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46	20a/PRB, Brown	1 Jun 45	News Agencies.	Entry of Private News Agencies into Provinces of Leghorn, Pisa, Florence, and Pistoia.
47	G.253.79.CS, Stone	7 Jun 45	Tech Subcom Members	Formation, terms of reference, of Tech Subcom to study extension of news by pvt news agencies throughout Italy.
48	41a/PRB, Brown	7 Jun 45	CC	Milan PWB Conference on: 1. Draft proposal for supervision/contr of It press-radio; 2. starting going Pre-Fascist papers in North.
48a	G.253.86.CS, Schaffer	10 Jun 45	CC	Min of Tech Subcom Mtg on comms facilities for pvt news agencies.
49	Ltr, APB, Edman	12 Jun 45	CC	Scheme for direction, control of It press & radio after cessation of PWB.
50	9/PRB, Stone	13 Jun 45	COS AFHQ	1. APB proposal for control after PWB ceases; 2. Draft directive to press officers.

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Ref: 9267/32.30 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Transfer of the responsibility for distribution of Press and Radio News from PWB in ITALY.

TO : Public Relations Branch.

1. Below is given extract from the Minutes of SACMED's Conference, 1st Meeting, held at AFHQ on 26 July 1945:

"Minute No. 4.

4. Transfer of the Responsibility for distribution of press and radio news from PWB in Italy.

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 16th Meeting - Minute 8).

MAJOR GENERAL LEMBITZER reported that the withdrawal of PWB from the distribution from press and radio news throughout ITALY except in the VENETIA GIULIA area, had been virtually completed. It had been decided, however, to leave one press control officer on the staff of each Regional Commissioner until such time as the Region had been turned back to the control of the Italian Government.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above report."

2. If you have not already done so, will you please inform Regional Commissioners of the retention of these Press Control Officers, their precise status, responsibilities and functions.

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15/ E. TALBOT
✓ Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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AFHQ Admin Memo #36

24 July 1945

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

SAC (P) (45) 16th Meeting
20th July 1945

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

EXTRACT

8. TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PRESS
AND RADIO NEWS FROM PWB IN ITALY.
(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 15th Meeting, Minute 10)

MR. BARNES stated that in accordance with the decision taken at the last meeting, PWB had commenced, as of 15 July 1945, to withdraw from the distribution of press and radio news throughout ITALY, except in the VENEZIA GIULIA area. It was expected that the turnover would be completed very shortly.

ADMIRAL CUNNINGHAM expressed concern regarding a story which had recently appeared in the 'Union Jack' and 'Stars and Stripes' concerning Italian submarines operating against the Japanese. The story was a complete fabrication and he considered that it was of such a nature as to cause protest by the Italian Government as ITALY had only declared war on JAPAN in the course of the last few days.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Directed the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission to make representations to the Italian Government on behalf of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, to the effect that this story was a complete fabrication.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information News and Censorship Section
APO 512

19 July 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Staff.

Subject: Revision of Censorship Policy on Local Press in
AMG Territory.

Due to the fact that Admiral STONE, Chief Commissioner, AC, was not afforded opportunity to comment on Staff Paper in question, together with certain proposals of elimination of FWB press activities presented by Mr. BARNES, Director, FWB, on same date, a special meeting was held in ROME, 18 July, attended by Admiral STONE, Brigadier LUSH, representatives U.S. and British ambassadors, and the undersigned. As result of this meeting the following recommendations are made:

A. Reduction of Local Press Censorship by FWB INC

So much of recommendation contained in Staff Paper "Revision of Censorship Policy" and the recommendations thereon, is withdrawn in so far as it has any reference to FWE Allied press officers and their functions.

B. Detailed Functions and Responsibilities of FWE Allied Press Officers Operating Under General Directive as Prescribed by SAC (P) (45) 31. 16 June 1945.

It is recommended that until such time, presumably in September, as Italian territory now under AMG is restored to the Italian Government, FWB will be required to maintain the following personnel:

1. Director, Allied Publications Board
2. Secretary, Allied Publications Board
3. An Allied press officer working with the present six regional AMG officers.

Note 1: This number to be reduced as regions are reduced.

Note 2: Clerical personnel to be provided by FWB.

Attention is invited to the fact that there is at present some two million lira in possession of FWB collected from film rental. It has

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been suggested that necessary amount could be taken from this fund to cover expenses in connection with the operation of FIB Allied press officers and clerical personnel.

A. J. DECHRYSTAL
Brigadier General, GSC
Chief, INU Section

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APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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12 July 45

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SUBJECT: Allied Publications Board

TO : Col. J.E. Bastion, Jr., GSC
Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ

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1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 7 July on the above subject.

