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Africa - Ex-Italian Colonies

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{	Libya	}
	Ethiopia	
	Eritrea	
	Somaliland	

Ex-Italian Africa

Received October 8th 1944:

Question: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether, in view of publication of Ministry of Information pamphlet "The First to be Freed," recording that slavery in its worst form was practised by the Italian Government in Italian colony of Somalia and maladministration, involving neglect of sanitation, public health, water supply, education, maintenance of public order which obtained in Eritrea and Somalia, imprisonment for years without trial and under bad conditions of persons guilty of no crime known to the laws of civilized countries, he will assure the House that H.M. Government is opposed to the return of colonies to Italy and that their declaration that the Italian Empire in Africa is irrevocably lost will be strictly adhered to.

Answer: Yes, Sir.

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Received October 12th 1944:

Mr. Hurd: asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether his attention has been drawn to the demonstrations which took place in the ex-Italian colony of Eritrea in January and February of this year in favour of reunion of this territory with Ethiopia and whether in fulfilment of the promises made in RAY leaflets dropped in Eritrea the Government will now declare its intention that the principles of the Atlantic Charter shall govern any decisions concerning the future administration of these African territories now liberated from Italian rule and the occupants given full and free opportunity of indicating their desires in this connection?

Mr. Low: I am aware that interest of the kind indicated by the honourable member has been evinced in certain quarters in Eritrea; as regards the second part of the question, the future of Eritrea must await consideration by the United Nations at the conclusion of peace.

Mr. Astor: Has not the Foreign Secretary said that in no circumstances is Italy going to get her colonies back and would there not be widespread opposition to the re-establishment of Italy on our communications through the Red Sea?

Mr. Low: Certainly the Foreign Secretary said that in the hearing of most of us in this House.

Mr. Hurd: Has not the right honourable gentleman misread the second part of my question which asks, not whether the United Nations shall come to any ex parte decision but whether the principles of the Atlantic Charter shall be applied to these territories?

Mr. Low: No, sir, I did not misread the question. I would point out that

of persons guilty of crimes against humanity. The Government is opposed to the Italian Empire in Africa is irrevocably lost will be strictly adhered to.

ANSWER:
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Mr. Ivor Thomas: Is my right honourable friend aware that the Union of British and Abyssinia has not existed since the shadowy days of the Emperor of Ethiopia from his 16th century and will he do his best to have the Emperor of Ethiopia from his friends in this country?

Pol. Section

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October 12, 1944

From: John Osborne, TIME-LIFE Magazine

Our London bureau has cabled me the following clarification of Mr. Anthony Eden's recent statement in regard to the Italian colonial question:

"Eden's statement was in answer to a question put by Percy Barstow, Socialist M.P. ~~xxx~~ Mr. Barstow's question was as follows: 'WHETHER IN VIEW OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION PAMPHLET 'THE FIRST TO BE FREED', RECORDING THAT SLAVERY WAS PRACTISED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN THEIR COLONY OF SOMALIA AND THE NEGLECT OF SANITATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, WATER SUPPLY AND EDUCATION IN ERITREA AND SOMALIA, AND THE IMPRISONMENT FOR YEARS WITHOUT TRIAL AND UNDER BAD CONDITIONS OF PERSONS GUILTY OF NO CRIME KNOWN TO THE LAWS OF CIVILIZED COUNTRIES, HE (MR. EDEN) WILL ASSURE THE HOUSE THAT HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IS OPPOSED TO THE RETURN OF THE COLONIES TO ITALY AND THAT THEIR (THE GOVERNMENT'S) DECLARATION THAT THE ITALIAN EMPIRE IN AFRICA IS IRREVOCABLY LOST WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.'"

"Mr. Eden replied emphatically: 'Yes, sir.'"

"According to our unofficial interpretation, this means that this British Government is opposed 'irrevocably' to the return of Italy's colonies, whether now or after the peace treaty is signed."

The last paragraph of the above is the opinion of our London correspondent, based upon information given him unofficially. It is not necessarily Mr. Eden's opinion. I send this copy of our cable to you for your information, and in the hope that it may be of some use.

