

1649

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

ACC

10000/136/225

B
C

1650

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

10000/136/225

BEHAVIOR OF POLISH TROOPS
OCT. 1944 - DEC. 1946

1651

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785015

751/CC

FORM 10-1 (Rev. 1-25-48) (OMB No. 400)

LIST OF PAPERS

Office of the
Chief Commissioner

File under No. 751 BEHAVIOR OF POLISH TROOPS

ALLIED COMMISSION

From: 23 Oct 44
To :~~SECRET~~

Vol. I Page 5

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM--	DATE	TO--	SYNOPSIS
56a	Cbl AG2/01162	20 Nov 46	Disper	Case of Mesur Enrico
57	Cbl F 73397 SACM	23 Nov 46	Disper	Transf of Polish minors to care of Polish Govt
58	Cbl G1B134 GHQ CMT	27 Nov 46	AFHQ G-2, G-5	Request intervention re resolution against Poles accommodated / Ancone
59	Cbl F 73527 SACM	2 Dec 46	Disper	Transf of Polish Minors to care of Polish Government

1184

Instructions.— When papers on a subject become numerous, they should be numbered serially and brief entries made on this form.

~~SECRET~~

1652

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785025

Q-51, C-2 on 75, 341 (Old No. 490)
Rev. 1-10-20, 1918

751/cc

Office of the
Chief Commissioner

-ALLIED COMMISSION-

LIST OF PAPERS

File under No. 751 BEHAVIOR OF POLISH TROOPS

Page 4

P-4283

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM--	DATE	TO--	SYNOPSIS
49	Ltr Prunas	16 Feb 46	Stone	Incident at Corso Umberto
50	Ltr 3609/271/EC	19 Feb 46	Prunas	Incident at Corso Umberto
51	Ltr Prunas	8 Mar 46	AFHQ G-5	Publication of Incident: Polish Troop interference in Ita Local Elections
52	Cbl 1701 Stone	8 Mar 46	AFHQ G-5	
53	Cbl # 62410 SACRED	9 Mar 46	ALCOM	Polish Troops Interfer Elections
54	Ltr 70951/12419.12	31 May 46	Bambassei	Polish troop interference in party demonstrations of electoral propg.
55	Cbl NOL/1499	27 Jul 46	F Safety	Disturbance in Salerno 22 Jul 46
56	Cbl FK 75296 SACRED	19 Nov 46	Cbl 44F	Disposition of Members of Polcorps

INSTRUCTIONS.—When papers on a subject become numerous they will be numbered serially and brief entries made on this form.

SECRET

16531

C Conn

F 73527
DEC.021605A

H/8294
DEC.031500
IMPORTANT

AFHQ SIGNED SACKED CITE FHGEG
ACTION - ALGOM HOME

~~SECRET~~

Subject transfer of Polish Minors to CARE of Polish Government.

Para:-1° Information requested para 1 referred signal is urgently needed.

Para:-2° If ~~reply~~ reply not yet possible desired you signal estimated date when information will be submitted.

Our #73397 refers dated 23 Nov.

57

11/1/46

A.C.DISTRIBUTION
ACTION - DISPER 2
INFO - C.COMMISSIONER
EX.COMMISSIONER
FILE - 1182
SKELTON

3
~~SECRET~~

DEC. - 1946

59

1654

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

G18137

271440A BCY

H/6177

NOV 290945

PRIORITY

GSI(B) CH. CEF

AFH, FOR G2 AND G3 INFO ALONG WITH FOR SEWAKIXX PUBLIC RELATIONS

~~RESTRICTED~~

Near Polcorps have drawn attention to article in voce circulation for 23 Nov and requested urgent intervention to prevent repetition. Article included resolution passed by someone town council protesting against accommodation of Poles in town and refusing to accept responsibility for any acts of violence by civil population. Polcorps state reasons for Poles remaining in Italy namely marriage to Italians is not generally known. Consider clarification in press of this point might help to ease situation.

~~RESTRICTED~~

ACTION : F.H.O. 2

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

EX COMMISSIONER

FILE

FLOAT

1181

58

1655

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

F 73397
NOV 23 1945H/8103
NOV 24 1945
IMPORTANTAFHC SIGNED ORDER CITE THREE
ALSO FOR DISPER

SECRET

Subject is transfer of Polish minors to care of Polish Government.

1. The following information is urgently required by Signal concerning Polish minors in Alcon Camps (only from territory now actually under control of present Polish Government) who are not accompanied by parents and who are ineligible for resettlement in UK or transfer to Polish families settlement Forli.

A. Number by age groups (0-7, 7-14, 14-18, 18-21) of minors who are/

1. Living in care of near relatives or persons who have legally adopted them

2. Others

3. Number of minors who are known to have parents still living outside Poland should be shown separately.

B. General account of arrangements under which above minors are living I.E. Are they adopted by individuals or treated as collective responsibility of Polish Camp inmates, query.

C. Your views as to practicability and desirability of transferring above minors to care of Polish Government.

2. Breakdown of persons listed in one A above giving precise of grounds for claims for guardianship required earliest. Signal required in one above should not however be delayed while this information being obtained.

AG DIST - ACTION/DISPER(2)

INFO: Chief Commr, Ex Commr, File, Skeleton

(57)

500 57

1656

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785015

NOV 22 1946

~~SECRET~~

102/01157
057 32

3/1032

NOV 21 1946

URGENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) AND
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]

451/24

A. C. H. T.

ACT: DIRECT (2)

Security

INFO: A. C. H. T.

SEC. COPY

FILE

RE: [REDACTED]

1179

NOV 21 1946

56a

$\mathcal{C}M \subseteq Y$

—1991—

1153/1, 1153/2, 1153/3A

Pol. J. 1950(21) 126, 239

7 October 1946

Management & Human Relations.

1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 2674, 2675, 2676, 2677, 2678, 26

North America

2. MARVIN
Major
Department of History
OSMA.

1178

$S \in \mathcal{A}$

FOAT

NEW HARTS ALIEN COMMISSION
 A.A.C. 794
 PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION
SECURITY SUB DIVISION

REF : 100/540.09

SUBJECT : HARRY Sargis

TO : A. French, HQ, WFO

1. Reference your 3667/77A-2 dated 21 Oct. 46.
2. SARGIS was arrested by Italian civil police in Rome during the night of 29 August 1946.
3. On capture SARGIS stated he came to ITALY as a member of the 101st Airborne Division. Towards the end of July he was sent to the Polish Camp at ORVIA to await repatriation. He did not wish to return to Poland and was released on or about 21 August, making his way to Rome.
4. SARGIS was without documents at the time of his arrest and without visible means of support. He is described by the Italian authorities as an undesirable alien being found in ITALY without authority. SARGIS was during the early part of October 1946 transferred from Regina Coeli Prison, Rome to the Collecting Centre at ORVIA to await deportation.
5. The Camp at ORVIA is administered by POLICE and used as a centre for persons who have elected to return to Poland to await repatriation.
6. This file has information regarding the status of Polish persons in ORVIA. If personnel are discharged from military service to see arrival at this camp then it is clear that SARGIS is a civilian and the Italian police have acted in the normal course of their duty. On the other hand subject may be a deserter from the 101st Airborne Division and it is possible that he has already been repatriated to POLAND and returned to ITALY illegally.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

Copy to: Unplaced Persons and
 Repatriation Division together
 with file 4/1450/RA.

(360) 777777
 for E.J. 304,
 Colonel,
 Director Public
 Safety Division.

56

COPY

PROCE 3002A ITALIANA - Servizio Autonomo

ROMA - Via A. Sallustiana 34
Tel. 337423

Rome, 11 September 20th, 1943

R.L. 3436/046-192

TO : THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND
AMERICAN CONSULS ABROAD- R.O.M.A. -
Via Veneto

To beg to enclose herewith copy of a letter in Italian sent to this Office on the 15th of Sept., 1943, from the Prison of Regina Coeli, by WALTER ZARICO, a Polish soldier.

In this letter, he explains that having fought with the VIII Army, he was sent to the Camp of Ferrinara (Naples), from which he escaped for fear of being sent back to Poland. In Rome, he was arrested by the G.P. for being without any papers. There are now 40 days that he is detained, ignoring on what charges.

ZARICO begs for our help and he should be obliged if the A.C.'s Authorities would kindly enable us to answer to his request.

Copies of this and of ZARICO's letter have been sent, for information, to the British Embassy, - Polish Welfare Office.

With our respects,
Director for

7333333

(Att. R. Ronchetti)

1. enclosure

1176

57

1660

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

NOV 3 1945

SECRET

AG2/00768

H/7896

NOV 141150A

NOV 151645

GHQ CMT

IMPORTANT

Rear POLCORPS MISSPOL ATTACHED REAR POLCORPS ALCON ROME (FOR DP AND R S/C) RAAC NAPLES AREA 217 AREA 209 PT CAMP 1 SEP CENTER RIMINI 21 COURT MARTIAL AND HOLDING CENTER 20 GARRISON GUARD ROOM 56 REST AND TRANSIT CAMP

INFO: KENC (For BRIT POLAD G 5 G 2)

SECRET

RE

1. Reference our AG 20 of 3 Oct 45 to Main Polcorps and to all addresses except Alcon Rear Polcorps Misspol Attached Rear Polcorps 217 Area 1 SEP Center and 20 Garrison Guard Room.

2. For Alcon RAAC Naples Area 217 Area 209 PT Camp 1 SEP 21 Court Martial and Holding Center 20 Garrison Guard Room 56 Rest And Transit Camp. All Poles held by you who have served in Polcorps and who fall into any of the following categories will be transferred forthwith under escort to the Polish Military Prison Cesena and handed over against body receipt.

- A. Deserters from Polcorps who have never been to Cervinara.
- B. Men who elected repatriation to Poland with no intention of returning to Poland and later deserted from Cervinara Camp or from Poland bound transport.
- C. Men who elected repatriation to Poland with no intention of returning to Poland.
- D. Men who elected repatriation to Poland but later deserted from Cervinara Camp in order to avoid such repatriation.
- E. Men who elected repatriation to Poland but later when in Cervinara Camp refused to be repatriated.
- F. Men who elected repatriation to Poland but later when in Cervinara changed their minds and now desire to go to countries other than Poland.

1175

SECRET

56

1661

SECRET

U/7896

PAGE TWO

6. Men who when with Polcorps expressed a desire to go to countries other than Poland and who should not have been sent to Cervinara.

3. Nominal rolls of the above showing which category each man comes under will be distributed as follows: 2 Copies to this Headquarters 2 Copies to AFHQ 1 Copy to Rear Polcorps 1 Copy to Misspol Attached Main Polcorps 2 Copies with each Officer I/C escort of wives and children of these men will be transferred from DP or other camps where they are at present accommodated to the Polish Dependents Camp Porto San Giorgio and handed over against body receipt and nominal rolls of which wives and children will be sent distributed as in para 3 Above.

5. Polesex Carinara who were repatriated to Poland and who later returned to Italy will not repeat not be transferred to Polish Military Prison Cesena but will be transferred forthwith under escort to 1 SEP Center Rimini where they will be held with other illegal Polish returnees already at Rimini pending arrangement of their handover to the Italian authorities and nominal rolls of suchpoles will be distributed as follows/ 2 copies to this HQ 2 copies to AFHQ 1 copy to 1 SEP Center 2 copies with each Officer I/C escort at 6 for 209 PW Camp. The 4 Polcorps invalid who merely visited his brother at Cervinara should be transferred with the others with an explanatory note of his case. Rear Polcorps and Misspol Attached Rear Polcorps conversation Woods-Condron refers. Main Polcorps silence to our above above quoted signal not understood and resultant delay has caused serious holdup in disbandment of 209 PW Camp. Move as above will take place forthwith. Arrange to receive total of some 70 bodies under above categories at Polish Military Prison Cesena and approximately six wives and children at Porto San Giorgio. Category A above should be held pending trial by Polcorps for desertion. Category B and C are

SECRET

PAGE THREE

SECRET

H/7896

Subject to trial by Polcorps for having wittingly made false statements. Category D and E should be interrogated to decide whether they were guilty of same action as categories B and C ~~orxxke~~ whether they did genuinely change their minds after arrival at ~~Warvin~~ Carinara. Categories F and G when transferred to UK should be included in scheme for repatriation of Polcorps personnel to countries other than Poland. All categories although probably SOS Polcorps are not repeat not discharged from Polish Forces. Any of these men whose wives are not eligible for transfer to UK should be sent to the Polish Families Center Paris.

AC DIST

Action: Dis Per (2)

Info: Chief Commr

Ex Commr

File

Skeleton

SECRET

56

1663

C O P Y

NCI/1499

H/5050

JULY 27/1000B

URGENT

NAPLES LIAISON GROUP A.C.
R.T. ALCO

UNCLASSIFIED

Disturbance night 27th July at Salerno started by drunken polish soldier leading up to hostile demonstration by crowd and shots fired by Poles one person killed and 4 seriously injured all Italian civilians. No political motive involved.

AC DIST

ACTION: 1 SAFETY 2
INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CAP
EX COMMISSIONER
FII
FLOAT 2

751/20

1173

53

JUN 1 RECD
Translation

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
Cabinetto

31 May 1946

70951/12410.12/1.6.1

TO: Console Giorgio DARRASCHI de Vettor,
Italian Liaison Officer,
Allied Commission.

As far back as last February, Polish troops stationed in the Province of Macera, interfered in party demonstrations of electoral propaganda. Complaints were made to the Allied Commission who gave assurances that precise instructions had been given for avoiding incidents of any nature.

Reports have recently arrived from Macera (Macera) that armed Polish troops have taken away all the electoral placards. If such acts are repeated, besides illegally interfering with the electoral propaganda, they would be the cause of incidents, and we therefore beg you to request the Allied Commission to confirm their instructions given for the avoidance of such acts and to the police abstaining from any manifestation also regarding the imminent political elections and institutional referendum.

IL CAPO DEL CABINETTO

1172

EC DIST - 3 JUNE

ACTION - CA Sec (2)

INFO - CC

- EC

- Local Govt

57

1665

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785015

C. C. Clerk

Correspondence
attached is
answer to
cc's minute.

(59)

1666

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

E.C. Personal

*Suggest the word
be passed to PM*

2806

MAR 14 1962

MAR 14 1962

62410
MARCH 091759A

U/398
MARCH 100930A

PRIORITY

AFSA SIGNED SIGNED CITE TEXT
ALONG

So to cc

Please see off 16

CONFIDENTIAL:

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref your 1701 of 8 March. *(52)*

1. Understand very comprehensive orders have been issued by 2nd Pol Corps to ensure that Polish troops do not interfere in any way with local Italian elections orders also state that when polling takes place all Polish troops in the area will be confined to barracks throughout the day.
2. Consider above should enable Italian Government fears to be allayed.

75/1/1

AC DIST

ACTIVE - R/ COM 2

INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

FOUR (A)

FOUR (B)

CAS

FILE

SHIRAZ

1171

ML

CONFIDENTIAL

(5)

IMMEDIATE
ACTION

1667

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NRD No. 785015

Office of the Commissioner

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AEO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/45/40/LB.

Tel: 236

SUBJECT : ~~Lacerata~~ Electoral Campaign
(Polish Troops).

