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POLITICAL, INTERNAL ⁵⁴⁰ - COMMITTEES & MEETINGS

091.112 - DIP. (ITALIAN, BURGAREST)

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2 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Non-Participation of Allied Forces in Italian Politics.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
(Attention: Chief of Staff)

1. On the occasion of the Bari Six-Party Conference last year, the Commander-in-Chief, A.A.I., by signal No. RCAS 112 on 26 January 1944, directed that no member of the Allied Forces should attend that meeting and that as a matter of general principle members of Allied Forces must refrain from any participation in Italian politics.

2. In view of the interest shown in the Sicilian Separatist movement by certain officers, and in order to forestall any partisanship being shown in the political conflict which will probably attend the liberation of the Northern Provinces of Italy, it is submitted that the Supreme Allied Commander might feel it desirable to issue an order along similar lines for the attention of all services under his command in the Italian Theater.

TS/ Elmer W. Stone
ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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COPY

REF: DCSG 112.

26 Jan. 1944.

FROM: 15 ARMY GP.

TO: 2 DISTRICT INFO FIFTH ARMY - REAR EIGHTH ARMY - Main
EIGHTH ARMY - PHL. Copy to: DCSG (by hand)

Commander in Chief directs that no member of the Allied Forces shall attend Italian Democratic Party meeting at BARI on 28 Jan (.). GSC 2 DISTRICT will ensure compliance with this instruction (.). as a matter of general principle members of Allied Forces must refrain from any participation in Italian politics.

(83ND)

E. L. ROBERTSON,
Major General.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 540

20 November 1944

MEMORANDUM TO : Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs

SUBJECT : Holding of Political Meetings Under
Italian Auspices in Army Areas.

With reference to the above subject a message has been received from Advanced Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy, and addressed to the 5th and the 8th Armies, wherein the Commander-in-Chief has decided that for security reasons such meetings are not to be held.

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Office of the Chief of Staff.

Tel: 289

FILE No. 6502/16/CCS

17 Nov 1944

SUBJECT: Political Meetings.

TO: Political Section.

1. Reference signal O-4825 dated 11 Nov 44 from Adv HQ AAI, copy of which was ^{sent} ~~submitted~~ to you, prohibiting the holding of political meetings under Italian auspices in the Army Areas.

2. The Chief of Staff directs that the Italian Government should ^{be} ~~be~~ informed - unless this has already been done. 16-68

Edwin Davis
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: ADV HQ, AIT

TO: FIFTH ARMY
EIGHTH ARMY

DATE/TTC

11/19/44

Originator's No. 0-4825

QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED CONCERNING AUTHORITY TO HOLD POLITICAL MEETINGS UNDER ITALIAN AUSPICES IN ARMY AREAS (.) C-IN-C HAS DECIDED THAT FOR SECURITY REASONS SUCH MEETINGS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED TO BE HELD

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Tel: 388

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19 November 1944 (List 13)

SUBJECT: Holding of Political Meeting at Siena.

TO : SA to CC.

1. Confirming telephone conversation (Majors Quayle-Talbot)
I was informed over the telephone this morning by AMI that S.E.
Alberto Ciaffa, Minister without Portfolio, has permission to hold
a political meeting at Siena.

W/S
[Signature]

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

W/S
[Signature]

Copy to: ~~Pol Sec~~

File: 6502/308

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/266/20/CA

20 June 1944

SUBJECT: Political Meetings.

TO : R.C.'s Regions II, IV, V, VIII and Rome.
S.C.A.O.'s 5 & 8 Armies.

1. This Headquarters letter 266/12/CA of 26 May 1944 is hereby cancelled together with all previous instructions issued by AMG/ACC and AMG 15 AG relating to holding of Public Meetings, and the following is substituted.

2. Permits to hold Public Meetings in Military Government territory will be issued only in accordance with General Order No. 25. The permits will be in the form contained in Exhibit "A" attached. Proper records of all such permits issued will be maintained by R.C.'s and SCAO's.

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4. Whenever an application to hold a public meeting is refused, this Headquarters will be informed by cable without delay of:

- I. Nature of the banned meeting.
- II. Auspices under which it was to be held.
- III. Date, time and place proposed.
- IV. Brief reasons for prohibition.

such cables will be followed by a full report.

5. Regional Commissioners and SCAO's will note that under these instructions any statements given to the public stating the reasons for the banning of a meeting must be issued by R.C. & M.C. Section of HQ. Allied Control Commission.

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier

Executive Commissioner

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M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Exhibit "A"

Permit to hold a Public
Meeting

No. _____

+ Region _____
+ SCAO _____th Army

Date _____
Province of _____

The person or persons named below are authorized to hold a public meeting in accordance with the provisions of General Order No. 25 and the terms and conditions detailed below:

TERMS

Name of Person (or Persons) authorized to hold meeting _____

Identity Card No. _____

Address _____

+ Name of Party, Society or Group _____

Authorized date of meeting _____

Time meeting is scheduled to commence _____

Place where the meeting is to be held _____

Object of the Meeting _____

CONDITIONS

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(b) Which leads or may lead to public disorder.

(c) Which causes or may cause, or encourage or may encourage any other person to cause, any interruption of or interference with the military effort of Italy or any of the United Nations.

