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133	Ltr Schott 505-SC	27 Sep 44	De Salis	Case Swiss citizen Mr. Antoine Scanziani correspondent Rome Swiss Telegraphic Agency
134	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 000.7-1	27 Sep 44	AFHQ G-5 Spofford	Article on Polish Liberation in Unita
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137	Ltr Quayle A/CC 000.7-1	28 Sep 44	Giordano	Can't help you at present with publication a weekly newspaper
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138a	Ltr PRB/R20A	29 Sep 44	Quayle - Italian Telegraph Agency & comments	
139	Ltr Salis	29 Sep 44	Schott	Swiss citizen Scanziani retain identity card
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140	Memo Quayle	2 Oct 44	Pol Sect	Newspapers articles attacks against monarchy Ltr fr Infante 21/PS with articles att'd to Stone
141	Ltr 9256/1/COS	4 Oct 44	Reg Comm Sicily	High Comm's press interview
141a	Political Mtg AFHQ FC(44) 116	6 Oct 44	-	Control of United Nations Propaganda in Rome-Note by LO, AFHQ, Chf.
141b	Ltr P-1000, PRB/ R200	11 Oct 44	A/CC	Italian Telegraphic News Agency - Plan.
142	Political Mtg AFHQ FC(44) 28 Mtg	12 Oct 44	-	Control of United Nations Propaganda in Rome; action to be taken against individuals.

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121	Ltr A/CC 000.7-1 Quayle	19 Sep 44	Lt Fehr, Sec Br	SCANZIANI case. A/CC decided give him ticket. Reserve right. ATTENDICES: A) Memos Quayle to EWS to Fielden to EWS. No evidence.
121a	Memo Quayle (Article Unita re Poles inform Bonomi)	19 Sep 44	Capt Stone	B) C) Draft ltr to Swiss C d'Aff D) Ltr 11 Sep Fielden to Stone E) Ltr 9 Sep Fielden to Stone F) Draft 9 Sep not sent, Stone
122	Ltr G Arda	21 Sep 44	Stone	Pls help on permission to publish 2 newspapers. Have been AFB
123	Ltr Fielden PEB	21 Sep 44	A/CC	Spataro unsatisfactory to work with. Will se you about film ind but I will have a draft for you.
124	Msg fr Collins	23 Sep 44	United Press	Stone opposes any discrimination among foreign news agencies.
125	Mid East Bus Mangr	23 Sep 44	Stone	Saw McChrysal today. UP wants no discrim of for press. What about It press decree?
126	Ltr A/CC 000.7-1 Quayle	23 Sep 44	Lt Col Munro	Publications of periodicals. Pls examine requests from Arda & Giordano (See Incl b) INCL
127	Ltr Capt Stone	23 Sep 44	PRO HQ ACC	New press decree permitting a press agency operate in Italy
128	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 000.7-1	23 Sep 44	Bonomi	Rehabilitation of Italian Film Industry
128a	Ltr Fielden	25 Sep 44	A/CC	ACC Press Releases (Lawler)
129	Ltr Fielden R/20	25 Sep 44	A/CC	Complaints against L'Unita App a - Ltr Munro 22 Sep Fielden
129a	Ltr Chief PWB Sicily	25 Sep 44	Reyner, Edman	Separatist movement in Sicily.
130	Ltr Spataro 810	26 Sep 44	Capt Stone	Urgent problems of cinema

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106	Italia Nuova	10 Sep 44	A/CC	Publication UNW Italy towards her re-birth better conditions of life
107	Ltr Grafftey-Smith 13088/F	11 Sep 44	Densmore	Request permission publish daily newspaper economic & finance
108	Memo Spofford 000.7-8	12 Sep 44	HQ ACC A/CC	Article on Polish Liberation in Unita as Incl
109	Ltr Fielden R23	12 Sep 44	Secy Gen	Report for August 1944
110	Ltr Bonomi Spofford	15 Sep 44	Capt Stone	Resuming production Italian cinematographical industry
110a	Ltr G-5 000.73-2	15 Sep 44	ACC A/CC	Censorship of statements of visitors here
111	Memo Quayle	15 Sep 44	PRB Fielden	Italian Film Industry
112	Ltr Caccia 530.6	15 Sep 44	A/CC	Publication of Avanti in Milan
113	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 000.7	15 Sep 44	Gen Vasiliev	Action taken on cartoon in Il Popolo no similar occurrence Incl - Ltr Munro 13 Sep Fielden
114	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 250	16 Sep 44	Count Sforza	Message re epuration wish broadcast to North Italy
115	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 000.7-1	17 Sep 44	PRB Fielden	Anti-Polish article published in Unita
116	Memo Stone A/CC 000.7-1	17 Sep 44	VP Admin Sect	Appointment Commissioner Societa Anonima Editrice Giaccone Mario
117	Cbl ACC Stone S333	18 Sep 44	AFHQ	Reference infants less 1 year age relates Rome: figures to correct erroneous press reports
118	Memo	18 Sep 44	Stone	Questions raised by Bonomi this morning: reopening Rome newspapers
119	Ltr 13115/F Lawler, Finance	18 Sep 44	Stone	Press releases for industrial improvements, with suggested draft
119a	Ltr Fin S/C 13115/F	18 Sep 44	Stone	Press Releases for info Italy & both home countries

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97	Cbl S-315 Stone	2 Sep 44	AFHQ	Ital Govt have decided to appoint commission re events of 8-10 September. Do not advise it.
98	Cbl S319 Stone	6 Sep 44	AFHQ	Ref S315 Sforza wants to form committee pursue investigation Rome
99		6 Sep 44		Memo re American Rep AGI info recommendation to President re financing supplies Italy fr US
100	Cbl ACC S321 Stone	7 Sep 44	AFHQ	No objection military inquiry by Sforza re Rome by developments Naples trial Del Tetto-Pentimalli
101	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 000.7-1	7 Sep 44	George Edman	PWB+control emphasis of news to control propaganda App a - Ltr Edman 2 Sep to Stone with Incl News dissemination Italy App b - Ltr Fielden 4 Sep to Stone with Incl News dissemination Italy
102	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 000.7-1	8 Sep 44	George Edman	Press & news operations proposals for Italy App a - Draft for Chief PWB-AFHQ submitted by ADPWO Ital theatre
103	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 000.7-1	8 Sep 44	George Edman	Preparation pamphlet work ACC direction for Mr. Zevi gathering survey thru Maj Fielden App a - Fielden 4 Sep to A/CC with 3 Incls re years' work of ACC
104	Memo Densmore A/CC 100-1	8 Sep 44	Fin Sub-Com	Permission publish daily newspaper fr Lelio Rava attd memo
104a	Ltr Edman	9 Sep 44	Capt Stone	Mr. Zevi working on booklet request AFHQ re Allied activities & achievements during last year

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86				Special directive to be taken in conjunction with communique on Prime Minister's meeting with the Italian Government (Bonomi Badogli
87	4th Ind Stone	26 Aug 44	PRO ACC	Request release be issued as to arrests & future trials also 3rd, 2nd & 1st Indorsements
88	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 000.7	27 Aug 44	Col Spofford	Associated Press interview given by Baldanzi & Antonini Incl. Press releases
89	IS Memo Stone A/CC 400	27 Aug 44	Col Brown	Ltr fr PWB re Newsprint Situation for appropriate action
90	IS Ltr Stone A/CC 250	28 Aug 44	Bonomi	Draft decrees empowering President Council appoint commissioners management editorial firms
91	IS Memo Stone A/CC 324.5	28 Aug 44	Lush & Pat Bra	Correspondence re Statement giving recognition Ital Patriots
92	Memo Densmore	28 Aug 44	Stone	Ltr Fielden RA 12 Aug to A/CC re Suggestions on ACC publicity to talk over with Brig Lush
92a 93	Cbl ACC 2439 Ltr Stone	29 Aug 44 29 Aug 44	AFHQ Edman	Political correspondents ACC Newsprint situation. Suggest you take up priorities with AFHQ
94	Trans (4 Sept)	(31 Aug 44)		Article for L'Unione Proletaria, open ltr to Polletti, Demagogy
95	Ltr Edman PWB	31 Aug 44	Stone	Non-delivery of newsprint is very serious. Pls write AFHQ.

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 POLITICAL MEETING #28 AFHQ

PC (44) 28 th Mtg

12 Oct 44

x-~~383.6-1~~⁰⁴⁰ Para 2: Use of Italian POW in Southern France. Acting Chief Comm reports that Prime Minister Bonomi has agreed verbally to their employment.

x-000.7-1 Para 6: Control of United Nations Propaganda in Rome. Actg CC, ACC, suggests that in view of difficulties of suppressing many papers, action against individuals would have best chance of success.
 SACMED: Suggests action vs individuals as suggested by Commodore Stone.

x-100-1 Para 7: Payment for Goods and Services in Italian Territory. Discussion in which Actg CC, ACC, participates.
 SACMED: Directs cable be sent to CCS, based on draft atchd to paper PC (44) 120, and embodying reactions of Bonomi as reported by Commodore Stone.

x-400-2 Para 11: Actg CC, ACC, reports on food situation in Italy and raises question as to whether for the coming shipments would suffice to keep the

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bread ration at the proper level, to support the program outlined by the President.

SACMED: directs that cable be sent to CCS requesting answers to the questions raised by Commodore Stone.

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INSTRUCTIONS - Under «Synopsis» make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
COW
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 9256/1/038

4th October, 1946

SUBJECT: High Commissioner's Interview
with the Press.

26 : Regional Commissioner, Sicily.

1. There is forwarded for your information a cutting from today's "El Tago" which describes an interview granted by the Italian High Commissioner in Sicily to that paper.
2. This is forwarded for your information and any observations you might care to make.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Political Section.

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Let C be

FILE

J.A.Q.

File .

Together with

minutes .



HCC

JAG.

see 21/PS 1980

20 2/8

Monday at 10
 In meeting with
 Capt Stone

Political Section.

Att 2315

Attached are newspapers, & a
 resume of the articles concerned,
 containing attacks on the monarchy,
 and forwarded to Captain Stone by
 General Infante.

Would you read them & let
 the Captain know if you think he can
 weigh in, please.

J.A.Q.

22-9-44.

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Spoke to Gen. Infante 10/2.
 Not considered violation. Files only
 require the Govt to raise what
 federal question. End

TRANSLATION

IL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
OF H.R.H. THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF THE KINGDOM

315 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 22 Sept 1944
By BMR

21/P.S.

Rome, 20 September 1944

Dear Admiral Stone,

Following our conversations, I am sending you a few newspaper articles containing such serious attacks against the monarchy that we must come to the conclusion

- that the truce agreed to by the various parties, about the postponement of the question of the institutions, is not respected,

- that some phrases are so offensive for the prestige of the Lieutenant, that they ought to be prosecuted according to the law on the Press.

It is a sad thing to see the present attitude of the Press, which does not express - it is true, - public opinion, yet may strongly influence it.

The article of the Avanti praising Dr. Rosa (who attempted to murder H.R.H. in Brussel) is an invitation to attempt again to murder him.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

(Gen. Adolfo Infante)

/s/ A. Infante

Captain Ellery Stone
Acting Chief Commissioner
A. C. C.

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Captain Stone :-

A summary has been made
of these articles. Please
find it beneath.

TRANS E.C.

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REVIEW OF THE PARTIES: ON SOCIALISM

(C) Mopolite, 28 August 1944)

by Adriano BAZZACCO

Interview with Nenni: Attitude of the Socialist Party regarding the present situation:

The problem may be divided in three phases; first phase, the war, union of national forces under the direction of the National Committee of Liberation. Second phase, preceding the Constituent Assembly, formation of the republican block. Third phase, the Constituent Assembly: the Socialist will ask the Constituent Assembly three essential things: proclamation of a democratic Republic, trial of past responsibilities, particularly the responsibility of Mussolini and of the King who will appear before the Constituent Assembly acting as Supreme Court of Justice, the new economic statute of Italian society.

How will these aims be reached?

By the arms of legality, by saturation, by pacific conquest, as long as no a new reactionary conspiracy won't block the way to democracy. Then... There will never be a second fascism.

A HERO OF THE PEOPLE: FERNANDO DE ROSA,

(Avanti, 17 September 1944)

by Pietro NENNI

Praise of the Socialist Fernando De Rosa, who

'Came back to Paris with the characteristic disease of those who are born for action; do immediately something that will be an example, a monition. This something was the attempt made on Prince Umberto's life in Brussels, (autumn 1929). Fernando late confessed to Modigliani that he never meant to kill the prince, but that his gesture meant to underline the joint responsibility of monarchy and fascism. (Thus, he gave the prince a warning that he will be sorry to have disregarded).'

Nenni concludes with the words:

'We offer the life of Fernando de Rosa in example to the young people who are looking for a doctrine to guide them, a style of life to save them from apathy, a reason to conquer their own selfishness. Every moment of Fernando's brief life was happy, because it was a holocaust of the I to the all, of the individual to the class, and because it was a conscious effort in search of reality through idealism, and of idealism through reality.'

ST. ANTHONY AND HIS PIG

(L'Azione, 1st September 1944)

(from 'LA Antocha' Paper of the movement 'L'Italia Libera' San Salvador, May 1944)

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PARADOX

(La Repubblica, 4 September 1944)

(from Voce Repubblicana)

One of the arguments in favour of the monarchy is that a Republic would not suite Italy, for Italy is monarchical. The Italians were happy under Giolitti, and monarchy got on very well with the Socialists. That monarchy is ready to turn socialist I readily believe; what wouldn't the old prostitute do? Il faut vivre! But that Socialism means to turn monarchical remains to be seen. Monarchy has played for twenty years with fascism.