14 March 1946

TO : Ministry of the Interior (Gabinetto).

1. Reference yours 4942/21409 dated 20 February 1946.
2. We have been informed that orders have been issued to ensure that Polish troops do not interfere during elections.
3. These orders state that Polish troops will be confined to barracks throughout the election days.

signed: RALPH R. TAMPLE
Major
Director
Local Government S/O

RAGH/vm

*Dist
T. cc.
1. 66.*

(A)

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
P.S. General Direction

Cabinet

Rome, 20/2/1946

Nr. 4942/24409

To: ALLIED COMMISSION
Sub Commission of P.S.
R O M E

SUBJECT: Macerata. Election campaign.

The Macerata Prefect has pointed out to our Ministry the fear expressed by the representatives of the various Parties, that the propaganda activity and the election campaign in that district might get disturbed by the intervention of Polish Troops.

In order to avoid that such an eventuality may take place, our Ministry begs to ask your Commission to examine the possibility that Allied Troops be sent to that district during the election campaign with the purpose of carrying out a Police service control on the Polish Troops.

We furthermore point out that the said Polish Troops are stationed at the following localities of the Macerata district:

Macerata, Montecassino, Montefano, Urbisaglia, Corridonia, Cingoli, Treia, Monte S. Giusto, Mogliano, Porto Recanati, Civitanova Alta, Portocivitanova, Potenza Picena, Recanati, Moravalle, Montelupone, Montecosaro, Camerino, Castelraimondo, Matelica, S. Severino Tolentino, S. Ginesio, Loro Piceno, Pollenza, Colmurano and Petriolo.

For the Minister
/s/ SPATARO

1170

Int.
1. C.C.
1. G.G.

(B)

ce

MAR 9 1969

自 2003 年起 16

FOR 19; ALSO SIGNED STATE CITY ORDER
TO (ACTS 1) 6-5, 1914

Classification: CONFIDENTIAL

4/26/04

100-100000
 100-100000
 100-100000

1169

Recorded by: _____

Executive Director, Sallona

© 2004 Blackwell Publishing Ltd

1670

Declassified P.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

Ref. : 6512/127/30

8 March 1946

SUBJECT: Anti Allied Propaganda

TO : Public Relations Branch

Publication of offenses supposedly done by Polish troops

See file 9266/10 NEWSPAPERS

1168

(51)

1671

6 km

Ref: 3609/271/RC.

19 February 1946.

Dear Dr. FRANK:

Reference your letter 6/648 dated 6 February 1946.

49

Due to the delay in reporting the incident and in view of the fact that a high percentage of the Polish troops in Rome are here only for short periods of leave, it has been found impossible to trace the offenders.

However, strong representations have been made to the suitable authorities against such cases of indiscipline and, furthermore, a request has been made that in the event of similar cases occurring in the future, steps may be taken drastically to reduce the number of Polish troops in Rome.

Regarding the indemnity you request for the firm Ciampoli for the damages suffered, the firm should make a claim in writing to the Deputy Assistant Director, Claims and Hirings, 53 Claims and Hirings, Via delle Botteghe Oscure, Rome, which is the office competent to deal with these matters.

Very truly yours,

M. V. J. A.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Dr. Renato Prinas,
Secretary General,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

1167

50

1672

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

C O P Y

Rome, February 6th, 1946

Dear Admiral Stone,

With reference to your note 3609/21/6/RZ
dated 5 December 1945, I should be very much in-
debted to you if you would kindly let me know whether
the Allied Authorities have come to a decision con-
cerning the complaint by the U.S.A.R. Embassy rela-
tive to the incident at Corso Umberto 385, Rome.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ R. Franco

Admiral Ellery A. STONE

Chief Commissioner

Allied Commission

R O M E

1166

Sum 1/15
75/100

1673

COPY

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

rough translation

no. 16/27396/71

Dear Admiral Stone,

I have the honour to send to you the enclosed copy of a note which was addressed to this Ministry on the 16th inst. by the U.S.S.R. Embassy in Rome.

I had already previously the occasion to bring to your notice some regrettable incidents which took place in several Italian townships and were occasioned by the conduct of enlisted men belonging to the Polish Corps. The incident referred to in said Embassy's note is particularly serious also because of its repercussions on Italo-Soviet relations.

Consequently I feel it to be my duty to kindly ask you to intervene with the Allied Command, from which the Polish Corps depends, with a view of identifying the perpetrators of the damage who, according to eye-witnesses, are undoubtedly Polish enlisted men and of imparting to them commensurate disciplinary punishment, besides indemnifying the firm Giampoli for the damages suffered.

I should also be very grateful to you if you would represent to the competent authorities the importance that suitable measures be adopted to prevent the re-occurrence of similar incidents, which are the cause of the gravest concern also because they may provoke reactions which would be equally deplorable.

Whilst I shall appreciate it greatly hearing from you as to what steps you might have deemed advisable to adopt in this connection, I avail myself of this opportunity to express to you, dear Admiral Stone, my best thanks and heartfelt greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) R. PRINAS

1165

1 encl.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

Long
17/7/71

1674

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785025

C O P Y

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

rough translation

no. 16/27396/71

Dear Admiral Stone,

I have the honour to send to you the enclosed copy of a note which was addressed to this Ministry on the 16th inst. by the U.S.S.R. Embassy in Rome.

I had already previously the occasion to bring to your notice some regrettable incidents which took place in several Italian townships and were occasioned by the conduct of enlisted men belonging to the Polish Corps. The incident referred to in said Embassy's note is particularly serious also because of its repercussions on Italo-Soviet relations.

Consequently I feel it to be my duty to kindly ask you to intervene with the Allied Command, from which the Polish Corps depends, with a view of identifying the perpetrators of the damage who, according to eye-witnesses, are undoubtedly Polish enlisted men and of imparting to them commensurate disciplinary punishment, besides indemnifying the firm Giampaoli for the damages suffered.

I should also be very grateful to you if you would represent to the competent authorities the importance that suitable measures be adopted to prevent the re-occurrence of similar incidents, which are the cause of the gravest concern also because they may provoke reactions which would be equally deplorable.

Whilst I shall appreciate it greatly hearing from you as to what steps you might have deemed advisable to adopt in this connection, I avail myself of this opportunity to express to you, dear Admiral Stone, my best thanks and heartfelt greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

1161

1 encl.

(signed) R. PRUMAS

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

1675

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

COPY

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

rough translation

no. 16/27396/71

Dear Admiral Stone,

I have the honour to send to you the enclosed copy of a note which was addressed to this Ministry on the 16th inst. by the U.S.S.R. Embassy in Rome.

I had already previously the occasion to bring to your notice some regrettable incidents which took place in several Italian townships and were occasioned by the conduct of enlisted men belonging to the Polish Corps. The incident referred to in said Embassy's note is particularly serious also because of its repercussions on Italo-Soviet relations.

Consequently I feel it to be my duty to kindly ask you to intervene with the Allied Command, from which the Polish Corps depends, with a view of identifying the perpetrators of the damage who, according to eye-witnesses, are undoubtedly Polish enlisted men and of imparting to them commensurate disciplinary punishment, besides indemnifying the firm Giampaoli for the damages suffered.

I should also be very grateful to you if you would represent to the competent authorities the importance that suitable measures be adopted to prevent the re-occurrence of similar incidents, which are the cause of the gravest concern also because they may provoke reactions which would be equally deplorable.

Whilst I shall appreciate it greatly hearing from you as to what steps you might have deemed advisable to adopt in this connection, I avail myself of this opportunity to express to you, dear Admiral Stone, my best thanks and heartfelt greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

1 encl.

(signed) R. PRUNAS

1163

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

1676

COPY

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

rough translation

No. 68

NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the Union of Soviet Republics has the honour to call the attention of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the felonious destruction on the night of November 16th of the show-window in which photographic material on the life of the people in U.R.S.S. was displayed.

This photographic display was first exhibited on November 7th in the show-window of the firm Roberto Giampaoli in Corso Umberto 385, Rome.

The Soviet Embassy learned from the press that the photographic display was destroyed by a group of Polish soldiers of the "Anders" Army.

The municipality night-watchmen has seen the Polish soldiers who have perpetrated the crime, but has not attempted to stop them.

The material damage caused by this aggression (the broken plate-glass of the shop-window) is in excess of 100,000 Italian lire.

The Embassy insists on an immediate investigation, on the identification of the culprits and on their severe punishment and desires to be informed of the results of the investigation and as to the punishment inflicted.

The Embassy insists at the same time that adequate measures be taken to prevent the re-occurrence of said criminal happenings in the future.

The Embassy also requests to ascertain who must compensate the owner of the shop for the damage and to be informed on the subject. The Embassy believes that the damage must be indemnified in the near future.

Rome, November 16th, 1945

*Long/low
7/1/46*

COPY

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

rough translation

No. 68

NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the Union of Soviet Republics has the honour to call the attention of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the felonious destruction on the night of November 16th of the show-window in which photographic material on the life of the people in U.R.S.S. was displayed.

This photographic display was first exhibited on November 7th in the show-window of the firm Roberto Giampaoli in Corso Umberto 385, Rome.

The Soviet Embassy learns from the press that the photographic display was destroyed by a group of Polish soldiers of the "Anders" Army.

The municipality night-watchmen has seen the Polish soldiers who have perpetrated the crime, but has not attempted to stop them.

The material damage caused by this aggression (the broken plate-glass of the shop-window) is in excess of 100,000 Italian lire.

The Embassy insists on an immediate investigation, on the identification of the culprits and on their severe punishment and desires to be informed of the results of the investigation and as to the punishment inflicted.

The Embassy insists at the same time that adequate measures be taken to prevent the re-occurrence of said criminal happenings in the future.

The Embassy also requests to ascertain who must compensate the owner of the shop for the damage and to be informed on the subject. The Embassy believes that the damage must be indemnified in the near future.

Rome, November 16th, 1945

COPY

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

rough translation

No. 68

NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the Union of Soviet Republics has the honour to call the attention of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the felonious destruction on the night of November 16th of the show-window in which photographic material on the life of the people in U.R.S.S. was displayed.

This photographic display was first exhibited on November 7th in the show-window of the firm Roberto Giampaoli in Corso Umberto 385, Rome.

The Soviet Embassy learns from the press that the photographic display was destroyed by a group of Polish soldiers of the "Anders" Army.

The municipality night-watchmen has seen the Polish soldiers who have perpetrated the crime, but has not attempted to stop them.

The material damage caused by this aggression (the broken plate-glass of the show-window) is in excess of 100,000 Italian lire.

The Embassy insists on an immediate investigation, on the identification of the culprits and on their severe punishment and desires to be informed of the results of the investigation and as to the punishment inflicted.

The Embassy insists at the same time that adequate measures be taken to prevent the re-occurrence of said criminal happenings in the future.

The Embassy also requests to ascertain who must compensate the owner of the shop for the damage and to be informed on the subject. The Embassy believes that the damage must be indemnified in the near future. 1160

Rome, November 16th, 1945

1679

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

SECRET

PA51529
NOV 27 1415G/4467
NOV 28 0930A

OP PRIORITY

A BRANCH GMR, GMR

ACTION: TROOPERS INFO: AICOM

SECRET.

Reference your 85901 GA (DP) of 22nd November.

1. Your paragraph 1. The Camp in question is at CERVINARA and holds soldiers of the Polish forces who elected in writing to be repatriated to Poland. We have refused visits by Russian Mission to this Camp. See our PA49014 of 16th November para 101 117

2. Approximately 300 of these men have since changed their minds and now say they wish to be repatriated to Soviet Union.

3. At a meeting at this GMR on 8th November with plenipotentiary GMR USSR for the repatriation of Soviet Citizens in Italy he was offered a list and details of these men for his decision as to whether or not they would be accepted as Soviet citizens. This offer was accepted and the list will be handed over by 29th November. It was explained to the Russian representative that we had undertaken to repatriate these men to Poland and that they would leave Italy as Polish soldiers with the repatriation parties as arranged and it would therefore be incumbent upon the Soviet and Polish Governments to arrange whether these men should be diverted to Soviet Union after leaving Italy.

4. This policy has been adopted in the case of some men wishing to go to Czechoslovakia for which see our letter 3687/1/A2 of 17th November.

5. Russian representative asked if these men in question could be transferred to the Russian collecting centre at Pesaro. He was informed that this was NOT possible owing to our understanding to repatriate to Poland as soldiers all men ex Polish forces who were willing.

6. These men signed statements opting for repatriation to Poland but NOT to Soviet Union. Since then they have expressed themselves verbally as desirous of return to Soviet Union. Further some changed their mind a second time hence the list has not been constant.

7. Repatriation of the Polish soldiers commenced on 25th November but the approximate 300 in question are being kept together and retained until later train pending decision of Soviet and Polish Governments.

SECRET

Surf
751/10

G/4467

PAGE 2.

8. Your paragraph 2. No camp area ~~RELEVANT~~ other than camp in para 1 above. Area ~~TRAKI~~ and ~~BARLETTA~~. These are DP camps holding Polish citizens NOT opting for Poland. No Soviet citizens as recognized by ~~IMC~~ are held in these camps. Area ~~LAKA GARD~~. There is a DP Transit Camp at ~~RESCARINA~~. Any Soviet citizens passing through would be routed to appropriate collecting centres. None are known to be there at present. In cases of Soviet ~~citizens~~ citizens recognized as such being uncovered in ~~DP~~ cages Soviet authorities would be informed.

9. Your paragraph 3.

- (A) Note in your para 1 or 2 administered as PW.
- (B) Occupants of camps mentioned your para 2 are DP.
- (C) See para 1 above. We have no details as to any of Soviet citizenship apart from the approximate 300 now desirous of evacuation to Soviet Union whose Soviet citizenship will NOT be properly established until acceptance by the Russian Mission.

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
 POLAD (A)
 POLAD (B) 1158
 C & SECTION
 FILE

M/C note: No trace of above quoted references.

1681

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/RND No. 785015

C O P Y

Rome, February 6th, 1946

Dear Admiral Stone,

With reference to your note 3609/246/EG 420
dated 5 December 1945, I should be very much in-
debted to you if you would kindly let me know whether
the Allied Authorities have come to a decision con-
cerning the complaint by the U.S.S.R. Embassy rela-
tive to the incident at Corso Umberto 385, Rome.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ R. Prunas

Admiral Ellery W. STONE

Chief Commissioner

Allied Commission

R O M E

1137

49

1682

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

DEC 27 REC'D

C.C.

Ref: 3609/251/EC

27 December 1945

Sir,

With further reference to our letter 3609/245/EC of 5 December 1945, and your LAC of 11 December 1945. Enclosed is a copy of a report ref: 14415 of 5 December 1945 from the Deputy Commander, Rome Area Allied Command, on the incident at Corso Umberto, 335.

All the correspondence on this subject has now been forwarded to Allied Force Headquarters, for such action as they think necessary.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Major General Vassiliev, Plenipotentiary
The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Advisory Council for Italy
Rome

1156

(4)

1683

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref: 3609/215/110

December 1945

Sir,

I acknowledge with thanks your letter No. 136 of 22 November 1945 enclosing your letter No. 176 of the same date for forwarding to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean, on the subject of the incident at Corso Umberto No. 365.