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3. This permit must be returned to the Questore of the province in which the meeting is to take place within three days after the authorized date of the meeting.
4. (Insert any additional conditions required) _____

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Stamp _____

- + Provincial Commissioner
- + Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

+strike out if not applicable.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref /266/20/CA

20 June 1944

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M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Exhibit "A"

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

No. _____

Permit to hold a Public
Meeting _____+ Region _____
+ SCAC _____th ArmyDate _____
Province of _____

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TERMS

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- + Provincial Commissioner
- + Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

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TO/FARGO REPEATED FILPOT FOR AMG FOR REGION 3
FROM/FREEDOM SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FHMGS

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SECRET. TO COMBAT UNFAVORABLE COMMENTS AND PROPAGANDA REQUEST THAT
WHEN IMPORTANT POLITICAL MEETINGS ARE BANNED, SHORT OFFICIAL ANNOUNCE -
MENTS SHOULD BE MADE GIVING REASONS AND TEXT WIRED TO THIS HQ

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*This extra
copy to M6 HQ*

*Col. Stifford
Col. Althaus
For Info.*

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FRAGS



ATTENTION IS CALLED TO RECENT ONE ROOMS OFFICIAL ORDER NUMBER 17 OF 10 JANUARY PERMITTING POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. IT LIMITS CHIEF RESTRICTION IN COS DIRECTIVES. PARAGRAPH 11, "WITHIN YOUR DISCRETION", WHICH REFERS TO CINC AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN ENCLOSED IN THE ORDER AS "WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF ALLIED MILITARY AUTHORITIES". IT GIVES SIGNIFICANT IMPRESSION CONTROL OF ALL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WHICH DO NOT LEAD TO PUBLIC DISORDER HAS BEEN REMOVED AND THAT SUCH CONTROL OF PRESS AS HAS BEEN VESTED IN ALLIED PUBLICATION BOARD IS NO LONGER EFFECTIVE.

IT IS FEELT HERE THAT IT WOULD BE PSYCHOLOGICALLY AND POLITICALLY INADVISABLE TO ANNOUNCE THE ORDER FORMALLY. BUT SUGGEST IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO THE SIGNIFICANT IN INDIVIDUAL CASES THAT DISCRETIONARY CONTROL IS RETAINED AND THAT PUBLICATIONS REMAIN UNDER THE SAME LICENSING REGULATIONS.

REQUESTED YOU TAKE ACTION AND REPORT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS

See also file 601. (Region I)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512SHE/AMG/mrd
15 January 1944

ref/AMG/202.

SUBJECT: Political Activities

TO : R.G.A.O., Region I
R.G.A.O., Region II(Copies of which you have
already received)

1. The revised policy of the Combined Chiefs of Staff has been communicated by A.F.H.Q. in the following terms:-

(a) "Within your discretion, the Italian people may be permitted to participate in such political activities (other than Fascist) as do not lead to rioting and disorder".

(b) "These will include the right of peaceful assembly, attendance at meetings of political committees, publication and distribution of political works and such other activities of similar nature as you may determine to be advisable."

(c) "Upon their release, political prisoners shall be cautioned that political activity on their part which gives rise to or tends to give rise to rioting or disorder will not be tolerated."

2. Paragraphs 1 (a) and 1 (b) do not abrogate the provisions of Proclamation No. 11, Article V, Section 2 and Article IV, Section 1, but do call for modifications in the policies which have up to now been enforced.

3. ~~The General Order regarding the modifications will be issued at a later date.~~ Permits for meetings may be granted with more freedom. Discretion to withhold permits still remains with Regions.

4. (a) The following instructions have been received from A.F.H.Q. regarding cases where it is found necessary to withhold permits for political gatherings:

"When important political meetings are barred, short official announcements should be made giving reasons and the text wired to this Headquarters. This should combat unfavourable comments and propaganda."

(b) Whenever, in the exercise of your authority and discretion action involving the denial of authority for any political meetings has to be taken, you are requested to inform this Headquarters by cable without delay:

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(Political Activities - Cont'd)

- (1) Nature of meeting which will not be authorized.
- (2) Auspices under which it was to be held.
- (3) Date, time and place proposed.
- (4) Brief reasons for prohibition.
- (5) Text of official announcement made.

~~(Call to be repeated to Station for 12356.)~~

(c) Copies sent in accordance with paragraph 1. (b) above will be followed by this report, to this headquarters only.

5. Publication of Newspapers: A programme of control is being formulated by the ARRL Publications Board and a directive on the licensing procedure will be issued shortly.

6. The instruction in paragraph 1. (c) above must be carefully and rigidly observed in all cases of political prisoners released, particularly those who were imprisoned or otherwise detained by the former fascist government.

7. Acknowledge by wire.

CHARLES D. STOFFORD
Colonel, U.S.C.
D.C.G.A.S., AGS, 31.

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2. Although paragraphs 1(a) & 1(b) above call for a substantial modification of policies which have heretofore been observed in the enforcement of the provisions of Section I, Article IV and Section 2, Article V of Proclamation No. 11 those provisions are not abrogated by the terms of the revised policy.