IL SOTTOTENENTE SPORZA: Broke his oath to the King, but what ~~was~~ is the

worth of the oath sworn to a perjurer, to a king who has become the enemy of his people. The people must protest against the sentence of the Court.

WHO IS THIS MAN?

(La Bandiera Rossa! 1 September 1944.)

By Il Compagno Rosso

With his approval, violence, robbery, the greatest spoliation in history began. He gave his consent, as they turned the screw everyday more, with satanical voluptuousness; he was the willing artisan of the shipwreck of our civilization, executing the commands of the 'fatale'.

Now the man in the street is asking what price has paid the man who is chiefly responsible for the disaster. He knows that he is peacefully living in some pleasant village.

Some years ago, in Tobolsk, the fugitive of the Kremlin lived with great simplicity in a small country house. Then something happened.

REMARKS AND COMMENT:

(L'Unita, 1 September 1944.)

OF AMERICAN DOLLARS

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LEADERSHIP AND THE NEW FRONT:

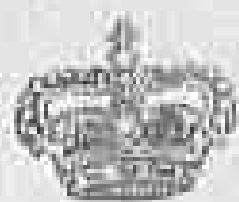
(Leningrad, 1 September 1944)

by Andrei G. G.

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Roma, 8 settembre 1944

IL PRIMO AILTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

110 42 145 376
515 Sec. V GEN.
REC. d. 27-8-44 1600
DPR

Mio caro Com^{te} Stone,

a seguito delle nostre conversazioni, trasmetto alcuni articoli di giornali che nei riguardi della Monarchia contengono attacchi così gravi che si deve concludere

- che non è rispettata affatto la tregua concordata fra i partiti per il rinvio della questione istituzionale,
- che alcune frasi ledono talmente il prestigio del Luogotenente, che dovrebbero essere perseguite a termini della Legge sulla Stampa.

E' un triste fenomeno, quello del comportamento attuale della Stampa, che non rispecchia - è vero - l'opinione pubblica, ma che però ha gravi ripercussioni su di essa.

L'articolo dell'Avanti in esaltazione di De Rosa (attentatore alla vita di Sua Altezza Reale a Bruxelles) è un preciso invito a ripetere il tentativo di ucciderlo!

Coi più cordiali saluti.

(Gen. Adolfo Infante)

A. Infante

Al Comandante ELLERY STONE
Acting Chief Commissioner
A. C. C. R O M A
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ACC, APO 374
477 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 30/9
By [Signature]

A/CC
Pol. Sec.

Rome, September 29th 1944.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated September 27, 1944, with which you were kind enough to inform me that the Acting Chief Commissioner had decided that the Swiss citizen Mr. Antonio Scanziani should be permitted to retain his identity card, an action which grants him the same facilities afforded other neutral correspondents.

May I ask you to convey to His Excellency Captain Stone the expression of my gratitude for the decision he has taken in this case, which I appreciate highly.

Thanking you for your obliging cooperation in this matter,

I am, dear Sir,

Very truly yours

[Signature]

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William W. Schott, Esquire
Vice-President
Political Section
Allied Control Commission
Rome

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Gen. [Signature]

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394.

29 September 1944.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

You may be interested to read the following extract from the leader in today's issue of 'La Voce Repubblicana':

" The Italian problem has been and is the order of the day in America and has been posed not only by Italian/American representatives but by authorised exponents of public opinion; correspondence on the Italian question which President Roosevelt has sent to important members of the Electorate eg., ex-Fascist Pope have already been published.

The Italian problem thus becomes a sort of 'internal problem' of the United States of America. When the Elections are over this will no longer be the case and November will soon be upon us.

It is necessary that the Government and the Italian people insist today on the essential vindication of their rights thus taking advantage to our satisfaction of the good will which is being manifested in the U.S.A. in this regard".

In other words "let us strike while the iron is hot because there will be nothing doing after the Elections".

Verb sap.

Copy: Brigadier Lush.

A.P. Grassby
Colonel,
Joint Director,
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION.

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28 September 1944

Dear Mr. Giordano:

The Acting Chief Commissioner directs me to thank you for your letter of 20 September 1944 regarding permission to publish a weekly newspaper, and to say that he regrets that at the moment he is unable to help you. Your application is already in the hands of the Italian Publications Commission and still under consideration. As soon as a decision is reached, you will be advised by the Italian Commission.

Yours truly,

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Chief Staff Officer

Mr. Arturo Giordano
Viale Medaglia d'Oro, 143
Rome

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Hq. A.C.C. Sec'y Gen.

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Date: 20 SEP 1944

Via: 45. 12w

Arrivals: CH.

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A/CC 000.7-1

28 September 1944

Dear Dr. Ardan:

The Acting Chief Commissioner directs me to thank you for your letter of 21 September 1944 regarding permission to publish two weekly newspapers, and to say that he regrets that at the moment he is unable to help you. Your application is already in the hands of the Italian Publications Commission and still under consideration. As soon as a decision is reached, you will be advised by the Italian Commission.

Yours truly,

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Chief Staff Officer

Dr. Giuseppe Ardan
Via S. Agata dei Goti, 5
Rome

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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
Via Veneto 52
ROMA

27 September '44

TO : J.A. Quayle Major, R.A., Chief Staff Officer
FROM : I.S. Munro, APB Executive Secretary
SUBJECT: Publication of Periodicals

Dear Major Quayle,

Refs please 426

In reply to your letter of the 23rd inst.,
with reference to the applications for :

- a) Dr. Giuseppe Ardu
- b) Signor Arturo Giordano

these applications are in the hands of the Italian Publications Commission and still under consideration by them. As soon as a decision is reached, the interested parties will be advised by the Italian Commission.

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I.S. MUNRO
Lt. Col.
Executive Secretary.

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Call Browning

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To: Major General Browning,
Allied Control Commission.

No. 0364

From: I.S.I.D. (Major Page),
Rome Allied Area Command.

September 27th, 1944.

Subject: S.I.M.

1. On September 21st the newspaper L'Unita published a long attack on S.I.M. The article was untrue and extremely damaging to that organization, which, as you know, is working in the closest collaboration with various Allied Intelligence agencies.
2. It is felt that this attack should be publicly refuted by the Italian Government and thereafter all mention of S.I.M. in the Press prohibited. The need of this is further emphasized by a paragraph in the newspaper Il Popolo of September 23rd, in which Occhiotta is said to have been "in spiritual contact with the leaders of S.I.M.". There is, therefore, a real danger that S.I.M. may become a subject of renewed attacks at any time and by any section of the Press. Such attacks are not only detrimental to the war effort but extremely unfair to those Italians who, since the Armistice, have to our personal knowledge, worked conscientiously and loyally for the war effort and who have achieved tangible results for their own country.
3. At the request of the head of S.I.M., Marshal Messe on Saturday September 23rd, wrote to Signor Bonomi, drawing the latter's attention to L'Unita's article and requesting that the Government issue a short statement to the effect that the present S.I.M. was formed after the Armistice and has since then been working in close collaboration with the Allies in the pursuit of the war against Germany.
4. As to date the Italian Government has taken no steps in the matter it is suggested that it be requested to do so urgently by the Allied Authorities.

Major, R.M.

*Handled by
GWS with Peronin*

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A/CC 000.7-1

27 September 1944

SUBJECT: Article on Polish Liberation in "UNITA"

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
G-5 Section, APO 512.
(Attn: Colonel Charles H. Spofford)

1. Reference is made to your letter G-5 000.7-8 of 12 September 1944.
2. I have spoken to Signor Bonomi along the lines directed by General Wilson in his letter to General Alexander dated 10 September.
3. I have had the editor responsible for the publication taken to task by the Allied Publications Board.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Hq ACC	Sac'y Gen.
DISPATCH	
Date-Time	28 SEP 1944
Via	AG 1012
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Ref 5035-16

27 September 1944

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed communication dated September 13, 1944 concerning the case of the Swiss citizen Mr. Antoine Scanziani, correspondent at Rome of the Swiss Telegraphic Agency.

At your request your views were brought to the attention of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission who, after further deliberation, decided that Mr. Scanziani should be permitted to retain his identity card--an action which grants him the same facilities afforded other neutral correspondents.

Very truly yours,

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WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

Peter de Salis, Requisite
Charge d'Affaires
Legation of Switzerland
Via Bernabe Orlandi, 61
Rome

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26 September 1944

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THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO HIS HOLINESS THE POPE
2 Via Boncompagni

Rome, September 20, 1944.

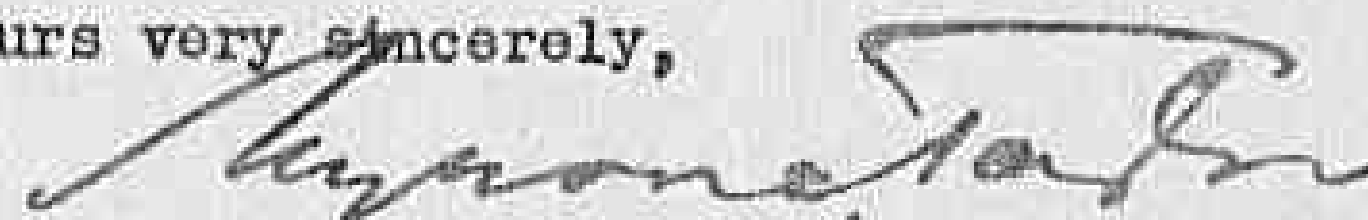
Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

My dear Captain Stone:

The Spanish Ambassador to the Holy See has brought to my attention an article which appeared in the "STARS AND STRIPES" of September 12, 1944 - particularly to the last three paragraphs. He does not believe that this sort of reference to his Government should be published in an official army newspapers.

I am under the impression that STARS AND STRIPES comes under your jurisdiction, but if not, will you be good enough to have the article brought to the attention of the proper person or agency, and greatly oblige

Yours very sincerely,


Myron C. Taylor

Enclosure:

Excerpt from STARS AND STRIPES
September 12, 1944.

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"THE STARS AND STRIPES" de 12 de septembre de 1944

Juan, Ricardo Waited To Strike

By PA. GEORGE DORSEY
Staff Correspondent

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The two men were short and dark. It was hard to tell their ages. Their teeth were bad, many missing and the others blackened or metal-plated and their countenances betrayed no youthful exuberance or whimsicality. But there was none of the fleshy sagging of the face muscles apparent in men who have passed 40. There was a brooding handsomeness about Ricardo, whereas Juan was smiling, simple and homely.

Their story was much like that of half a million other Spanish men, who, having lost that first bloody struggle against the modern tyranny, had sought refuge in what they hoped was a sympathetic France. Torture and death they had escaped, but the legions of the confused French government of the time landed them in concentration camps.

Later they thought to go to Mexico to start a new life in the new world, but there were other legal barriers and the best they could obtain was membership in a labor battalion. Then Germany overran France and, as Juan said, "we had some bad moments." They were known anti-Fascists and the best thing seemed to be to join the underground.

The wild hills and dark forests of eastern France contained good hiding places and there were people who farmed or kept shops during the day, then smuggled food to the forces of resistance at night.

Weeks went by and months and seasons. In the excitement of the Allied invasion of southern France the two Spanish machine gunners almost forgot to take note of the ending of their eighth year away from their families.

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"I think we must have a democratic regime in Spain after the war, don't you?" he said.

With him it was very simple.

"This is a war against the Fascism, true? Then I think that Franco must be the next to go after Hitler."

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HEADQUARTERS ELITE CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

LMS/hjp

26 September 1944

TO: Major Fielden, P&O, Hq ACC

I am informed by Mr. Caccia that the Communist newspaper has been guilty recently of violating two censorship rules. I do not care how strongly the editor is reprimanded, but you are instructed to see that no steps are taken to suspend publication without my specific approval.

EMERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Political Section

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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25 Sep 44

SUBJECT : COMPLAINTS AGAINST L'UNITA

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. Reference your A/CC 000.7-1 dated 17 September, and verbal enquiry.
2. Colonel Munro, as you will see from his letter dated 22 September attached hereto, has gone into the two points you raised very thoroughly. The delay in receiving an answer from him was due to the UNITA taking some time to check up on their statements.

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
A L L I E D P U B L I C A T I O N S B O A R D

Room 10, 62 Via Veneto
ROME

22 September 44

SUBJECT : Complaints against L'UNITA
TO : Major Lionel Fielden,
Public Relations Director,
ACC.

1. As requested by (Captain Stone) through you the Editor of L'UNITA, Sig. Spano, was called to this Office in connection with (a) unemployment figures published in his paper on 13 September, and (b) the anti-Polish article published 13 August.

2. With regard to (a), Sig. Spano admitted that he had no definite data but claimed that the unemployment figures quoted were correct as far as could be checked in the absence of any census. He would discover the figures given from the ACC Labour Sub-Commission and the Italian Government for eventual correction, if and as required.

3. As to (b), Sig. Spano pointed out that the article to which exception had been taken was a reprint from the Soviet review, WAR AND THE WORKING CLASS, provided from Soviet sources. If he were not being reprimanded on purely military grounds Sig. Spano expressed the right of his paper to publish comments on political affairs from authoritative and recognised Communist sources.

4. I pointed out that every endeavour was made by the Allies to differentiate between Military Censorship and political guidance. (My own case was here not only weakened but undermined on the Military Censorship grounds by the fact that it was I, and not Major Alexander, who was asked to reprove Sig. Spano). I told him that no matter

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what party or country was involved, nothing could be tolerated calculated to undermine the morale and confidence of any of the fighting forces or their supporters. Sig. Spano countered this by saying while accepting that position he would, in the light of what I said, like to present instances of where the Poles had deliberately insulted the Italian people and fighting arms.