I have requested and received a Police Report of the incident and I do not consider that it is sufficiently grave to be brought to the notice of the Supreme Allied Commander.

I am forwarding, however, a copy of your letter to Rome Area Allied Command who I consider are the authorities competent to deal with such an incident.

Yours very truly,

ENCLOSURE 1/1

WILLIAM W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Major Gen. Vassiliev, Plenipotentiary
The Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics
Advisory Council for Italy
Rome

1455

78/11

1684

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

16 June

Ref: 1609/232/52

22 December 1945

SUBJECT: Incident at Corso Umberto, 385

TO : C-5, AMMO

1. Enclosed please find copies of (a) a letter received from the Plenipotentiary, USSR Advisory Council for Italy addressed to SACMO (b) a letter received from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs including a note from the USSR Embassy (c) police report (d) letter from the Deputy Commander, RAMO, all on the above subject.

2. This correspondence is forwarded to you for whatever action you may think appropriate.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. G. FISH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

441/50

1154

(7)

PLENIPOTENTIARY
THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

DEC 13 1945

TRANSLATION

Chief Commissioner Admiral E. Stone

N. 140

11 December 1945

Sir:

The 10th December 1945 I received your letter of 5th December 1945 No. 3609/245/23 in which you state that you do not consider the fact of the anti-Soviet incident caused by the military personnel of General Anderson's company, which I brought to the notice of the Allied Supreme Commander, serious enough to send it on to him. I must remark Sir, that in your letter you do not give me an answer as to what measures the Allied forces have taken against such incidents being repeated and what has been done to punish the culprits.

Therefore I insist that my letter No. 476 of 22nd Nov 1945, addressed to the Supreme Allied Commander, should be sent to its destination, that is to say, to the Supreme Allied Commander; at the same time, I wish to say that I am highly astonished at the delay (already 3 weeks) in sending my letter to the Supreme Allied Commander.

Expecting a prompt reply I remain

Yours sincerely

VASSILISPP
etc etc

1153

(47)

.....

Полномочный представитель

Союза Советских Социалистических Республик

в Консультативном Совете по вопросам Италии

PLENIPOTENTIARY

THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

17/0

17 декабря 1945 г.

5 VIA GARIBOLDI, ROME - TEL. 481389

ВЕРХОВНОМУ УПОЛНОМОЧЕННОМУ СОЮЗНОЙ КОМИССИИ

АДМИРАЛУ ЗЮБЕРИ В. СТОУН.

Сэр,

Мною 10 декабря 1945 года получено Ваше письмо № 3609/245/ес от 5 декабря 1945 года, в котором Вы сообщаете, что не считаете факт анти-советского выпада со стороны военнослужащих корпуса генерала Андерса, изложенный в моем письме на имя Союзного Верховного Главнокомандующего от 22 ноября 1945 года достаточно угрожающим, чтобы предоставить этот случай на рассмотрение Союзного Главнокомандующего.

Должен, однако, Вам, Сэр, заметить, что Ваше письмо не дает ответа, что союзными военными властями предпринято к не повторению подобных анти-советских выпадов и какие меры приняты к наказанию виновников конкретного случая.

Поэтому настаиваю на том, чтобы мое письмо № 476 от 22 ноября

1687

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785015

ВЕРХОВНОМУ УПОЛНОМОЧЕННОМУ СОВЕЗНОЙ КОМИССИИ

АДМИРАЛУ ЭЛБЕРИ В. СТОУН.

Сэр,

Мною 10 декабря 1945 года получено Ваше письмо № 3609/245/ес от 5 декабря 1945 года, в котором Вы сообщаете, что не считаете факт анти-советского выкупа со стороны военнослужащих корпуса генерала Андерса, иложенный в моем письме на имя Союзного Верховного Главнокомандующего от 22 ноября 1945 года достаточно угрожающим, чтобы предоставить этот случай на рассмотрение Союзного Главнокомандующего.

Должен, однако, Вам, Сэр, заметить, что Ваше письмо не дает ответа, что союзными военными властями предпринято к не повторению подобных анти-советских выкупов и какие меры приняты и намерены виновников конкретного случая.

Поэтому настаиваю на том, чтобы мое письмо № 476 от 22 ноября 1945 года на имя Союзного Верховного Главнокомандующего было

(17)

передано по назначению, т.е. Союзному Верховному Главнокомандующему.

Одновременно выражаю Вам свое крайнее удивление по поводу столь длительной задержки /уже около трех недель/ моего письма на имя Союзного Верховного Главнокомандующего.

В ожидании скорого ответа

Весьма преданный Вам

Васильев
А.В. ВАСИЛЬЕВ

Генерал-майор, Полномочный Представитель СССР.

1151

1689

HEADQUARTERS, AREA 100 COMMISSION
APO 324
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 3609/212/00

5 December 1945

SUBJECT: Incident at Correo Umberto, 385

TO : Area Area Allied Command

1. Enclosed are copies of (a) a letter received from the Plenipotentiary, USSR Advisory Council for Italy (b) a letter received from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs including a note from the USSR Embassy, all on the above subject.

2. The letter from the Plenipotentiary is addressed to Lt. Gen. Sir. William Morgan and was received at this Headquarters with the request to forward it to General. It is felt, however, that you are the more suitable authority to deal with such an incident, and General Vassiliou has been informed accordingly.

3. Enclosed for your reference is the Police Report on the subject.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

1150

42

1690

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

393

From: Lancia

DEC 14 1945
000900

The President of the Council of Ministers

5590/10000/1/10

Rome, 2 December 1945

My dear Admiral,

I refer to your letter dated September 1945 and October 1945, in which you asked yourself the inter-relationship of the complaints and requests of the Italian public opinion, in relation with the criticism of the behaviour of the Axis troops made by the papers 'Unità' and 'Lavoro', and the distribution of anti-polish manifestos in the occupied areas.

I regret that my answer has been considerably delayed by my having to have a complete revision of my judgement, in this respect, in the light of the results of the investigations which were made.

You are well aware that at present, the Italian press which is no longer under the control of the Government, exercising a full discipline which is essential to itself.

In your report, I strongly advised the leaders of the Communist and Socialist parties to see that the papers should have a truly respectful attitude towards such dangerous areas, and in any case, maintain a strict objectivity, also when they report the assaults and acts of violence, which, unfortunately, are frequently to be found, in the message of Italian citizens and organizations, and are performed by the above mentioned troops.

I have good reason to believe that such a suggestion has been observed.

As for the distribution of anti-polish manifestos which took place in Rome, so far as I know, it was a propaganda step carried out by elements of the German army, and it is not yet clear if, besides the sympathy of German troops in the new regime established in Italy, I have instructions on such a matter to the Gestapo, actively to proceed with the investigations for the discovery of those who are responsible for disseminating the same.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

G. Ferruccio Rossi

Admiral Elia G. Rossi
Chief Commissioner
United Commission
14 Dec

EC DIST 13 Dec

ACTION - EA Inc(2)

INFO - CC

EC

4/1/46

1691

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

C O P YTranslation

No. 476

22 November 1945

TO: Lt Gen Sir William Morgan
Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean

Sir,

I wish to draw your attention to the following fact:

In the night of 16 November 1945, a group of Polish of the regiment of Orders, broke the window of the shop containing photos about the life of the people in USSR. These photos had been arranged in the corner of the shop on 7 November 1945, of Robert Giampaoli, Corso Umberto 383. In telling you about this incident, Sir, I insist that you should clean it up immediately, punish the culprits and see that such incidents should not occur again.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Vassiliev
VASSILIEV 1148

(312)

C O P Y

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

rough translation

no. 36/27396/71

(36)

Dear Admiral Stone,

I have the honour to send to you the enclosed copy of a note which was addressed to this Ministry on the 16th inst. by the U.S.S.R. Embassy in Rome.

I had already previously the occasion to bring to your notice some regrettable incidents which took place in several Italian townships and were occasioned by the conduct of enlisted men belonging to the Polish Corps. The incident referred to in said Embassy's note is particularly serious also because of its repercussions on Italo-Soviet relations.

Consequently I feel it to be my duty to kindly ask you to intervene with the Allied Command, from which the Polish Corps depends, with a view of identifying the perpetrators of the damage who, according to eye-witnesses, are undoubtedly Polish enlisted men and of imparting to them commensurate disciplinary punishment, besides indemnifying the firm Giampoli for the damages suffered.

I should also be very grateful to you if you would represent to the competent authorities the importance that suitable measures be adopted to prevent the re-occurrence of similar incidents, which are the cause of the gravest concern also because they may provoke reactions which would be equally deplorable.

While I shall appreciate it greatly hearing from you as to what steps you might have deemed advisable to adopt in this connection, I avail myself of this opportunity to express to you, dear Admiral Stone, my best thanks and heartfelt greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) R. FURNAS

I encl.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

36

1693

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

COPY

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

rough translation

No. 68

NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the Union of Soviet Republics has the honour to call the attention of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the felonious destruction on the night of November 16th of the show-window in which photographic material on the life of the people in U.R.S.S. was displayed.

This photographic display was first exhibited on November 7th in the show-window of the firm Roberto Giampoli in Corso Umberto 335, Rome.

The Soviet Embassy learns from the press that the photographic display was destroyed by a group of Polish soldiers of the "Anders" Army.

The municipality night-watchman has seen the Polish soldiers who have perpetrated the crime, but has not attempted to stop them.

The material damage caused by this aggression (the broken plate-glass of the shop-window) is in excess of 100,000 Italian lire.

The Embassy insists on an immediate investigation, on the identification of the culprits and on their severe punishment and desires to be informed of the results of the investigation and as to the punishment inflicted.

The Embassy insists at the same time that adequate measures be taken to prevent the re-occurrence of said criminal happenings in the future.

The Embassy also requests to ascertain who must compensate the owner of the shop for the damage and to be informed on the subject. The Embassy believes that the damage must be indemnified in the near future.

Rome, November 16th, 1945

(384)

11/16

Ref: 6512/119/51

21 December 1945

SUBJECT: Anti Polish Articles in Italian Press

TO : AFM
(from 1-5 section)

Reference your signal Z 42039 of 17 September 1945 on above subject.

1. Attached is the reply 53953/16380/19, 10 dated 2 December 1945 received 13 December 1945, from the President of the Council of Ministers.

2. It is regretted that the Italian Government have delayed their answer for so long.

JUL 1946

WALTER G. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

1143

Copy to:

Jolad (A)

Jolad (B)

J.B.O.

6. Comm (Already in possession of the for Council of Ministers)

(46)

No acknowledgment

1695

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

FX 56711
18DEC2112AG/5901
19DEC01245
IMPORTANT

Q (MOV) CHQ CMT

DISTHREE MOV NAPLES IMRSI BRITISH CONTROL OF REPATRIATION CAMP ORVINARA INFO:
TROOPERS LONDON MAIN BTA REAR BTA MOV REAR BTA DEAR 13 CORPS MOV REAR 13 CORPS
DISTWO NORTHMOVES ACARRIT USFA MA PRAGUE MA WARSAW MA MOSCOW MOV ROME MOV ANCONA
ROME AREA 56 AREA TN VILLACH ALGOM

SECRET.

REPATRIATION OF POLES IS SUSPENDED. REF FX 53981 OF 21 NOVEMBER NOT TO ALGOM.
FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOTIFIED.

1. TRAIN DEPARTING ORVINARA ON 21 DECEMBER CANCELLED.
2. TRAIN DEPARTING ORVINARA ON 19 DECEMBER WILL CARRY THE FOLLOWING IN ADDITION
TO APPROX 600 POLISH PERSONNEL. A. 200 CZECHS. B. 80 RUSSIANS TO DETRAIN RIMINI.
C. ONE CAR AND ITALIAN ESCORT FOR ITALIAN EMBASSY WARSAW TO BE LOADED AT ROME
UNDER ARRANGEMENTS ALGOM IN CONJUNCTION MOV ROME.

1144

AC DIST

INFO ACTN: DISPER S/C
INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
TH S/C
FILE 2
BT/AR

SECRET

1696

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785015

PLENIPOTENTIARY
THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

TRANSLATION

Chief Commissioner Admiral E. Stone

N. 140

11 December 1945

Sir:

The 10th December 1945 I received your letter of 5th December 1945 No. 3609/245/EC in which you state that you do not consider the fact of the anti-Soviet incident caused by the military personnel of General Anderson's company, which I brought to the notice of the Allied Supreme Commander, serious enough to send it on to him. I must remark Sir, that in your letter you do not give me an answer as to what measures the Allied forces have taken against such incidents being repeated and what has been done to punish the culprits.

Therefore I insist that my letter No. 476 of 22nd Nov 1945, addressed to the Supreme Allied Commander, should be sent to its destination, that is to say, to the Supreme Allied Commander; at the same time, I wish to say that I am highly astonished at the delay (already 3 weeks) in sending my letter to the Supreme Allied Commander.

Expecting a prompt reply I remain

Yours sincerely

VASSILIEFF
etc etc

1143

41

1697

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

7 December 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner.

I spoke to you a few days ago concerning the protest of the Polish Ambassador at the propaganda being distributed by the Polish Corps in DP camps.

He has forwarded me the attached material.

You were going to discuss this matter with Colonel Findlay to see if the Polish Embassy might be permitted to send occasionally some of their own representatives to Polish DP camps and also to have the right to distribute literature from the viewpoint of the Polish Government.

WILLIAM W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

481/ce

1142

4

1698

Ref: 3609/246/40

5 December 1945

SUBJECT: Incident at Corua Island 385

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs

I acknowledge with thanks your letter No. 16/21556/71 of 20 November 1945, signed by Don Renato Brunas, and beg to inform you that I have brought the contents of the letter and of the enclosed note from the USSR Embassy to the notice of the competent Allied authorities.

ALAN W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

1141

(4)

1699

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

Translation

C O P Y

No. 136

22 November 1945

TO : Chief Commissioner, Admiral Stone
Allied Commission, Rome

Sir,

I am sending you my letter No. 476 with the request
to forward it as soon as possible to the Supreme Allied
Commander Mediterranean, Lt. General Sir William Morgan.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Vassilieff

1140

(47)

1700

REF: 360/225/10

5 December 1945

Sir,

I acknowledge with thanks your letter No. 136 of 22 November 1945 enclosing your letter No. 476 of the same date for forwarding to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean, on the subject of the incident at Corso Sforza No. 385.

I have requested and received a Police Report of the incident and I do not consider that it is sufficiently grave to be brought to the notice of the Supreme Allied Commander.

I am forwarding, however, a copy of your letter to Rome Area Allied Command who I consider are the authorities competent to deal with such an incident.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT W. SMITH
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1139

Major Gen. Vassiliev, Plenipotentiary
The Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics
Advisory Council for Italy
Rome

(41)

1701

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 2245/38/30

4 December 1945

SUBJECT: Polish Repatriates

TO : A Branch GHD, GEF

Reference your signal FX54529 of 27 November 1945
to Troopers information Alcom.

May a copy of the Troopers signal 85903 GA (DP) of
22 November referred to in yours please be sent to this
Headquarters for information.

For the Chief Commissioner:

C. R. BRAYBROOKE

Capit

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

1138

A1

FX54529
NOV.

