZATION GRANTED FORWARD TO MILAN PD PRESENT ORDERS READ TO MILAN AND RETURN MAKING NEW ORDERS IMPERATIVE PD ENDIT 431

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TO MILAN AND RETURN MAKING NEW ORDERS IMPERATIVE PD ENDIT 431

24-1550-REC-HM

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Following received 4 p.m. from Robbins:

(5-24-45)

Syrian co respondent, Yahia Cherif, Damascus Alef Da Gn now Milan desires orders to Venice and Trieste. Will you authorize or should Cherif return Rome? If authorization granted forward to Milan. Present orders read to Milan and return asking new orders imperative.

robbins.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/mew

226/PRB

24 May 1945

Dear Charlie:

This is in reply to your letter of May 21 on the subject of Italians traveling beyond your Corps area.

According to the rules laid down by AFHQ theoretically all Italian correspondents who travel about in the north should have the green journalist card from the AC plus a travel pass which limits them to travel within the line inclusive Venice-Padua-Verona Brescia-Milan-Turin-Genoa. They are definitely forbidden to go to Trieste.

These regulations however do not take care of the Italian newspaper men who are already in the north and wish to travel about. It is impossible for us to issue them green cards without a great deal of trouble and delay. Therefore, the best solution for you would be to issue them travel orders whenever they wish to leave Milan but their travel must be restricted to the area mentioned in the above paragraph.

For your confidential information I am certain that next week all restrictions against travel in the north will be removed except they will not be allowed to go north of the Piave.

I talked to Col. Astley again this morning about political correspondents going to Trieste and he gave me verbal permission to allow Miss Mackenzie and Mrs. Sprigge to go to Trieste whenever they desire. He would, however, like to keep Mr. Luzzatto out of Trieste until he can determine his status with the British Embassy as to whether he is a British correspondent or an Italian correspondent for Italian papers.

Sincerely yours,

G. STEWART BROWN
Director, PRB

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Lt C Stewart Brown

Dear Stewart:

On this matter of Italians traveling beyond this Corps area: The editor of L'Italia Libera here in Milan asks if he can go to Trieste, Venice and Vienna. I asked Colonel Delbert Clark at 5th Army if any precaution were needed from Eighth Army for this fellow to go over to Trieste or Venice and Delbert replied that authority would have to come from AFHQ before an Italian journalist could go to either of those places. So I wired Felder at Rome and he replied that the Italian, Enrico Serra, must stick to the limits prescribed in his travel orders issued through Stewart Brown. This includes Venice but not repeat not either two places mentioned." Don't know quite what that means, except that you didn't issue any orders for this fellow since he was here in Milan all the time and wasn't one who came up in the party of Italians from Rome. But I don't understand from Felder's wire whether Trieste and Venice can be visited by this correspondent or not.

Anyhow, this is a problem which will of course come up more and more. I personally can't see any reason why we should presume to keep Italians from going wherever they want to go, providing they provide the means of travel.

If the situation changes or to limiting Italians in their travel please let me know quickly so I can release scar budding Richard Harding Davise in these parts.

Regards

Charlie R.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/eb

226/PRB

22 May, 1945

Dear Charlie:

I suggest you get together at an early date with Col. Poletti to discuss some of the problems which will arise when IV Corps turns over that territory to AMG Regional control.

I think you should warn Col. Poletti that the correspondents will look to the PRO of the Regional AMG Headquarters for transport, billets, mess and press room facilities. You know how much transport you will need and discuss it with him in order that he can make plans.

I assume it will be agreeable to Col. Poletti to let the correspondents continue to use the Hotel Diana as a press room and also as a billet.

As for transmission facilities I had a talk with Col. Boulder this morning and he is hopeful that he can arrange radio channels very shortly from Rome to Milan through the regional office which will make it possible for the correspondents to file their stories to Rome through AMG facilities after AFHQ has taken away its 299. If for any reason AFHQ should decide to (which I hope it won't) take away its 299 before regional control is established we will have to move fast to set up some sort of communications for the correspondents. I hope you can persuade both Col. Grogan and Col. Clark that the 299 should remain there until IV Corps turns over the territory to Regional AMG control.