2. The proposal which you mention in para 3 has not been brought to our attention either by PWB or from any other quarter. Inasmuch as the Allied Publications Board must continue functioning, at least until some other decision is made, after PWB closes down in northern Italy on 15 July, it is our opinion that the draft amendments to AFHQ Administrative Memorandum #50 should be put into effect, only if temporarily.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Mr. J. Linn, PWB
Mr. R. Radford, PWB

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11 July 1945

SUBJECT: Transfer of Responsibilities for Distribution of Press
and Radio News from PWB in Italy.

TO: The Chief of Staff

I. Discussion

The Supreme Allied Commander on 18 June 1945 in "SAC (P) (45) 15th Meeting" directed the Chief of Staff to give appropriate orders for the hand-over of responsibility for distribution of press and radio news from PWB to private news agencies effective 15 July 1945.

The PWB is prepared to hand over its press and radio responsibilities in Italy, with the exception of Venezia Giulia as of 15 July 1945, and has been informed that private agencies are ready to assume the responsibility.

It has been suggested that PWB detail press officers to the Allied Publications Board to continue control of Italian press and radio in Italian territory controlled by AMG.

The PWB does not believe continuance of such controls by PWB or AFB is necessary or in Allied interests. Sufficient powers are possessed by AMG or AO over Italian press and radio to deal with any situation that should now arise, with the exception of Venezia Giulia, where PWB is continuing full operations. Furthermore, PWB considers such continuance of press controls in Italy, with the exception of Venezia Giulia, would be wasteful of funds and manpower.

II. Action Recommended

1. That the Chief of Staff direct PWB to sever all connections, either direct or indirect, with Italian press and radio, as of 15 July 1945, with the exception of Venezia Giulia.

III. Concurrences

G-2 _____	British Res. Min. _____
G-3 _____	U.S. Pol. Ad. _____
G-5 _____	

RUSSELL BARNES
Director, FWB-AFHQ

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Ltr Stone 20/FRB to Parri

11 July 1945

POLICY ON EX-FASCIST NEWSPAPERS IN NORTH ITALY

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RE FIDELITY REPORT FOR COLONEL MURKALL

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10 July 1945

ROUTINE

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PARA ONE PD AND NOT YESTERDAY CONSIDER PAPER'S LETTER REQUESTING THAT NO ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO REVIVE REFORMED STAMPA OTHER FASCIST PAPERS BECAUSE IT WOULD FAVOR PRESENT OWNERS THOSE PAPERS WHICH DERIVED FROM FASCISM PD IT WAS AGREED PAPER'S AGREEMENT BASED ON MISCONCEPTION OF PRESS PLAN WHICH PROVIDES THAT RECEIVERS WILL ADMINISTER PLANT PROPERTY AND PROFITS AND LATER WHEN ALL CAME TO TURN EVERYTHING OVER TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL THEN DECIDE QUESTIONS OF OWNERSHIP OF PAPERS AND FUTURE CONTROL PD

PARA TWO PD REPLY TO THIS EFFECT WILL BE SENT TO PAPER PD AND AGREED REPORTS SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO GET STAMPA STARTED EVEN IF NAME IS SLIGHTLY MODIFIED AS IN CASE OF GAZETTE DELLA SERA PD CASE OF GAZETTA WAS NOT CONSIDERED IMPORTANT PD IT IS IMPORTANT HOWEVER THAT TURIN PUBLIC KNOW THAT STAMPA HAS BEEN REFORMED AND THAT PROFITS FROM NEW PAPER WILL BE KNOWN UNTIL ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ITSELF CAN DECIDE EVENTUAL DISPOSITION ON IN OTHER WORDS THAT PROFITS ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY GOING TO PRESENT FASCIST OWNERS PD

REITERATING WIRE TO PUB MILAN

Public Relations Branch
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NICHOLAS FIDELITY
CWO - A.S.S.
ASST ADJUTANT

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

7 July 1945

8 JUL 1945
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

Subject: Allied Publications Board.

1. Reference is made to your undated memorandum PFB/9, received here on 20 June 1945, which forwarded draft amendments to AFHQ Administrative Memorandum #50.
2. As there has been a recent proposal that the Allied Publications Board should be disbanded and its functions transferred to the Allied Commission, no action is being taken to publish the amendments you suggest for the present.
3. It is understood that the proposal to close down the Allied Publications Board will be discussed with you by PFB.

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

Copy to: PFB

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Ltr Perri #535 to Stone

6 July 1945

Italian Govt Policy on ex-Fascist newspapers

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cc opsCONFIDENTIALHEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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22 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Cessation of P.W.B. News Distribution in Northern Italy

TO : Associated Press
United Press
International News Service
Reuters
Ansa
Orbis
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Sidi
Agence France-Presse

1. This is to inform you that AFHQ has approved the hand over of responsibility for the distribution of press and radio news in Northern Italy (with the exception of Venezia-Giulia) from P.W.B. to private news agencies effective July 15, 1945.
2. This approval is still subject to the satisfactory solution of several minor technical problems. Unless these problems prove impossible of solution before that date please accept this as notice that private news agencies can begin to distribute news in northern Italy (except Venezia-Giulia) as of 0001 hours 15 July.
3. A system for the rationing of wordage which can be filed to the north is being worked out and a meeting will be held as soon as it is ready for discussion.