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLIATO
 QUARTIER GENERALE REGIONALE DELLA SICILIA
 APO 394

10 Gennaio 1944

ORDINE UFFICIALE:

NO. 17:

Io, CHARLES POLLELLI, Tenente Colonnello, Ufficiale Capo degli Affari Civili della Sicilia, in vista dei poteri conferitimi

ORDINE

ART. 1. Il popolo italiano in Sicilia è da ora in avanti autorizzato a partecipare ad attività politiche, che non sieno fasciste, purchè esse non conducano a disordini ed a manifestazioni di piazza, che turbino l'ordine pubblico.

Sono, pertanto, consentite le assemblee pacifiche, le riunioni dei comitati politici, la pubblicazione e la distribuzione di opuscoli a carattere politico ed ogni altra attività della stessa natura.

ART. 2. In particolare si diffidano gli ex detenuti politici a non partecipare ad attività politiche, che possano o tendano a dar luogo a turbandi e disordini dell'ordine pubblico.

Charles Pollelli

CHARLES POLLELLI
 Ten. Colonnello

Ufficiale Capo degli Affari Civili
 della Sicilia

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10, CHARLES FULFILL, Tenente Colonnello, Ufficiale Capo degli Affari Civili della Sicilia, in vista dei poveri conferimenti

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Ufficiale Capo degli Affari Civili
della Sicilia

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS

10 January 1944



MEMORANDUM

TO : S.C.A.O.'s

With reference to Official Order No. 17 of 10th January 1944, this was issued as a result of a new political directive received by the C. in C. from the combined Chiefs of Staff.

The full text is reproduced below and it will be observed that the Italian version has been modified for reasons which will be evident. In the application of the Order in Sicily the abridged Italian text will prevail.

The Italian text is being published in the three official newspapers on 11th January 1944.

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To assure a similar liberal policy, the Allied Control Commission should also see that the Italian Government permits similar freedom of political activity in the sections of Italy which are referred to Italian jurisdiction. Instructions en. here. may supersede all earlier instructions dealing with the same matters.

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Charles R. Roth. 5206

CHARLES ROTH

by the C. in C. from the combined Chiefs of Staff.

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CHARLES POLLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION II

CALABRIA, LUCANIA AND PROVINCE OF SALERNO

REGIONAL ORDER NO. 11.

POLITICAL MEETINGS AND ASSEMBLIES

In pursuance of the powers vested in me, I, G. H. McCaffrey, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Regional Civil Affairs Officer of Calabria, Lucania, and the Province of Salerno hereby order as follows:-

1. Hereafter it will be the policy of the Allied Governments to permit the Italian people to participate in such political activities (other than Fascist) as are not likely to lead to rioting or disorder.

2. Any person or group desiring to conduct a peaceful political meeting or to publish or distribute political literature must secure a permit therefor from the S.C.A.O. of the Province in which the proposed activity is to take place.

3. No permit will be issued unless the S.C.A.O. is satisfied that there exists no reasonable danger of rioting or disorder, resulting from the activity in question. In any event, before any such permit will be issued by the S.C.A.O. of the Province the applicant must give an undertaking that the meeting will be conducted in an orderly manner.

4. Those responsible for any abuse of the privileges granted herein, or any disorders resulting from their exercise, will be severely punished in the Allied Military Courts.

By Order of the Allied Military Government:

G. H. McCaffrey,
Lieutenant Colonel Infantry,
Regional Civil Affairs Officer,
Region 2.

24 January 1944

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SECTION II

CALABRIA, LUCANIA AND PROVINCE OF SALERNO
REGIONAL ORDER NO. 11

POLITICAL MEETINGS AND ASSEMBLIES

In pursuance of the powers vested in me, I, G. H. McCaffrey, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Regional Civil Affairs Officer of Calabria, Lucania, and the Province of Salerno hereby order as follows:-

1. Meetings of Political Committees and assemblies organized by recognized Committees will in future be permitted provided that the provisions of this Order are strictly observed.
2. Any person desiring to organize such a meeting or assembly will make a written application to the local AMG Headquarters, signed by the person or persons making the application, and state:-
 - (a) The purpose of the meeting or assembly in full detail.
 - (b) The names, addresses, ages, and occupations of all persons responsible for convening the meeting or assembly.
 - (c) The place, date, and time at which the meeting or assembly is proposed to be held.
3. The application will be presented at least 10 days prior to the date on which the meeting or assembly is proposed to be held.
4. Each application will be considered individually and on its merits, and as a result of the consideration either
 - (a) A permit will be issued authorizing the meeting, or
 - (b) A statement will be issued giving reasons why a permit cannot be issued.The right to issue or withhold permits remains entirely with the Regional Civil Affairs Officer under powers delegated by the Military Governor.
5. It will be the duty of organizers of meetings to make adequate

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2. Any person desiring to organize such a meeting or assembly will make a written application to the local AMG Headquarters, signed by the person or persons making the application, and state:-

- (a) The purpose of the meeting or assembly in full detail.
- (b) The names, addresses, ages, and occupations of all persons responsible for convening the meeting or assembly.
- (c) The place, date, and time at which the meeting or assembly is proposed to be held.

3. The application will be presented at least 10 days prior to the date on which the meeting or assembly is proposed to be held.

4. Each application will be considered individually and on its merits, and as a result of the consideration either

- (a) A permit will be issued authorizing the meeting, or
- (b) A statement will be issued giving reasons why a permit cannot be issued.

The right to issue or withhold permits remains entirely with the Regional Civil Affairs Officer under powers delegated by the Military Governor.