Sincerely yours,

G. STEWART BROWN, 4478
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

Lt. C.E. Robbins
IV Corps PRO
IV Corps Press Camp
APO 304
c-o NYC

cc: Col. C. Poletti
Maj. Leacocos

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/mew

226/PRB

22 May 45

Dear Charlie:

After my talk with you on Saturday night about staying on as PRO of the Lombardia Region when it takes control I later saw Poletti who was very agreeable to the proposal.

I was somewhat surprised today to see a telegram from Poletti's office requesting that Maj. Leacacos be assigned immediately to the Lombardia Region. I do not know what happened in the meantime and I wonder if you could throw some light on it. I have signaled back to Poletti that it was impossible to assign a PRO to him until he had been placed in control of A/G operations in the region at which time it would be decided that either you or Leacacos would be assigned as PRO.

I would like you to tell me what you would prefer. Personally, I would like to have you back here when your job as PRO, IV Corps is finished and let Leacacos take on the assignment as PRO Lombardia Region.

Sincerely.

G. S. Brown

Lt. C.E. Robbins
PRO IV Corps
IV Corps Press Camp
A.P.O. 304
c-o NZC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/mew

226/PRB

22 May 45

TO: Lt. C. E. Robbins, USNR
PRO, IV Corps

SUBJECT: Accreditation for European Press

1. I have given some thought to the problem raised by the attached correspondence which you gave to me in Milan.

2. Because it would be practically impossible for us to vet them from here and issue a correspondent's card from the AC, it is suggested that you might get Public Safety in your Regional Office to issue them a Regional pass as civilian photographers after their security record has been investigated.

3. Once in possession of these circulation passes they should be able to take whatever photographs they want except ones that might be of a military nature. In any case all of their photographs will have to go through military censorship either up there or down here. If they cannot be censored there you could arrange to send them down to us in unsealed envelopes addressed to their British and American agencies and we will see that they are properly censored and forwarded.

4. I am returning herewith the relevant correspondence.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Encl.

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
Central Mediterranean Force

21 May 1945
2/PRB/86

SUBJECT: Censoring and transmission of Italian News copy

TO : Mr. G. Stewart Brown,
Director,
Public Relations Branch, Allied Commission,
c/o Lt. Robbins, Hotel Diana, Milan.

Reference your memo 226/PRB of 18 May with copy to PRO, 15 AG and 5 Army.

1. From the PR point of view there would be no objection to your proposal subject of course to the conditions you mention or any other conditions PRO 5 Army, who controls the 299 set, might wish to make.

2. From the censorship angle however it is an unalterable rule that 299 copy is censored before transmission. Chief, Press & Radio Censorship Branch informs us that at the moment he simply cannot spare an Italian speaking censor for the purpose and that the censor covering the local press, who works in a different office and tours the district, is fully occupied. This is the factual situation and Chief, Press & Radio Censorship says that immediately he has a Censor available he will advise us.

For the PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, AFHQ:

G.A.L. Hulder

G.A.L. HULDER
Lieut-Colonel

Copies to: PR Office, Allied Commission, Rome
PRO 15 Army Group
PRO 5 Army
Chief, Press & Radio Censorship Branch

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WAR CORRESPONDENTS AND STATION LIST
IV CORPS PRESS CAMP
Hotel Diana, Milan
APO 304

The following correspondents and personnel are present for duty at this press camp, as of 19 May 1945:

CORRESPONDENTS

Alan Fisher	C.I.A.A.	(American)
Richard D. Barr	C.I.A.A.	"
Henry Bagley	A.P.	"
Aldo Forte	U.P.	"
Donald Downes	C.B.S.	"
June Frank	C.B.S.	"
Frank Brutto	A.P.	"
Stewart Brown	Allied Comm.	"
Sgt. Howard Taubman	Stars-Stripes	"
Sgt. Stan Metaloff	Stars-Stripes	"
C.R. Lumby	London Times	(British)
Peter Duffield	Evening Standard	"
Walter Collins	U.P.	"
D. Farley	BBC	"
John Nixon	BBC	"
James Cooper	Daily Express	"
Mrs. Cecil Sprigge	Manchester Guardian	"
Mr. Botha	SAIR	"
Sgt. Huggett	A.F.P.U.	"
Sgt. Bedford	A.F.P.U.	"
Major Burke	Union Jack	"
Capt. Peel	Union Jack	"
Mr. Lussatto	Reynolds News	(Italian)
Miss Bergh	Swedish	(Swedish)
Antonio Scarsiani	Swiss	(Swiss)
Urodan Utrillo	French	(French)
Jean D'Hospital	French	(French)

The following correspondents checked out since May 15th 1945:

Dau	Polish	Isador Kaufman	Brooklyn Eagle
Mosain	Polish	Mrs. MacKenzie	News Chronicle
Howard Norton	Balt. Sun	Cecil Sprigge	Reuters
Lt. Findon	Union Jack	Martin Moore	Daily Tele.
Jean Chanderli	French Military Papers (All departed for Rome.)		