G. Stewart Brown
G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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Chief Commissioner
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Mr. Michael Stewart, British Embassy
Major F. Weidman, G-5 Section, AFHQ
Mr. George Edman, P.W.B., Milan
Mr. Radford, P.W.B., Rome
Mr. G. Bancroft, P.W.B., Rome
Miss Vining, P.W.B., Rome
Mr. J. Linen, PWB, Rome

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21 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Cessation of PWB Activities in ITALY.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

The attached correspondence, originated in compliance with the decision taken at SAC (P) (45) 15th Meeting, Minute 10 (a), is forwarded for your information and any necessary action.

J. E. EASTON, JR.,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander.

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Ltr dtd 19 June 45

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AFHQ, OCSigO, APO 512, US Army, 20 June 1945

RAD/WDE/33

TO: Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ

1. The frequencies 288.23 kcs, 1556 kcs, 6285 kcs and 6485 kcs are still in use by PWs for the Italian News File, but as soon as arrangements can be completed, these frequencies will be re-allocated to Headquarters Allied Commission for ITALOABLE. From the standpoint of frequency allocation, communications for Italian news transmissions can continue without interruption.

For the Chief Signal Officer:

/sgd/ Preston W. Simms.
PRESTON W. SIMMS
Lt Colonel Signal Corps

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

19 June 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Signal Officer

SUBJECT : Allotment of Frequencies to ITALCABLE

1. At the 15th Meeting of the Supreme Allied Commander's Political Conference on 18 June 1945, the Supreme Allied Commander directed that an investigation should be made into the allotment of three frequencies to ITALCABLE for transmission from ROME to news agencies in North ITALY.

2. It is desired that you examine urgently the possibility of allotting these frequencies to ITALCABLE. It is understood that they are at present reserved for the use of PWB, but the Director, PWB, states that he has made arrangements to loan PWB's transmitters in ROME to ITALCABLE so that PWB will have no further use for these frequencies after such time as you indicate that the allotment to ITALCABLE can be made.

/sgd/ J. E. Bastion, Jr.
J. E. BASTION, JR.
Colonel, GSC

Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

SAC (P) (45) 15th Meeting
18th June 1945

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

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10. TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PRESS AND RADIO NEWS
FROM PWB IN ITALY

(Previous reference Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 31 — (51))

THE CONFERENCE had before them a paper recommending that transfer of responsibility for the distribution of press and radio news from PWB to private news agencies should take place on 1 July 1945.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE stated that the Technical Sub-Committee appointed by him to investigate a date for the dissolution of PWB had recommended 1 July provided that three radio frequencies now being used by PWB should be made available to Ital-Cable for their use in Northern ITALY. Recently, however, he had been informed that private news agencies had been unable to complete negotiation of contracts as soon as anticipated and a new target date of 15 July was therefore more desirable.

MR. BARNES stated that he could see no reason why these frequencies could not be made available to the Italian agencies inasmuch as PWB had offered its transmitters in ROME to the Italians on a loan basis.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

- See (3) 1
- Directed the Chief of Staff to investigate the allotment of the three frequencies now held by PWB to Ital-Cable and to submit to him a report of his investigation.
 - Directed the Chief of Staff to give appropriate orders for the hand-over of responsibility for distribution of press and radio news from PWB to private news agencies effective 15 July 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

18 June 1945

PRB/9

SUBJECT: Cessation of P.W.B. Activities in Northern Italy

TO : Chief of Staff
AFHQ

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1. Reference our PRB/9 of 13 June 45.
 2. Enclosed herewith are the draft amendments to AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 50 of 25 November 1944 which through error we neglected to enclose in our above mentioned memorandum to you.

W. Ellery W. Stone
ELDERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Encl. (1)

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P.W.B. - Mr. J. Linen, Rome
 Mr. G. Edman, Milan
 Mr. R. Barnes, Naples
 Mr. Radford, Rome
Maj. F. Weidman, G-5, AFHQ
Information & Censorship Sec, Att: Col. Hobson
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AMENDMENTS TO AFHQ ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM
NO. 50, of 25th November, 1944, the
AMENDMENTS TO TAKE EFFECT ON THE CESSATION
OF PWB ACTIVITIES IN NORTH ITALY.