G/4467
NOV. 280930
O. PRIORITY

A BRANCH GHQ CMF
ACTION TROOPERS INFO: ALCON

SECRET.

Reference your 85901 CA (DP) of 22nd November.

1. Your para 1. The Camp in question is at CERVINARA and holds soldiers of the Polish forces who elected in writing to be repatriated to Poland. We have refused visits by Russian Mission to this Camp. See our FX45044 of 16th November para 10 (?) 11 (?).
2. Approximately 300 of these men have since changed their minds and now say they wish to be repatriated to Soviet Union.
3. At a meeting at this GHQ on 8th November with plenipotentiary SNK USSR for the repatriation of Soviet Citizens in Italy he was offered a list and details of these men for his decision as to whether or not they would be accepted as Soviet citizens. This offer was accepted and the list will be handed over by 29th November. It was explained to the Russian representative that we had undertaken to repatriate these men to Poland and that they would leave Italy as Polish soldiers with the repatriation parties as arranged and it would therefore be incumbent upon the Soviet and Polish Governments to arrange whether these men should be diverted to Soviet Union after leaving Italy.
4. This policy has been adopted in the case of some men wishing to go to Czechoslovakia for which see our letter 3687/1/A2 of 17th November.
5. Russian representative asked if these men in question could be transferred to the Russian collecting centre at Pesaro. He was informed that this was NOT possible owing to our understanding to repatriate to Poland as soldiers all men ex Polish forces who were willing.
6. These men signed statements opting for repatriation to Poland but NOT to Soviet Union. Since then they have expressed themselves verbally as desirous of return to Soviet Union. Further some changed their mind a second time hence the list has not been constant.

to over

G/4487

2 page

7. Repatriation of this Polish soldiers commenced on 25th November but the approximate 300 in question are being kept together and retained until later trains pending decision of Soviet and Polish Governments.

8. Your para two. NO camp area Benevento other than Camp in para 1 above. Area Tranl and Barletta. These are DP camps holding Polish citizens NOT opting for Poland. No Soviet citizens as recognized by HMG are held in these Camps. Area Lake Garda. There is a DP Transit Camp at Pescantina. Any Soviet citizens passing through would be routed to appropriate collecting centres. None are known to be there at present. In cases of Soviet citizens recognised as such being uncovered in DP cages Soviet authorities would be informed. 1136

9. Your para 3 (A). Note in your para 1 or 2 administered as PW.(B). Occupants of camp mentioned your para 2 are DP. (C) See para 1 above. We have no details as to any of Soviet citizenship apart from the approximate 300 now desirous of evacuation to Soviet Union whose Soviet citizenship will NOT be properly established until acceptance by the Russian Mission.

AC DIST

ACTION : Disper SC
INFO : Chief Commissioner
Llason DIV
File

40

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APR 394

Ref: 6512/108/RC

23 November 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I refer to the four letters (15 September, 1 October, 17 October and 2 November 1945) which I have addressed to you concerning the criticism of Polish troops published in the newspapers "Unita" and "Avanti".

I must again request, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, that I be sent an answer to the last paragraph of my letter of 1 October 1945.

Very truly yours,

0.5/1.0/1.5/2.0/2.5/3.0/3.5/4.0/4.5/5.0/5.5/6.0/6.5/7.0/7.5/8.0/8.5/9.0/9.5/10.0

ROBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
(Chief Commissioner)

Professor Ferruccio Parri
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

Copy to: Polads (A)
Polads (B)
FRO

1135

1705

NO DISTRICT THREE FOR ACTION TO AFHQ G-9 SECTION FOR INFO

8988

4 Nov 45

URGENT

RESTRICTED PD 2 0 0 5 1 / M F
SEE OUR LETTER TWO ZERO ZERO FIVE ONE OBVIOUS MEX FOR
ABLE ABLE OF THIRTEENTH NOVEMBER PD
FARM TO NO DISTRICT THREE FOR ACTION TO AFHQ G-9 SECTION
FOR INFO FROM HQ ALCON CITY ACCAD FARM
REPORTS FROM CHRISTI CLAIR POLLEN TROOPS HAVE FORCIBLY
OCCUPIED OFFICES OF SUPERINTENDENCY OF ANTI-UNITED PD
WILL APPROPRIATE INQUIRY PD PROTECTED MONTANA
INVOLVED PD

951/cc

1134

36a

CA Section
ext 437

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785045

3-2988
POU 6/1730A
HYPHENANT

ADULT: 134 DISTURB DISTURBE ALCOH

DEFA

Copy No 1 ACTION: 0-1 (U)

1125

2 INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
3 EX COMMISSIONER
4 EST GEN
5 DISPER
6 LAND FORCES
7 FIEN

1707

C 35109
NOV 6/1235A

G 2971
NOV 4/1530A
PRIORITY

ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

SECURITY DIVISION: DIA, AIR FORCE, ARMY, NAVY, MARINE CORPS, AIR FORCE, ARMY, NAVY, MARINE CORPS, AIR FORCE, ARMY, NAVY, MARINE CORPS

UNCLASSIFIED.

request early normal rolls with location and name of all officers of 11 police
and release of present army from their parent units including instructional schools

1231

INFORMATION : G-1 (B) (3)

INFO : CHIEF OF COMBAT
1ST BRG
FILE (2)
FILE

4132

1708

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 1.3/NND No. 785015

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 392

Ref: 6512/105/02

2 November 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

You will remember that on 1 October 1945 I wrote a letter to you (6512/105/02) on the criticism of Italian troops in the Italian newspaper "Unita". This was subsequent to a letter on the same subject dated 17 September 1945 (6512/33/23). I wrote again on this matter on 17 October 1945 (6512/105/02).

I would be grateful if you could reply to me as soon as you are able with an answer to the last paragraph of the letter of 1 October.

Very truly yours,

/s/ D. S. S. T. 1012

WALTER H. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1131

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

1709

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APG 394

OCT 1 1945

A

Ref: 6512/103/00.

17 October 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

You will recall that I wrote a letter to you on 1 October 1945 (OC 751) on the subject of the criticism of Polish troops in the Italian newspaper "UNITA." This was subsequent to a letter on the same subject dated 19 September 1945 (6512/83/50).

I would be grateful, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, if you could supply me with an answer to the last paragraph of the letter of 1 October.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH

WILLIAM W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1130

Professor Ferruccio Parri
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

130

1710

CC File

CC 751

1 October 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

On 19 September, by direction of the Supreme Allied Commander, I wrote you concerning an article which had appeared in *UNITA* on 7 September which was critical of the Polish troops under the command of the Supreme Allied Commander. In my letter, I communicated to you the request of the Supreme Allied Commander "that immediate steps be taken to stop this organized communist campaign against troops under his command."

Subsequently, the Supreme Allied Commander learned of an article which appeared in *AVANTI* on 5 September which also attacked the behavior of Polish troops. On 27 September I was instructed by the Supreme Allied Commander to inform you that the request above quoted applies equally to the *AVANTI* article and to make it clear to the Italian Government that deliberate attempts by any organization to undermine the morale and discipline of troops under his command could not be tolerated.

I should be grateful, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, to be advised of the steps that have been taken to comply with the Supreme Allied Commander's request.

Very truly yours,

1139

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEMY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USMC
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

34
cc: Exec. Comm.
Pol. Advsr. (A)
Pol. Advsr. (B)
PRG

Received 11 Sept. 1985

100: 1000, 10000.
 101: 1000, 10000. (A)
 102: 1000, 10000. (B)
 103: 1000, 10000.

1

FROM: AVANTI, Wednesday, 5 September 1945

Polacchi

L'altro ieri a Palagiano, in provincia di Taranto, è accaduto un grave incidente. Narriamo obiettivamente: un soldato polacco, appartenente al reparto stanziato a Palagiano, impone ad alcuni civili di casellare delle attelle comuniste sui muri. I civili si rifiutano, scoppia una zuffa; il polacco è disarmato e ferito. Interpongono allora numerosi polacchi ed il conflitto si riaccende e s'aggrava con scambio di colpi d'arma da fuoco. Bilancio: un comunista ucciso e due gravemente feriti.

Ci sembra giusto il momento di parlare chiaro ai polacchi e soprattutto di sottolineare al Maresciallo Alexander uno stato di cose che si perpetua da lungo tempo ed ormai è diventato intollerabile. Dalle Marche, dalle Puglie, dall'Umbria, da ogni parte dove sono di stanza truppe polacche accadenti più o meno gravi sono all'ordine del giorno.

Orbene noi chiediamo formalmente al Maresciallo Alexander d'intervenire presso la autorità polacche richiamandole alla semplicità e leale osservanza delle condizioni d'armistizio. Non pretendiamo altro. Ed ai polacchi ricordiamo semplicemente questo: che i complici ed i servi sciocchi di Hitler furono precisamente i fascisti di cui, almeno, molti di loro rannicciarono i codi e le rabie. E che malgrado il loro contegno, malgrado tutto, noi non dimenticheremo i gloriosi morti di Montecassino, morti per liberare l'Italia dal fascismo e non per ricondannarla.

1128

1713

3609/20

26 September 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I refer to your letter 10437 of 16 August 1945 on the subject of incidents between Polish soldiers and civilians in the Provinces of Ascoli Piceno and Macerata.

A copy of your letter was read by General Anders, S.O.S., Polish Forces, and as a result he wrote me a personal letter, a copy of which I am enclosing for your information.

Yours very truly,

WILSON W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commission 1127

Professor Ferruccio Parri
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

33

1714

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

AFHQ SACHER'S POLITICAL CONFERENCES, MINUTES

WARR

SAC (45) 6th Meeting

27 September 1945

Para 6

ALLEGED IMPROPER CONDUCT OF POLISH TROOPS

(Ref SAC (45) 5th Meeting - minute 11)

Attacks by Socialists as well as by Communists will
not be tolerated.

1126

DOCUMENT FILED IN 1002-1/CC

32

1715

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

SIF

REF: 6512/95/75.

27 September 45.

SUBJECT: Anti Polish Allegations.

TO : C-5 Section,
AFHQ.

1. Reference your letter 17-51. 250.1-7 dated 19 September 45.
2. It is regretted that Signor Parri's letter reached General Anders by means of a Polish Liaison officer from Allied Commanders. I have taken appropriate steps to ensure that this will not happen again.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. H. C. C. C.
Brindley,
Executive Commissioner.

1125

31

1716

6:14 PM CC

Ref: 2225/13/70

21 September 1945

SUBJECT: Polish Sections in Italy

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. The enclosed statement was handed to the Chief Quartermaster by Major Wyszynski, Polish Liaison Officer.

2. Will you please take the necessary action.

R. W. KEMSLEY

Chief Staff Officer
Executive Commissioner

For DA use (2 copies)

1124

30

7-11-45

C O P Y

A Pole, Wladyslaw NAMROCKI, living and having his family in France had decided to join the Polish Army. He was sent by the Polish Military authorities in France to Marseille from where with a group of other comrades in similar position, he was brought to Rome where he arrived on September 1st. The group was sent to the Polish Transit Military Camp.

Having some trouble with the intestine, he applied to the Polish Red Cross and received a letter of introduction to the British Hospital.

On Saturday, September 2th at about 4 p.m. being on the Piazza Venezia (by him described: 'near a huge white monument with enormous horses') he was approached by two civilians in a car (seeming to be a taxi) who offered themselves to help him and convey to the hospital.

Instead, they arrived to the villa of the representative of the Provisionary Government of Warsaw and there the Pole has been interviewed and affirms that he has been induced to return to Poland. Having replied that he had no family there (all his family is in France) and that he is not a communist but a Pole, he received a kick in the back. Still refusing to agree with his interlocutors he had his Polish Eagle torn out from his cap, threatened of death if joining the Polish Army and with a last kick turned out of doors. A passing-by American military car took him at his request to the British Hospital.

Upon the whole it results that there was a kind of kidnapping, threats with blows and incitements against the Polish Army.

1123

30

6512/83 SC

11 September 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The Supreme Allied Commander directs me to draw your attention to a libellous article in "UNITA" edition No. 210 of 7 September front page of which refers to aggressive action of "ANDERS Bands and Fascist Poles", to a sketch depicting two Polish soldiers with clubs in an Italian house, occupants of which lie beaten or dead, and also refers to Anti-Polish articles in "UNITA" of 11 and 12 September.

Such articles coupled with deliberately provocative acts such as the recent distribution of Anti-Polish leaflets by Communists in Rome cause serious unrest among Polish troops.

The Supreme Allied Commander directs me to say that he will not tolerate these attempts to undermine the morale and discipline of 2 Polish Corps.

The Supreme Allied Commander also directs me to point out to you first that 2 Polish Corps has played a most distinguished part in the campaigns which have freed Italy from Fascism and secondly that it is unreasonable to complain of the behaviour of Polish troops while provocative action of this sort is permitted by the Italian Government.

The Supreme Allied Commander further directs me to say that he requests that immediate steps be taken to stop this organized communist campaign against troops under his command.

Yours very truly,

1122

[s] Ellery W. Stone

ELLEWY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

SECRET

F 4035
SEPT 17/1849A

F/8048
SEPT 18/1015A
IMMEDIATE

AMHQ SIGHTED SACRED CITY PROCS

ACTION: ALCON FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER



SECRET.

1. General ANDERS has drawn my attention to a libellous article in "UNITA" edition number 210 of 7 September front page of which refers to aggressive action of "ANDERS Bands and fascists poles". Also sketch depicting 2 polish soldiers with clubs in an Italian house occupants of which lie beaten or dead. Anti polish articles are now featured almost daily. In particular see "UNITA" of 11 and 12 September.

2. Such articles coupled with deliberately provocative acts such as the recent distribution of anti polish leaflets by communists in ROME cause serious unrest among Polish troops.

3. These attempts to undermine the morale and discipline of 2 Polish Corps will not be tolerated by the Supreme Allied Commander.

4. You will immediately draw the attention of Signor FARU to the above and request that immediate steps be taken to stop this organised communist campaign. You should point out firstly that 2 Polish Corps has played a most distinguished part in the campaigns which have freed ITALY from fascism and secondly that it is absurd to complain of the behaviour of Polish troops while provocative action of this sort is permitted by the Italian government.

DIST
ACTION : IN COMMISSIONER (2)
INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
POLAD (A)
POLAD (B)
PR HR
FILE

28

1720

785015

COPY

G.C.C. 2 POLISH CORPS

DOKKA
2 EGPDSU

9 September 1945

Ref 3856/Int-9/23/45

Dear Admiral,

I have received from our Liaison Officer a copy of the letter of the Italian Prime Minister, Signore Parri, dated 16 AUG 45, concerning incidents ascribed to Polish troops in the Provinces of ASCOLI PICENO and MACERATA, and I wish to inform you that I have ordered a thorough investigation of the cases in question, with the following results:

1. It is true that on 12 AUG 45, two Polish soldiers broke into the seat of the communist party at SAN BRUNO del TRONTO; the offenders were immediately arrested and severely punished. According to their statements, they were induced by the continuous insults of the communist paper L'UNITA and by provocations of the local communists.
2. However, my troops had nothing to do with the fire at the seat of the communist party at FANO. This charge is not only unfounded, but I am convinced that if the Italian Government would investigate this case, it could, in my opinion, find out that it was caused by the communists themselves as a provocation or possibly, to conceal their financial irregularities.
3. An extension of this accusation as to "other numerous incidents which took place lately" is so preposterous that I shall not attempt to deal with it.