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The following correspondents (civilian) are also on hand, but not billeted or rationed at the hotel:

Meille	Orbis	Gabriele Baldini	S.I. News Agency
Alberto Ceretto	Ansa	Enzo Levi	Ricostruzione
Giorgio Forlaj	Orbis	Bruno Pincherle	Italian Libera
Giorgio Saner	Globo	Carlo Vaccaro	Globo
Leonida Repaci	L'Epoca	Leo Tolmey Danesi	L'Epoca
Armando Bruni	N.Y. Times	Francesco Flora	Risorgimento-Naples
Domenico Bartoli	Risorgimento Liberale	Aldo Luzzardo	Tempo (Brazilian)
		Hialmar De Laval	Veckojornalen (Swedish)

Rina Pincherle Simonetti---Libero Stampa

C E Robbins
CHARLES E. ROBBINS
Lt. U.S.N.R.
Public Relations Officer, IV Corps.

Copies to : General Willis D. Crittenburger
IV Corps G-2 Section (Col. Wells)
AFHQ (Col Astley)
15th Army Group (Col Grogan)
5th Army (Lt. Col. Clark)
Stewart Brown, PRO Allied Commission
Desk, Hotel Diana
Bulletin Board
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For Motel Only:
Capt. Arnold Childs AMIC PRO (US)
Lt. Schofield AFHQ PRO (US)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

225/PRB

15 May, 1945

SUBJECT : Censoring and transmission of Italian news copy.

TO : Col. Astley, PRO AFHQ

1. Your attention is called to the attached memo from Lt. Robbins, PRO, 4th Corps.

2. I recommend that PRO AFHQ authorize Lt. Robbins to accept messages up to 500 words daily from Italian and Political correspondents for transmission on the 299 providing there is time available and the War Correspondents have first priority on the transmission facilities.

3. With reference to censorship of Italian copy, Col. Hayden informs me that his Rome office will censor the messages here as there is no Italian censor available to send to Milan.

4. I am leaving for Milan to-morrow and it would be appreciated if a copy of your decision could be sent to me there in care of Lt. Robbins, Hotel Diana.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

Copy to:
Col. Grogan, PRO, 15th Army Group
Lt.Col. Delbert Clark, PRO, 5th Army.

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IV Corps
A.P.O.

Italian - Application for License 17 May 1945

Accreditation and Permission to Operate for European Press

To; Lt. Stewart Brown

Herewith application in the form of a letter for permission to sell photos to Allied newspapers. Also with letter is biographical material supplied by the applicants.

I told these people that I herewith & upon their application I would supply their principals with application forms which they would be required to fill out and have notarized. Told them I was not empowered to give them any license or permission here, although I saw no objection to their making whatever arrangements they could with Allied publications. One important objective for them is to be allowed to use the mails to write and solicit business and the further use of the mails to service their accounts, if any.

If this procedure is wrong please let me know.

CR

Walter M. Brown

29 DAILY NUMBER — INCOMING MESSAGE -- PAGE : 1 — CIRCUIT NR. P1

TO : JJKM V JJMM-1

JJKM V JJMM-1 CENSORED BY BOAVISTA FOR MAJOR BERGIN PUBLIC RELATIONS ALLIED COMMISSION ROME FROM STEWART BROWN THROUGH DUTY OFFICER PRO AFHQ ROME PLEASE INFORM CHIEF COMMISSIONER EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER THAT COMMITTEE OF LIBERATION HAVE AGREED PUBLICATION FORMER CORRIERE DELLA SERA BEGINNING MAY 22 UNDER NAME CORRIERE D, INFORMAZIONI END 361

20-1450-REC-HM

Phoned to
Maj Lucas at 20/1515
JHF
D/O

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MAY 22 UNDER NAME CORRIERE D, INFORMAZIONI END 361

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Phoned to
Maj Lucas at 20/1515
JHF
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TO : JJKM V JEMM1

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15 May 1945

Mr Stewart Brown
Allied Commission

Dear Stewart;

I don't know how far to go in this matter of of giving rations and billets to correspondents. I have refused Italians as I told you by wire today, but I did let in the Syrian, Luzzato of Reynolds News and deLaval of Swedish Press.