1. Paragraph 1 is rescinded and the following substituted:
 - 1a. The Allied Publications Board comprised of representative of the following has been created:
 - (1) Psychological Warfare Branch, AFHQ (Chairman)
 - (2) Censorship Branch, INC
 - (3) G-2 Section
 - (4) Allied Commission
 - (5) OWI and M of I.
 - b. Allied Commission will be represented by the following:
 - (1) Representatives of the political advisors.
 - (2) Representatives of the Economic Section.
 - (3) The Director of Public Relations.
 - c. Psychological Warfare Branch will be represented by the following:
 - (1) Head of PWB Italy (Chairman)
 - (2) The Chief Press Officer (Executive Secretary)
 - (3) Representative of the Director, PWB AFHQ
2. Paragraph 3A is rescinded and the following substituted:

The Communes of Naples, Ancona and Livorno will be regarded for Allied Publications Board purposes as territory under Italian Government jurisdiction but copies of all applications for license to publish newspapers and magazines in these areas will be forwarded to the AMG Regional Commissioner by the Italian Press Commission.
3. Paragraph 3C is rescinded.
4. The following sub-para is added to paragraph 4:
 - a. Provide for the direction and control of the Italian Press and radio in Italian territory.

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- (1) Psychological Warfare Branch, AFHQ (Chairman)
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- (3) Representative of the Director, PWB AFHQ

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Paragraph 3C is rescinded.

The following sub-para is added to paragraph 4:

- a. Provide for the direction and control of the Italian Press and radio in Italian territory under AMG in accordance with the instructions the Chief of Staff AFHQ and directives approved by him.

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JUN 16 1945
CC 1840HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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16 June 1945

SUBJECT: News Distribution in Northern Italy

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. A meeting was held today with the Italian and American news agencies to seek their views on the date on which they could begin distribution of news in northern Italy, thus permitting P.W.B. to cease its distribution.

2. The agencies were unanimous in their belief that for administrative reasons they could not be prepared to take over news distribution in northern Italy before July 15. It was their recommendation that AFHQ set the date for July 15 rather than July 1. ✓

3. In view of the wordage requirements of the eight agencies, it was decided that Col. Scudder's Technical Sub-Committee should, in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Communications and Italian Press Ministry, work out a system of rationing of the wordage of all agencies, especially at peak periods.

G. Stewart Brown
G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

SACED Political Meeting Paper SAC (P) (45) 32 21 June 1945

SUBJECT: FILM DISTRIBUTION IN ITALY

Note by Secretary

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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13 June 1945

SUBJECT: Cessation of P.W.B. Activities in Northern Italy

TO : Chief of Staff
AFHQ

1. On 29 May the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political) directed the Allied Commission to set up a Technical Sub-Committee to recommend a date for the transfer of responsibility for the collection and dissemination of news from P.W.B. to private news agencies, Allied and Italian.

2. The report of this Sub-Committee is attached herewith as "Tab A". It should be noted that communications facilities will be available to private news agencies on July 1. If this is the date on which AFHQ desires that P.W.B. shall cease its distribution of news in northern Italy and to turn over the responsibility to private agencies sufficient time to make their plans.

3. There is also attached as "Tab B" the proposal recommended by the Allied Publications Board for the control of press and radio in AMG territory after the dissolution of P.W.B. as directed under II 2 of SAC (P) 28. This proposal is submitted for approval by AFHQ.

4. There is also attached as "Tab C" the directive under which the press officers would operate. This is also submitted for AFHQ approval.

Encl. Tab A
Tab B
Tab C

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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13th June, 1945

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SUBJECT: Distribution of News by Private News Agencies
in North Italy (excluding Venezia Giulia)

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

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H.A. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig. C.
Director.

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12th June, 1945

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/s/ GEORGE W. EDMAN

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Communications Sub-Commission

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10th June 1945.

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SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting.
TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.
Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

1. Transmitted herewith copy of minutes of Technical Committee appointed to Study Communications Facilities for Private News Agencies.
2. Upon receipt of report from FWB as to availability of Radio Equipment (see para 6 of minutes) a second meeting will be called and final report rendered to you.

H. H. Scudder
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Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Enclosure: 1. Copy of Minutes.

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P.R.O., A.C.

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11. As for distribution of news to R.A.I. for radio broadcasting, arrangements now in force could be extended to include the North. Dr. Sano stated he would take this up with R.A.I. to insure that arrangements were made.

12. Major Landon agreed that satisfactory arrangements could be made to censor press traffic as long as censor points were limited to those places now used by P.W.B. namely: Milan, Rome, and Venice.

13. It was agreed by all present that as of July 1st, 1948 adequate facilities would be available for dissemination of news by private news agencies to Northern Italy (Venezia Giulia excepted) provided radio equipment and frequencies now employed by P.W.B. for this service were made available to the Italian authorities.

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APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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SUBJECT: Conference in Milan on Press Problems in North Italy
TO : Chief Commissioner

1. A conference was called by P.W.B. in Milan on Tuesday, June 5 to discuss press problems in north Italy. The chief problems were 1) plans for supervision and control of Italian press and radio in the north when P.W.B. disbands under orders from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, and 2) problems connected with the reappearance of pre-Fascist independent newspapers in Milan, Turin, Genoa, Bologna and Venice as called for under paragraph 7 of the Press Plan for the North.