5. It will be the duty of organizers of meetings to make adequate arrangements to ensure that the meeting is conducted internally in an orderly manner and that no violation of law and order shall result.

6. If any meeting or assembly is held without compliance with the provisions of this Order, all persons responsible for convening the meeting or assembly will be liable to trial by an Allied Military Court and upon conviction be punishable by imprisonment or fine or both.

24 January 1944

By Order of the Allied Military Government:

G. H. McCAFFREY,
Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry,
Regional Civil Affairs Officer,
Region II

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

REGION II

Ref. ECA/ 8 / 44

24 Jan 44

Subj. Political Activities.

To: Chief, AMG, HQ, Naples.

1. Reference your AMG/202 dated 18 Jan, on the same subject. Receipt of the letter was acknowledged by wire, as requested.

2. Prior to the receipt of this order, the policy with respect to public meetings, "other than religious gatherings and courts", has been that the private discussion of political questions was entirely free, but that no public meetings, either indoors or out, were authorized. This order was published after a series of incidents indicated clearly the impossibility of preserving public order with the forces at our disposal if public political meetings were permitted.

3. The most serious incident which led to this decision was in the commune of Cittanova, in the province of Reggio, on November 27th. There a controversy arose over whether the Democratic Catholic Party or the Communists were to occupy a certain club. As a result, two groups gathered in the public square, bickering began, a revolver was drawn, and the Carabinieri Maresciallo ordered the person who had drawn the revolver to put it down. The men fired, but missed; a melee started in which at least four hand-grenades were thrown before the Carabinieri Officer ordered his men to fire, with the result that in all, three "bad acting" (Malavita) were killed, and at least two other persons slightly wounded.

4. At Rosanno, earlier in the month, a clash between Communists and Socialists was narrowly averted when the R.C.A.P.O. unexpectedly arrived in the town on other business and persuaded both parties to suspend aggressive political activities indefinitely.

5. We are issuing the attached order implementing your letter and will await results with some trepidation.

G. H. McCaffrey

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Lt. Col., Inf.

R.C.A.O.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION II

Ref. ECA/ 8 / 44

24 Jan 44

Subj. Political Activities.

To: Chief, AMG, III, Naples.

1. Reference your AMG/208 dated 18 Jan, on the same subject. Receipt of the letter was acknowledged by wire, as requested.
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5. We are issuing the attached order implementing your letter and will await results with some trepidation.

G. W. Mc Caffrey
G. W. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.

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Subj. Political Activities.

To: Chief, AMU, HQ, Naples.

1. Reference your AMU/AMC dated 18 Jan, on the same subject. Receipt of the letter was acknowledged by wire, as requested.
2. Prior to the receipt of this order, the policy with respect to public meetings, "other than religious gatherings and courts", has been that the private discussion of political questions was entirely free, but that no public meetings, either indoors or out, were authorized. This order was published after a series of incidents indicated clearly the impossibility of preserving public order with the forces at our disposal if public political meetings were permitted.
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G. W. Mc Caffrey 5-102
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 Lt. Col., Inf.
 R.C.A.C.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
AIO 394

28 January 1944

SUBJECT: Political Activities.

TO : S.O.A.O.'s.

1. The attached Official Order No. 46 is forwarded as a supplement to Order No. 17, dated 1944.

2. The following instructions have been received from A.F.H.Q. regarding cases where it is found necessary to withhold permits for political meetings:

a. "When important political meetings are banned, short official announcements should be made, giving reasons and the text wired to A.F.H.Q. Headquarters. This should contain unfavorable comments and propaganda."

b. "Whenever in the exercise of your authority and discretion action has to be taken involving the denial of authority for any political meeting, you are requested to inform this Headquarters by cable without delay:

- (1) Nature of meeting which will not be authorized.
- (2) Aspects under which it was to be held.
- (3) Date, time and place proposed.
- (4) Brief reasons for prohibition.
- (5) Text of official announcement made."

c. "Cables sent in accordance with the above will be followed by a full report."

3. It is emphasized that the above only applies to the banning of important meetings, in which event the necessary messages and reports must be submitted to this Headquarters to enable compliance with the instructions outlined above.

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CHARLES FOLLETT
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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b. "Whenever in the exercise of your authority and discretion action has to be taken involving the denial of authority for any political meeting, you are requested to inform this Headquarters by cable without delay:

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- (2) Auspices under which it was to be held.
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CHARLES FLETCHER
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS

AIO 394

28 January 1944

OFFICIAL ORDER:

NO. 46:

As a supplement to the rules given in Order No. 17, dated 1944, relative to the freedom of meeting for political parties, I, CHARLES FOIMENTI, Lt. Colonel, Regional Civil Affairs Officer by virtue of powers conferred upon me

O R D E R

1. That the promoters of the meetings must conform to the rules given in ARL 16 of the Italian Public Safety Laws, which requires three days notice in writing to be given to the Public Safety Authority.
2. All parades, demonstrations and public manifestations are prohibited without the special permission of the Public Safety Authority.
3. All political pamphlets must show clearly on the front the name of the author or the names of the persons belonging to the Committee which published such pamphlets, and the name of the publisher.
4. Before publication of the aforesaid pamphlets, one copy must be deposited with the Public Safety Authority.
5. It is prohibited to exhibit in public places or places that are open to the public any posters or writings of a political nature without the approval of the Public Safety Authority.
6. No person shall instigate any violence against military or civil authorities.
7. In addition, the regulations for the publishing of papers, pamphlets and any other publication, remain in force under the control of P.M.P., Via Giostra 1, Palermo.
8. Any offender against the terms of this Order will be punished according to the law.