I am inclined to think that according to the rules we should not be feeding Luzzato or theSyrian, since it is my understanding that only American and British rations are to be supplied AmericansandBritish Empire people. I don't know what our responsibility is for Swedish, French, Polish, Swiss, and am inclined not to provide our rations to any of them. ~~It is not~~ The Swedes and Swiss, of course, are not Allies, and would seem to have no more rights to rations than the Italians.

Luzzato being an Italian ought not to have any more rights than any other Italian. It seems to me that an Italian working for an Allied publication is Italian as far as our books are concerned, regardless of his job.

Since this problem is going to becomre more rather than less complicated, suggest we settle on some policy so that Fifth Army and other forward outfits will know what to do. A decision as to what nationals we should feed and house would settle everything.

Regards
Charles R.

Re your query on Turin: Neither the Stampa nor the Gazzetta Del Popolo in Turin have started printing. They are awaiting decision on the Corriere Della Sera.

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IV Corps Press Camp
15 May, 1945

Mr. Stewart Brown
Allied Commission

Subject: Censoring and transmission of Italian news copy.

1. Our present practice is to send news copy written by Italian correspondents by Red Bag to Rome. This is ~~because~~ we have no censor who can handle copy in Italian, and also because the 299 is for the exclusive use of Allied correspondents accredited to AFHQ.

2. It is suggested that consideration be given to having a censor here who can clear copy in Italian, and further that some consideration be given to sending a limited amount of Italian news copy over our 299, although reserving first priority to Allied correspondent copy and PRO and Allied correspondents service messages.

3. This could be done by one of two ways: (1) by allowing each of the three Italian news agencies a budget of 500 words a day, or (2) by allowing any Italian correspondent here to send a limited amount each day, say 300 words. Their longer articles could go by Red Bag, but they could at least get a brief summary of news of this area to their papers while it was still fresh.

4. It is suggested that as long as the distinction between War and Political correspondents is retained, that Political correspondents of neutral countries be not allowed to use the 299, and that their copy all go by Red Bag.

5. Since this is a matter which apparently should be discussed with Colonel Astley, Colonel Grogan and Lt. Col. Delbert Clark, extra copies for routing to them are enclosed.

IV Corps PRO
C E Robbins
Lt. CERobbins, USNR

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TO : JJKM V JJMM-1

Major Leacock

FF JJKM V JJMM1 CENSORED BY GILL

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY AND PROVINCE OF MILAN WERE CONFIRMED AND FORMALLY INSTALLED IN OFFICE BY ALLIED AUTHORITIES TODAY . PARA APPOINTED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION DURING THE CLANDESTINE PERIOD , THESE OFFICIALS WERE NAMED PROVISIONALLY BY ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT UPON ENTRANCE OF THE ALLIED ARMIES INTO THE CITY . THE APPOINTMENTS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN ROME AND AT TODAYS BRIEF SERVICES FORMALLY INSTALLED BY BRIG. GENERAL EDGAR E. HUME, CHIEF OF AMG FIFTH ARMY . RICCARDO LOMBARBI WAS INSTALLED AS PREFECT OF MILAN, LUIGI FOSIATI AS PRESIDENT OF THE PROVINCIAL DEPUTATION, ANTONIO GREPPI AS MAYOR AND EMILIO ELIA AS QUESTORE OR CHIEF POLICE OFFICIAL. THE CEREMONY WAS WITNESSED BY COLONEL HAMILTON H. WALKER OF PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, HENS OR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR IV CORPS, LT. COL. A. S. GILES, PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER FOR MILAN PROVINCE, AND LT. COL. HARRY HERSHENSON OF CHICAGO, ILL., COMMISSIONER FOR MILAN CITY. PARA. IN REPLY TO GENERAL HUMES EXPRESSION OF SATISFACTION AS TO THE CALIBRE OF APPOINTMENTS MR LOMBARDI DECLARED THAT THE ITALIAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MUCH IMPRESSED WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT AND ASSURED THE ALLIED OFFICIALI THAT THOSE PRINCIPLES WILL BE THE GUIDE FOR HIS ADMINISTRATION. MR LOMBARDI STATED THAT ITALIANS SAVE SHOWN THEIR ABILITY TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PLIGHT IN WHICH THE COUNTRY FOUND ITSELF UNDER FASCIST CONTROL , BUT THAT THE NEW ITALY IS ANXSOUS TO SHOULDER THE RESPONSIBILSTY IN THE TASK OF RECONSTRUCTION . 231