2. Present from the Commission were Mr. Henry Hopkinson, Mr. L. White, Commerce Sub-Commission, and Mr. G. Stewart Brown, PRB. All AME regions sent representatives, and IV Corps was represented by Col. Walker. P.W.B. was represented by its northern director, its press officers and commanding officers of all P.W.B. regional offices in the north. The British Embassy was represented by Mr. Michael Stewart and the American Embassy by Mr. James Linen.

3. The conference had before it a draft of a proposal for the supervision and control of the Italian press and radio after P.W.B. will have ceased its distribution of controlled news in the north and have turned over this responsibility to private news agencies. A draft of the proposal is attached as roughly amended in the discussion, subject to more careful redrafting by P.W.B. for submission to a meeting of the Allied Publications Board on Monday, June 11. If approved by APB it will be submitted to AFHQ through the AC for final approval.

4. There is great doubt as to the wisdom of instituting the control provided in paragraph 4 of the proposal. This control does not exist at the present time and there might be strong protests.

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from the Italian government if an attempt were made to place a control over the Rome and Bari radio stations. No such control exists at the present time. P.W.B. suggested the views of the Chief Commissioner be ascertained before a decision is taken by the AFB on June 11. It would be appreciated if your views could be had before June 11. I concur with P.W.B. that this paragraph should be eliminated.

5. Your views on the entire proposal would be welcomed before Monday, June 11. For your information paragraph 7 is being redrafted to make it clearer that the control to be exercised by the Press Officers is supplementary to the normal military censorship which has considerable latitude in stopping the publication of stories or editorials which might endanger public safety and military security.

6. The second item on the agenda concerned the difficulties in getting the pre-Fascist papers started again. Each city reported and following is a summary of the individual situations and the views of the conference:

A) MILAN: The Corriere d'Informazioni is appearing regularly and without further incident. In Milan it is popularly known simply as "Il Corriere". Its editions are exhausted on the newsstands before those of the party newspapers, thus attesting to its popularity;

B) TURIN: Commissioners are being appointed for the newspapers "La Stampa" and "Gazzetta del Popolo" and after epuration they will start publication in two or three weeks. They will appear under their old names and will have a circulation of 125,000 each. There are five party papers in Turin with a circulation of 75,000 each.

C) GENOA: This is the most troublesome city at present. Because the Ferrone brothers are owners of "Il Secolo" there is great opposition to its reappearance both by the C.N.L. and the population. This fact was verified by both AMG and P.W.B. They reported there would be serious trouble if the paper reappeared under its old or even under a new name because of its ownership and past history. There have been negotiations between the C.N.L., AMG and P.W.B. for the organization of an independent nonparty newspaper to replace the P.W.B. paper when it ceases publication. The proposal is for the parties to buy half of the stock, equally divided between them, and to sell the other half to the public. The paper would be governed by a public committee representing civic interests, the church and the university. This proposal has been supported by the AMG Regional and Provincial commissioners and the P.W.B. Press Officer in Genoa. As a result of this situation they have asked P.W.B. to recommend to AFHQ that Genoa be exempted from application of para 7 of the Press Plan which would call for the reappearance of "Il Secolo".

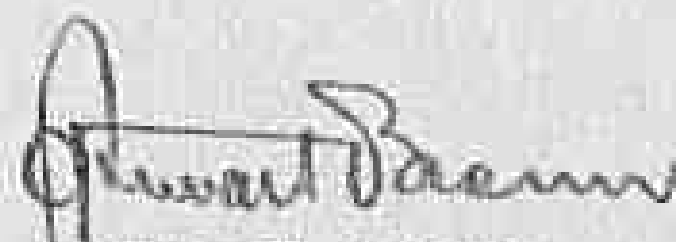
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P.W.B. is submitting such a recommendation to the AFB at its meeting on June 11 and if approved it will be submitted to AFHQ for concurrence. Your views on this question would be appreciated before the meeting. I recommend that AG concur in the recommendation because I am convinced, knowing the Perrones personally, that there will be trouble if we insist on the reappearance of their paper. Our main objective of having an independent nonparty paper in Genoa will be achieved by the proposal outlined earlier.

D) BOLOGNA: There is no great demand for the reappearance of "Il Resto del Carlino" but there would be no trouble if it did reappear providing there was sufficient newsprint for all the papers. The lack of newsprint has delayed the reappearance of "Il Resto del Carlino". There is some demand for the reappearance of the "Avvenire d'Italia", a pre-Fascist Catholic paper with national circulation. At the present time Bologna has one C.N.L. paper representing all parties and therefore fairly independent, and the P.W.B. paper.

