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1	London despatch	8 Jan 45		Yugoslav war crimes commission names Orlando as guilty
2	Cbl S-410 Stone	9 Jan 45	AFHQ	FWB despatch, London, names Orlando as war criminal. Itel Govt has asked if we want suspension. I replied not unless specifically asked. May I have instructions?
3	Ltr G-5: 000.5-6	25 Jan 45	CC, AC	AC's stand on Orlando case approved; no steps to be taken until requested by AFHQ or Allied Govts.
4	SI(Servizio Info per la Stampa)	13 Feb 45	Press	News article on It War Criminals & Orlando in particular; claim that AC official gave out information.
5	2810/20/EC, Lush	8 Mar 45	Bonomi	Gen Orlando removed fr comd CC.RR

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CROSS-REFERENCE SHEET

For CC File 582, Gen Orlando

Ltr Stone 2810/20/EC of 8 March 1945, to Bonomi, and previous correspondence in CC File 225-6 refers:

General Orlando removed from command of the CCIRB on 6 March 1945 as a result of an investigation following the escape from confinement of General Roatta, then on trial for Fascist crimes.

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Associated Press

Handout of Feb. 12.

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Major Quayle.

I have traced it down
to Mr. Bria of A.P. who
firmly refuses to disclose
his source, saying it was
"Confidential." I informed him
it was ~~his~~ Admiral Linsee's
who wanted to know. He persist-
ed in saying it was "confidential."
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New York Herald Tribune
Time and Life
Chicago Sun
Stars and Stripes
Union Jack
Daily Telegraph
Daily Mail
Daily Express
News Chronicle
Kemsley News
Tass
United Press
International News
Exchange Telegraph
Avanti!
L'Epoca
Il Giornale del Mattino
Il Globo
Italia Nuova
Il Lavoro
Il Momento
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L'Unità
Il Tempo

BULLETIN No 691

February 13, 1945.

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Lists will be prepared "with particular reference to the invaded regions of the Soviet Union, to Poland... to France and to Italy".

As far as Italy is concerned, the Declaration that fixes the essential principles of the Allied policy towards Italy, for whose execution the military and civil organs of Great Britain and of United States are charged, states at point No 7 that "Fascist chiefs and Army Generals, known or suspected as criminals of war, must be arrested and delivered to the Justice." As for other measures contemplated in the Declaration, also for this action the time of execution is left to the discretion of the Allied Commander in Chief.

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OR EMPLOYED IN HANDICRAFT WORK, ACCORDING TO FORMER ROUGE M.P.

At present nearly 800,000 Italians are living in France - declared to "SI" Giuseppe Sordelli, former Socialist Deputy of Rome, who repatriated from France where he took refuge in 1925 to escape Fascist persecutions.

Of these 800,000 Italians, nearly one half, all persons, are settled in Southern France and they give a valuable contribution to

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the French agricultural economy. The remaining 400,000 are working in industrial plants in Northern regions.

"There are also", Sardelli added, "soldiers of the IV Italian Army who, having been left in France at the time of the Armistice, instead of joining the German troops preferred to fight by the side of their brothers, and believed, by doing so, to comply with their duty. It must be said, however, that they are somewhat disillusioned. As long as they fought by the side of the 'Maquis' everything went well; but, when the 'Maquis' were incorporated in special units, our soldiers were abandoned. They were partly sent to concentration camps and partly employed in very hard works, and considered as prisoners. I hope that this very sorrowful state of things will quickly come to an end and that our Government may succeed in getting the conditions of these brothers of ours improved by obtaining a greater comprehension on the part of France."

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Also other foreign currency marked a strong rising to-day, the paper Pound Sterling reaching the maximum price of 1060 lire, the Dollar 422 and the Swiss Franc 158.

The increase, especially for what the Pound Sterling is concerned, has been evidently caused by urgent demand on the part of new improvised speculators.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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25 January 1945.

G-5: 000.5-6

SUBJECT: War Criminals.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: Chief Commissioner).

1. Reference your message number S-410 dated 9 January 1945.
2. This Headquarters approves your reply to the Italian Government to the effect that Allied Commission will take no steps for the removal of General Orlando until requested either by the Allied Governments or this Headquarters as set out in paragraph one of your message.
3. It is confirmed that you may assume that no official recognition should be given the Broadcast in question unless and until the United Nations War Crimes Commission in London shall have itself placed General Orlando's name on its official list of War Criminals.

T. R. HENN, Colonel,
Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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BY SP-5 JRS/ML Date 5/25/84

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PUB UNITED NATIONS NEWS DISPATCH FROM LONDON DATED JANUARY EIGHTH AS YET UNPUBLISHED HERE STATES THAT ACCORDING TO BROADCAST BY QUOTE FREE YUGOSLAV RADIO END QUOTE ONE THE YUGOSLAV WAR CRIMES COMMISSION HAS NAMED GENERAL ORLANDO CHA PRESENTLY COMMANDER CARABINIERI CHA IN ITS LIST OF WAR CRIMINALS PD BASED ON PRECEDENT IN ONE MORE FOUR THREE WHEN WE ASKED ROME TO REMOVE BOATTA AND AMERISIO CHA ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WHO WAS NOTIFIED BY PUB OF THIS DISPATCH HAS ASKED IF WE DESIRE ORLANDOS REMOVAL PD I AM REPLYING THAT UNTIL YOU OR ALLIED GOVERNMENTS REQUEST HIS REMOVAL THE COMMISSION DOES NOT INTEND TO DO SO PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR SACRED CHA UNITED STATES POLAR AND BRITISH RESUME FROM HQ
ALCOE FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN

PARA TWO PD COMMENT CLE I ASSUME THAT NO OFFICIAL WEIGHT IS TO BE GIVEN
 4847 BROADCAST UNTIL AND UNLESS UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION IN
 LONDON SHALL HAVE ITSELF PLACED ORLANDOS NAME ON ITS OFFICIAL LIST OF WAR
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wording of PW hard copy

YUGOSLAVS NAME THREE ITALIANS AS WAR CRIMINALS

LONDON, January 8 (UHN) -- The Yugoslav War Crimes Commission has included in its list of war criminals three Italian officers, the Free Yugoslav Radio said yesterday. They are General Taddeo Orlando, who was general of the Fascist Isonzo Division; Colonel Perna and Colonel Del Negro, commanders of the 1st and 2nd Grenadier Regiments respectively. The broadcast said the three officers were members of the occupying forces in Yugoslavia.

~~Taddeo~~ Orlando, (commander of the Carabinieri), was Minister of War in the first Badoglio cabinet and before that was an Allied prisoner of war in North Africa. Perna and Del Negro are reported living in Rome.

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Sent to us by PW, London
who, in turn, got it from the
Free Yugoslav Radio

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COLONEL DEL NEGRO, COMMANDERS OF THE FIRST AND SECOND GRENADEIER REGIMENTS OF THE
DIVISION. THE THREE OFFICERS WERE MEMBERS OF THE OCCUPYING FORCES IN
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