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TO : JJKM V JJMM-1

JJKM V JJMM-1 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO STEWART BROWN ALLIED COMMISSION PRO FROM ROBBINS IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- SPECIFIC INFORMATION OF FOOD STOCKS IN NORTH ITALY IS SCHEDULED TO BE HANDED THE ALLIED COMMISSION ON WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY, BY THE CLNAI. THIS WILL MAKE POSSIBLE DETERMINATION OF ALLOCATION OF FOOD ITEMS FOR SHIPMENT IN TO THIS RECENTLY-LIBERATED REGION. PARA SUBCOMMISSIONS OF AC AGREED TODAY HAD A ~~SESSION~~ SESSION WITH THE CNLAI, DURING WHICH UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT ON SOME BASIC POLICIES RESULTED. BECAUSE THE PARTISANS WERE UNTIL LESS THAN THREE WEEKS AGO PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH FIGHTING THE GERMANS IT WAS INDICATED THAT SUFFICIENT INFORMATION HAS NOT YET BEEN OBTAINED UPON WHICH TO BASE IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS. PARA CLNAI LEADERS REPRESENTING THEIR ORGANISATION ON MATTERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ARE ARRANGING TO PRESENT A DETAILED REPORT BY 25 MAY WHICH WILL SHOW WHAT RAW MATERIALS AND FINISHED PRODUCTS ARE NEEDED TO GET TRADE AND INDUSTRY AGAIN TO OPERATE AT MORE SATISFACTORY LEVELS. AT THE SAME TIME A MORE COMPLETE REPORT OF AVAILABLE AND OPERATING TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES WILL BE PRESENTED AC REPRESENTATIVES. PARA THE QUESTION OF THE ECONOMIC BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH ITALY WAS DISCUSSED. SOME OF THE CNLAI FAVORED NO RESRICTIONS ON TRAFFIC NORTH AND SOUTH WHILE OTHERS HELD THE POSITION THAT CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS SHOULD NOT BE EXPORTED, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING. CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED THAT IF THE TRAFFIC BARRIER WERE REMOVED THE NORTH WOULD BE DRAINED OF MUCH OF ITS PRODUCTS, WITH CONSEQUENT REPERCUSSIONS ON THE PRICE STRUCTURE IN THE NORTH. - 195

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TO : JJKM V JJMM

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Date Time of Origin: MAY

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Date Time Rec'd: MAY 15/1030B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ROBBINS

TO : G STEWART BROWN PRO ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

IN CLEAR.

Am releasing in MILAN 1200 Saturday censured by GILL -- how to merge the Financial, Industrial and Agricultural phases of north and south ITALY into one economic whole is been considered by the Allied Commission and National Committee of Liberation in sessions in MILAN.

The first such meeting was held 11 May during which chiefs of the various sub commissions of AC met with chiefs of corresponding committees of the CLNAI. Purpose of the first meeting was to exchange information as to conditions in north ITALY so that the AC representatives could have first hand data on which to base their plans.

A.G. ANFOLINI, Acting Vice President of the Economic Section of AC, headed the AC Delegation, which has toured parts of north ITALY and learned some of the problems facing this newly liberated area. The Italian Delegation was headed by ALFREDO PIZZIONI who went under the name of LONGHI during German occupation, as President of the Central Financial Committee, and CESARE MERZAGORA, member of the Liberal Party, president of the Economic Committee.

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Mr PIZZIONI stated that manufacturing plants in north ITALY are generally in operating condition but are in need of coal and raw material stocks are low. Partisan organizations were able to frustrate German plans to wreck industrial and utility

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installations, and the speed with which Allied Armies broke enemy defenses and swept through the north was such as to cause the Germans to think more of escape or survival than property destruction.

Mr PIZZIONI stated that while conditions in the north are considerably different from those in the southern part of the country, all recognize that ITALY is necessarily one people and one country, and all planning and operations must go ahead on that basis

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FROM: ROBBINS

TO: G STEWART BROWN FRO ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

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IN CLEAR.