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CHARLES FOIMENTI
Lt. Colonel

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CHARLES POLIGNI, Lt. Colonel, Regional Civil Affairs Officer by virtue of powers conferred upon me

ORDER

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8. Any offender against the terms of this Order will be punished according to the law.

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CHARLES POLIGNI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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GOVERNO MILITARE ALLIATO
QUARTIERE REGIONALE GENOVA
DETT. SICILIA

26/1/44.

ORDINE UFFICIALE:

No. 45:

In aggiunta alle disposizioni dell'Ordine No. 17 in data 19/1/44, relativo alla libertà di riunione da parte di partiti politici, io, QUARTIERE REGIONALE, Tenente Colonnello, Ufficiale Capo degli Affari Civili della Sicilia, in virtù dei poteri conferitimi

ORDINE

1. I promotori di riunioni devono attenersi alle disposizioni di cui all'ART. 18 della vigente Legge di Pubblica Sicurezza tre giorni prima, per iscritto;

2. Sono proibite tutte le parate, dimostrazioni e manifestazioni di piazza senza permesso speciale dell'autorità di Pubblica Sicurezza;

3. Tutti gli opuscoli a carattere politico dovranno recitare sul fronte grigio o il nome dello autore o i nomi degli individui appartenenti al Comitato che pubblicano tali opuscoli, e in nome delle stamperie;

4. Prima della pubblicazione degli opuscoli in parola, una copia dovrà essere depositata presso le autorità di Pubblica Sicurezza;

5. E' vietato affiggere in luoghi pubblici ed aperti al pubblico manifesti e scritti di natura politica senza l'approvazione della autorità di Pubblica Sicurezza;

6. Nessuna persona patrocinerà le violenze contro le autorità militari e civili;

7. Inoltre rimangono ferme tutte le disposizioni in merito alla pubblicazione dei giornali, opuscoli ed ogni altra pubblicazione che restano sotto il controllo del F. C. C., Via Ciostra 1, Palermo;

8. I contravventori alle disposizioni di quest'ordinanza verranno puniti ai sensi della Legge.

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Charles R. R. R.

fari Civili della Sicilia, in virtù dei poteri conferitimi

ORDINE

1. I promotori di riunioni devono temperare alle disposizioni di cui all'art. 18 della vigente Legge di Pubblica Sicurezza tre giorni prima, per iscritto;

2. Sono proibite tutte le parate, dimostrazioni e manifestazioni di piazza senza permesso speciale dell'autorità di Pubblica Sicurezza;

3. Tutti gli opuscoli a carattere politico dovranno mostrare sul fronte opizio o il nome dello autore o i nomi degli indirizzi appartenenti al Comitato che pubblicano tali opuscoli, e il nome dello stampatore;

4. Prima della pubblicazione degli opuscoli in parola, una copia dovrà essere depositata presso la autorità di Pubblica Sicurezza;

5. E' vietato affiggere in luoghi pubblici ed aperti al pubblico manifesti e scritti di natura politica senza l'approvazione della autorità di Pubblica Sicurezza;

6. Nessuna persona patrocinerà le violenze contro le autorità militari e civili;

7. Incetta rimangono ferme tutte le disposizioni in merito alla pubblicazione dei giornali, opuscoli ed ogni altra pubblicazione che ricevono sotto il controllo del P. S., Via Giostrea 1, Palermo;

8. I contravventori alle disposizioni di quest'ordinanza verranno puniti ai sensi della Legge.

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Charles R. Latta

CHARLES R. LATTI

Tenente Colonnello

Ufficiale Capo degli Affari Civili
della Sicilia.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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WDW/AMG/mrd

18 January 1944

Ref/AMG/202.

SUBJECT: Political Activities

TO : R.C.A.O., Region I
R.C.A.O., Region II

1. The revised policy of the Combined Chiefs of Staff has been communicated by A.F.H.Q. in the following terms (copies of which you have already received):-

(a) "Within your discretion, the Italian people may be permitted to participate in such political activities (other than Fascist) as do not lead to rioting and disorder".

(b) "These will include the right of peaceful assembly, attendance at meetings of political committees, publication and distribution of political works and such other activities of similar nature as you may determine to be advisable."

(c) "Upon their release, political prisoners shall be cautioned that political activity on their part which gives rise to or tends to give rise to rioting or disorder will not be tolerated."

2. Although paragraphs 1 (a) and 1 (b) above call for a substantial modification of policies which have heretofore been observed in the enforcement of the provisions of Section I, Article IV and Section 2, Article V of Proclamation No. 11 those provisions are not abrogated by the terms of the revised policy.

3. Permits for meetings may be granted with more freedom. Discretion to withhold permits still remains with Regions.

4. (a) The following instructions have been received from A.F.H.Q. regarding cases where it is found necessary to withhold permits for political gatherings:

"When important political meetings are banned, short official announcements should be made, giving reasons and the text wired to this Headquarters. This should combat unfavourable comments and propaganda".

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

(Political Activities - Cont'd.)