It is assured, that with such a large number as 100,000 troops some incidents may occur and actually do occur in every country. But the morale and discipline of my soldiers are on a high level which has been repeatedly stated by impartial observers as well as by our superiors, headed by Field Marshal ALSTON.

4. I have to object most categorically against the taking of the Italian Press as a witness to these incidents, because there is, as far as I know, only one paper, the communist paper L'UNITA, which for a considerable time has been attacking Polish soldiers, by lies and slanders.

I cannot identify the communist organ L'UNITA with the whole Italian Press and the Italian population, which has proved that it holds quite a different opinion.

Many Polish soldiers speak Italian, we are in the most cordial relations with the local population, hundreds of my soldiers have Italian wives, the greater part of the Adriatic coast was liberated by the fighting of our soldiers and people know perfectly well how their lives and properties were saved and protected at that period.

5. I am completely perplexed as to what the Prime Minister intends to convey when

S-32

1721

he writes on the influence of some political parties. But I do know that the only policy of the 2 Polish Corps - if this can be called a policy - is to fulfill our duty and to return to a really free Poland.

I have issued categorical orders prohibiting any interference with the internal affairs of any country through which we pass on our way home. It is the fervent desire of the whole Corps to be on the best terms with the Italian population and I am very glad to say that this has been achieved. But the Polish soldier cannot underestimate what the communist party has in common with the Italian people, when he reads leaflets inciting for his insubordination and desertion, which are distributed by party men, mostly marked with the Soviet emblems. Moreover, there were cases of individual soldiers and persons in their company being attacked. It is sufficient to read the editions of the UNITA paper issued during the past several weeks, in order to see the worst possible slanders and calumnies invented against the men of the Corps, and comparing them to the Hitlerites, the SS and Fascists. In my opinion the paper should be prosecuted against for these excessive attacks aimed at the Polish Army, which forms part of the Allied Armies. On the other hand, the Polish Army is attacked by reasonable elements, even in the communist party, as is proved by the attached proposal for a poster which the Italian Communist Federation at RACINE sent to the 2 Polish Army Div.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Field Marshal Alexander.

Yours very sincerely

(Sgd by General Anders)

Admiral Sir Harry A. C. G. G.
Chief Commissioner
Allied Command
Rome

27

1722

785015

C O P Y

TRANSLATION

Italian Communist Party

Macerata Provincial Federation

For some time, there have been unpleasant incidents between the civilian population and the Polish soldiers. We deeply regret such a state of things which is in contrast with the sympathetic feelings of the population for the brave Polish soldiers. The communists have been the greatest adversaries of fascism and fought against it ever since the beginning; therefore, more than anyone else, they appreciate the heroism of the Polish soldiers who generously shed their blood on all battlefields in the war against fascist barbarity. If we also consider that Poland and Italy knew the terrible and bloody torture of anti-fascist oppression, links of brotherhood between the Italian and Polish nations appear even more obviously.

It is obvious that the misunderstandings which took place are the work of enemies of the Italians and of the Poles, bent on placing the Communists who are the most sincere expression of the Italian people in its fight against Fascism in a difficult position.

Now, the Italian nation is working at the moral and material reconstruction of the country, work in which the communists are participating, as Party of order, Legal Party, Government Party, and they therefore demand to exercise their activity without anyone trying to oppose them.

We want the soldiers of the Polish Corps to know of our feelings towards them, feelings of esteem and cordial hospitality, and we trust that their feelings towards us will be similar.

The Communist Federation

1119

Macerata, 22 August 1945

trans a/c

21

1723

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

SAC (45) 5th Meeting

8 September 1945

SAGNER'S CONFERENCE, MINUTES

para 11: ALLEGED IMPROPER CONDUCT OF POLISH TROOPS

11180

DOCUMENT FILED IN 1001-1/CC

76

1724

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NRD No. 785015

SEP 4 1945

4 September 1945

Ref: 3605/153/33.

My dear Signor Rossi:

I refer to your letter No. 453/43 Gd of 6 August 1945
 as the subject of incidents in the Provinces of Arezzo, Pistoia and
 Livorno involving Polish soldiers and further to my reply in letter
 3605/105/32 dated 10 August 1945.

The contents of your letter and that of the Ministry
 for Foreign Affairs have been brought to the notice of Allied Forces
 Headquarters, who are carrying investigations to be made with a view
 to disciplinary action being taken.

Yours truly,

M. S. GILBERT

Major,
 Executive Council member.

11117

Signor Pietro Rossi
 Vice President of the Council of Ministers
 Italian Government
 Rome.

Copy to : Chief Commissioner
 Civil Affairs Section.

1725

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

SEP 5 RECD -
1700

CC FILES

30 August 1945

SUBJECT: Behavior of Polish Troops.

TO: 1 Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter, 3609/123/EC, dated 24 August 1945, enclosing a copy of a letter received from the Italian Prime Minister on this subject. The allegations set out in the letter from the Prime Minister are substantially the same as those given in Signor Kenni's letter, 133/18 Gab, of 6 August, which you forwarded under your 3609/106/EC of 11 August.

2. I am directed to say that as this matter has substantially been covered by the Chief of Staff's letter to you dated 25 August 1945, no further reply is at present considered necessary.

J. E. DASTON, Jr.
Colonel, G.S.C.
Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander

1116

(EXC Action)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 478134

27 August 45

AO/14030/1/2/PS

SUBJECT : Behaviour of Polish Troops in Italy.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. Reference your letter G-5:250.1-7 dated 4th August 1945.

2. Transmitted herewith are brief details of incidents recorded at or obtained by this HQ in which Polish Troops were involved with Communists together with a copy (translation) of a letter written by the Secretary to The Communist Party at Macerata.

3. The incidents included in this report are incomplete and are only of a political nature but they do give a fairly accurate picture of the general attitude of Polish Troops towards the Communist Party in Italy.

4. It should not be thought that the Poles have confined their misconduct to the political field as they have also been responsible for numerous larcenies, assaults, etc.

5. It is also pointed out that AMB/AC Public Safety officers in the field have always arranged that the Civil Police would supply military Police with copies of all reports of incidents in which Allied Military Personnel were involved. It is, therefore, reasonable to assume that OCs Districts and Areas are not unaware of the attitude and conduct of Polish Troops.

6. Information has also been received that the Commanding Officer of 61 Area has directed Major Dykes, 48 Town Major, (Macerata) and 26 BNH, attached Headquarters, Polcorps, to investigate the incidents.

For the Chief Commissioner:

C. Carr
Lt Comm.
G.A. Sec.

M. Carr
M. CARR
Brigadier,
VF CA Section.

23
Copy

Details of Incidents Involving Polish Troops and Communists

15/9/44 at Trani, Bari

Polish soldiers, in transit, slapped the face of a communist LABELLI Giuseppe and forcibly removed his communist badge. They also tried to disfigure a mural inscription exalting Stalin and Russia.

17/9/44 at Fermo, Ascoli Piceno

Polish soldiers tried to take the red flag from some Communists who resisted. A soldier fired his revolver and wounded LABRIZZI Alberto.

17/9/44 at Fano, Pesaro

Some members of the Communist Party assembled to greet Guido MOLINARI, under Secretary of State, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour. They were provoked by about 50 Polish soldiers and a fight ensued. Stones were thrown and the Communist LAZZI EVANGELISTA was struck on the back. He died from the injury on 10 October 1944. A Carabinieri and a Polish soldier also sustained injuries. The prompt intervention of G.C.M. prevented the incident from becoming much more serious.

22/9/44 at Casa Massima (Bari)

1117

Some drunken Polish soldiers forcibly entered the local Headquarters of the Communist Party. They used offensive language against Stalin and the Party.

26/9/44 at Civita Castellana (Viterbo)

Polish soldiers passing through the town tore down the red flag and tore it into small pieces, shouting "Long live Poland".

10/10/44 at Porta S. Giorgio (A. Piceno)

A Polish soldier saw the sign "Proletarians of all Italy-United" on the wall of the Socialist Headquarters. He

evidently thought it was a Communist Headquarters and demanded that the only person therein should leave. This man slapped the soldier's face. Later several armed Polish soldiers came to the scene and with a machine gun caused considerable damage to the building and contents.

11/10/44 At Porta S. Giorgio (A. Picano)

Some unknown persons entered the shop of Pirro SIDEMBI, a barber and caused considerable damage with a hand grenade. SIDEMBI is a member of the Communist Party and it is presumed that Polish Soldiers were responsible.

15/10/44 at Foligno-Spelto, Perugia

Two Polish Soldiers fired several shots at a group of Communists who were carrying the Party banner. Giulio SANZONI was wounded.

2/11/44 at S. Gudenzo (Florence)

Some Polish Soldiers stole the red handkerchief from the armpit pocket of three young Communists.

25/12/44 At Gallipoli Lecce

The Communist, Francesco RICCIO was hanging out the Party emblem at the Headquarters situated near the Polish Command when a patrol of Polish Soldiers arrived. They fired several rounds with a machine gun but RICCIO was able to escape without injury.

1113

29/12/44 at Casadaco Lecce

The former Angelo TOMA, was stopped and struck by a Polish Soldier because he was a Communist. This act provoked another incident (details not known) and this was followed by reprisals against the civil population of the town by the Polish Troops.

21/2/45 at Gallipoli, Lecce

A few Polish Soldiers forcibly entered the Communist offices, took possession of three flags from which they stripped the emblems. This gave rise to further incidents between civilians and Polish soldiers. A civilian named Idalco GUARETA was wounded.

16/2/45 at Ostia Mare, Rome

A small number of Allied soldiers presumed Polish, removed the name plates from the doors of the Headquarters of Socialist Party and of the Communist Party.

22/2/45 at Campo Marino, Campobasso

A few Allied soldiers believed Poles, rushed into the local Communist Headquarters and took away the picture of Stalin.

18/3/45 at Maglio, Lecce

A few Italian civilians were gathered in the wine shop of Chiara Vercanti singing Anti-Fascist songs. Two Polish soldiers entered and demanded an explanation which was given by the Communist, Antonio COSSA. Later more Poles arrived and struck and injured COSSA and another named AVVANTAGGIATO.

18/3/45 at Pistrino, Perugia

A meeting attended by 60 Communists was held. It was addressed by Crazio GALLO, leader of the local group. During the evening of that day Polish soldiers stopped and searched the pockets of some of the men who had attended the meeting and finding them in possession of Communist Propaganda, arrested them. They were soon released with the exception of GALLO.

1112

19/3/45 at San Severo Foggia.

Two Italian soldiers of the 26th Company (Tele-radio) of the Friuli Division and two Polish soldiers of 4th Battalion were expressing Fascist sentiments and were attacked by members of the local Communist Party. Order was restored by the intervention of the Carabinieri.

13/4/45 at Pollenza

Riccardo VILOTTO was surrounded and attacked by Poles who, by force of kicks and blows fractured his arm. Then he was taken with many others to Villa Lugi and locked in a cave. The Poles told them that all Communist would be

1730

shot next morning, So Vidotto made up his mind to burn his Communist-card and not to run any risks of the kind.

2/5/45 at Nocci, Bari.

Three Polish soldiers objected to the Red flag flying at the Communist Party Headquarters. The situation was saved by the removal of the flag.

3/5/45 at Cassano, Bari.

A communist meeting was being held and Gioanni FERRARO, who was wearing a party badge, was struck by a Polish Soldier.

3/5/45 at Putignano, Bari

A few Polish Soldiers removed a Red flag which was hanging from the balcony of a private house. A short time later two of the soldiers were assaulted and injured by members of the local Communist party.

3/5/45 at Subbio, Perugia.

In the shop of Arnaldo FERRARI four Polish Soldiers approached some civilians shouting "You are all Communists". A quarrel followed and two of the civilians were slightly injured. This caused indignation and other incidents followed.

5/5/45/ Montelapone Macerata

1111

Some Poles belonging to Sereno Division, arrived at Montelapone to stay some days there. A few minutes after arrival they discharged two pistol shots. Afterwards three Polish soldiers, one of them armed with a machine gun, patrolled the village affecting all Communist emblems existing on the walls and causing ferment amongst the inhabitants. Meanwhile other soldiers got hold of one Adone Ambrosini a civilian living at Montelapone, asking him to point out the houses where Communists lived, for the purpose of making reprisals.

1731

7/5/45 at Fermo A. Piceno

Three Polish soldiers ordered a girl to return to her home and remove a red blouse she was wearing. The same soldiers entered a building and removed Communist flags and other emblems. On leaving this small town they discharged a machine gun and threw a bomb which caused neither damage or injury.

8/5/45 at Rossini, A. Piceno

Two Polish soldiers who were seeking billets ordered that the red flag be removed from the local Communist Headquarters.

10/5/45 at Urbisaglia Comune

Some Polish soldiers tore and trampled a socialist flag which was outside the coat of the party, and threatened the people who tried to prevent its destruction.

10/5/45 (about) at Piana di Monterotondo, A. Piceno

Some Polish seeking billets compelled the local inhabitants to remove the Communist emblems which were on the walls or they would burn down the houses.

10/5/45 at S. Spedite a Mare A. Piceno

Polish soldiers compelled the local inhabitants to remove all communist signs from the walls. 1110

13/5/45 at Servigliano, A. Piceno

A Polish unit arrived and the next day they took occupation of the Communist Party Headquarters. This was after the consent of the Mayor had been obtained. The premises belong to the Comune.

16/5/45 at Ponte S. Giorgio A. Piceno

The Hammer and Sickle emblem was stamped in red on Polish vehicles by Communists which was resented by the Poles. The following day a Polish soldier made a fruit vender remove Communist signs and the words "Viva Stalin". The Polish Command asked the Comune authorities to have all all Communist signs removed to prevent further incidents. This was done.

13/5/45 at Saldarola

A Polish Officer passing through the village entered a general store where he purchased a picture of Stalin and then tore it up.

16/5/45 at Porta S. Eusebio e Mare, A. Piceno

Communist inscription was found on a Polish Route Board and the Commander of the Polish Force ordered the Communists to remove all Communist signs appearing on the walls.

19/5/45 Urbisaglia

Some police soldiers stationed in this town were going around the town streets drunken, they stopped two citizens named Caraceni Sigismondo and Armadio Fernando, pretending from them that they had to accompany them in the houses where Communist of the town lived and threatened them with pistols. Caraceni and the Armadio although seriously menaced refused to obey. The Poles fired some shots with their pistols in the air to frighten them. The fact caused some panic and nothing else. Armadio before he was released was struck by one of them.

20/5/45 at Monterchi Arezzo

A Polish Officer named Guido Czech Paolo stopped two men who were displaying red ribbons on their coats and demanded their identification papers. The men, with the help of others, regained the ribbons and papers. The Officer was struck by one of the men.

2/5/45 at Paulita di S. Severino M.

Tacconi Guido, a seller of newspapers, was stopped by Polish soldiers who asked him to show them his personal documents, as he did not happen to have these, they searched him. When they found a stick on him they began shouting "you red" "you Communist"! The old man tried to get away from them but they beat him and carried him on one of their vehicles, to three, different Polish Commands where he underwent more whippings. The Poles repeatedly shouted "Russian spy", communist, bolshevik take this" This went on for about an hour.