5. While not lessening the admonition that I had made, I told him that I would forward to the proper quarters any submission which he cared to present.

6. Later on the same day (19 September), Sig. Spano telephoned this office asserting that Polish soldiers had caused a disturbance at a Communist headquarters; he complained of insults and threats against the Italians made by the Poles.

(Sgd). I.S. MUNRO,
Lt.Col.,
Executive Secretary.

P.S. L'Unita telephoned later to say that they had checked the figures with the Casa di Lavoro of the Associazione Sindacale Italiano della Federazione del Lavoro, Piazza Esquilino, and had found them confirmed on general lines within the limits of data available.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

25 Sep 44

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SUBJECT : AGC PRESS RELEASES

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

Commander Lawler's suggestions make me feel both grateful and irritated. I appreciate his interest but I wonder how much he would like me to write down what should be done with AMG currency, implying that it is a poor job so far? I think it could be done. P.R. is sometimes a thankless task because people ride away with an idea that it is all perfectly simple. Lawler's idea of encouraging the Italians is fine, but we do also think of it : our two main troubles are, first, that sub-commissions are not good (and nobody blames them because they are hard-worked and can't always think of publicity) at giving out information and we have not the time to get round 28 Sub-Commissions regularly; secondly, that releases which superficially appear encouraging are apt to have disastrous consequences.

I attach a note written by Major Iescacos who is chiefly responsible for the collection and editing of releases, and his observations may interest Lawler. Needless to say I should be very pleased to talk to Lawler if he has further suggestions : and I shall be grateful for them.

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

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Pen-note Some of Iescacos' comments are valid, but I am disappointed at the reaction to the cooperative (not critical) suggestions offered.

E.W.S.

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The Acting Chief Commissioner

23 September 4

PRO, Hq ACC

What is the status of the proposed new press decree including a libel law decree, and what needs to be done to get these pushed through as a preliminary to permitting a press agency or agencies to begin operation in Italy?

MELERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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23 September 1944

Subject: Publication of Periodicals

Please find attached two letters sent to the Acting Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, with respect to obtaining permission to publish periodicals:

- a) From Dr. Giuseppe Ardan
- b) From Sig. Arturo Giordano

It would be appreciated if you would look into these two cases and in due course let this office have your recommendations so that suitable replies may be sent.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R.A.
Chief Staff Officer

Lt. Col. I. S. Munro
Executive Secretary
Allied Publications Board
62 Via Veneto
Rome

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Roma, 26th September 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR CAPT. STONE (USNR)

I have the honour to submit to your kind attention the following situation.

On the 26th July I sent to the PWB/APB a request to be authorized to publish in Rome a weekly paper "L'Economista", with the task of analysing, through articles of university professors and students all general economic problems and particularly those concerning Italian reconstruction.

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With whom I get in touch since the establishment of the new Italian Government in Brindisi as an expert of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor.

Atanasio Giordano
Roma, 143, Viale Medaglie d'Oro

Roma, 20 settembre 1944

PROMEMORIA PER IL CAPT. STONE (USNR)

Ci si permette prospettare alla S.V. una particolare situazione che si ritiene degna di cortese interessamento.

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Nelle more dell'esame della pratica, essendo avvenuto il passaggio di alcune provincie all'amministrazione del Governo italiano, il P.W.B. trasferì la domanda alla Commissione italiana per la stampa, che in data 22 agosto U.S. diede l'approvazione per la pubblicazione quindicinale del periodico in due mila copie.

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Per più dettagliate referenze personali la S.V. può eventualmente rivolgersi ai Signori Col. Evans, Lt. Col. Reiter, Magg. Osmon, Magg. Albright, Magg. Ballance, Col. Crump, con i quali il sottoscritto ha avuto rapporti di lavoro sin dalla ricostituzione del Governo italiano. Brindisi come esperto del Ministero Ind. Comm. e Lavoro.

Roma, 143, Viale Medaglie d'oro Arturo Giordano.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

GRAND HOTEL, ROME.
SEPT 23rd, 1944.

Dear Captain Stone,
I think you will be interested to hear that I saw
Brigadier-General McChrysal yesterday.

He told me that "A.F.H.Q. looks with favour on the
resumption of incoming news services to Italy by private news agencies."
He could not give me any definite date but I gathered that we may be
allowed to operate round December 1st. It is understood that Agencies will
be given thirty days notice before they are allowed to operate.

I mentioned the desire-strong desire-of United Press to find itself
on an EQUAL footing with other Foreign news agencies which may operate in
Italy and I gathered that the General was in agreement.

I was very glad indeed to hear from you that you are opposed to
any "exclusivity" in news distribution and I am communicating this fact to
United Press for their own information.

It seems to be quite definite that, when P.W.B. fold up, Owens
cum M of I will start operating but their functions will NOT be to bring in
news similar to what United Press, for example, will bring in.

There is one point I am anxious about. Apparently the plan to
draft a Press Law, or Press Decree, is still very much under discussion and
I fear that the Agencies might have their start of their operations delayed
if the drafting of this Law, or Decree, were unduly delayed. Would you perhaps
keep this point in mind?

In conclusion, let me say, on behalf of United Press that we are
ready and keen to resume our activities in Italy as soon as the authorities
permit. From what I have seen the Italian papers, etcetera are VERY anxious
to have news - either from us or other independent news agencies. We shall
consequently be very grateful for any aid you can give in enabling us to
resume.

I leave for Cairo tomorrow but plan to return whenever I hear that
the authorities have given the thirty days notice. If you wish any other
information you can contact me, through the American Legation in Cairo, at
the above address or Mr Reynolds Packard, Mediterranean News Manager of the
United Press, who is living at this hotel, will be glad to come and see you,

Thanking you for your courtesy,
Yours Sincerely,

Middle East Business Manager.

Captain Ellery W. Stone.
Acting Chief Commissioner.
A.C.C. Rome.

23 Sept.

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Captain Stone:

The following is proposed message to be transmitted to United Press by Mr. Collins, Middle East Business Manager of the United Press:

I told Captain Stone, Acting Chief Commissioner, ACC, that United Press asked "for no favors" but "did not want to be under any handicap vis-a-vis any other Anglo-Saxon news agencies". Stone authorized me to say, not for publication, that he absolutely opposed any discrimination insofar as foreign news agencies bringing news to Italy are concerned. and is insisting on this both with PWB and The Italian Government

File Press Release

Approved by Capt Stone

23 SEP 1944 1944

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TRANSLATION

Rome, 21 September 1944

TO CAPTAIN STONE

R O M E

22 SEP 1944

HQ ACC. AFO 304

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Rec'd 21 Sep 1944

by [signature]

On June 20th last, I sent a request to the prefecture of Rome (vindications 32 - A - stamps) to obtain the authorization to publish two weekly newspapers; one of them dealing with economics, finance and advertisements, the other one being of the social-syndical type. Three months have passed; twice I was told to make the request on different printed forms but I haven't got any answer yet.

The office of the Undersecretariat for the Press to which I applied told me that the Commission held several meetings, but made no decision on this subject. As from the answer to this request depend the fate of hundred and ten people who are waiting to know whether they shall get a job and getting daily more insistent, I want to get an answer to my request. I understand that there are war reasons of a superior order, I understand that for the Allied command problems of an international character must come first, but I don't understand how it can keep waiting for months people whose only hope of getting a living depends on this answer. The problem in question is a very serious one, the problem of unemployment, which is taking alarming proportions in Rome, and yet nobody seems to be either caring or doing anything about it. We only want to work, to be able to work, and to give work to the greatest possible number of people; in making this we feel that we are only claiming a right that no citizen can or must give up. For work means life and not having work means death.

The weeklies that I asked to be allowed to print are: il Pollettino, dealing as I have said with economics, finance, and advertisements; il Notiziario Nazionale Inquilini, organ of the Tenants National Association, of which I am Secretary General.

I hope that in spite of the reasons of a superior order which have prevented this request to be examined, the above mentioned arguments will nevertheless be taken in consideration, and that steps will be taken.

Truly yours,

/s/ G. Arden

Sent by
Dr Giuseppe Arden
Via S. Agata dei Goti, 5
Rome

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Roma, 21 Settembre 1944

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Illmo Signor Comandante B T O N E

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Il 20 giugno scorso inoltrai domanda alla Prefettura di Roma (via Nazionale 32 - A= Stampa) per ottenere il permesso di pubblicare due giornali settimanali; l'uno di carattere economico-finanziario-pubblicitario, l'altro di carattere sociale-indiciale. Sono passati tre mesi, sono stati invitati a ritirare due volte le domande in diversi stampati ma finora non ho avuto alcuna risposta.

L'ufficio del sottosegretariato Stampa a cui mi sono rivolto, mi ha comunicato che la Commissione si è riunita più volte, ma che non ha preso decisioni in merito. Poiché della risposta a quella domanda dipendono le sorti di CENTODIECI persone le quali attendono la concessione d'essere assunte nell'impiego e che giornalmente fanno pressione su di me, chiedo una qualunque risposta alla domanda. Comprendo le ragioni superiori di guerra, comprendo le necessità del Comando Alleato ad anteporre a questi problemi di natura internazionale, ma non comprendo assolutamente come si tengano in scacco per mesi e mesi persone che su quella risposta ripongono le uniche speranze di vita. Si tratta, in sostanza, di un problema gravissimo quale è quello della disoccupazione che a come va assumendo aspetti impressionanti e del quale pare che nessuno si occupi o si preoccupi. Noi non chiediamo che si lavori, di poter lavorare, di far lavorare quanto più persone è possibile; e chiedendo ciò, non ci pare che si chieda un diritto a cui nessun cittadino può o deve rinunciare. Perché lavorare vuol dire vivere, non lavorare vuol dire morire.

I settimanali che io ho chiesto di poter pubblicare, sono: Il Bollettino che, come ho detto, è di carattere economico-finanziario-pubblicitario; Il Notiziario dell'Inquilino, organo dell'Associazione Nazionale Inquilini, della quale sono il segretario generale.

Mi auguro che, nonostante le ragioni superiori che hanno finora impedito di dar corso alle domande, si vogliano tener presenti le considerazioni più sopra esposte e che si voglia in qualche modo provvedere.

Distinti saluti.

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Spedite :
dott. comm. Giuseppe ARDÀ
Via S. Agata dei Goti 5
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Major Q -
 Pls get the file
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19 Sept 44

MEMORANDUM FOR: Captain Stone

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When next you see the Prime Minister you should speak to him about the provocative article which appeared in the newspaper UNITA of 13 Aug 44, page one, columns seven and eight. The following is an extract from General Wilson's letter to General Alexander:

"I am, however, instructing Captain Stone, Acting Chief Commissioner of Allied Control Commission, to raise the matter informally during the course of one of his routine conversations with Signor Bonomi, the Italian Prime Minister. Captain Stone will tell Signor Bonomi that, while the Allied authorities wish to encourage democratic freedom of expression and would deplore any attempt to exercise press censorship except for reasons of military security, he cannot refrain from pointing out the unfortunate effect produced by the publication in Italy of such articles against the Poles at a time when Italy owes much to the two Polish divisions fighting bravely on her behalf."

Done 9/24 Repas letter as promised 5 - 220
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

JAG/ajp

19 September 1944

A/CG 000.7-1

Subject: SCARZIANI Case.

To : Lieutenant Carl E. Fehr, Security Branch,
Hq. Allied Control Commission.

1. Captain Stone has considered this matter from every point of view and has decided to give SCARZIANI his ticket, thereby granting him the same facilities as the other neutral correspondents.
2. The Acting Chief Commissioner turned down a suggestion from Mr. De Salis that Mr. SCARZIANI should be granted permission to inform the Swiss Agency from Rome only on the grounds that it was a compromise and merely begged the question.
3. The granting of permit to Mr. SCARZIANI in no way prejudices our right to withdraw it later if we so wish, and the Acting Chief Commissioner wishes me to tell you that he is quite ready to do this if you can bring sufficiently concrete evidence to warrant his taking such action.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Chief Staff Officer

c.c. Maj. Fielden - PRB.

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16 Sept 44

MEMORANDUM FOR: Captain Stone:

Subject: M. SCANZIANI

1. This case has now developed into a dispute between Security Branch on the one hand, who advocate SCANZIANI's removal, and Public Relations on the other, who feel that insufficient grounds exist for his removal.
2. I do not think that Mr. Schott, who has handled the matter for the Political Section, is very decided one way or the other.
3. It is therefore for you to arbitrate.
4. I would like to submit the following points:
 - a) While there is no doubt that M. SCANZIANI is far from nice, the accusations against him are a little nebulous (he no doubt owed his journalist's job here to his fascist sympathies).
 - b) There has been some very tricky footwork by Dr. De SALIS in which it would be regrettable to become implicated.
 - c) The fact that the security officer concerned, Lt. FEHR, is of Swiss origin is a pity, for with whatever integrity he may have acted (and no doubt he did) the implication of partiality remains.
5. My own feeling is that if FEHR cannot produce a more concrete charge against SCANZIANI, and in view of the nasty smell which the whole case has acquired, it would be as well to let SCANZIANI stay.
6. Do you wish to discuss the matter further with FIELDEN and/or FEHR?

~~J.A.Q.~~
~~J. A. Q.~~

Brigadier Luch, who is conversant with the situation
 concurs with para 5 above.