(b) Whenever, in the exercise of your authority and discretion action involving the denial of authority for any political meetings has to be taken, you are requested to inform this Headquarters by cable without delay:

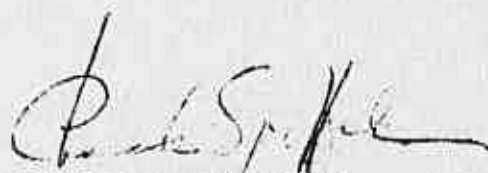
- (1) Nature of meeting which will not be authorized.
- (2) Auspices under which it was to be held.
- (3) Date, time and place proposed.
- (4) Brief reasons for prohibition
- (5) Text of official announcement made.

(c) Cables sent in accordance with paragraph h. (b) above will be followed by full report.

5. Publication of Newspapers: A programme of control is being formulated by the Allied Publications Board and a directive on the licensing procedure will be issued shortly.

6. The instruction in paragraph l. (c) above must be carefully and rigidly observed in all cases of political prisoners released, particularly those who were imprisoned or otherwise detained by the former Fascist Government.

7. Acknowledge by wire.


CHARLES M. SHOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O., AMG, HQ.

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SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

2 January 1944

SUBJECT: Political Meetings

TO : R.C.A.C., Region I

1. Following is paraphrase of cable received from A.F.H.Q.:

"When important political meetings are banned, short official announcements should be made giving reasons and text wired to this HQ. This should combat unfavorable comments and propaganda."

2. Whenever, in the exercise of your authority and discretion, action involving the banning of political meetings has to be taken you are requested to inform this HQ. by cable without delay:

- (a) Nature of meeting banned.
- (b) Auspices under which it was to have been held.
- (c) Date, time and place proposed.
- (d) Brief reasons for prohibition.
- (e) Text of official announcement made.

repeating to FIBEXM for M.G.C.

3. Cables sent in accordance with paragraph 2 above should be followed by full report to this HQ. only.


CHARLES A. SPOFFORD
Col., U.S.C.
D.C.C.A.C.

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(Enclosure - 2 cc.)

May 3, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

Reference is made to the attached Memorandum from Officer Commanding, A.M.G. Eighth Army, concerning the Comitato Monarchico Liberale per la Ricostruzione. The Comitato is a Monarchist group affiliated with the Central Committee formed in Naples about the middle of November, 1943. In this area it is said there are approximately 1500 members who are pledged to support the King Victor Emmanuel. In the months of November, December and January the Naples Committee was very active in distributing leaflets and affixing posters. It has requested authority to publish a weekly newspaper, but the latter has been refused on the ground that the Party is not representative of a sufficiently large group to warrant an exception to the general rule that political newspapers be restricted to the six recognized Parties.

Samuel Reber

SECRET

CENTRAL "D" SECTION
PWB UNIT 8
APO 512

28th April, 1944.

TO: MR. Minifie, Liaison PWB/ACC.

SUBJECT: Comitato Monarchico Liberale per la Ricostruzione.

Reference the letter from the O.C., AMG, 8th Army dated 19 April, 1944 Ref. OA/72 to the Executive Commissioners, RC & MG Section, HQ., ACC, regarding the above committee, the following is a brief note on the committee.

The Comitato Monarchico Liberale per la Ricostruzione (after referred to as the "Monarchical Liberal Party" in Allied reports), is a monarchical party which was formed in Naples about the middle of November 1943.

Its policy is in line with other monarchical parties, except that it supports King Victor Emanuel.

The president of the Committee is Prince Stefano Colonna di Pagliano, though the moving force until recently behind the party was Senator Giulio Cesare Montagna. The Senator has much reduced his activities, at least temporarily, with the committee as result of the recent publicity he has had on account of the Cotoniere Meridionale affair. Other active members are Lt. Col. Gustavo Lo Verde who writes most of the committee's propaganda and addresses meetings, Paolo Montagna, the son of the Senator. Lt. Brustia, the secretary of the Crown Prince, Lt. Lembo, Padre Izzo and Padre Ciuti.

The committee also sponsors the Centro Italiano Partiti di Collaborazione fra le classi. Lt. Col. Lo Verde takes an active part in running this "Centro".

Carabinieri W.O's and Commissars of the Questura are reported to have been used for doing the work of proselitism. A reliable source stated that he thought that there were about 1500 members judging by the size of the card index in the party offices at Via Cavallerizza a Chiaia 37, Naples. Another source informed this Section in February that Squadrie d'Azione had been formed in Naples by the Committee.

In the months of Nov. and Dec. 1943 and in Jan. 1944 the committee was very active in distributing leaflets and affixing posters. Some of their material was above the signature of Lt. Col. Lo Verde. The party issued the first number of its weekly organ entitled "L'Ida" on 28th January 1944. This paper has been published regularly since, the last edition being No. 16 on 22 April 1944. The propaganda issued by the committee was printed in the party works at the Italian Military Command for Campania Region at Palazzo Salerno, Naples.

The committee confines its activities to the Campania area, though there have been instances of its activities in other areas.

Further information can be supplied if required.

Copies attached for; Joint Vice-Presidents,
Political Section, ACC.
O.C., AMG, Rear HQ, 8th Army.

W.A.R.I. Manley
W.A.R.I. Manley, Major,
Acting Chief Central D Section,
PWB.