An releasing an ROMAN 1200 Saturday view of the Italian members, concurred in by the AC Representatives, that commerce and traffic of all sorts should be permitted between north and south ITALY in the very near future. This is particularly true of commodities which are surplus to this north area and for which there is demand elsewhere.

Question of soaking up the unemployed by finding useful work was touched on, and the Italian Representatives stated that this was an important problem, particularly during the period during which industrial plants are waiting for fuel or for raw supplies. It was stated that rice fields must be planted very soon a program already was underway to employ a considerable number of people in clearing the fields and making them ready.

Problem of handling the bonus which was promised workers in north ITALY as compensation for there refusal to comply with German production demands also was considered briefly. One million people in LOMBARDY Region alone were promised the bonus, which ranges from 1500 to 5000 lire per worker, adding up to a total in excess of three billion lire. Some consideration is being given to making at least partial payment of this sum in government bonds, so as to avoid the inflation stimulus were this to be paid out in cash within a brief period.

The CLN and AC Representatives will continue sessions for the next 3 days. 4461

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Mr. B.

Carl Horkrader received the following message from C.E.Robbins at 2 p.m.

Corriere della Sera probably will not resume publication for several days. There are two Commissarios, (1) a Communist - (2) a Christian Democratic. Committee left here last night to go to Rome to meet with Albert Albertini, a family who formerly owned Corriere della Sera to sound him out as possible editor. Another candidate is Carrlo Borsa here in Milan. Understand that Col. Poletti when here a few days ago requested to postpone decision as to starting of printing until he returns. Will wire or write more information later. Have been tied up atIV Corps and ~~xxxx~~ and in getting arrangements to handle correspondents after 5th Army PRO people leave tomorrow.

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5 May 1945 - Milan

Mr. C Stewart Brown
Allied Commission
Public Relations Branch
Rome

Dear Stewart:

Sent attached wire to you this evening. Am enclosing some biographical material on Dr. Mario Borsa who probably will be the editor of Corriere Della Sera.

Colonel Walker and, for that matter, Cnudi and Major Noble, all want to get the paper started as soon as possible, and I would guess that it will start printing within a week, if not before. Because the Corriere Della Sera is expected to again be such a good paper the PWB people don't want to continue Ciornale Lombardo since it might not be quite as good as the Corriere and PWB doesn't want to be put in an unfavorable light by comparison of the two papers.

Mr Cnudi doesn't know what is being done in Turin, but he has sent one of his men there to get the story. I will sent a message on the situation there as soon as I can.

The Fifth Army PRO of a Major Beble, a Captain Holmlund and two enlisted men, plus their six jeeps and drivers, will leave here tomorrow morning (Sunday) taking with them their 299 radio system. We have been unable thus far to get one through IV Corps to replace, so we will have to send correspondents' copy by jeep courier to Verona where it will be put on the 299 there for Rome. So your messages will take quite awhile to reach me, since they will have to go from Rome to Verona, and be sent over here to Milan in the Red Bag. However, if you have something urgent suggest you ask Verona (Fifth Army PRO) to phone me the message, which they can do if the telephone system is working, which it frequently isn't.

Thus far I have only two enlisted men, although IV Corps 4458
has requested an officer and five enlisted men for me. That is a larger organization than will be needed, but it is probable that all the men requested will not show up, so we may wind up with three or four men. However, I mean to get enough so that I will not be tied down to the press office so that I can write and follow the newspaper situation, these being I suppose the two most important jobs I can do. We don't have any transportation except a car which I got from the Germans when a bunch of SS

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troops were taken and forced to leave their equipment behind. I am getting a jeep tomorrow to make the courier trip twice daily to Verona. So, for all practical purposes, I will not have transportation for correspondents, which is going to make all of them mad. I have a strong request in for four cars and the colonel under whom I am working assures me that I will have the cars and drivers within a couple of days. The cars will be ex-German equipment -probably Fiats or some other small car- and so will not be the best for extended trips by correspondents.

The political correspondents (Mrs. MacKenzie, Lumby, the Russian, the Reynolds News man, Cecil Sprigg) are all here, as are Brazilian and South African correspondents (these two groups because they have divisions here in this area) plus the American and British correspondents, numbering in all today about 40. I will send a list of correspondents as soon as I can get one made up. Several correspondents will leave here tomorrow and within a few days we will have 15 or maybe even as many as 20 here, a number which I suspect will stay fairly constant for at least another 10 days or so.