Major Fiddler -

I am prepared to let the matter of Scanziani rest with the suggestion of Salis - namely that we merely withhold identity card. Do you concur?

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Acting Chief Commissioner.

I would like to say yes, and of course if this is your decision that is how it is to be said and I shall let the matter drop. But both I and Major Bengin feel that your decision really changes nothing - either the man is guilty or he is not: we found no evidence that he is in any way guilty than as the other neutral correspondents to whom identity cards have been given. Therefore to us this is unfair discrimination.

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L. Fiddler.
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Letter from Captain Stone to Swiss Charge d'Affaires

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My dear Sir:

As you are aware through conversations with the Political Section of the Allied Control Commission, it has been brought to my attention by the Security Branch of the Commission that the continued functioning of the present correspondent of the Official Swiss News Agency, Mr. Antonio Scanziani, is undesirable to the Commission from the standpoint of security.

In consequence, I felt constrained to instruct the Political Section to request that you be so good as to intervene with the competent Swiss authorities with a view to effecting the removal of Mr. Scanziani from this important position which, for the mutual good of the respective Governments involved, should be filled by a person in whom confidence may be held.

Despite your formal protest to the Political Section against this action, and following a further review of the question, I find it impossible to recede from my original position in the matter and must maintain my request that you be so good as to take the action desired.

Yours very truly,

H. E. Peter de Salis,
Charge d'Affaires,
Swiss Legation,
Via Barnaba Oriani 61,
Rome.

W. Schott
Drafted by Mr. Schott
Political Section
15 September 1944

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R5B

11 September 1944.

Subject: Antonio Scanziani.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

Further to my note on the Scanziani case the Swiss Charge d'Affaires has now informed me that he does NOT agree with the proposed action against Scanziani and that his Government certainly would not do so. Lieutenant Fehr's statement that "to him (Dr De Salis) this solution would be the most desirable" is quite untrue. Dr De Salis was under the impression that the ACC had decided either to put Scanziani in prison or send him out of the country and, of these two ultimatums presented by Lieutenant Fehr, preferred the latter.

At this point I would add a comment. What, exactly, is the charge against Scanziani? If it is that he mixed with Germans or Fascists, the answer is that as a neutral that was not only his right but also his duty. If he were sent out of the country, then certainly the Spanish journalists who, though neutral, clearly are and always have been Fascist in view, must go too. And the same almost certainly applies to Dr Hodel, the President of the Stampa Estera.

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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Political Section

Mr S.

Re Attached file & PRB/RSB - 9 Sept
your comments please re ↑

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9 Sept.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

9 September 1944.

PRB/R5B

Subject: Antonio Scanziani.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. Before your letter about Scanziani goes to the Swiss Charge d'Affaires, I would like to submit certain considerations which both Major Bergin and I (who have had a good deal to do with Scanziani) would like to bring to your notice.

2. I would make it clear that we hold no brief for Scanziani. But we do feel that in a matter of such gravity there must be the certainty of just treatment on the part of the Allies.

3. The screening of neutral correspondents was done by Security at our request, and on the basis of the results given we have afforded certain facilities to those correspondents. The screening was, as far as we were aware, carried out in the usual way by impartial Allied officers. When, however, at a late stage in the proceedings, Lieutenant Fehr began to take part in this, both Major Bergin and myself felt that there was a change of attitude which caused us some concern. Lieutenant Fehr stated with considerable emphasis that he "was a Swiss and knew these people" and certainly conveyed to us an impression of personal bias.

4. You will observe that Lieutenant Fehr's letter, instead of being addressed in the usual way to this Branch as the authority responsible for authorizing correspondents, was sent directly to the Political Section, omitting us altogether. Although our work brings us into constant touch with Scanziani - who is the Secretary of the Stampa Estera - we were left in ignorance of Lieutenant Fehr's demarche.

5. Lieutenant Fehr's letter contains a number of suggestions and implications for which no real proof is given. The first page, for instance, suggests that he was so pro-Fascist as to be reprimanded by the Swiss Legation and the Vatican - yet the actual conclusion of the first page shows that he was re-instated by the Swiss Government. Can it really be held that the Swiss Government - always extremely careful of its neutrality - would have reinstated him if the accusations made by Lieutenant Fehr had been found to be correct?

6. You will observe that Lieutenant Fehr states on page 2 para 3 that Scanziani "wrote a lengthy defence which did not satisfy me". Why has this defence never been produced? Surely, if the ACC is to take such a step as your draft letter contemplates, the accused should be heard.

7. I have shown the letter to, and discussed the matter with, Lt-Colonel Thackrah of the Legal Sub-Commission, who agrees that the case as it stands is of doubtful validity.

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8. Again let me say that we hold no brief for Scanziani - I know that he has many enemies here, including officials of the Italian Government. But I do not think that the word of one Lieutenant should be sufficient to move Allied authority to such a grave step.

Major Bergin adds:

"I quite agree. I find Lieutenant Fehr's letter much too vague in detail. I am not convinced by phrases such as "known to be a pro-Fascist journalist", "enjoyed the friendship of many Fascist hierarchs". I should like to know more specifically what real evidence supports these charges and what they really mean."

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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9 September 1944

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Yours very truly,

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

M. R. Peter de Salis,
Charge d'Affaires,
Swiss Legation,
Via Barnaba Oriani 61,
Rome.

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(Drafted by Political Section)

c.c. Political Section
Major Fielden - PRB.

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APPENDIX F

EWB/ajp

A/CC 000.7-1

18 September 1944

SUBJECT: Article on Polish Liberation in "UNITA"

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
G-5 Section, APO 512.
(Att: Colonel Charles M. Spofford)

1. Your letter reference G-5: 000.7-8 of 12 September 44, subject as above, is herewith acknowledged.
2. The matter is in hand and a report of action taken will follow in due course.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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18 September 1944

SUBJECT: Press Releases.

TO : Captain E.W. Stone, (USAR),
Acting Chief Commissioner, ACC.

HQ ACC, APO 394
281 Sec'y Gen.
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1. It has occurred to me that the Allied Control Commission could improve its public relations both in Italy and in the two home countries considerably by releasing regularly factual information as to which there is no security aspect.

2. Judgment on issuance of such relations should be centralized in one individual, presumably the press relations officer who would be responsible for making a determination based on the following factors:-

- (a) Would the release of this information compromise operational security?
- (b) Would the release of this information increase the self-confidence of the Italian people?
- (c) Should this information be released by ACC or the Italian Government, i.e. what political factors are involved?

3. It is submitted that any press release of this type should be short, concise and factual. It should contain no editorial comments. It should not credit any individual and it should not exceed thirty words in length. It was notable that the comment of the Italian press on the Regional Commissioners meeting indicated that the Italians, after twenty years of high flown oratory, were impressed by the cold, factual "clinical" statements made at the meetings. We should take advantage of this reaction and use the same approach in our press relations.

4. Attached are several short specimen releases. The facts which form the basis of these releases came to the attention of this Sub-Commission only by virtue of the need of these enterprises for financing. In the normal course of events this Sub-Commission would have very little news which would interest the public. Some Sub-Commissions such as Public Works, Public Health, Industry and Commerce should approve a steady source of brief factual releases which would help to restore the confidence of the Italian people in the renewed functioning of their economic system.

Attached are also a draft of a directive to all sections and sub-commissions and a draft of a directive to the press relations officer for your signature.

J. J. [signature]
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission

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SPECIFIC RELEASES

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D R A F TADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Press Releases.

TO : All Sections & All Sub-Commissions, ACC.

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3. In your operations, almost daily in each Section and Sub-Commission there are certain results which indicate an improvement in the Italian Administrative and economic situation. Hereafter at the end of each day in reviewing the efforts of the day prepare a short notice for the press stating these results. These notices should be submitted to the Press Relations Officer.

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4. The form of this notice should be as follows:-

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Specimen releases are attached.

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D R A F T

SUBJECT: Short Press Releases.

TO : Major Lionel Fieldin,
Press Relations Officer.

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Re PRO,
2. You will be responsible for the wide spread release of these factual statements so that they will reach all newspapers published in Italy, all Radio Stations and all correspondents accredited by the Allied Forces.

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Our releases, such as they are, have been praised by reporters as being workmanlike and reliable and are often used in their entirety and with our wordage.

The specimen releases given by Commander Lawler are quite interesting and as a matter of fact, we have known all of them, have either released or made them available through interviews or, in several cases, we have deliberately suppressed them because of reasons I will explain shortly and which mainly lie under his own criterion of whether the item is worth release at all.

Lastly, the only idea worth-while in his brief is that sub-commissions regularly brief us as to their accomplishments with suggestive notes that we can publicize. We have asked them to do this oftener than I can remember. They all consistently fail to do so. In the Economic Section, which is suggested as the most profitable source of news, not only do we have close relations with General O'Dwyer, Mr. Antolini and Col. Densmore, but we also have a liaison man whose main job is to keep us supplied with reliable, concrete information of accomplishments and not mere plans not yet put into operation, even if those plans have reached the financing stage, which, after all, is merely the last step in planning and not actual operation.

On the matter of putting out such releases, we try to do so as much as possible and naturally welcome all help. For example, this past week we put out short items on the Pontine Marshes, malaria, penicillin, art, silk and bonds. This is in line with the Lawler plan, though between conception and execution there are a lot of hitches a layman would not be privy to.

We might add that we do not mention individuals unless there is a specific, official request to do so.

The memo suggesting that data be passed on to us showing definite improvements in the Italian economy is fine, first, if it could be done regularly, and second, if and when there is improvement. Factitious improvements or blowing our own horn and then have facts fall down produce terrific boomerangs.

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Now to take the specimen releases :

1. Pouring of steel is o.k. BUT it usually implies that there is an entire plant going whereas the truth is that at Terni a very small portion of any salvaged plant is operating. The pouring of steel with the qualification that it is a miniscule output would be a story, but not quite such a hot story, with the qualifications needed. In any event, news of the steel plant at Terni have been given to newspaper correspondents interested in industry.
2. I doubt this and believe that it is not yet true, so we would not put it out.
3. I also doubt this, since Col. Jenny informed us that it would take six months to get the place going again, and there is little hope until they get certain parts.
4. We have printed a similar story about bond sales.
5. The pottery item is o.k. but in its simple, suggested form it raises the question of how much (it is not big), who is getting the crockery (the Army most likely) and what do the civilians get out of it, which makes them say, why don't you make some for us instead of telling us what you are making for the armed forces. Or if it is for civilians, it is on such a small scale, that the ration reaches nowhere near enough persons and only causes grumbling among those not served.
6. We released the item about the Foggia paper-mill.
7. Operation of other paper-mills, including the one at Folignano, has been covered by the Press.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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18 September 1944

SUBJECT: Press Releases.

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HQ ACC, APO 394

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Rec'd 20 Sept 1944

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"(Signed) J. J. [Signature]"

Lt-Comdr. USCGR. Joint Director,
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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

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18 September 1944

Memo for Capt. StoneQuestions raised by Premier Bonomi in this morning's meeting

1. - Disarmament of civilians. Instructions to this effect have been issued by the Italian Govt. He would wish ACC to support this policy. As to patriots, he wishes they should be asked by Allied Army Commands to lay down their arms, & should eventually do so, before they enter liberated Italy. (King's Italy).

2. - He wishes to restore some of the old Rome newspapers (Messaggero, & in course of time Giornale d'Italia) with a slightly amended title (adding "Nuovo" to previous ones). Some of the parties are against this plan, APB is believed to be favourable. He would be grateful for ACC support if opposition should continue after the draft has been approved by the proper Govt. Committee composed of State officials.

3.- Increase in wages & salaries. This question is stated to be an urgent one on account of restlessness among the working classes.

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Obl ACC Stone S-333 of 18 Sep to AFHQ.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER
APO 394

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A/CC 000.7-1

17 September 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Public Relations Branch
(Attention: Major Fielden)

1. "Il Popolo" of 21 August published an anti-Soviet cartoon for which the editor was taken to task.

2. My attention has now been called by SACMED to an anti-Polish article published in "UNITÀ" of 13th August of this year.

3. This is a matter which I shall bring up myself with the Italian Government. At the same time I would be glad if you would request Colonel Munro of the Allied Publications Board to take the same action in this case as he did with the editor of the "Popolo" over the cartoons. Two such flagrant cases of mischievous journalism seem to show that the Italian Press is getting too much out of hand.

/s/ ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 250 of 16 Sep 44 to Count Sforza.

Message re epuration wish to broadcast to North Italy.

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15 September 1944

Dear General Vasiliev:

The contents of the attached letter from the Allied Publication Board to the Public Relation Branch, AGC, show the action that has been taken on the publication of the offensive cartoon in "Il Popolo" of Monday, 21 August 1944. There should be no similar occurrence.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Ltr fr Allied Pub. Bd.

Major General A. F. Vasiliev, (R.A.)
Deputy Soviet Union Representative on
the Advisory Council for Italy,
Via Gaeta 5,
Rome.

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OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Room 108, 62 Via Veneto
ROME

13 September 44.

SUBJECT : IL POPOLO Anti-Soviet Cartoon.

TO : Major Lionel Fielden,
Public Relations Director,
ACC.

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1. The Editor of the Christian Democrat IL POPOLO--
Sig. Conella--was informed of the offending cartoon and asked
for an explanation. He stated that the cartoon appeared in a
supplement of IL POPOLO, called LA PUFFA, for which Sig. Giorgio
Tupini was the Responsible Editor.

2. Sig. Conella volunteered that he was not satisfied
with the manner in which Sig. Tupini had been carrying out his
work and indicated that he was about to be removed.