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To: H.Q.
A.F.H.Q.
Algiers
15 Army Group
No. 1 S.I. (b) Unit
— Mr. Gaccia, Political Section, Allied Control Commission.
From: S/Ldr Johnstone

O.V.R.A.

In continuation of my No. 45 of 18.11.43 and my No. 82/39 of 16.11.43 to H.Q. 15 Army Group only, with which was attached a report on the Civil Police in Italy and the O.V.R.A., attached is a further report on the O.V.R.A. which I have received from G.S., S.I.M.

It will be noted that it is stated that certain of the leading O.V.R.A. officials are now at liberty in Allied-occupied territory, and one of them - DELLA VERGATA - is said to be holding an official position in Naples.

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O.V.R.A.

L'O.V.R.A. (Organizzazione Vigilanza Repressione Antifascista) dipendeva direttamente dal Ministero dell'Interno, Direzione Generale di P.S. e dalla Divisione di Polizia Politica, retta negli ultimi tempi dal Com. LINTO.

Essa esplicava anche all'estero la sua attività, mediante uffici fiduciari; il territorio del Regno era diviso in zone il cui numero veniva di frequente variato.

A quanto è stato possibile apprendere, nel maggio u.s., in seguito all'ultimo riordinamento, vennero formate le seguenti zone:

1. Italia Settentrionale, con sede in Milano, retta dall'ispettore generale di P.S. PENTURA.
2. Emilia, con sede in Bologna, retta dal commissario capo GIUNIO.
3. Toscana, con sede in Firenze, retta dal commissario capo INTRACIA.
4. Italia Centrale, con sede in Avenasso, retta dall'ispettore generale di P.S. AURIANI.
5. Lazio, con sede in Roma, retta dall'ispettore generale di P.S. BARNETTA, il quale aveva, tra gli altri, alle sue dipendenze il commissario capo MERCO.
6. Italia Meridionale, con sede in Napoli, retta dall'ispettore generale di P.S. PASTORE.
7. Sicilia, con sede in Palermo, retta dal commissario capo PORTINA.
8. Sardegna, con sede in Cagliari, retta dall'ispettore generale di P.S. PARETE.
9. Calabria, con sede in Lamezia, retta dall'ispettore generale di P.S. VERDINI.

In tutte le altre provincie erano distaccati due o tre sottufficiali del corpo agenti di P.S. alla dipendenza diretta dei rispettivi funzionari.

Le zone corrispondevano direttamente al Ministero e non avevano alcuna dipendenza dalle RL. Quattro.

Organi ufficiali di collaborazione con l'O.V.R.A. erano: gli uffici politici presso le Legioni M.V.S.N., gli uffici politici delle RL. Quattro e l'organizzazione capillare delle federazioni del partito fascista.

Le zone disponevano inoltre di una vasta rete di informatori, inseriti in tutti i gruppi sociali ed in tutte le branche dell'attività commerciale, industriale e politica del Paese.

Dalla zona di Napoli dipendevano: la Puglia, la Calabria, la Basilicata e la Campania; in Bari vi era addetto il commissario capo POLIZZI; in Taranto il commissario capo FICCHETTI; in Foggia il commissario INTRACIA; in Reggio Calabria il commissario GRABBI ed a Salerno il commissario ROSSI Gustavo.

La zona di Napoli era retta, come si è detto, dall'ispettore generale PASTORE, il quale aveva in sottordine il commissario BURNIA, il commissario Carabinieri LO SCAZZO ed il commissario aggiunto DELLA PERNA.

L'ispettore generale PASTRELLI all'epoca dimesso in cui era sottosegretario al Ministero degli Interni, il noto ASPINARI, conseguì una promozione per merito straordinario per servizi resi in materia politica. Dopo aver goduto della protezione dell'ASPINARI ebbe quella del Prefetto SPERDICA Giuseppe, già questore di Napoli, squadrista, intimo di noti influenti gariboldi.

Il PASTORI, destinato a Napoli, fu dallo STRACCA messo a capo dell'ufficio politico creato per dargli modo di esplicitare il suo odio contro gli antifascisti; dopo la morte del comm. MONTI, allora capo della C.V.R.A., lo sostituì nell'incarico.

Malviato dai superiori, colleghi e dipendenti, ne era particolarmente tenuto per l'attaccamento al regime fascista e perché ritenuto privo di scrupoli e capace di tutto: la sua opera fu sempre intransigente e nell'esecuzione del suo mandato non pensava alcun senso di equità e di obiettività. Furbo, scaltro, accentratore, si dice abbia anche tratto profitto dalla gestione dei fondi per compensi ai riduziari.

Dopo il 25 luglio trasportò a Roma tutto il carteggio e non si è potuto raccogliere alcun elemento atto a facilitare il rintraccio dei suoi collaboratori finanziari.

Il capo dell'ufficio politico investigativo della 138^a Legione M.V.N. di Napoli era il seniore THOMA; si dice che fossero informatori il comm. FABBIO di Caserta, teste proposto per l'assegnazione in un campo di concentramento, l'avv. TILERA della locale federazione fascista, denunciato al tribunale militare per aver ricostituito in Napoli il partito fascista repubblicano, ed il commerciante ANTONI.