Have been able to accomplish the first objective of my being here, namely getting some recognition for IV Corps. Even the name IV Corps had been mentioned in Stars and Stripes only once previously, a slight which some of the officers and men of IV Corps felt pretty deeply. The correspondents have been referring fairly generously to IV Corps lately, and I think the people at that headquarters are fairly well pleased. I have several stories of some of the exploits of the last few days which I will write as soon as I can get around to it. Of course, I think what I ought most to do is to get something written on the economic, agricultural and financial situation, and I'll try to do that too.

All this may indicate that I am pretty busy, which is in fact the truth. But I like it, or will like it if I can get the personnel and equipment so that this place can be run right.

Regards

Charles Robbins

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For Stewart Brown Allied Commission via Markrader from Robbins cln had session with Gnudi, PWB chief; Major Noble, PWB radio officer, and Colonel Walker, G-5 or Civil Affairs officer of IV Corps re Corriere Della Sera. Consensus was that Dr. Mario Borsa most likely prospect for editor. Believe CLN people will be told Borsa to be named editor and PWB people will go to Florence to discuss killing Giornale Lombardo which is PWB paper. Did not use Corriere Aleata name because of similarity to name Germans used. end.

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CORRIERE DELLA SERA

Notes

The Corriere della Sera has two administrators (or Commissarios) appointed by the C.L.N. One, the head, is a lawyer named COPOCACCO, member of the Communist party, and the second is GUALTOLINA, member of the Christian Democrat Party.

Dr. Mario BORSA

Aged about ~~60~~ 74. Educated mostly in England. Was on the staff of Daily News for foreign news. Lived in the U.K. for 12 years. In 1910 returned to Italy and was made editor of "Il Secolo". During first world war supported the cause of the allies and contributed articles concerning the entry of Italy into the war. Gave lectures in Italian, copies of which were translated into English, Spanish and French. Given O.B.E. After fascism came into power he left "Il Secolo". Was a friend of Wickham Steed (Times correspondent) who appointed BORSA correspondent for the London Times, Milan including northern Italy. Was arrested in 1935 and imprisoned for being anti-fascist. Lord Astor (London Times) intervened and got him out. Was banished for two years from public life. Later tried to get to Switzerland but was arrested and brought to Como and imprisoned, then taken down to a village near Abruzzi where he stayed some time, eventually released and confined to small village in the north. Has published several books. Not connected with any political party. Political views well known.

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Robbins - IV Corps

Colonel Norman E Fiske, Deputy Executive Bixector Commissioner of Allied Commission, has been awarded a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star medal in recognition for his work in seizing the commanding officerof the SS troops in Milan and xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxfifthxarmyxheadquarters on the day Allied forces entered this north Italian metropolis. The award was made by Major General Willis D. Crittenberger, commanding, IV Corps, who declared that this instance of bravery and good judgment was "just another instance of your extreme usefulness to IV Corps."

CalznalxFiskexxxxxassignedz Immediately following the surrender by Major General Max Joseph Pemsel of the Ligurian Army, the German and Fascist forces occupying northwest Italy, Colonel Fiske was assigned to seize the SS commander and deliver him to Fifth Army headquarters. Colonel Fiske entered Milan before the night before Allied troops entered the city and found the SS commander, and arranxed explained that the German forces had surrendered and demanded that the SS troops also give up. The German commander agreed.

The following day Colonel Fiske returned, accompanied by two other officers, and arranged for the exazution actual surrender and evacuation of the Germans. It was necessary to use the transportation facilities of theGermans and a near riot was threatened as the Italian large crowd of Italians became aware of the surrender plans. Only through the forceful action taken by Colonel Fiske in speeding the operation was serious trouble averted, so violent was the hatred of the Milanese for the particular German troops who had inflicted so much cruelty and pilferaging on the area people of the city.