E) VENICE: The public is in favor of the reappearance of the "Gazzettino di Venezia" but its publication has been delayed because of the lack of newsprint and the fact that the newspaper's offices are presently occupied by P.W.B. Those difficulties will be solved shortly and the Gazzettino will reappear shortly before or simultaneously with the disappearance of the P.W.B. paper.


G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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Commerce S/C, Mr. L. White

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PROPOSAL FOR THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF ITALIAN PRESS & RADIO

1. Italian Press and Radio in North Italy will be free to use any new and information available from official sources and private agencies subject to the requirements of military censorship.
2. The elimination of material likely to inflame public opinion and the objective presentation of contentious issues to the Italian population resident in areas under Allied Military Government will be secured through Allied Press Officer, whose functions and status are defined below.
3. APB, which will continue to meet at Rome, will appoint from among the personnel at present employed by PWB, Press Officers, in close co-operation with the Regional Commission and will act 8th AMG Armies and advanced echelon of A.C.
4. Similar Press Officers will be appointed at Rome and Bari who exercise a like control over the output of the stations Rome and Bari or any other stations, which are audible in North Italy.
5. The Press Officers will act in accordance with directives prepared by APB, concurred by AC/AMG and approved by the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, and in accordance with the instructions of the Regional Commissioner of AMG.
6. The Press Officers will be under the command of the Chief Press Officer, who is directly responsible to the Chairman of APB and who will act as his deputy and will also be a member of APB.
7. Normally, control of the Italian Press and Radio in addition to that exercised by military censorship will be exercised by post-publication scrutiny, but in cases likely to inflame public opinion and in controversial issues, the Press Officer will have the right to demand from the non-political newspapers pre-publication submission of editorial articles and comment, and will be entitled to delete from such articles matter liable to inflame public opinion. He will also be entitled to require the information papers to publish an official contentious statements on issues, the text of which will be approved by himself.
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9. The normal team at each of the above centres will consist of a Press Officer, an Assistant Press Officer, an Italian Press Reader, together with the necessary secretarial assistance.
10. Licensing of the press and posters, and the allotment of circulation to newspapers will be the responsibility of Regional APBs, whose decisions will be subject to confirmation by the Central APB.

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11. The Regional APB will consist of:-

Press Officer	Chairman
Asst. Press Officer	Secretary
Representative of Regional Commissioner	
Representative of Military Censorship	
Representative of AC Paper Supply	

The Chairman will be ex officio a member of all regional boards and may delegate the Press Officer to attend as his representative.

12. The control of Paper Supplies and Production will be the responsibility of AC/AMG.

13. If the Press Officers will act as agents of OWI & MOI will be responsible for the distribution of American and British publications in their areas and will have the Italian staff necessary for this purpose.

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3. To assist AC/ANG in its administration and rehabilitation of territory under Military Government.
4. To assist the reconstruction and re-education of the Italian Press in Democratic methods.

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1. We encourage the Italian Press and Radio to present a fair and objective picture of contentious issues, and to restrict their comment to a straightforward presentation of their own case, avoiding unnecessary misrepresentation.
2. We encourage Italian writers to avoid violent comments and the reporting of unconfirmed rumours in cases where this is likely to cause public unrest and public disorder.
3. We endeavour, by the supply of long-term material and features not otherwise available to the Italian Press and Radio, to provide them with the means of presenting a balanced picture of world events and of events in other countries.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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7 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Distribution of News to Private Agencies

TO:

Col. A.C.W. Hobson, I.R.C., A.F.M.C., ADV. News.
 Mr. Stewart Brown, P.R.O., A.S.
 Lt. Col. L.P. Reeves, Signal Officer, G.A.A.C., News.
 Lt. Col. H.H. Scudder, Communications Sub-Commission, A.C.
 Mr. J. King, P.R.O., News.

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1. By order of the Supreme Allied Commander, A.F.M.C., a technical Sub-Committee will meet to investigate at what juncture and by what means the distribution of news to newspapers and radio stations by private news agencies, both foreign and Italian, should be extended throughout liberated Italy, except Venezia Giulia.

2. The above named representatives have been appointed members of the committee and are requested to be present at the first meeting 11.00 hours Friday June 8th in Room 3A, 4th Floor, A.C. Headquarters.

3. Lt. Col. H.H. Scudder will be chairman of the Committee.

/s/ LT. JOHN LANNIN, USNR

for. WILLIAM H. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

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SYNOPSIS

20c/PRI, Stewart Brown, 4 June 45, addressed to News Agencies in Rome

Subject: Entry of Private News Agencies into the Provinces of Leghorn,
Pisa, Florence, and Pistoia.

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EXTRACT from the Minutes of SACMED's 13th Meeting (Political) held on 31st May 1945

MINUTE No. 7.7. DISSOLUTION OF PWB IN ITALY.

(Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 28).