1733

All attempts made by his comrades to save him were in vain.

Meanwhile Taccani underwent all sorts of insults he was kicked and knocked about until he lost his senses. This went on from 2200 hrs until 2 in the morning. In the morning he was dragged before an officer who threatened to send him to the "torture chamber" if he would not speak out. Whereas he was asked if he knew Russian and French, if he was a Russian spy etc. Finally he was made to sign a declaration which stated that he would no longer sell newspapers. The cross-examination over, he was taken to the CC.RR. station with orders to the Maresciallo to lock him up. Through our intervention with the CC.RR. Commander the poor man was set free.

These are the chief facts as stated by Taccani himself, whose health is in a critical condition owing to his age (62).

6/6/45 At Mezzolara di Madria, Bologna

Polish soldiers were seen snatching communist signs from the walls of houses. This was followed by their firing shots in the air.

10/6/45 Ascoli Piceno

At 2130 hours, in the 'Rognasacco' restaurant, in Ascoli Piceno, three Polish non-commissioned officers, asked not very politely Prof. Bartera, Secretary of the Partisan Association, and a lady who was with him, dressed as a man, to remove the red handkerchiefs they had round their necks. The people who were present attempted to explain that they belonged to the Garibaldi Association, but the two non-commissioned officers could not be convinced by the persuasive intervention of a few members of the A.M.P.I. and of two CC.RR. officers. .

11/6/45 at Antrodoco, Rieti

Nine Poles headed by an officer torn down all the posters put up by the Socialist Party in commemoration of the death of Matteotti. The officer ordered that all pamphlets, inscriptions etc in praise of Russia and Communism were to be removed within a week otherwise reprisals would follow.

1/7/45 in Macerata

at 1500 hours, a Communal Assessor was attacked by a Polish soldier who asked him to remove his socialist badge, kicking him and fired a pistol shot in the air.

1/7/45 in Macerata

at 2130 hours Polish soldier stopped the father of a heroic partisan who died in the war, and asked him to remove the red badge with a star which he wears as a sign of mourning. He was treated roughly by the Poles.

18/7/45 at Ascoli Piceno

A party of Communists, some under the influence of drink, entered an inn singing the "Red Flag" and praising Communism. Polish soldiers present took exception and a general fight followed. None seriously injured. In Macerata on July 18th Mr. Carletti, Secretary of the Committee for Liberation had a difference of opinion with Polish soldiers because of his socialist badge. Further trouble was only avoided because of the energetic attitude of the attacked man and the intervention of a few passer by.

24/7/45 Potenza Picena

Last night unknown persons wearing Polish soldier uniforms entered the farm house of Davide Pietrella. In the lodging were living the A. Pietrella; his wife (each of them 72 years old) 30 year old daughter and a 13 year old apprentice boy. Pietrella and his wife were killed in their bed; the young woman was seriously wounded on her head and taken afterwards to hospital being at the point of death; also the boy was injured and taken to hospital but he was in a condition to give all information necessary to carry out the proper enquiries. Up to this day no circumstantial proof have appeared to identify the murderers. Yet the Police are actively working and it is believed that, through the boy's information the authors of the horrible murders will be found out. A son of Pietrella's fell in this war; another one is prisoner of war in the U.S.A. The details and results of the enquiry will follow as soon as possible.

TRANSLATION COPY

ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY
 Provincial Federation of Macerata
 Secretariat

Macerata July 2 45

TO : Various addressees as per original.

The Provincial Federation at Macerata of the Italian Communist Party wishes to report the following:

1) It has been informed that Polish elements in uniform are engaging in intimidatory activities, in violent form, against member of both our Party and other progressive parties.

2) This violent anti-democratic action, already on record, is being conducted in various ways, both in the rest of the province and in its capital :

- a) by requesting, and very often forcing - even through the use of weapons - free citizens to remove the badge of the Italian Communist Party;
- b) by committing acts of violence against women, men and private property;
- c) by dishonouring our emblems, flags and the pictures of our Great Men;
- d) by occupying, ostensibly for military reasons, the HQ's of our Party, and ONLY for our Party.

3) Such acts are certainly not conducive to normal relations between Polish troops and the civilian population.

4) Such an attitude evidences, furthermore, a partisan and intransigent attitude on the part of Polish troops, which forces the civilian population to compare it with similar policies which the better elements among the Italian people have fought with every possible means for over 20 years.

5) The Provincial Federation at Macerata of the Italian Communist Party asks for firm and decisive intervention by those concerned, in order that, at long last :

- a) the personal safety of free citizens be respected and protected;
- b) our symbols, emblems and flags be respected
- c) our HQ's not be occupied by Polish troops, or any other troops, since this impairs in too evident a fashion the equality among the parties, so essential

- 2 -

for the heavy task of reconstruction in which the whole Italian people is called upon to participate:

d) those basic democratic principles be respected, for which the Polish and Italian people, jointly with the others, fought Nazi-Fascism until its utter defeat.

6) The Provincial Federation of the Communist Party, at Macerata, recommends that a delegation comprising the representatives of the various parties, the Prefect, the Chief of Police, the Carabinieri Commander, call upon Allied authorities in order to outline clearly the serious situation which is about to develop in our province.

Provincial Federation of the
Italian Communist Party
at Macerata

Elia Garulli, Secretary

1102

23

1738

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

S E C R E T

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief of Staff

25 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Behaviour of Polish Troops.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission.

With reference to your 5609/106/103 of 11 Aug 45 enclosing a copy of letter 133/18 Gab dated 6 Aug from Signor MENNI and a copy of letter 14924/35 dated 4 Aug 45, with report attached, from the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, regarding the behaviour of Polish troops in the MACERATA-RECOLI PICENO Area.

It is desired that you inform Signor MENNI that the contents of his letter, and of the letter from the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, have been brought to the notice of this Headquarters who are causing investigations to be made with a view to disciplinary action being taken.

For your own information this Headquarters is satisfied that the Commander II Polish Corps is aware that certain breaches of discipline have taken place and is taking steps to prevent their recurrence.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

/s/ W. D. MORGAN
W. D. MORGAN
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff

S E C R E T

1739

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785015

100 2/5 1010

Ref: 3609/128/103.

24 August 1945

SUBJECT: Behaviour of Polish Troops.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
Attn: Chief of Staff.

Further to our letter 3609/106/20 dated 11 August 1945,
enclosing copies of letters received from Signor Berni and the
Ministry for Foreign Affairs on the above subject, enclosed is
copy of a letter number 32437 received from the Prime Minister.

ELERY W. STONE

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1102

Copy To:

CHIEF COMAR
C. A. SER

1740

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

Ref: 3609/127/33.

24 August 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have received your letter, Number 30437 of 16 August 1945 in which you refer to incidents in the Provinces of Ascoli-Florens and Macerata involving Polish soldiers.

I am forwarding a copy of your letter to the Supreme Allied Commander.

I have already forwarded letters of a similar nature which I received from Signor Nenni and Dr. Prunas.

Yours very truly,

MILY W. STONE

MILY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1101

Professor Ferruccio Parri
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

Copy to:

Chief Clerk

C. A. SEC.

1741

73 73

Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior
30487

AUG 20 RECD
CC 1551

Rome, 16 August 1945

Dear Admiral,

I have already had the opportunity of drawing your personal attention on the incidents which go on happening because of the Polish soldiers, especially in the Provinces of Ascoli Piceno, and Macerata.

Also lately, in the commune of Fermo and in that of San Benedetto del Tronto, in the said province, some people broke into the seats of the communist sections, and tried to set fire to them, burning documents and registers. Of the two fires, the one in the seat of San Benedetto del Tronto, which took place on the 12th, can certainly be ascribed to the Polish soldiers, from what the Prefect says.

These and other numerous incidents which took place lately are unfortunately causing a reaction of considerable bearing, of which the press has made itself interpreter; part of it expressed the opinion that, because of their attitude, some Polish elements might prove to be acting under the influence of some political party.

Preoccupied by a situation which is getting more and more delicate, I must ask again, my dear Admiral, for your kind intervention, begging you to intervene without delay, because of the urgency of the case, for the possibility of transferring the Polish troops from the Ascoli Piceno and Macerata provinces, or, at least, of reducing their number, to be examined.

I shall be most grateful if you let me know your answer.

1100

S. Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

trans. o/c

CC II. 17 - 13 Aug 45

Action: 12x Comm

Info: Comm Comm

C. A. Sec

Maj. Wengowick,
British Division
Office

17421

AUG 16 REGD

Ref: 350/112/20.

16 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Incidents caused by Polish Troops.

TO : Liaison section.
Advances A.P.A.C.
(Lt Col de Salis).

1. Reference conversation Lt. Col. de Salis - Brigadier
Dish.
2. I should be grateful if the attached letter from Sigor
could be brought to the attention of the Polish Liaison Officer.

For the Chief Commissioner

M. C. C. C.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

100-100.

1639

75110

14

1743

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

Ref: 3608/107/80.

// August 1945

Dear Dr. Prinas:

I have received your letter of the 4 August 1945, No. 14924/35 and the enclosed report upon the behaviour of Polish soldiers in Ascoli Piceno.

I am immediately forwarding a copy of your letter and enclosure to the Supreme Allied Commander.

I have received a similar report from Sigheo Monti which I have also forwarded.

Yours very truly,

FRANK B. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1098

Dr. Renato Prinas
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
Rome

751/4

1744

Ref: 3609/106/33.

// August 1945

SUBJECT: Behaviour of Polish Troops.

TO : Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512.

1. Further to our previous correspondence on the above subject, I enclose a copy of letter 433/43 GAB. dated 6 August 1945 from Signor Nenni and a copy of letter 14924/35 dated 4 August 1945, with report attached, from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. These enclosures are reports of worse incidents provoked by Polish troops in the Ancona-Rimini-Pesaro area.

2. Some of the allegations are very serious and I should be grateful if you would inform me of any action taken in order that I may make a suitable reply to the Italian Government.

1697
SILBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

See 324

251/150

17

1745

Ref: 5609/105/20.

10 August 1945

Dear Signor Nenni,

I have received your letter of 6 August 1945 No. 133/48 Cab. and have brought its contents to the notice of the Chief Commissioner.

Your letter has been forwarded to the Supreme Allied Commander in order that he may know of this most unfortunate state of affairs.

I have received a similar report from Mr. Franks of Ministry of Foreign Affairs which I have also forwarded.

Yours sincerely,

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Sig. Pietro Nenni
Vice President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

1693

16

Translation

Council of Ministers
The Vice President

CAR/be n. 133/13 Gab

Rome, 6.8.1945

Allied Commission
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Rome

Subject: incidents caused by the Polish troops -

In answer to your letter of July 13th, n. 3609/94/40, I enclose further particulars on the nature and places of the incidents which happened in the Macerate and Ascoli Piceno province, and involved Polish soldiers.

- 1) On the evening of May 10th, in the Urbisaglia Commune, some Polish soldiers tore and trampled a socialist flag which was outside the seat of the party, and threatened the people who tried to prevent its destruction.
- 2) On June 10th, at 21,30 hours, in the 'Tomasaccio' restaurant, in Ascolipiceno, three Polish non-commissioned officers, asked not very politely Prof. Barrera, Secretary of the Partisan Association, and a lady who was with him, dressed as a man, to remove the red handkerchief they had round their neck. The people who were present attempted to explain that they belonged to the Garibaldini Association, but the two non-commissioned officers could only be convinced by the persuasive intervention of a few members of the A.M.P.I. and of two CC.RR. officers.
- 3) On June 23rd, during a feast on the sea side organized by the Polish soldiers, and in which civilians also took part, a Polish soldier stabbed two citizens for a question of women; their wounds will be healed in twenty days.
- 4) On June 22nd, at porto S. Elpidio, four Polish soldiers molested Miss Offidani Alessandrini, who was walking in the street with her husband, Copponi Natale; he reacted by throwing at the soldiers a chair which happened to be within his reach..

The poles stabbed the couple, whose wounds will be healed in a month.

Four citizens who were to intervene in favour of the couple were all stabbed; their wounds will be healed in a month. The Polish soldiers and some of their companions who had joined them walked about the village throwing bombs, firing pistols, handling roughly the citizens whom they met, and damaging the doors and windows of the houses.

5) On June 28th, at 19,30 hours, in S. Benedetto del Tronto, while two young men of the village walked in the street, a Polish soldier on duty at the entrance of a cantonment, threw without motive a hand bomb to arms them. Both citizens were wounded.

6) On June 30th, at 06.30 hours, in Porto Gitanova, a few Polish soldiers asked Italian civilians the premises of the Giardino Olmana. a brawl followed, in which civilians and soldiers got blows. Later on, a Polish soldier wounded an Italian civilian by firing at him.

Return to
Chief Commissioner

- 2 -

7) On July 3rd, at 22 hours, in Ascoli Piceno, (S. Filippo and Giacomo District) three Polish soldiers attacked and knifed, for unknown motives, three young men, causing them serious wounds perhaps with a lesion of the lungs.

8) In Macerata, on July 1st, at 15, 0 hours, a communal Assessor was attacked by a Polish soldier who asked him to remove his socialist badge, kicked him and fired a pistol shot in the air.

9) On July 1st, in Macerata, at 21,30 hours Polish soldier stopped the father of an heroic partisan who died in the war, and asked him to remove the red badge with a star which he wore as a sign of mourning. He was treated roughly by the Poles.

10) On July 1st, at 23,30 hours in Portocivitanova, two Polish soldiers entered the lodgings of a young girl of twenty three, on the look out for 'signorine'. Terrified, the young girl fled and took shelter in the barracks of the CC.RR.. Later on, two Poles came back and fired two pistol shots towards the bedroom of the young girl.

11) On July 2nd, in Portocivitanova, a Polish soldier threatened an Italian soldier who was escorting two women and threw a hand bomb at him, wounding him.

This brought about the reaction of a group of Italian soldiers who fired against the Polish barracks. The prompt intervention of an American officer and of a lieutenant of the CC.RR. prevented further consequences.

12) In Treia, on July 17th Polish soldiers threw two bombs at a group of women who were walking along the walls of the village. Five of them were wounded, one rather seriously.

13) In Macerata on July 18th, Mr. Carletti, Secretary of the Committee for liberation, had a difference of opinion with Polish soldiers because of his socialist badge.

Further trouble was only avoided because of the energetic attitude of the attacked man and the intervention of a few passer by.

14) In the Urbisaglia commune, on the evening of the 8th, two Polish officers, obviously drunk, broke glasses and china, in a public place.

The sindaco, Mr. Casburri witnessed the fact; he tried to intervene with the two Polish officers who gave him a black eye.

Such are the news which I received up to now, and which I want to communicate to you, hoping that you may intervene with the competent Military authorities to avoid that this situation should go on.

(Pietro Nenni)

S. Nenni

trans. e/o

1748

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/RRD No. 785015

Translation

State Department

11921/35
1 enclosure

Rome, 4 August 1945

Dear Admiral,

I am sorry that I must again write to you about the behaviour of the Polish troops in Italy, but the facts which are brought to our attention become more and more serious and cannot be ignored, the more so as they cause a considerable and comprehensible emotion in Italian public opinion and might bring about unpleasant reactions.