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16 Jun 44

TO : H.E. The Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government.

Italian Settlement in CYRENAICA.

- 1 A request has been made by the State Department, WASHINGTON, for statistics concerning the costs of Italian Settlement in CYRENAICA.
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STANSGATE
Vice President, Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission.

Copy to: D.C.C.
Political Section.

(Letter addressed to Mr. J. ROYER by Capt. J. HURPHY AM. Military Liaison Office).

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Cyrenaica

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

5/5.1/AS

16 June 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Political Section
SUBJECT : Italian Settlement in Cyrenaica.

1. The attached correspondence is returned to you.
2. In accordance with instructions received from D.C.C. the letter enclosure 3 has been forwarded to Minister of Foreign Affairs; When the information is received it will be forwarded to you.
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R. R. CRIPPS,
Colonel,
for V.P. Admin Sec.

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UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

COPY

May 24, 1944.

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Sincerely yours

(signed) "Bob"

Samuel Reber, Esquire,
Vice President, Political Section,
Allied Control Commission,
NAPLES.

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With warm regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Murphy
American Ambassador.

Joseph E. Jacobs, Esquire,
Charge d'Affaires ad interim,
American Legation,
Cairo.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

17 JUN 44
(Date)

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Dep. Chief Commissioner	
Dep. Secretary General	
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✓ Administrative Section	
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Public Safety	
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O.C. British Det	
Translators Pool	
Civil Censorship Group	
Medical Officer	
Security Officer	
Transportation Officer	

FOR:

Signature _____
Remarks/Recommendation _____
Information & Return _____
Approval/Disapproval _____
Appropriate Action _____
Investigation & Report _____

REMARKS: See A.C.C.'s answer to you
quoting. Presumably submitted to
Adm. in area.

MARKED. X

[Signature]
(Initials) Y.

~~SECRET~~ X
Captain Stone

In the
proper channel for
communication with the
Station F.D. 3884
Matter ???

S.R.

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American Ambassador

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RDM:sdh

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Samuel Haber, Esquire,
Vice President, Political Section,
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Naples.

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ENCLOSURE 3.

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The Rt Hon. The Viscount Stansgate,
Vice President, Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission.

Copy to : DCC.
: Political Section ✓

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Re:

Ethiopian Timor

LAST SENTENCE OUR F49602 OF 23 MAY IS INCOMPLETE. REFERENCE YOUR 5537 OF 27 MAY. WE STILL AWAIT AND ARE PRESSING FOR APPROVAL TO PERMIT AFA TO ADVANCE FUNDS FOR DEBTS.

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MINISTER AT ROME AND SECRETARY TO ADDIS ABABA. REPATRIATION THESE PERSONS AGREED
PREVIOUSLY BY ETHIOPIAN GOVT. MESMIN HERE HAS FORWARDED PARTICULARS TO BRITISH
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13 May 1944

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SUBJECT: Remittances to Italy.

TO: ~~ACS (Finance) AFHQ,~~
FINAF.

1. Attached is a copy of an aide-memoire presented to the Political Section, ACC, by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. It would be appreciated if you would forward this aide-memoire to CCS for their comments. There would seem to be no objection in principle to the remittances referred to therein if the necessary technical arrangements can be made.

(Signed) E. H. Foley, Jr.

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Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission,
for: Executive Officer,
Economic Section.

Copy to: Mr. Caccia, Political Section.

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BNLT/PTP

R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

No 2688

MEMORANDUM

For the

POLITICAL SECTION (A.S.C.)

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The subsidies which may be granted in accordance with existing legislation are generally inadequate to the needs of these families which, in the majority of cases, live under most precarious conditions.

As it appears that many Italian citizens are still carrying out, in African territory, a productive activity, undoubtedly some measure that would allow them to send to their relatives in Italy periodic remittances, even on a limited scale, would considerably improve the moral and economic conditions of their families and would also, after many months of separation and after eight months from the armistice, constitute at least an economic tie with their distant relatives.

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R.R.

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