3. Sig. Tupini, as Responsible Editor, was invited to
this office and informed that such a gross misrepresentation of
political affairs, under cover of alleged humour, could not be
tolerated. I added that this did not only apply to the parti-
cular cartoon but that no such cartoons would be tolerated no
matter what Allied statesman was involved.

4. On Sig. Tupini seeking to justify his cartoon as
innocuous I cut him short and informed him that he had not been
invited here to discuss it but to be admonished for a picture
raising issues calculated not only to foment Italian opinion
but to disturb relations between the Allies themselves. Sig.
Tupini bowed his acknowledgment of the rebuke.

5. In addition, the Editors of all Rome newspapers, at
a general meeting, were informed that the APS journalistic Stan-
dard of Conduct Directive applied to cartoons, pictures and
headlines as well as to the printed word. Copies of the Standard
Directive, together with the reference to cartoons, etc., were
also sent to all the weekly papers, including the humorous ones,
so called.

I. S. Munro
I. S. MUNRO,
Lt. Col.,
Executive Secretary.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
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HQ ACC, APO 394
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PRB/R20

14 Sep 44

SUBJECT : IL POPOLO Anti-Soviet Cartoon

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19 SEP 1944

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

You wished to have a statement regarding the action taken on the cartoon in IL POPOLO so that you could inform the Soviet Representative. I attach Colonel Munro's letter covering this point.

Major Q -
Prepare letter to
Gen Vasiliev,
enclosing copy of attached

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Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations
Director

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APP A

"LA PUNTA," supplemento de

IL POPOLO

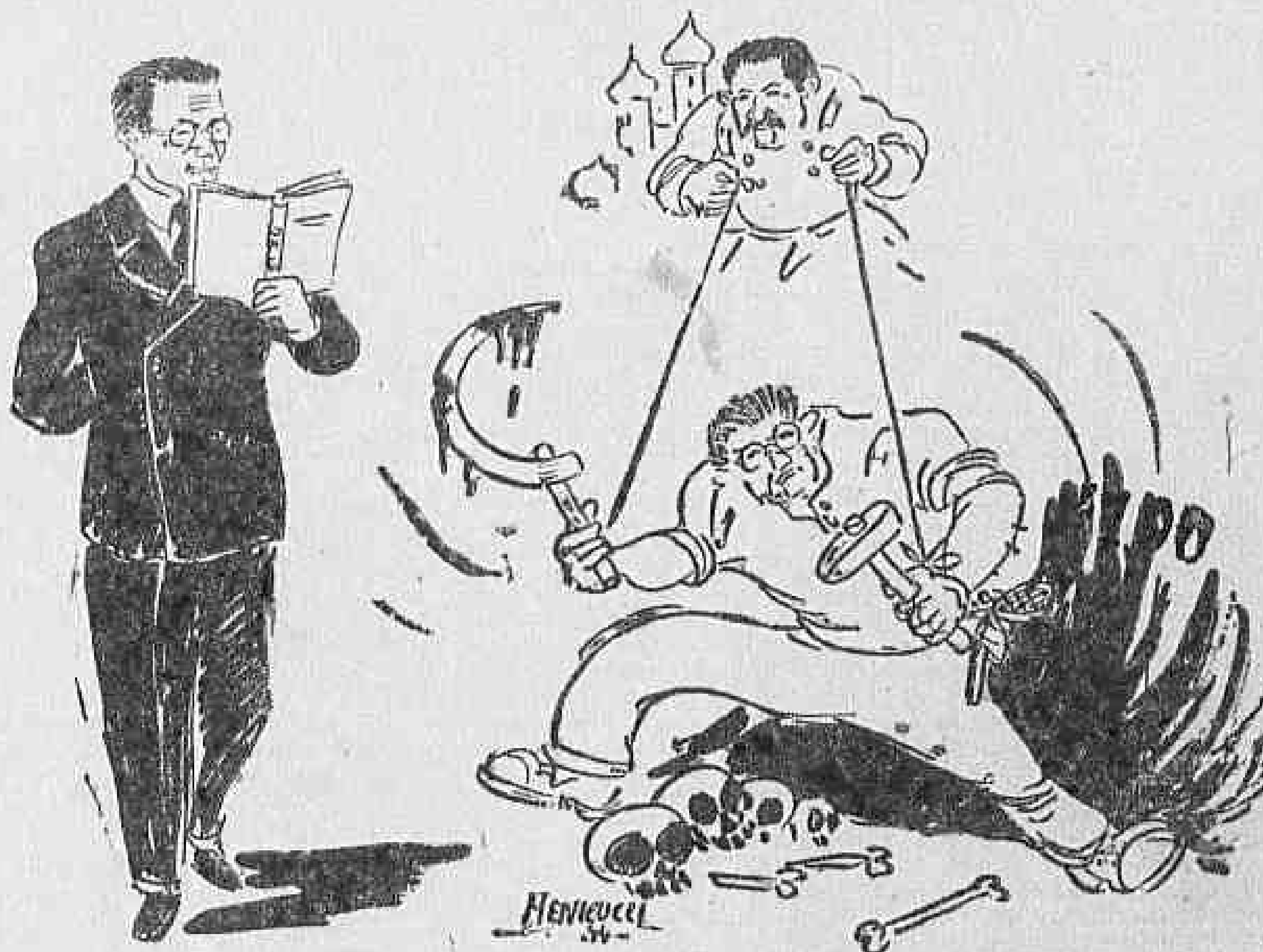
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IL BRAVO BORGHESE: — Togliattil Ma qual'è dei due?

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Ltr Caccia 530.6 of 15 Sep 44 to A/CG.

Arrangement with Ital Govt supply us with names persons
for posts & choice by us from these lists if possible.
Publication of AVANTI in Milan as in Rome.
Permission political persons go to Milan depend upon the
military situation.

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PRB/R23

12 September 1944.

Subject: Report for August 1944.

To: Secretary-General.

1. Personnel. - Captain G. Howard-Owen (B) returned to Headquarters from Granai del Popolo propaganda duties in Sicily.

2. News Production. - Press releases averaging two to four a day were issued to the Italian press, PWB, AFHQ PRO correspondents and neutral correspondents, on general and administrative ACC activities, including UNRRA liaison, transfer of Rome to the Italian Government, measures to improve the Rome food supply situation and anti-malaria control operations.

3. Press Conferences.

(a) The Italian press, in addition to the Allied correspondents, was admitted for the first time to the Regional Commissioners' Conference August 22, with excellent results in coverage and comment and with no violations of security stops.

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4. Journalists.

(a) Italian. - Personal visits were made to editors of Rome newspapers explaining ACC policies and requests made and granted for specific editorial assistance on a number of problems needing public cooperation. The first eight of ACC PRB accrediting cards were issued to officially epurated Italian journalists. Curfew passes were obtained for nearly 1,000 Roman newspaper workers and problems of journalists' automobiles were adjusted. Two Italian photographers were issued with permits to photograph non-military pictures. Interviews of Italian journalists with individual ACC officers were arranged.

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(d) Neutral correspondents. - Weekly background briefings held.

5. Relations with Italian Government. - Travel passes obtained for the Undersecretariat of the Press of the Ministry of the Interior. Extensive investigation and recommendations made in regard to Italian film industry. Arrangements for Italian Army Navy and Air Force publicity made with AFHQ and put into effect. This includes first Allied recognition of Italian war correspondents.

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6. Miscellaneous. - The Allied Publications Board, with concurring F. vote, froze further issues of newspaper because of shortage of imports. Extensive scheduling of story possibilities made for the March of Time film unit photographing ACC help to Italy. Publishing arrangements made for 75,000 copies of Art Guide to Florence for use of the troops. Plans started to make films of Italian Army, Navy and Air Force. Contacts maintained with Prime Minister Bonomi and cabinet members. Regular services of Weekly Bulletin, Daily Rome Digest and Trend of Correspondents. Copy continued. Material gathered for history of ACC.

Lionel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Copy to: R.O. & M.G. Section

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 312

G-5: 000.7-2

12 September 1944

SUBJECT: Article on Polish Liberation in Unita.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 39
(Attn: Acting Chief Commissioner).

1. Herewith copy of letter from General Alexander on the above subject dated 10 September 1944. The article which was the subject of a protest addressed by General Anders to General Alexander appeared in the issue of Unita dated 12 August 1944. (Page 1, Columns 7 & 8.)

2. Will you kindly take the necessary action.

Incl:
as above

HEADQUARTERS

15 SEP 1944

A. C. C.

CHARLES M. DUFFORD
Colonel, U.S.A.

Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

HQ ACC, APO 39

203 S. y Gen.

Rec'd 15 Sept 1944

By

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10 September 1944.

My dear General,

I have received your letter dated August, 1944, enclosing a letter from General Anders on the subject of an article which has appeared in the Communist paper "L'Unita". I am afraid General Anders' suggestion that the Advisory Council for Italy might be enlarged to include a Polish representative is something far outside my field. The Advisory Council was set up as a result of the Moscow Conference and the membership was fixed then. The matter could only be taken up by the Polish Government itself. Nevertheless, I quite appreciate General Anders' very proper indignation at the publication of such an article while the Polish forces are engaged in the task of liberating Italy from the Germans. At the same time, since our definite policy is one of freedom of the press and no political censorship, I do not feel able to give a definite order that such articles should in future be prevented by the Censor.

I am, however, instructing Captain Stone, Acting Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission, to raise the matter informally during the course of one of his routine conversations with Signor Bonomi, the Italian Prime Minister. Captain Stone will tell Signor Bonomi that, while the Allied authorities wish to encourage democratic freedom of expression and would deplore any attempt to exercise press censorship except for reasons of military security, he cannot refrain from pointing out the unfortunate effect produced by the publication in Italy of such articles against the Poles at a time when Italy owes much to the two Polish divisions fighting bravely on her behalf.

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General Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander GCB, CSI, DSO, MC.
Commander in Chief
Allied Forces in Italy

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Will you please inform General Anders of the effect of what I am writing you. Since we have been obliged, as you doubtless know, to impose a rather tight political censorship on the Polish forces, it would probably be wiser, in your response to General Anders not to profess that political censorship is contrary to our policy in this theater.

H. M. WILSON
General
Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater

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TRANSLATIONTOWARDS THE LIBERATION OF POLAND

(from 'Unita' August 13th 1944)

(p. 15 of the Soviet magazine 'War and Working Class' publishes an article on the situation of Poland, the chief points of which we are giving here.)

Poland was the first country to be victim of Hitlerian Germany's armed aggression. Today, Poland is the first among the conquered country to be liberated from the occupation. Warsaw - first capital conquered by German weapons - will be the first capital freed from Hitlerian oppression. This is the situation, though Poland was much further behind the German lines than many other occupied countries of western Europe, this during the period of temporary success and advanced of the Hitlerian troops.

The liberation from German oppression marks a historical turning-point in the life of the Polish people. This event is particularly important because today, the Polish people get back the national independence and the liberty they lost through the fault of the profascist clique that was in power during the pre-war years, as a result of the defeat inflicted to the Hitlerian forces by the liberating Armies of the Soviet Union. This simple and obvious fact shatters the structure of lies and insinuations carefully built by Polish reactionnaires of all kind, who today are still trying to calumniate the Soviet Union whose armies bring liberation to the long-suffering Polish people.

The nightmare of Hitlerian population has taught a great deal to the Polish people. Now, it knows its friends and its enemies who brought upon it incalculable calamities through their political blindness and cupidity. In the fire of underground fight against Nazi-German invaders, new forces have hardened, and a new national conscience rich in historical experience and free from nefarious prejudices has been born.

Fighting Poland feels a true daughter of the Slav family. The blood shed on the battle-fields against the Hitlerian invader has cemented the brotherhood of arms of the Polish and Soviet combatants. A Polish-Soviet-Jehudo-Slovakian agreement must be the basis of the creation of a defensive Slav rampart against German aggression. Sound alliance and collaboration and good neighbourhood with the Soviet Union, alliance with Great Britain and the United States of America are the guarantee of Poland's post-war prosperity.

Preparing the restoration of the Polish state, the Committee of National Liberation has solemnly proclaimed the re-establishment of all the democratic liberties destroyed in Poland by fascist rulers long before the war, the realization of a vast agrarian reform, aiming at the materialization of the dream of land, dream for centuries by Polish peasants. The program of interior policy of the Committee of National Liberation contains no measure which would be incompatible with the maintaining of the social regime now existing in Poland. Seen in this light, how mean and stupid is the calumny insinuation that the Committee wants to impose the Soviet regime to Poland! How grossly provocative are the attempts made by Polish reaction and by its advocate to represent the Committee of National Liberation as a 'Communist organ' when its composition (5 of its 15 members only are communists) shows the unification and regrouping of all the democratic and anti-fascist forces of the Polish people.

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The nightmare of Hitlerian domination has taught a great deal to the Polish people. Now, it knows its friends and its enemies who brought upon it incalculable calamities through their political blindness and cupidity. In the fire of underground fight against Nazi-German invaders, new forces have arisen, and a new national conscience rich in historical experience and free from nefarious prejudices has been born.

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While the Red Army was beginning to liberate the Polish people from German occupation, the Soviet Government made an agreement with the Polish Committee of National Liberation on the relations between the Soviet Commander-in-Chief and Polish Administration. This agreement is doubtless very important for the development of Polish-Soviet friendship and collaboration.