THE CONFERENCE had before them a paper by the Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee recommending a procedure for the eventual dissolution of PWB activities in ITALY, together with a note stating that the Chief of Staff had directed that further detailed investigations and preparations should proceed in accordance with these recommendations, and that a suggestion, as to the final date for the transfer of responsibility from PWB, should be made to the Supreme Allied Commander in conference in due course.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

- a. Endorsed the directions of the Chief of Staff as contained in Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 28.
- b. Directed that, when it became possible to recommend a definite date for the transfer of responsibility from PWB, the matter should again be brought before the Supreme Allied Commander for final decision.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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31 May 45

SUBJECT: Dissolution of P.M.B. in Italy

TO : Chief Commissioner
(Through Executive Commissioner)

1. Reference is to the attached note from the Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat and the annexed paper from the Psychological Warfare Subcommittee.

2. PRB recommends that the Chief Commissioner ask the Communications Sub-Commission to set up the Technical Sub-Committee referred to in Recommendation 1 of the paper and instruct it to submit a report and recommendations to the Political Conference.

Stewart Brown
G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copy for info to: Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Sec.
Political Advisors
Communications Sub-Commission

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Nifty Scudder
(EWS)

*Col Scudder notified and is taking
action in accordance with H 2
above.*

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

DISSOLUTION OF FCB IN W.L.V.

Note by Secretary

1. At Annexure 1 is a paper which, after discussion at the Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee was submitted to the Chief of Staff by the Chairman of that Sub-Committee.
2. The Chief of Staff has approved the recommendations of this paper and accordingly directs that the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, and Director FCB should take action to implement them.
3. On receipt of the report of the Technical Sub-Committee to be set up in accordance with Recommendation 1 of the paper, the subject will be brought before the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political) for final approval of the transfer of responsibility from FCB.
4. Meanwhile, the attached paper and the above note of decisions taken in regard to its recommendations are circulated for the information of members of the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political).

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ANNEXURE 1

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

26 May 1945

SUBJECT: PWB Functions in North ITALY.

TO : Chief of Staff.

I. DISCUSSION

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have directed in FAN 538 that informational activities in liberated ITALY should be separated on national lines when integration ceases to serve in direct support of military operations and that public informational facilities should be released to civilian agencies as soon after liberation as military conditions allow.

2. It is the opinion of the Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee that the unconditional surrender of the German forces has brought about conditions in ITALY in which Allied control of the informational services could largely be relaxed with a view to restoring progressively and as speedily as possible the freedom of press and freedom of expression to which the United Nations are pledged. The timing of this restoration is partly dependent on political developments and partly on the restoration of communications facilities. While the former factor cannot be exactly forecast, the latter is under our own control, and the restoration to civilian agencies must be largely dependent on this purely technical problem. On the political side, the immediate restoration to civilian agencies may be open to objection, but it would appear to PWB that a considerable relaxation of control is desirable as soon as the solution of the technical communications problems allow and that provision for consultation and coordination with the Italian Government and Italian agencies should be provided for from the outset.

3. News

The first step in the release of public informational facilities is the admission of the private news agencies. On a previous occasion, the agencies requested one month's notice of intention to transfer responsibility in a given area. It is thought that this would be sufficient. An equally essential pre-requisite to transfer is the restoration of civilian communications, a technical problem which can be most easily studied by a technical sub-committee similar to that appointed to arrange the detailed transfer of facilities in ROME and Southern ITALY.

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4. Radio and Press

a. In Southern ITALY, the admission of the private news agencies was accompanied by the return of the radio network to Italian control, and the transfer of PWB controlled newspapers to private Italian companies. The return of the whole radio network would place in the hands of the R.A.I. and so indirectly of the Italian Government a powerful propaganda organ and the relinquishment of all Allied control over this organ and over the press might place Allied Military Government at a serious disadvantage should any tension develop. In such circumstances even the restoration of the pre-Fascist newspapers as non-political information papers would be insufficient to guarantee that the Allied point of view were properly presented to the North Italian public, and that inflammatory material were avoided.

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b. But to secure such control, as is required, a more flexible system than that hitherto employed by P.B might well be set up, and discussions with the AC suggest that the most suitable organ for this purpose is Allied Publications Board. Working under an over-all directive drawn up by Allied Publications Board, on which AC, O.I, M.I and P.B are all represented, it would be possible to exercise control by means of regional press officers acting in close cooperation with the regional commissioners. Should events develop smoothly, the function of these officers would be to afford to the Italian press and radio advice and assistance, more particularly to furnish the Italian agencies with material from Allied sources which would not otherwise be at their disposal. But should the development of events render this desirable in the view of AC or of the Regional Commissioners, these officers would be able to exert considerable pressure on the Italian Press and radio in North ITALY by means of licensing, allotments of paper and other forms of economic pressure.