Some time ago, I already had to mention this subject to you and in your letter of October 27th, 1944, you told me that the question had been turned over to the competent military Authorities; however, it does not seem that the question has improved since; on the contrary, we can say that it has been getting worse and worse.

For instance, from the informations supplied by the Carabinieri, it appears that on May 29th, in Polesella, (Rovigo), Polish soldiers used violence to prevent an entertainment organized by the local Committee for Liberation; a British soldier who quickly intervened was attacked by the same Polish soldiers. Many similar and unjustified acts of violence have lately taken place in the Macerata province.

From Ascoli Piceno, a group of citizens sent the enclosed denunciation to the competent Italian Authorities; it is signed and refers to serious and intolerable acts of violence against private persons.

As the Allied Command is the only authority from which the Polish Expeditionary Forces depend in Italy, I shall be most grateful, my dear Admiral, if you kindly ask the Command to intervene, as it is able to do so.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

G. R. Prunas

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Chief of the Allied Commission

Rome

trans. e/o/
ccReturn to
Chief Commissioner

E. E. Stone
ACTION EX-6000
11/11/45
C. H. S.

Translation

COPY

To the prefect of Ascoli Piceno
 To the Mayor " " "
 To the Provincial Committee for National Liberation of Ascoli Piceno
 and for the attention of
 The Minister of the Interior
 The Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Polish troops have again been stationed in Ascoli Piceno for about a month, but we believe that the incidents which took place in our district were more serious than anywhere else.

Here, uncontrolled elements committed the following actions:

- a) They threatened and kicked back in their houses citizens who were getting some fresh air in front of their own houses.
- b) They invaded private houses, on the look out for women.
- c) They ejected tenants from their rooms to have the possibility - by cohabitation - of satisfying their lowest instincts.
- d) on the 24.6.45, an elderly shoemaker who refuse to stand up on the passage of the said Polish elements, was taken by the hair and thrown down on the ground.
- e) During the hot afternoons, the said uncontrolled Polish elements bathe entirely naked in the Tronto river, and molest the washerwomen.
- f) on the 29.6.45. the young Repetti sisters were forcibly taken from their uncle who escorted them. The quick intervention of the population prevented the said Polish elements from fulfilling their purposes.
- g) The young girls who find themselves in solitary spots and refuse to gratify their wishes have their clothes torn off and get slapped and abused by the same Polish elements.
- h) on the 1.7.45. a short time after midnight, about 10 poles shrieked to a group of young men 'cowardly Italians! We rule Italy, you go and sleep! The young men answered back. There was a riot with wounded on both sides.
- i) on the 3.7.45., at about 23 hours, Spinelli Emilio, and Marini Giuseppe who had remained alone playing cards in the Carpi Bar suddenly found themselves attacked with daggers and chairs without any reason whatever, being seriously wounded. The host who attempted to intervene had to take flight. Serafini Davide, who was next outside the bar, was attacked and stabbed.

The Polish Round which witnessed the attack against Serafini turned its weapons against those who answered the cries for help instead of arresting the culprits.

The victims of the last aggression are dying; we ask the competent Authorities to ascertain the responsibilities and take action to safeguard the safety and freedom of the citizens, as well as public order.

signed: for a group of citizens of the SS Filippo and G.
 District -ASCOLI PICENO

Ascoli Piceno, 6.7.45

1750

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

Robert H. Smith,
1575 Pennsylvania St.,
Washington, D.C.
20004

Copy 10 of 10

1751

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

C.C. Files

Ref: 3609/94/32.

13 July 1945.

Dear Signor Nenni:

I have been requested by the Chief Commissioner to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 6 July 1945 with reference to very serious incidents which it is alleged took place in Macerata Province and also in Ascoli-Romagna involving Polish troops.

As these Provinces are no longer AG territory I am without information as to the nature of these incidents and should be most grateful, therefore, if you will give me some further particulars so that I may take the matter up with the military authorities.

I should appreciate information not only as to the nature of the incidents, but also the dates and places where they are said to have taken place.

Yours sincerely,

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Signor Pietro Nenni,
Vice President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

Copy to: C.A. Sec.

17521

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

Translation

Council of Ministers

The Vice President

n. 20/194 at

M/B

I.C.

Pls see me

See me

Rome, 6 July 1945

CC 1125
JUL 12 1945

Dear Admiral,

I have been told that a series of very serious incidents took place in the Ancona province and in the neighbouring one of Ascoli Piceno, caused by the Polish troops which are stationed there.

I take the liberty of drawing your attention on this state of things, and hope that you may be able to send them a few words of moderation as I am doing with the popular organizations and local authorities.

I remain,

Yours truly,

a. Pietro Nenni

Admiral Stone
Allied Commission
Rome

E.C. DIST - 11 July 45

ACTION:- EX COMDR.
INFO : CHIEF COMDR.
C.A. SEC.

a/c

1089

14

1753

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

AM/ren

Mr. [illegible]

17 May 1945

Subject: [illegible] of [illegible]

TO : [illegible], Allied [illegible]

1. The Chief of [illegible] has directed that the enclosed letter from Major General Vasiliev, addressed to Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Supreme Allied Commander be delivered to him.

2. It would be appreciated if you would do this immediately and acknowledge your action on the enclosed copy of this letter.

For the Chief Commission:

Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division

1688

1 Encl: As above.

13

A

JAN/JP

16 May 1945

TO: Office of the Executive Commissioner, HQ A.C.
 Attn: Capt. Arnoldy, Liaison Div.

The Chief Commissioner has noted the attached letters and
 directs that General Vasiliev's letter and enclosure be sent on
 immediately to G-5 AFHQ for attention.

/s/ J. A. Linsley

J. A. Linsley
 Major, R. A.
 Staff Officer to CE

20010.

*Ltr to F. M. Alexander, 14 May 45,
 from Gen. Vasiliev. Subject:
 Murder of a Russian citizen
 by a Polish soldier in Taranto*

1087

cc: EC

(13)

(12)

7511/CC

1755

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

Translation

State Department
 Mr. Pen, Political Affairs
 Office I.
 11/55/22/17

c.c. 1630
 MAY 5 RECD

Rome, 2 May 1945

Dear Admiral,

Again, I am going to ask for your kind interest & proposal of the following facts:

On March 10th, some Polish soldiers commanded by an officer, broke into the recreational club of Astrino di Cisterne (Province of Perugia), the searching of the people who were present having brought only negative results, they arrested four communists: Paolo Gallo, Fiorielli Tito, Gianelli Arcangelo and Pignatelli Pasquale for they were found to be in possession of documents and propaganda manifests. They were then handed over to the Allied authorities in Spoleto, which, it seems, detained only Paolo Gallo, chief of the communist section of Piazza di Castello under the charge of having held a political meeting without the required authorization.

The incident caused a sense of discontent in the place, for it was considered that Gallo's political activity didn't justify his arrest. The incident, which as you know is not the first of its kind to be caused by Polish soldiers, might have unpleasant repercussions. The local police authorities, which up to now have taken a persuasive action, though showing no preoccupation, have pointed out that the liberation of Gallo by the Allied authorities is anxiously expected by the local communists.

I am therefore be most grateful, my dear Admiral, if, considering the effort and the particular circumstances in which Gallo's arrest took place, you will kindly examine whether it would be possible to recommend an indulgent and rapid solution of the said question to the authorities of Spoleto.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Truly yours,

A. R. PRINCE

Admiral Henry Stone
 Chief Commissioner
 Allied Control Area
 Rome

e.c.

EC List - 5 MAY 45

ACTION: C.A. Sec (2)

INFO: Chief Commr

Exec Commr

(11)

751/16

1756

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/HND No. 785015

Ref: 5609/50/000

5 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Behaviour of Polish Troops.

TO : Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

1. With reference to my letters 5609/10/000 of 3 November 1944 and A/OC 011.13 of 27 October 1944, I enclose copy of a further letter dated 31 January I have received from the Italian Prime Minister.

2. I should be grateful if you would inform me in due course what action you have seen fit to take so that I may reply appropriately to the Prime Minister.

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Incl:
Ltr. P.M. Bonomi
2607/16380/19.10 atd 2 Jan 45

1685

1757

Ref: 3609/19/603

5 February 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am in receipt of your letter 25070/16380/19.10 of 31 January 1945 and share your concern over the continued reports of incidents of intolerance of Polish soldiers towards the Communist Party.

At your previous request the matter was brought to the notice of the Supreme Allied Commander and the Commander II Polish Corps was told to take appropriate action (see my letter 3609/12/603 of 18 Nov 44).

I am forwarding your latest letter to the Supreme Allied Commander for his information and whatever action he considers necessary.

Yours very truly,

ELDMY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1084

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
R.O.M.E.

The president of the Council of Ministers
29675/15/00/19.10

2000 10 10 10:00 AM

Three there are important and might have repercussions if we
 considered again. I therefore tell you to be informed of them, and
 a small to some extent in you will follow them the military au-
 thorities and also, as you know, Sir, the military action may
 be necessary to prevent them from occurring again.

1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 26

120115-120116

D. H. Zarned

James Earl Ray
Chief Counselor of the Allied Commission
1 2 4 4

GnGn

1759

Ref: 3609/12/001.

18 November 1944.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Referring further to your letters of 23 October and 30 October 1944, concerning the behaviour of certain Polish troops. I can now inform you that this matter has had the attention of the Supreme Allied Commander-in-Chief. He has instructed his Chief Liaison Section to bring the subject to the notice of General Anders, Commanding II Polish Corps, and to say that any repetition of such incidents will not be tolerated.

I hope that, as a result of this action, you will not be troubled by further complaints of this nature.

Yours very truly,

WALTER F. STONE
Washington, D.C.
Chief Commissioner

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

C.S. Political Section.
Lt.Col. Brown, Liaison Officer AG.
Lt.Col. Count de Solis, RAG.

1682

014113

FILES A

1760

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

Ref: 3609/10/003.

3 November 1944

SUBJECT: Behaviour of Polish Troops.

TO : Chief of Staff, Allied Forces Headquarters, APO 112.

1. Referring to my letter of 27 October 1944 I enclose copy of a further letter I have received from the Italian Prime Minister for such action as you consider appropriate.

2. I should appreciate information from you in due course so that I may reply suitably to the Prime Minister.

HARRY W. STONE
Commodore, RNVR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Incl:

Ltr. P.M. London,
15280/19 19 30 Oct 44.

Copy to: Lt. Col. Count de Salis.

1781

Ref: 3609/9/COS.

3 November 1944.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am in receipt of your letter 16360/9 10 of 30 October 1944 giving further details of incidents in which Polish troops are involved.

The contents of your letter I am forwarding at once to the appropriate Allied Military authorities.

Yours very truly,

MILBY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
R.O.M.E.

1080

Copy to: Lt. Col. Count de Salis.

15-

51413

Transcribed

Received 24 February 1993

10/24/19 10

THESE RESULTS ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH

0-26705715-7

10701

overseas during the war. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear.

to enable them to do this. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear.

in the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear.

in the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear.

in the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear.

in the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear.

in the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear.

in the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear.

in the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear.

in the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear. I am not sure if the troops were sent to the front or if they were sent to the rear.

in the rear.

in the rear.

in the rear.

in the rear.

in the rear.

in the rear.

in the rear.

14

16

SECRET

20/10/50

1/10/50

27 October 1944

Subject: Deviation of British officers and soldiers

To: Chief of Staff, British Force Headquarters, 212

I enclose a copy of a letter from the Italian Press Secretary
 on the subject of the action taken by Italian officers and soldiers
 to various places in Central Italy in the hands of the Italian
 Government. As this is a purely military matter it will be
 treated. It will take it over for each action as they are thought
 appropriate. Should you let me know if any action that I have
 need to signor signed.

1. 1st Lt. ...
 2. 1st Lt. ...
 3. 1st Lt. ...
 4. 1st Lt. ...
 5. 1st Lt. ...
 6. 1st Lt. ...
 7. 1st Lt. ...
 8. 1st Lt. ...
 9. 1st Lt. ...
 10. 1st Lt. ...
 11. 1st Lt. ...
 12. 1st Lt. ...
 13. 1st Lt. ...
 14. 1st Lt. ...
 15. 1st Lt. ...
 16. 1st Lt. ...
 17. 1st Lt. ...
 18. 1st Lt. ...
 19. 1st Lt. ...
 20. 1st Lt. ...
 21. 1st Lt. ...
 22. 1st Lt. ...
 23. 1st Lt. ...
 24. 1st Lt. ...
 25. 1st Lt. ...
 26. 1st Lt. ...
 27. 1st Lt. ...
 28. 1st Lt. ...
 29. 1st Lt. ...
 30. 1st Lt. ...
 31. 1st Lt. ...
 32. 1st Lt. ...
 33. 1st Lt. ...
 34. 1st Lt. ...
 35. 1st Lt. ...
 36. 1st Lt. ...
 37. 1st Lt. ...
 38. 1st Lt. ...
 39. 1st Lt. ...
 40. 1st Lt. ...
 41. 1st Lt. ...
 42. 1st Lt. ...
 43. 1st Lt. ...
 44. 1st Lt. ...
 45. 1st Lt. ...
 46. 1st Lt. ...
 47. 1st Lt. ...
 48. 1st Lt. ...
 49. 1st Lt. ...
 50. 1st Lt. ...
 51. 1st Lt. ...
 52. 1st Lt. ...
 53. 1st Lt. ...
 54. 1st Lt. ...
 55. 1st Lt. ...
 56. 1st Lt. ...
 57. 1st Lt. ...
 58. 1st Lt. ...
 59. 1st Lt. ...
 60. 1st Lt. ...
 61. 1st Lt. ...
 62. 1st Lt. ...
 63. 1st Lt. ...
 64. 1st Lt. ...
 65. 1st Lt. ...
 66. 1st Lt. ...
 67. 1st Lt. ...
 68. 1st Lt. ...
 69. 1st Lt. ...
 70. 1st Lt. ...
 71. 1st Lt. ...
 72. 1st Lt. ...
 73. 1st Lt. ...
 74. 1st Lt. ...
 75. 1st Lt. ...
 76. 1st Lt. ...
 77. 1st Lt. ...
 78. 1st Lt. ...
 79. 1st Lt. ...
 80. 1st Lt. ...
 81. 1st Lt. ...
 82. 1st Lt. ...
 83. 1st Lt. ...
 84. 1st Lt. ...
 85. 1st Lt. ...
 86. 1st Lt. ...
 87. 1st Lt. ...
 88. 1st Lt. ...
 89. 1st Lt. ...
 90. 1st Lt. ...
 91. 1st Lt. ...
 92. 1st Lt. ...
 93. 1st Lt. ...
 94. 1st Lt. ...
 95. 1st Lt. ...
 96. 1st Lt. ...
 97. 1st Lt. ...
 98. 1st Lt. ...
 99. 1st Lt. ...
 100. 1st Lt. ...