The Polish Committee of National Liberation is a truly democratic organ which takes the direction of all civilian administrative question in Polish territory, as it is being liberated from German-fascist invaders. The union of the anti-Hitlerian forces of the Polish people has made it clear that (the advocates of the 'Government' of the Polish emigres which is unlawful and detached from the people, is doing everything to hide this fact) this 'Government' by no means represents the Polish people neither does it express its aspirations. It is well known that this 'Government' has become politically bankrupt at the

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most decisive moment in the life of the Polish people. The 'Government' has played his last cards for the weakening of the Soviet Union in the war against Hitlerian Germany, betwining on disagreements in the anti-Hitlerian coalition. It meant to get in between weakened Soviet Union and its allies and obtain the realization of its plan of conquest in Ukraine, Bialo-Russia, Soviet Lithuania.

These calculations entirely failed. The logic of fight ~~for~~ against a common enemy, Hitlerian Germany, has brought about the union of all the truly democratic and patriotic anti-Hitlerian forces of the Polish people that understand the vital necessity of friendship and relations of good neighbourhood between Poland and her eastern neighbour. The same logic of fight against Hitlerism has understood the complete bankruptcy of the 'Government' of Polish emigres. Inevitably, this same logic of fight against a common foe will bring about that the forces of Polish emigration which have not entirely severed their bonds with the people will find their way towards the Polish Committee of National Liberation, towards the participation in the fight for the liberation of the Polish people, directed by the Committee. This is proved by the fact that numerous organizations and numerous progressive elements of Polish emigration in England and in the United States, as well as political men have created the creation of the Committee of National Liberation acknowledging it as the only legitimate power of the Polish Republic/

The Polish Committee of National Liberation leads the sacred fight of the Polish people for freedom and independence. No wonder that the creation of the Committee of National Liberation should have irritated the retrograde landowners who are the prop of the Government of the Polish emigres. These patriots of their own estates, who played such a disastrous part in the history of Poland and especially during the pre-war years, cannot get used to the fact that the Ukrainian, Bielo-Russian and Lithuanian peasants should have been freed for ever from the yoke of the Polish nobility, nor can they agree that the Polish peasant should finally get the land. The motto of the feudal landowners is clear: the people may rot as long as they keep their enormous estates. It is obvious that the path of the Polish people is not the same as that of these owners.

The will of the Polish people is now determined; it is incarnated in the activity of the Polish Committee of National Liberation which leads all the democratic forces of the Polish people in its fight against the enemies of free Poland. To day it is obvious that the future belongs only to others elements which can gather round the Polish Committee of National Liberation and follow the same road. The journey of Nikolaevsk to Moscow, journey which was made very late in the day as the foreign press observed, must be considered in this light.

The 'fear' expressed by some foreign papers that there should be a 'civilian war' between the partisans of the 'Government' and the émigrés and the partisans of the Committee of National Liberation is ridiculous and absurd. This fear is unfounded, for the 'Government' has no firm prop in Poland. As for the troops that are abroad and that are depending from this 'Government', we can say that the true sons of the Country who belong to these troops will certainly not oppose the will of their people, while the elements drilled for civilian war by Makowski and his gang will have difficulty in finding their way to Poland without help, and they cannot count on this help.

The Committee of the Polish people has thrown itself in the great fight against the Hitlerian invaders. In this fight the Polish people rely on the powerful help of the Soviet Union, whose armies beat and destroy the Hitlerian war machine. Soon now, long suffering Poland will be entirely free from the enemy. The Soviet people shares the conviction of its ally that the day will come when the Soviet Union will be free from the enemy.

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Ltr Grafftey-Smith 13088/T of 11 Sept 44. to Denmore.

Request permission to publish daily newspaper on
economic & financial matters.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic Party) - Sunday, 10 September 1944

"THE WHOLE TRUTH"

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15 SEP 1944

On September 8th, UNN has published a note under the title "Italy towards her re-birth", in which a brief picture is sketched, and a few figures are given, of the effort sustained by Italy, with Allied assistance, in order to obtain better conditions of life.

The figures are certainly exact, and the judgements are very flattering. But the tone of this note does not convey to us an equally favourable impression. Whoever reads it, without having direct experience of the conditions our cities & country-land are in, & of the growing moral & social decay owed to unemployment & to inflation, is liable to draw a breath of relief, and say: Thank God, everything is going well in Italy.

We do not want to say that absolutely everything is going badly, and that the Government bears the whole responsibility of all our troubles, but what has been done has to be judged bearing in mind what the needs are; and the figures of what has been made & produced must be balanced against the losses & damages suffered in the same period.

It seems to us that the information agencies' duty - now that the USA Govt. has to decide on the extension of "Lend & Lease" to Italy, and UNRRA on the possibility of "doing something" for our country - should be to inform public opinion in the USA on the real conditions of this dilapidated country, & on the efforts its inhabitants are making not for the sake of escaping death, but in order to contribute to the common victory.

Translated by L.O. to A/CC - V.L.G.

(G. Rotanelli)

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Memo Densmore 10 Sep 44 to Pol Sect.

Trades Union - Delegates - Press Conference.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
 ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
 P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

9 September 1944

Capt. Ellery W. Stone, Acting Chief Commissioner
 Allied Control Commission

Dear Captain Stone:

Many thanks for your letter of the 8th. I should have made it clear in our conversation last week that the booklet we are planning at the request of AFHQ is intended to cover as many phases of Allied activities and achievements during the last year as possible. At the same time we do not want to ignore the achievements of the Italian people. The booklet will not be confined to the work of ACC alone, although much of the material will naturally have to do with ACC.

Further, Mr. Zevi is not the only person working on this project. The work is in charge of Lt. Carrick, head of our Publications Section. It is his responsibility to correlate the efforts of personnel from our Intelligence, News and Publications Sections. I am taking the liberty of showing him your letter.

Any stories pertaining to ACC we shall, of course, want vetted by you.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Edman
 GEORGE W. EDMAN
 A.D.P.W.O. Italy (Lib.)

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Memo Densmore A/CC 100-1 of 8 Sep 44 to Fin Sub-Com.

Permission to Publish Daily Newspaper - Request from Lelio
Rava attd Memo.

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8 September 1944

My dear George:

You mentioned to me last week your desire to prepare a pamphlet on the work of ACC and I expressed my approval in principle. However, in its practical implementation, I wonder if you can not direct your Mr. Zevi to confine his fact gathering survey to our PWB since my Sub-Commission officers are all hard at work on their day-to-day jobs and have little or no time available to acquaint Mr. Zevi with what ACC and AMG are.

I think if Mr. Zevi, therefore, confined his work to reviewing all releases we have hitherto given out and sought from Major Fielden any additional information he needed, the work could be better coordinated at this end.

As I have stated previously, of course we shall want to vet the story before its release.

Sincerely yours,

MILLY W. STONE
Captain, USA
Acting Chief Commissioner

Mr. George V. Edman, A.D.P.W.O.
Psychological Warfare Branch,
Italian Theatre Headquarters,
PWB Unit No. 12,
APO 512, U. S. Army.

Drafted by 12
c.c. Major Fielden.

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4 September 1944.

Subject: Survey of year's work of ACC.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

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1. Please see Mr Edman's letter of September 1 (attached).
2. This proposal is based on a letter dated August 21 from Lieutenant Garrick, which is attached with my reply.
3. I should naturally welcome a survey of this kind if it were accurate, well-written, and comprehensive. It would perform the work which, a long time since, I suggested should be performed by an ACC Journal.
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5. I would remind you that this Branch, with three of its present members, has systematically covered all ACC publicity since January last. Not only are the records here, in the form of press releases and press clippings, but also the whole background is known to us who have done this work. Again and again in the past and in the present, PWB had made and makes mistakes resulting naturally from an ignorance of past history and present plans.

6. Before leaving Naples I instructed my staff to work particularly on long term surveys of the work of all sub-commissions, as well as upon immediate releases. We have now collected a great deal of material on a number of general subjects such as labour and wages, food, transport, and industry, and on special subjects such as malaria control, the history of the Naples typhus epidemic, the Granai del Popolo, the Patriot movement, the work of Property Control etc. These are all pending for release: but the Sub-Commissions concerned are not ready with the facts. I do NOT want PWB men going in and getting half-baked stories on these matters.

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- (b) If you are not very keen on the survey, my opinion is that releases through the Italian press on subjects such as I have indicated, and the results of regular Press Conferences now under way, are of much better value than any document emanating from a propaganda agency.

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8. May I say that this case is an excellent example of the troubles involved in the "sales talk" which PWB have sent you. They want to get a clear field for "scooping" the news with hasty, and (to my mind) often unconsidered propaganda. It is my emphatic view that ACC does not need "explaining" by the PWB, and that our policy of giving - as our directive states - "an accurate and comprehensive picture" through releases based on facts, is far more telling in the long run than vulnerable propaganda efforts to paint us in glowing colours.

Lionel Fielden
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Major, Public Relations Director.

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INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
P. W. B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A. P.O. 512

1 September, 1944.

To: Major Lionel Fielden, PRO-ACC.

Subject: Survey of year's work.

We are getting up a survey of the work which has been accomplished in the past twelve months by ACC and its predecessors in Italy, setting out the achievements against the background of the difficulties created by enemy action and the exigencies of war.

Captain Stone has indicated his approval of the project and has asked to see the pamphlet before it is published.

Would you be good enough to facilitate this by requesting the various heads of departments, particularly in the Economic Section, to make available to FWB workers the pertinent information on which the survey must be based.

As time is short we should appreciate it if you were able to give this clearance immediately.

George W. Edman 6/23/44
A.D.P.W.O. (Lib.) Italy.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

24 August 1944.

PRB/R9

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Dear Carriok,

1. Owing to pressure of work arising from our recent conferences here I have only seen your letter of August 21 today.

2. Mr Zevi has also spoken to me this morning and asked me if possible to write a reply for your meeting this morning. This must necessarily be a hasty one and you should not take it as a final word.

3. While I agree, of course, with the general idea that Italians should realize what the United Nations have done, I have four main reservations to make, viz.

(1) Everything which has been done, and which was permitted for publication, has been given out in releases from here and has been given full prominence in the Italian press.

(2) What we have "done for Italy" will not look particularly good in contrast with statements made publicly (as for instance that of General O'Dwyer and even General Wilson himself) that food is short, and that our armies have taken from Italy 150,000 tons of food and 110,000 sheep.

(3) All propaganda from Allied sources is, in my experience, now viewed with a caustic eye by a people (and a press) who do not forget the lies of Fascism and are inclined to disbelieve all "official" sources. In my view it is far better to work through the Italian press. To that end we are setting up here a regular system of informative conferences.

(4) Propaganda about "what we have done for Italy" will not look so good when we are doing (as we intend to do) so much more for France and Greece.

The object of your booklet would be, I take it, to produce goodwill and even gratitude among Italians. I feel somewhat sceptical on both points. To take your paragraphs in their order:-

1. Very few Italians would admit - whatever figures you gave (and they would not be very startling) - that the United Nations have made "heavy material contributions" to the Italian people. Each individual would think in terms of his small ration, of high prices caused by the Allied armies who buy up everything: beyond this the ruin of industry and houses would be considered as left untouched or scarcely touched.

2. No Italian would admit for one second that he was responsible for the Fascist War or for alliance with Germany or for closing the Mediterranean. But every Italian would say (and rightly) that prices of consumer goods are high because the Allied armies have brought inflation. You are just knocking your head against a wall if you try arguing these points as propaganda.

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3. You cannot talk about a better and happier world - every Italian, at the present moment, would just laugh. You can of course ask them to dig themselves out of their pit, but it isn't Italian psychology to do so.

* There are many difficulties in the way of publishing accurate figures on certain aspects of our assistance, e.g. nothing really fundamental has yet been settled about Italian industry, and it is not desired to publish figures for food which might produce the idea that similar contributions would be made in the future as in the past.

Over and above this it seems to me that we must remember that the whole political future of Italy is very much in the melting pot at the present time, and "tough talking" may not be at all the line adopted by the authorities in another three months: I don't know.

On the whole I feel that by far the best propaganda is done through the Italian press which maintains a line of fairly active criticism and is fairly well believed.

Having said all this on the black side, let me add that we will most certainly give Mr Zevi every facility we can. He can browse over all our past releases, all the past reports of sub-commissions and so on. We will certainly help as much as we can.

(Sgt)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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Publications Section,
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21 Aug 44

To. Major Fielden,
 PRO. - A.C.C.

1. This is to introduce Mr. Zevi, a member of this Section, who has been entrusted with the job of writing a booklet showing in a simple form what aid has been given to the Italians, etc. It is something that we wish to produce as quickly as possible and shall appreciate any help that you are able to give. Of course, we will let you see the suggested material before going to press.
2. Possibly the project can be best explained by quoting the following extract from a directive we have received on the subject.

" What is desired is a publicity campaign throughout Italy to bring home to the Italians these points:

1. The United Nations have made heavy material contribution to the Italian people.
2. Stocks of many consumer goods are higher in Italy than in Great Britain and the United States, due to the fact that the Allied Nations mobilized for total war, whereas Italy did not.
3. Comparisons unfavorable to the United Nations between conditions in Italy before and after liberation are unfair and not to be tolerated, because (a) Italy was allied to Germany in this war (b) Italy, by closing the Mediterranean, is largely responsible for creating the economic conditions against which she is now complaining.
4. The United Nations will give Italy every possible assistance toward achieving rehabilitation, under the Allied intention to try to create a better and happier world for everybody. But Allied contributions toward Italy's betterment will be dependent in large measure on the willingness and determination shown by Italians to help dig themselves out of the pit in which they are now suffering.