Negli altri collaboratori del com. PASTORE, il quale dopo il colpo di Stato si è allontanato da Napoli e sembra si trovi a Roccaraso ove si è ritirato per motivi di salute, il commissario LUIGI BERTUZZA presta servizio tuttora in Napoli, il commissario BRUNO fu trasferito a Potenza, il commissario ROSSI fu arrestato da agenti inglesi e scarcerato nei primi del corrente mese, ma non preso dalla sua attività.

Si ignora l'attuale destinazione del commissario GRAUSS, il quale nel primo di settembre avrebbe dovuto trovarsi a Roma.

1- La Commissione Regionale formata dal Prof. Vincenzo Arlacchi, dal Prof. Gustavo Ingrosso, dal Dr. Eugenio Gale e dall'Avvocato Distrettuale dello Stato Mariano Rosso.

2- La Commissione Regionale:

- a) -determina i criteri dell'epurazione, in applicazione dell'Ordine Regionale del Governo Militare alleato, e le modalità procedurali e sottoporra gli uni e le altre all'approvazione del Governo Militare Alleato;
- b) -sceglie i componenti delle Commissioni Provinciali e, su proposte di queste, i componenti di quelle delle varie amministrazioni;
- c) -giudica sui ricorsi degli interessati avverso le decisioni delle commissioni provinciali.

3- Le Commissioni Provinciali saranno composte dal Prefetto della Provincia e da due componenti scelti dalla Commissione Regionale d'accordo col Governo Militare Alleato.

4- Le Commissioni provinciali:

- a) -controlleranno i risultati dei lavori delle commissioni per le singole amministrazioni ed emaneranno i relativi provvedimenti;
- b) -decideranno sui reclami dei cittadini per mancanti provvedimenti da parte delle commissioni delle singole amministrazioni;
- c) -provvederanno alla sostituzione degli impiegati epurati in conformità delle proposte avanzate dalle commissioni delle singole amministrazioni, ai sensi del successivo n. 6, o disputeranno alle suddette commissioni eventuali nuove proposte.

5- Le Commissioni per le singole amministrazioni saranno composte da due componenti, scelti dalla Commissione Regionale su proposta della Commissione Provinciale competente, e dal Capo dell'amministrazione, salvo che ragioni politiche o morali ne impongano la sostituzione con altro funzionario.

Nel caso di ragguardevole aumento di varie amministrazioni similari nella competenza di una stessa Commissione, sarà chiamato volta a volta, quale terzo componente, a farne parte il Capo dell'amministrazione interessata.

6- Le Commissioni per le singole amministrazioni:

- a) -prenderanno in esame la situazione personale di ciascun impiegato e redigeranno le singole motivate proposte da sottoporre, in una agli atti e documenti, alla Commissione provinciale competente;
- b) -proporranno alla stessa Commissione Provinciale i nomi delle persone da esse ritenute idonee a sostituire gli impiegati epurati, sempre che la sostituzione risulti necessaria al normale andamento del servizio;
- c) -redigeranno separati elenchi degli impiegati tutti non epurabili, con dichiarazione esplicita di avere presa in esame la situazione di ciascuno di essi e di non avere trovato luogo a provvedere.

7- Le Prefetture di Napoli, Benevento ed Avellino provvederanno ad assicurare le spese per il funzionamento delle Commissioni Provinciali, quella di Napoli provvederà, altresì, alle spese della Commissione Regionale, ivi comprese quelle del personale che sarà scelto dalla stessa Commissione Regionale.

8- Il Governo Militare Alleato provvederà ad assicurare i mezzi di trasporto perché la Commissione Regionale possa agevolmente trasferirsi nelle varie province della Regione per il più utile esercizio delle sue funzioni.

COMMISSIONE REGIONALE
con funzioni organizzative, regolative
e giurisdizionali

Commissione Provinciale
di Napoli

Comm. Prov. di
Avellino

Prefettura, Questura, Cons. Prov., Economia,
Genio Civile, Pompieri.....

Amministrazione Finanziaria, compresi Asattorie,
Dogane, Monopoli.....

Comunicazioni (ferrovie dello Stato e secondarie,
Poste, Telegrafi).....

Magistratura, Avvocatura dello Stato, Carceri,
Manicomio Criminale.....

Università, Istituti superiori d'Istruzione,
Musei, enti di cultura, accademie.....

Scuole secondarie.....

Scuole primarie.....

Esercito, Marina, Aviazione.....

Amministrazione provinciale ed enti
dipendenti.....

Amministrazioni comunali della Provincia.....

Amministrazione del Comune di Napoli
ed enti dipendenti.....

Ispettorati Governativi (agricoltura,
foreste, Lavori Pubblici ecc.).....

Enti di assistenza e previdenza (Opere Pie, Ospedali,
Croce Rossa, Istituto di Previdenza Sociale).....

Istituti di assicurazione.....

Istituti di Credito (Banca d'Italia, Banco di Napoli,
Banca Commerciale Italiana, Credito Italiano, Banco
di Roma, Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, Monte dei Paschi
di Siena, Banca d'America e d'Italia ecc.).....

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Società elettriche, Tramvie e Funicolari, Gas).....

Società Industriali gestite dall'I.R.I. o
con partecipazioni dello Stato.....

Società di Navigazione.....

Albi professionali (Avvocati, Medici, Farmacisti,
Ingegneri, Ragionieri, Dottori Commercialisti, periti).....

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