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TO [illegible] FOR MILAN

REF. No: 6754 DATE: 8 MAY 1945 PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

(See notes on reverse)

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD PLEASE ASK MILITARY AUTHORITIES WHETHER PERMISSION CAN BE GRANTED TO ITALIAN ASSOCIATES AND NEWSPAPERS TO SEND CORRESPONDENTS INTO YOUR MILITARY AREA PD DO ARMA HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS IF MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE AGREEABLE PD THERE ARE TWO CATEGORIES OF CORRESPONDENTS (ONE) PAPER ACCREDITED ITALIAN WAR CORRESPONDENTS (TWO) AND PAPER TWO PAPERS ACCREDITED ITALIAN CIVILIAN CORRESPONDENTS PD PAPER TO REMAIN WITH FW MILAN FOR AS LONG AS NECESSARY BEFORE FOR AT PRESENT TIME POSSIBLE ITEM PD ALSO CAN ACCRD PAPER PARA TWO PD WE SHOULD LIKE PERMISSION FOR BOTH CATEGORIES TO GO INTO YOUR TERRITORY PD

PARA THREE PD PLEASE ADVISE

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1 May 1945

G Stewart Brown
Allied Commission

Dear Stewart:

I meant to address you first on the attached memo but what with people coming in and out I somehow forgot.

Have been working closely with Colonel Walker, xxxi civil affairs officer of IV Corps, and Colonel Fiske. Find General Crittenberger very cooperative. Took Hamburger of New Yorker down to IV Corps today and we had a long talk with the general, but I don't know yet whether Hamburger plans a story on it. Meg Ingraham xxx of Time and Norvell of Baltimore Sun started out with me, but had to turn back, because they wanted to get a piece on Mussolini, and figured they wouldn't have time to do both.

Plan to write some stories on conditions in Milan, but so far haven't had time because of trying to get things set up to take over when Fifth Army HQ moves out.

Am living at Hotel Diana, which is also press camp hdq. Everybody has had a raft of experiences out of this world. So far I haven't been shot at but I've been in places where Germans were all around me. Why more people don't get hurt in this war hapiness is beyond me.

Regards

Charlie Robbins

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1 May 1945

From: Lt. C E Robbins, IV Corps PRO

To: Colonel Philip Astley, or
Colonel Kenneth Clark, or
Major Carl Harkrader

1. Herewith is situation in Milan:

2. There are 32 correspondents here, quartered in the Hotel Diana, with ample facilities and subsisting on C rations. As you know Major Noble, Captain Holmlund and two enlisted men and drivers for five jeeps, are here from Fifth Army Press Camp, and are considering leaving in about three days.

3. G-2 of IV Corps is trying to get a 299 to replace the one now working here for Fifth Army PRO. Also we are trying to get one officer, one enlisted man writer and two clerks to staff this place when the Fifth Army people pull out. Talked with G-1 at IV Corps on this, and we hope to have at least some of these people by 3 May. Also, have requested one jeep and two other cars, but they are not yet here. Also two typewriters and office supplies, still to arrive. Requests for all this material and personnel were made four or five days ago, and all were followed again today.

4. Have written story of surrender of Ligurian Army, which surrender has not yet been acknowledged by General commanding 75th German army group, but pressure will be applied tomorrow after which that group probably will be in the bag too. Also have written statement for General Crittenberger on occasion of entrance of IV Corps troops into Milan, which statement is being published in papers, put on radio and on PWB sound trucks, and sent to Rome for release.

5. PWB has its work in hand. Five party papers are being published but Corriere Della Sera is not, although efforts are being made to get this started again very soon. PWB news staff is producing copy.

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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TO FOURTH CORPS FOR MILAN

REF. No: 6764 DATE: 2 MAY 1945 PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

(See notes on reverse)

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD PLEASE ASK MILITARY AUTHORITIES WHETHER PERMISSION CAN BE GRANTED TO ITALIAN AGENCIES AND NEWSPAPERS TO SEND CORRESPONDENTS INTO YOUR MILITARY AREA PD PRO AFHQ HERE SEES NO OBJECTIONS IF MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE AGREEABLE PD THERE ARE TWO CATEGORIES OF CORRESPONDENTS COLON PAREN ONE PAREN ACCREDITED ITALIAN WAR CORRESPONDENTS CMA AND PAREN TWO PAREN ACCREDITED ITALIAN CIVILIAN CORRESPONDENTS PD PAREN TO FOURTH CORPS FOR MILAN FOR AC LOMBARDIA REGION FOR LT CHARLIE EASY ROBBINS FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACPRO PAREN

PARA TWO PD WE WOULD LIKE PERMISSION FOR BOTH CATEGORIES TO GO INTO YOUR TERRITORY PD

PARA THREE PD PLEASE ADVISE

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