A strong effort should be made to obtain from Allied services authoritative figures on our contributions to Italy. If such figures have ever been published, we have never seen them. The

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more factual the statement, the greater should be the impact. (2

It seem that the proposed line is too "tough". But AFHQ believes that the time has come to talk straight to the Italians, not in any strain of reprisal, but for their own good, and the future good of the world. The honeymoon, if one can call it that, must end sometime. The people here are also very much annoyed about alleged statements by Italians that the Germans did more for them than we are doing.

This is your job, but ~~we~~ we think a good beginning would be to get out a directive to shape news and radio output along such lines. Figures on concrete Allied contributions and activities could be used as pegs on which to hang stories, editorials, and commentaries. The rounded story would probably be best told in a booklet.

We think we should work through PRO on this, and make an effort to see that the material gets back home. The people at AFHQ are much interested in that angle.

Will you let us have your comments on this as quickly as possible? We are under pressure. "

R.K. Carrick

R.K. CARRICK
Lieut., R.A.
PUBLICATIONS SECTION

*Replied briefly & hastily
at his request. for
meeting on Aug 24*

RWS/hjp

A/CC 000.7-1

8 September 1944

SUBJECT: Press and news operations proposals for Italy

TO: Mr. George W. Edson, A.D.P.W.O., P.W.P., Italian Theatre Headquarters, FWS Unit No. 12, APC 512 (102)

1. I refer to the draft for Chief, FWS-APHQ, submitted by A.D.P.W.O., Italian theatre.

2. The A.C.C. fully endorses the suggestion contained in paragraph 4 regarding the creation of a non-profit, co-operative news agency, and would like to see this matter promoted with the utmost speed.

3. The A.C.C. agrees that the Italian Press Commission, like the Allied Publications Board, should be considered as a war-time agency only.

4. The A.C.C. cannot as yet endorse paragraph 2. The proposed Italian press decree has not been seen, in its present form and with the suggestions of the Italian Government, by the A.C.C. In view of what is understood to be the Italian Government's attitude, it is thought that the Press Law may defeat the object we have in mind by establishing a strict Government control: moreover, it is doubtful whether such a law once passed could be regarded as a war-time measure only. Such a law might in fact set up the very machinery which it is desired to avoid.

5. Regarding paragraph 3, the point on the danger of a re-establishment of the Fascist penal code is well taken: the abolition of the code in toto is however not practicable at this stage, and the only method would seem to be to press for abolition or modification of certain features affecting the Press.

6. The News Operation Plan has been considered by the Political Section and P.R. Branch and some marginal comments made thereon. These need to be clarified before we proceed further.

Hq A.C.C. Sec'y Gen.

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Date: 9 Sept 1030

Via: 144

Initials: RKR

MILERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR

Acting Chief Commissioner

Drafted by: Major Fielden, P.R.O.

cc: PRB, ACC

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To: Chief, PWB - AFHQ

From: PWB Italian Theater

Herewith are submitted the press and news operations proposals for Italy. They are the result of considerable thought based on PWB experience in the Italian Theater. The proposals which come from PWB Italian Theater are endorsed by A.C.C. They are based on the concept that a free Government cannot endure unless there is an enlightened public opinion, and enlightened opinion cannot exist without a free press; and that means the press itself must be free of any governmental or quasi-governmental control; and news itself must be freely available at the source. Briefly, then, PWB strongly recommends (in addition to the warnings listed on page 5 of the Press Plan) that -

1. The Italian Press Commission, set up as the opposite and successor to the Allied Publications Board, is to be considered only a war time agency.
2. The proposed Italian press decree must first of all encompass repeal of the press decree of January 14, 1941, which put the power of license in the hands of prefects. And, most important - the decree too, unless it guarantees freedom of the press, must be considered as a war time measure only.
3. There must be recognition of the rights of a free press through adequate laws and, contrary-wise, individuals and corporations be protected by adequate libel laws. This means, among other things, the abolition of the Fascist Penal Code.
4. The News Operation Plan, stated in a few words, envisages a proposed non-profit, cooperative news agency in which the ownership and control would be shared by any publisher willing to subscribe to it; pay his pro-rata share of operating costs, and pull his weight in management. Outside agencies, such as AP, UP, INS, Reuters, should be free to sell their services or any part of them, either to the proposed agencies or directly to any individual client. No one service should be given a monopoly.

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For the D.F.W.O. Italian Theater.

Respectfully submitted - George W. Egan
A.D.P.W.O. Italian Theater

EWS/hjp

7 September 1944

A/CC OCO.7-1

Dear Mr. Edman:

I have carefully considered your memorandum of 2 September. I gather that your position is still based on AFHQ Memorandum No. 56 from which you reason that a monopoly of propaganda gives PWB a monopoly of news on the argument that unless PWB controls the emphasis of news, it can not control propaganda. But if, as stated in the last paragraph of your letter, "other Allied organizations in Italy" can be trusted to "assist in the preparation of the directives which establish the emphasis to be placed on the news so disseminated", I should think that their PWD's could be relied on to see that their own releases comply with directives which they themselves have helped to frame.

At any rate, unless you feel that my PWD has violated your directives, and I am unaware of any such charge, I see no reason for altering our present practice of making our releases available to all news agencies and publications, including those of PWB.

Sincerely,

ELBERT W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Mr. George W. Edman, A.D.P.W.O.
Psychological Warfare Branch
Italian Theatre Headquarters
PWB Unit No. 12
APO 512, U. S. Army

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Capt. Ellery W. Stone, Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

Dear Captain Stone:

Herewith is a draft of the "sales talk"
along the lines we discussed yesterday.

I should appreciate your comments.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Elman
GEORGE W. ELMAN
A.D.P.W.O. Italy (Lib.)

Enc.
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2 September, 1944.

NEWS DISSEMINATION IN ITALY.

1. Allied Force Headquarters Memorandum No. 56 dated July 1, 1943 charged Psychological Warfare Branch with the mission of the collection, preparation, supply, distribution and control of all propaganda originating within the theatre of operations of this Headquarters.
2. The term propaganda is a very difficult one to define. In the popular understanding it is held to be coloured, distorted or false news, but as it has been developed by the democracies it has come to be primarily the dissemination and presentation of news in an attractive manner. The propaganda element lies not in the distortion or falsification of news but in the emphasis which is laid on various items.
3. Propaganda as developed by the allied nations means therefore news-emphasis more than anything else. The nature of this emphasis is decided at a weekly directive meeting at which members of PWB, G-2, AOC and Censorship are present. This directive applies to all the media which news comes into Italy; that is to say, it is observed not only by PWB but also by BBC and OWI. If this were not the case, if either PWB, BBC or OWI ignored the

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4. The critical point at which control is applied in Italy is in the dissemination of news. By control of

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the means of dissemination PWB ensures that items which it is desirable to stress shall be made widely available, while items which it is undesirable to stress should not be made widely available. Establishment of other systems of dissemination in Italy, such as news services which might or might not comply with the central directive, would make it impossible to maintain control of news emphasis, that is to say propaganda.

5. PWB does not seek a permanent monopoly of news dissemination. It is our ultimate purpose to leave this field open to free competition. The moment for this depends upon the decision of ATHQ. Until that moment comes, however, we are responsible for propaganda; and as we have developed it, propaganda, as stated earlier, has been reduced largely to the collection, dissemination, and emphasizing of news items, for the accuracy of which we are responsible as we are for maintaining the emphasis which is given to selected items in accordance with the directive.

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outside agency, and control would vanish.

It is hoped that this statement of PWB's motives in maintaining a temporary monopoly of news dissemination will receive the concurrence of the other allied organizations in Italy whose representatives assist in the preparation of the directives which establish the emphasis to be placed on the news so disseminated.

If other allied organizations in Italy can be trusted to "assist" in the preparation of the directives, it should. Their PRO's could be counted on to see that their releases comply with the directives which they have helped to frame.

JWB

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R9/1

Subject: News dissemination in Italy.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. To me (and I really am beginning to wish that I could say something favourable about PWB!) this document is both unnecessary and misleading. It is also, I think, dangerous in that it obscures issues by sheer casuistry.

2. Take one example of this - paragraph 3 implies that the "weekly directive" controls the press. In fact, of course, it doesn't: it applies ONLY to PWB papers and PWB radio, and the mass of Italian newspapers - as also the Allied morale papers - never hear of it or see it. Thus the whole of paragraph 4 is based on a false premise. It might be argued that the UNNS is controlled by the directive and is the only news source: in fact it is not the only news source and PWB cannot make it so.

3. In actual fact the directives mean very little to us and are very obvious. I attach an example. For the past 3 months we have never attended the "weekly directive" meeting because PWB shifted it to Saturday afternoon which, being the deadline for our weekly bulletin is a peak rush-hour for us. PWB have not noticed our absence yet. The directive is sent to us, of course.

4. Paragraph 4 goes clean against the draft of PWB which envisages the creation of a "non-profit, cooperative news agency" - a project which at our recent meeting and in reply to my memo of August 19 you strongly favoured. Now - at the very time when we should be handing over to Italians - we have PWB insisting that "other systems of dissemination" "would make it impossible to maintain control of news emphasis." The argument is puerile: news emphasis is in fact controlled by the free Italian press which we have established and which never sees a directive!

5. One could of course argue indefinitely as to what "propaganda" is or is not: the crux of the problem, in my view, is that PWB control tends to obscure facts about Italian feelings and determine Allied interests into thinking that things are better than they are - and both PWB and ourselves are the first victims of this propaganda.

6. I agree with your own note, of course: it goes straight to the point. But I remain puzzled by the odd monopolistic game which PWB seems to be playing in its determination to issue these defensive documents.

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PWB ITALY DIRECTIVE ANNEXE FOR WEEK BEGINNING 2nd SEPTEMBER

I. THE CAMPAIGN

1. The battle for the Goth Line will be played up to the maximum. The importance of the breach in the Adriatic Sector will be stressed but not to the exclusion of significant developments in other parts of the front. The enemy is still apprehensive of a major attack elsewhere and our treatment of the news should be aimed at increasing this apprehension.
2. We will exploit to the full the organization behind the attack as given in the "on the record background" and the success with which the Germans were kept guessing until the last minute as to where the first big blow would fall. The break through will be presented as part of the fast moving war all over Europe and as endangering the German Armies in Italy.
3. Propaganda will be directed to the Italian Fascist troops who have been brought to Northern Italy from Germany, on the lines that they have been called in to fight a rearguard action while the Germans make their escape as in North Africa.

II. LIBERATED ITALY

4. Fulllest publicity will be given to the visit of the Trades Union Officials and will be kept up while they are here. The opportunity will be taken of explaining the workings of democracy and of showing the part played by Trades Unions in Britain and the United States. While using their visit as an indication of labour unity, there will be a complete stop on anything which makes the implication of the existence of a class struggle, and on any intemperate statements by labour representatives. We will avoid comparison with the internal Italian Trade Union situation.
5. The anniversary of the announcement of the Italian Armistice with the Allies will be used as an opportunity for reviewing the Allied achievements in Italy, and what we have done for the Italians, not forgetting Italy's own achievements. Full publicity will also be given to what we are doing for other liberated countries and we

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5. The anniversary of the announcement of the Italian Armistice with the Allies will be used as an opportunity for reviewing the Allied achievements in Italy, and what we have done for the Italians, not forgetting Italy's own achievements. Full publicity will also be given to what we are doing for other liberated countries and we will point out that our Allies will naturally receive priority in reconstruction. */occupied*
6. At the same time conditions in other countries of Europe will be stressed, making comparison with conditions in Italy.

Impossible
we have not
yet started
campaign.

(101) APP B INCL

FILE UNDER NO. 000.7-1 - PUBLICITY & PUBLIC PRESS

INDEX SHEET
SYNOPSIS

Cbl ACC Stone S-321 of 7 Sept 44 to AFHQ.

No objection military inquiry by Sforza in regards to Rome
~~XXXX~~ by developments in Naples trial related to Del Tetto
& Pentimalli case.

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FILE UNDER NO. 000.7 - PUBLICITY & PUBLIC RELS

INDEX SHEET
SYNOPSIS

Memo of 6 Sept 44 re American Representative Advisory Council informed by Department of State that the President has KAM a memo which was submitted to him recommending approval certain arrangements financing supplies for Italy obtained from the US & also release issuance on the subject.

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000.1-2 Ital Pol

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

Cable S-319 Stone to AFHQ 6 Sept 44 ref S-315 of 2 Sept

Sforza urges that Ital Govt be permitted to form committee to pursue investigation into facts of 8-9-10 Sept in Rome, as result of prosecutions of Naples traitors. Says it may force him to resign as he would have to carry on his own investigations any way.

Comments: our recommendations that this investigation be held up still stand (see S-315)

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000.1-2 Ital Pol
 000.7-1 Publ & Pub Press

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Cable S-315 2 Sept from Stone to AFHQ:

000.1-2 Ital Govt have decided to appoint a commission of inquiry to investigate the events in Rome of 8-9-10 Sept. Public opinion pressing hard for this. Have consulted Kirk & Charles & feel that in view of difficulty with witnesses & hence of getting a clear picture, feel that inquiry conducted now might impair unity of effort and findings might be marshalled in such a way as to prejudice the institutional question. Suggest that I tel Bonomi to hold off tho we have no objection in principle.

000.7-1 Will be difficult as Corriere di Roma has already made known govt's intention.

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2 Sep

SECRET & PERSONALPUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

31 Aug 44

SUBJECT : COMPLAINTS

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

A 110
2 SEP 1944

Since seeing you yesterday I have had a long talk with General O'DWYER and - without mentioning your name - asked him exactly what complaints he had heard against me or this Branch. I trust you will understand that, since rather vague but (to me) very damaging accusations had been made, and had apparently had their effect on Vice-Presidents, I wished to ascertain the exact truth, especially as I doubted, from my own experience, whether the impression created was a just one.