Chief of Staff
 Headquarters, 212
 Acting Chief Coordinator 1678

1. 1st Lt. ...
 2. 1st Lt. ...
 3. 1st Lt. ...
 4. 1st Lt. ...
 5. 1st Lt. ...
 6. 1st Lt. ...
 7. 1st Lt. ...
 8. 1st Lt. ...
 9. 1st Lt. ...
 10. 1st Lt. ...
 11. 1st Lt. ...
 12. 1st Lt. ...
 13. 1st Lt. ...
 14. 1st Lt. ...
 15. 1st Lt. ...
 16. 1st Lt. ...
 17. 1st Lt. ...
 18. 1st Lt. ...
 19. 1st Lt. ...
 20. 1st Lt. ...
 21. 1st Lt. ...
 22. 1st Lt. ...
 23. 1st Lt. ...
 24. 1st Lt. ...
 25. 1st Lt. ...
 26. 1st Lt. ...
 27. 1st Lt. ...
 28. 1st Lt. ...
 29. 1st Lt. ...
 30. 1st Lt. ...
 31. 1st Lt. ...
 32. 1st Lt. ...
 33. 1st Lt. ...
 34. 1st Lt. ...
 35. 1st Lt. ...
 36. 1st Lt. ...
 37. 1st Lt. ...
 38. 1st Lt. ...
 39. 1st Lt. ...
 40. 1st Lt. ...
 41. 1st Lt. ...
 42. 1st Lt. ...
 43. 1st Lt. ...
 44. 1st Lt. ...
 45. 1st Lt. ...
 46. 1st Lt. ...
 47. 1st Lt. ...
 48. 1st Lt. ...
 49. 1st Lt. ...
 50. 1st Lt. ...
 51. 1st Lt. ...
 52. 1st Lt. ...
 53. 1st Lt. ...
 54. 1st Lt. ...
 55. 1st Lt. ...
 56. 1st Lt. ...
 57. 1st Lt. ...
 58. 1st Lt. ...
 59. 1st Lt. ...
 60. 1st Lt. ...
 61. 1st Lt. ...
 62. 1st Lt. ...
 63. 1st Lt. ...
 64. 1st Lt. ...
 65. 1st Lt. ...
 66. 1st Lt. ...
 67. 1st Lt. ...
 68. 1st Lt. ...
 69. 1st Lt. ...
 70. 1st Lt. ...
 71. 1st Lt. ...
 72. 1st Lt. ...
 73. 1st Lt. ...
 74. 1st Lt. ...
 75. 1st Lt. ...
 76. 1st Lt. ...
 77. 1st Lt. ...
 78. 1st Lt. ...
 79. 1st Lt. ...
 80. 1st Lt. ...
 81. 1st Lt. ...
 82. 1st Lt. ...
 83. 1st Lt. ...
 84. 1st Lt. ...
 85. 1st Lt. ...
 86. 1st Lt. ...
 87. 1st Lt. ...
 88. 1st Lt. ...
 89. 1st Lt. ...
 90. 1st Lt. ...
 91. 1st Lt. ...
 92. 1st Lt. ...
 93. 1st Lt. ...
 94. 1st Lt. ...
 95. 1st Lt. ...
 96. 1st Lt. ...
 97. 1st Lt. ...
 98. 1st Lt. ...
 99. 1st Lt. ...
 100. 1st Lt. ...

Chief of Staff Section
 Lt Col Brown, Liaison Officer, ADC
 Mr. Caccia, Political Section
 Mr. Files

File
 194

1765

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

SECRET

EAS/hdp

A/C 011.13

27 October 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have received your letter 12/6508/8 of 23 October enclosing a memorandum concerning the action taken by Polish officers and soldiers in various places in Central Italy in the premises of the Italian Communist Party. As you will understand this is a military matter and I am referring it at once to the appropriate Allied Military authorities.

Yours very truly,

ALBERT A. TANE
Commodore, USN
Acting Chief Commissioner

1677

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

cc - Pol Sec
COS
"a" file ✓

2

File
RGP

ROUGH TRANSLATION

Dear Admiral:

I forward here enclosed a Memorandum concerning the behaviour of Polish officers and soldiers in various localities of Central Italy towards the premises of the Italian Communist Party and towards its members.

You are certainly aware of the ties of culture, of friendship and of common political aspirations which have united, since centuries, and particularly since our Risorgimento, Poland and Italy. The recent contribution of blood offered, side by side with our soldiers, by the Polish troops for the liberation of Italian soil has rendered even more solid these ties and has given new proof of the valor of that noble nation to whom goes the cordial gratitude of all the Italian people.

But there is no need for me to emphasize how such an interference of Polish soldiers - certainly contrary to the orders of the responsible Commands - in Italian internal questions is not only damaging to the prestige of the Royal Government but also liable to give rise to incidents of a certain gravity.

I would be therefore grateful should you kindly approach the Command of the Polish Troops with view to avoiding the repetition of such incidents. Believe me,

Cordially yours

(Signed) Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,

R O M E

1767

Dear Admiral:

I forward here enclosed a Memorandum concerning the behaviour of Polish officers and soldiers in various localities of Central Italy towards the premises of the Italian Communist Party and towards its members.

You are certainly aware of the ties of culture, of friendship and of common political aspirations which have united, since centuries, and particularly since our Risorgimento, Poland and Italy. The recent contribution of blood offered, side by side with our soldiers, by the Polish troops for the liberation of Italian soil has rendered even more solid these ties and has given new proof of the valor of that noble nation to whom goes the cordial gratitude of all the Italian people.

But there is no need for me to emphasize now such an interference of Polish soldiers - certainly contrary to the orders of the responsible Commands - in Italian internal questions is not only damaging to the prestige of the Royal Government but also liable to give rise to incidents of a certain gravity.

I would be therefore grateful should you kindly approach the Command of the Polish troops with view to avoiding the repetition of such incidents. Believe me,

Cordially yours

(Signed) Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,

R O M E

Encl.

1

cc: Col. de Lodi (10/1/46)

On September 17th at 15.00 hours there was expected at the Government Palace in Macerata the Under-Secretary of State to Industry and Commerce, Guido Molinelli, and on this occasion the Communist Party had called a meeting, with the authorization of the A.M.C. at the theatre "Sferisterio" where Signor Molinelli should have delivered a conference.

At 14.15 hours while communist elements and citizens were assembling in the "Sferisterio" about fifty Polish soldiers appeared in the square with the evident intention of preventing the meeting. Some communists gave the Poles the communist salute and this caused a brawl between the two sides. A group of Carabinieri intervened energetically firing some shots in the air with the result that the communists retreated in the theatre, the crowd of citizens was dispersed and the Poles went away stopping not far from the theatre.

A few minutes later they came back and began throwing stones again while some of them attacked with their fists some communists who had remained outside the theatre.

The Poles tried also to enter into the theatre but were prevented from doing so by the Carabinieri.

The Poles then left on motor trucks but gave to understand that they would return armed and in greater numbers.

The Prefect asked for the intervention of Allied Officers to avoid further incidents.

The Under-Secretary Molinelli who had in the meantime arrived decided to postpone the conference so as to avoid the repetition of these incidents.

On September 18th an officer and two Polish soldiers forced their entrance into the premises of the Communist Party, Via Flaminia 495, Rome, tore away the flag cutting it subsequently into pieces and threatening the people who were present although these had not given any provocation.

On the same evening some Polish soldiers presented themselves at the premises of the Communist Party in Lungotevere Flaminio and ordered the Secretary of the section to strike the flag from the balcony railing which they would have destroyed the section.

On September 23rd at Anagnino (Rieti) several Polish soldiers who were passing through that locality attacked the premises of the Communist Party breaking the windows and destroying all the propaganda material as well as the flag of the section.

occasion the Communist Party had called a meeting, with the authorization of the A.M.U. at the theatre "Sferisterio" where Signor Molinelli should have delivered a conference.

At 14.15 hours while communist elements and citizens were assembling in the "Sferisterio" about fifty Polish soldiers appeared in the square with the evident intention of preventing the meeting. Some communists gave the Poles the communist salute and this caused a brawl between the two sides. A group of Carabinieri intervened energetically firing some shots in the air with the result that the communists retreated in the theatre, the crowd of citizens was dispersed and the Poles went away stopping not far from the theatre.

A few minutes later they came back and began throwing stones again while some of them attacked with their fists some communists who had remained outside the theatre.

The Poles tried also to enter into the theatre but were prevented from doing so by the Carabinieri.

The Poles then left on motor trucks but gave to understand that they would return armed and in greater numbers.

The Prefect asked for the intervention of Allied Officers to avoid further incidents.

The Under-Secretary Molinelli who had in the meantime arrived decided to postpone the conference so as to avoid the repetition of these incidents.

On September 19th an officer and two Polish soldiers forced their entrance into the premises of the Communist Party, Via Flaminia 495, Rome, tore away the flag cutting it subsequently into pieces and threatening the people who were present although these had not given any provocation.

On the same evening some Polish soldiers presented themselves at the premises of the Communist Party in Lungotevere Flaminio and ordered the Secretary of the section to strike the flag from the balcony railing which they would have destroyed the section.

On September 23rd at Anagnino (Rieti) several Polish soldiers who were passing through that locality attacked the premises of the Communist Party breaking the windows and destroying all the propaganda material as well as the flag of the section.

1. Molinelli: At. de Sales (Chapin)

1.

1770

On September 28th at 13,00 hours in the Piazza Vittorio Emanuele of Civitacastellana (Viterbo) some Polish soldiers who were passing through dragged down and destroyed the red flag hanging from the premises of the Communist Party. Several communist elements who were present did not re-act.

1771

16/03/53/8



Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri

Roma, 29 OTT. 1944

Caro Ammiraglio,

Le invio qui accluso un appunto circa il contegno tenuto in varie località dell'Italia Centrale da parte di ufficiali e soldati polacchi nei confronti di sedi del Partito Comunista italiano e di suoi membri.

Lei sa quali legami di cultura, di simpatia, di aspirazioni politiche hanno unito, da secoli, e particolarmente dall'età del nostro Risorgimento, la Polonia all'Italia. Il recente contributo di sangue dato, fianco a fianco coi nostri reparti, dai reparti polacchi per la liberazione del suolo italiano, ha servito a rendere ancora più saldi questi legami ed ha dato nuova prova del valore di quella nobile Nazione, a cui va la cordiale riconoscenza di tutto il popolo italiano.

1074

Ma non occorre che io sottolinei quanto un simile intervento di gregari polacchi - certamente contrario alle direttive dei Comandi responsabili - nelle questioni interne italiane sia, oltre che lesivo per il prestigio del R. Governo, suscettibile di dar luogo ad incidenti di notevole gravità.

Le sarei grato pertanto se volesse cortesemente intervenire presso il Comando delle Truppe polacche affinché gli incidenti lamentati abbiano a cessare.

del Consiglio di Ammiraglio

Caro Ammiraglio,

Le invio qui accluso un appunto circa il contegno tenuto in varie località dell'Italia Centrale da parte di ufficiali e soldati polacchi nei confronti di sedi del partito Comunista italiano e di suoi membri.

Lei sa quali legami di cultura, di simpatia, di aspirazioni politiche hanno unito, da secoli, e particolarmente dall'età del nostro Risorgimento, la Polonia all'Italia. Il recente contributo di sangue dato, fianco a fianco coi nostri reparti, dai reparti polacchi per la liberazione del suolo italiano, ha servito a rendere ancora più saldi questi legami ed ha dato nuova prova del valore di quella nobile Nazione, a cui va la cordiale riconoscenza di tutto il popolo italiano.

Ma non occorre che io sottolinei quanto un simile intervento di gregari polacchi - certamente contrario alle direttive dei Comandi responsabili - nelle questioni interne italiane sia, oltre che lesivo per il prestigio del R.Governo, suscettibile di dar luogo ad incidenti di notevole gravità.

Le sarei grato pertanto se volesse cortesemente intervenire presso il Comando delle Truppe polacche affinché gli incidenti lamentati abbiano a cessare.

Mi creda, con viva cordialità

All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Capo della Commissione Alleate

W. Stone

R O M A

1773

In Macerata il 17 settembre u.s. alle ore 15, era atteso al Palazzo del Governo S.E. Guido Molinelli, Sottosegretario di Stato all'Industria e Commercio, e per l'occasione era stata indetta, con autorizzazione dell'A.M.G., dal partito Comunista una riunione al teatro "Sferisterio", dove S.E. Molinelli avrebbe dovuto tenere una conferenza.

Alle ore 14.15 mentre elementi comunisti e cittadini affluivano allo Sferisterio alla spicciolata, apparvero nella piazza del teatro una cinquantina di militari polacchi con la evidente intenzione di ostacolare la riunione. Ai polacchi alcuni comunisti risposero col loro saluto (braccio levato con pugno chiuso); ne conseguì una sassaiuola da ambo le parti.

Un drappello di carabinieri, già sul posto, intervenne energicamente ed esplodendo colpi di moschetto in aria, il che ebbe come effetto che i comunisti si ritirarono nello Sferisterio, la folla dei cittadini si disperse e i polacchi si allontanarono, soffermandosi però in località adiacente.

Qualche minuto dopo i polacchi tornarono sul posto riprendendo a lanciare sassi mentre alcuni di essi vennero alle mani con elementi comunisti rimasti fuori dal teatro. 73

I polacchi tentarono anche di fare irruzione nello Sferisterio, venendone però impediti dai carabinieri che usarono la massima energia.

Qualche lesione - non grave - tra i comunisti, polacchi e carabinieri.

I polacchi si allontanarono su autocarri ma fecero intendere che sarebbero tornati armati ed in numero maggiore.

Il Prefetto provocò l'intervento di ufficiali alleati che evitarono ulteriori incidenti, intervenendo nei con-

1774

fronti dei polacchi che continuavano a transitare in "camions" sul posto in atteggiamento non rassicurante.

S.E. il Sottosegr. Molinelli, giunto verso le ore 16.30, decise di rimandare la conferenza ad evitare il ripetersi di incresciosi episodi.

Il 19 settembre un ufficiale e due soldati polacchi forzavano la porta della sede del Partito comunista sita in via Flaminia 495 in Roma, asportavano la bandiera che veniva fatta a pezzi e calpestata a pezzi sul marciapiede e minacciavano i presenti di violenze, senza che questi ne dessero alcun motivo.

La sera stessa del 19 settembre alcuni soldati polacchi si presentavano alla sede del Partito Comunista di Lungotevere Flaminio sempre a Roma e con fare minaccioso ingiunsero al segretario della sezione di ritirare dal balcone, entro due ore, la bandiera, senza di che essi avrebbero distrutto la sezione stessa.

Il giorno 23 settembre ad Aptrodoco (Rieti) numerosi soldati polacchi transitanti per la località, assaltarono la sede locale del Partito Comunista, frantumando i cristalli della porta d'ingresso e tutti i vetri dei locali, strappando le insegne, i manifestini di propaganda ed asportando e distruggendo la bandiera della sezione.

Il 28 settembre alle ore 13, nella Piazza Vittorio Emanuele di Civitacastellana (Viterbo) militari polacchi di transito su camionetta, notato il drappo rosso esposto nella sede della sezione del Partito Comunista del luogo, lo tolsero e dopo averlo lacerato, gettandone i pezzi a terra, inneggiarono alla Polonia.

Presenti all'atto v'erano parecchi elementi comunisti i quali non reagirono.

1775

1071