The General told me this:-

He had had ONE indirect - that is to say, not from the correspondent himself - story to the effect that Herbert MATTHEWS of the New York Times had said that "they had to go out into the city to get ACC news".

This was all.

I told the General that Herbert MATTHEWS had never come near this office since we came to Rome. The General said that MATTHEWS was on the other side of the fence and did not want to be friendly with ACC.

This appears to me to dispose of an accusation which has been put in far higher terms than it merits - at least, it has come to me in that way - and I should be grateful if you would inform Vice-Presidents of the exact facts.

In parenthesis, the right way for any P.R. to get at unfriendly correspondents is to entertain them and that is exactly what ACC, by refusing to give us rations, prevents us from doing.

With reference to Colonel BROWN, I would like to make three points and a request. The request is that you do not appoint him to this Branch until you make me his senior: otherwise, it would clearly imply a lack of confidence and a suggestion that he was being put in charge to put things right. The points are :

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31 Aug

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2 SEP 1944

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- (a) I am still of the opinion, which Major BERGIN shares, that he is not the right man for PR work. However jolly and charming a man may be, he cannot put material across the correspondents unless he really knows the facts. I know Colonel BROWN is "hall, fellow well-met" and personally I like him very much; but I should doubt his capacity - or even his desire - to work hard enough to extract and learn all the material necessary. With this reservation, I have no objection.
- (b) You will of course realise that my staff here consists of 2 American Majors, 1 American Lieutenant and 1 British Lieutenant. It is already overweighted on the American side. I do not know if you want to overweight it still further.
- (c) I think Colonel BROWN's appointment to this Branch would be extremely hard on Major BERGIN, who is, in my opinion, a man of infinitely superior calibre, even when it comes to talking to journalists. What journalists want is facts.

710.31
Captain HARWELL has been to see me and I attach the memorandum regarding this which I wrote to you, but did not send, some days ago. It seems a pity that he should have been recalled from work which he liked and apparently did well. I am very much opposed to his inclusion in this Branch.

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner.

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FILE UNDER NO. 000.7-1 Pub & Pub Press

INDEX SHEET SYNOPSIS

Ltr 31 Aug Egan to Stone

Allied Publication Board's grave concern at the non-delivery of newsprint. So serious that board will have to freeze all licences as of 15 Aug. Circulation of existing papers may have to be cut.

Pls request higher priorities on newsprint thru Afhq to Wash

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INDEX SHEET
SYNOPSIS

Trans of article for L Unione Proletaria 4 Spet

"Demagogy at Work - Open letter to Poletti"

General tone of complaint, and appeal for help

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FILE UNDER NO. 000.7 Publicity & Public Press

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

Ltr 29 Aug Stone to Edman, Chairman Allied Publ Board

re newsprint situation

Suggest you take up through AMBQ with Washington the question of getting higher priority on newsprint. This seems to be what is holding things up.

Re Edman's ltr of 23 Aug

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29 Aug

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

FOLLOWING FOR GENERAL ANDERSON WAR OFFICE PD PAPER TO AFHQ GEORGE
FIVE FROM ACC HQ FIELDER PAPER PD REFERENCE WAR OFFICE CABLE SIX
 NINE THREE TWO SEVEN DEPR OF AUGUST EIGHTEEN ACC AGREES TO ACCEPT
 AND MAINTAIN SIX POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS AS REQUESTED WILL MINISTRY
 OF INFORMATION PLEASE SUBMIT NAMES FOR APPROVAL BY ACC SHOULD BE
 GRATEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER YOU SHOULD BE ADDRESSED ON ALL THESE
 MATTERS OR WHETHER DIRECT CONTACT SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED WITH
 MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND IF SO WITH WHOM

Political Correspondents

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Captain Stone:

Re attached.

Your note on para 3 (f) indicates you wanted to speak

to Brig. Lush.

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28 Aug

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28 Aug 44
Have done

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R4

12 August 1944.

Subject: Suggestions on ACC. publicity.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

A 72
30 AUG 1944

I am not very happy, from a Public Relations angle, about the situation which is developing in Rome, and perhaps in the ACC generally. I had thought of suggesting that you should hold a Press Conference shortly, but perhaps the Regional Commissioners Conference will answer the purpose. In the meanwhile I should like to make certain suggestions for your consideration.

(1) Allied correspondents are, on the whole, giving the Allies in Italy a less favourable press than hitherto. They are highly critical of (a) food supplies and distribution (b) behaviour towards Fascists, and epuration generally (c) standards of living and behaviour of certain high-ranking Allied officers, and (d) apparent lack of directive policy.

(2) I think it must be stated in fairness that few, if any, correspondents are hostile to the ACC. They see quite clearly that the ACC has its hands tied in many ways and consider that their expressed criticisms should eventually prove of assistance to it. They are very receptive to our difficulties. At the same time they feel that they have a mission to reveal the truth - and sometimes, unfortunately, it is more than the truth! on the whole, nevertheless, I think correspondents try to be honest and cooperative.

(3) The result must be, however, that ACC gets rather a poor press in Allied countries. This is bad and I think it could be corrected to some extent. Ways of doing so are:

- ✓ (a) More, better, and more decisive information handouts;
- ✓ (b) More attention to the Italian, as well as the Allied press (Allied correspondents reflect the Italian press);
- ✓ (c) Less talking and criticism of ACC by officers;
- ✓ (d) More press conferences by ACC experts;
- ✓ (e) More confidence by ACC authorities in their PR Branch;
- ✓ (f) More staff in this Branch.

(4) I make these points because circumstances have changed more fundamentally for this Branch, I think, than for any other, since we came to Rome. Even at Naples we were understaffed and we then had only 4 Regions, and very little Press or Government activity. Now, with less staff - two officers being on detached service - we have the addition of several regions, the whole press of a capital city, an "opposite" Government department in full working order, neutral correspondents, political correspondents, and new routine matters such as the Rome Digest and the Trend of Copy. It is difficult for us to do more than just keep abreast

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of routine - and our daily streams of visit s.

(5) But we need much more cooperation from sub-commissions on the release of information. At present accusations about food, requisitioning, transport, epuration, labour, prices and wages, electricity and all the numerous items which naturally rouse criticism in the Italian press, frequently go unanswered because (a) with our small staff we cannot always be trying to find members of sub-commissions who know or should know the answer and (b) because sub-commissions are frequently unwilling to give any clear reply.

NO (6) Secondly, we need more cooperation from you, in the sense that PR should attend your VP's meetings, and all other important meetings, ~~and all other important meetings~~, in order to have the clearest possible guidance on policy. Unless we do attend such meetings, we cannot hope to be properly prepared for the questions we have to answer and the information we have to give.

(7) Thirdly, we need more staff: if, as it seems, it cannot be Allied military staff, it is quite possible to employ good Italian journalists, but we must have the ability to override present salary-scales which are insufficient to obtain the kind of people we need.

51 (8) Fourthly, we need a reminder to officers about leakage of information: I have submitted a draft to the Executive Commissioner.

(9) Fifth and last, we need to have a small mess of our own so that we can entertain Allied, neutral and Italian correspondents. This is an ordinary PR function and it is difficult, if not impossible, to get correspondents or leader-writers informed and sympathetic unless one can talk to them at length and in peace out of office hours. I think that ACC PR has an important and an increasing job to do. If you can help on some of the mechanics which I have suggested above, we should be able to do it well.

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

FILE UNDER N 000.7 - PUBLICITY & PUBLIC PRESS

INDEX SHEET SYNOPSIS

Memo Capt Stone A/CG 324.5 of 28 Aug 44 to Lush & Patriot Branch.

Correspondence on "Statement Giving Recognition to Italian Patriots."

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Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 250 of 28 Aug 44 to Donert.

Draft decrees empowering President Council appoint
commissioners management editorial firms & a Commissioner
of Administration of private enterprises.

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FILE UNDER NO. 000.7 - PUBLICITY & PUBLIC AFF

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Memo Stone A/CG 400 of 27 Aug 44 to Col Brown.

Ref attd ltr 23 Aug 44 fr FWB re Newspaper Situation for
appropriate action.

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Captain ~~Starr~~

Note 1st Ind.

This seems to have
been sent "at
your request"

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Prepare 4th Ind
to PRO, saying I
cannot & request
release be issued as
to arrests & future trials
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3rd Endorsement.

25 August 1944

To: Acting Chief Commissioner

In accordance with the 1st endorsement.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

4th Endorsement

ENS/hjp

Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Hq ACC. 26 August 1944.

TO: Public Relations Officer, Hq ACC

1. Recommendation in para 3 basic communication concurred in.
2. Request release be issued as to arrests and future trials.

Hq ACC - Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date-Time 26 Aug 1944
Via <i>Map</i>
Initials <i>PSR</i>

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

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C O P Y

ROME FRENCH ARMY COMMAND

CHIEF OF STAFF - First Office
No. 1531/1

P.C. 11th August, 1944.

General Le Couteulx de Caumont
Commander French Army Rome

cc

Captain Commanding
Allied Control Commission
Region I V APO 394

With reference to your letter No. R4/MPR/PS/850.71 of 4th August, 1944. I beg to bring to your knowledge that 8 moroccan soldiers of whom 6 guilty were actually under arrest, and consequently the enquiry is taking its course, and will bear fruit.

CHIEF OF STAFF.

Reg. Public Safety HQ

18th. August, 1944.

To: Col. Charles Poletti, Regional Commissioner, Rome
copy to Brig. Low, Deputy Rome Commander
Col. Kirk, Chief, Public Safety Sub-Comm., ACC HQ
P.R.O.

1. The above arrests provide a sequel to the alleged outrage by moroccan troops on 25th July 1944, when women had been indecently assaulted while travelling in a train between Casalina, Rome and Colonna.
2. One of the women and a boy fell from the train and the woman subsequently died.
3. Owing to the great indignation expressed all Italian papers about this outrage I submit for consideration the question of giving some publicity now to the arrest of the 6 moroccan soldiers suspected, adding that the offenders if found guilty will be adequately punished.

ACC/14030/6/PS

1st IND.

From: HQ ACC Public Safety Sub-Commission

To : Admin. Section

The above is forwarded for onward transmission to Acting Chief Commissioner, at his request.

J. R. POLLOCK
Lt. Colonel,
Chief Public Safety
REGION IV

August 21, 1944

CHIEF OF STAFF.

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ACC/14030/8/PS

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To : Admin. Section

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PAUL G. KIRK,
 Colonel, Inf.
 Director Public Safety
 Sub-Commission

2nd Endorsement

To: Executive Commissioner

In forwarding the above correspondence, Acting Head of Adm. Sec. directs me to say that he strongly supports the recommendation that the press be informed of the arrest.

23 Aug 44.

/s/ R. A. Cripps
 Col.

August 21, 1944

A 13
26 AUG 1944

Special directive to be taken in conjunction with communique on Prime Minister's meeting with the Italian Government.

Not to be released before 2230 GMT Thursday August 24th.

1. Fullest publicity will be given to the fact that the Prime Minister has seen both Bonomi personally as head of the Italian Government and also the whole Cabinet. His visit will be used as an opportunity to emphasise the support and assistance that is being given to the Italian Government.
2. It was natural that the Prime Minister should also see Badoglio as the man who loyally carried out the Armistice and under whom the co-operation of the Fleet was effected.
3. No reference to the possibility of publication of Armistice Terms. No reference to the possibility of any change in Italy's status.

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23 Aug

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EWS/ajp

A/CC 000.7

23 August 1944

Dear Dr. Visconti Venosta:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter N. 1/201 of August 10, 1944, regarding the publishing of a statement anent an increase in number of, and the furnishing of war equipment to, the Italian Corps of Liberation.

The issue of such a statement is inopportune at this juncture. Permission has not yet been granted and may not be. Therefore, it would be worse to raise morale and then lower it, than to leave things as they are pro tem. As soon as the matter is settled we will let you know. Then, if favorable, a statement such as you propose would be suitable but reference to the size of the increase ("il Corpo Italiano ne risultera raddoppiato in numero e potenza di mezzi") must not be mentioned. Instead, the words "considerably increased" may be used.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marchese Giovanni Visconti Venosta,
Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

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Ha	ACC - Sec'y Gen.
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Date	1130 24/8
Via	1130
Initials	[Redacted]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION

HQ ACC, APO 374
776 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 23 Aug 1944
By 1944

A 2275
24 AUG 1944

21 August 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Acting Chief Commissioner, Hq A.C.C.

SUBJECT : Italian Corps of Liberation.

The Political Section agrees with the view of General Browning who suggests the following reply to Visconti Venosta:-

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WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

DRAFT

TO: Major General Browning ✓
FROM: Political Section

Acting Chief
Commissioner.

Acc

22 Aug 44.

Chief Commissioner A.C.

I do not think we can allow any statement such as this at present.

The issue of British equipment has NOT yet been authorized by

CCS.

Gen. Alexander told me I could tell the Indians that the equipment has been ASKED for but there were not to be details. - pointed if permission was refused.

The preparations (training etc.) now being made are only a matter of taking time by the forelock, in case permission is granted.

Rome

14 Aug 44.

L. Browning
Maj. Gen.

KCMG

ccs. Gen. Alexander told me I could tell the Italians that the informant has been ASKED for but there were not told lies. - pointed if permission was refused.

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L. Browning
Maj. Gen.

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Rome

14 Aug 44.

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