5. Venezia Giulia, N.W. Italy, and Austria

a. Venezia Giulia is excluded from the scope of the present paper in view of the special circumstances prevailing in that region. The scheme proposed can also be postponed if the situation in N.W. Italy develops so as to make such delay essential.

b. P.B commitments to Austria will also necessitate the retention of certain facilities in Italy and these are considered elsewhere.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That AC be instructed to set up a technical sub-committee to examine the problems involved in the admission of the private news agencies to North ITALY, and to recommend a date as soon as possible after July 1st for the transfer of responsibility for the collection and dissemination of news from P.B to the private news agencies, Allied and Italian.

2. That Allied Publications Board be instructed to prepare and recommend a detailed scheme for the control of the Italian press and radio in North ITALY, and of such Italian-controlled stations as are audible in North ITALY, (including Rome II) through press officers working in close cooperation with the Regional Commissioners, and that it prepare and recommend a directive to govern the work of these press officers.

3. That P.B be instructed to provide the Allied Publications Board with all necessary facilities, including the provision of the necessary staff, to make the foregoing project effective.

4. That press officers, attached to Allied Publications Board act as agents for the distribution of O.I and M.I publications in North ITALY.

5. That, upon approval of the recommendations of the sub-committee to be set up under para 1 above, P.B should, at a date so determined, cease all activities other than those required for VENEZIA GIULIA and AUSTRIA, except for film distribution and activities required by para 3 above.

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(intd) A. J. McG.
Chairman, Psychological Warfare sub-Committee.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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25 May 45

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SUBJECT: Termination Date of P.W.B. News Service
TO : Executive Commissioner

1. A meeting was held in my office this morning to discuss the date on which P.W.B. would terminate its news service to cities in the provinces of Florence, Pistoia, Lucca and Leghorn when these provinces are turned back to the Italian Government and turn over responsibility for future news distribution to private news agencies. Present were representatives from Reuters, Associated Press, United Press, International News Service, Ansa, Si, Orbis, P.W.B. and Communications Sub-Commission.

2. Inasmuch as the date for the turn over of the above provinces to the Italian Government has not yet been definitely fixed, it was tentatively decided to set the date of June 10 on which day the private agencies would start functioning providing the provinces in question had been turned back to the Italian Government on or before that date. P.W.B. further agreed that it would continue its service for two days after this date in order that there would be no confusion.

3. If the date for the turn over of these provinces to the Italian Government is set later than June 10 we shall advise the agencies and make the date for the beginning of private news distribution coincide with the turn over date.

4. I hope this meets with your approval.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

Copy for info to: Chief Commissioner
Col. F.R. Astley, PRO AFHQ
P.W.B.
Lt. Col. J.L. Hayden
Maj. F. Weldman, G-5 Sec. AFHQ

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PSWSC (45) 3rd Meeting
25th May 1945

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL
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Chief, INC

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Mr. C.A.R. Radford, representing
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Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, AFHQ

SECRETARY

Major Robert T. Hanley

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(PSWSC (45) 2nd Meeting)

THE SUB-COMMITTEE approved the minutes of their meeting held on 16th
March 1945.

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(PWSWC (45) 2nd Meeting)

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2. PWB FUNCTIONS IN NORTH ITALY
(Paper No. PWSWC (45) (6))

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THE CHAIRMAN stated that as a result of several cases of non-concurrence in the paper following its publication, he had invited the Chairman, PWB, to submit a revised version, which omitted several controversial issues of the original. He, therefore, desired to place this revised paper before the Subcommittee for their consideration.

MR. BARNES pointed out that due to unexpectedly settled conditions which had been found in North ITALY upon occupation, and to the fact that the war in EUROPE was now over, it was desirable that PWB should be dissolved as soon as possible. The press and radio in North ITALY were found to be in good financial condition and the anticipated degree of control had not in fact been necessary. It was therefore advisable to permit the introduction of private news agencies into the area at an early date. In reply to a question by the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, he stated that a measure of control would continue to be maintained by the Allied Publications Board after the dissolution of PWB.

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3. PRESS PLAN FOR NORTHERN ITALY

(Paper No. PWSMC (45) (5))

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THE SUB-COMMITTEE had before them a press plan for Northern ITALY, outlining the responsibility of FWE for the dissemination and collection of news in that territory.

THE CHAIRMAN stated that, after informal concurrence by the members of the Sub-Committee, the plan had been approved by the Chief of Staff. It has been put into effect and was working satisfactorily, though in a large measure it had been overtaken by events.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE:-

Took note of the above report.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

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24th May, 1945

SUBJECT: PWB Functions in North Italy.

TO : Chief of Staff

I. DISCUSSIONS

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have directed in FAX.538 that informational activities in Liberated Italy should be separated on national lines when integration ceases to serve in direct support of military operations, and that public informational facilities should be released to civilian agencies as soon after liberation as military conditions allow.

It is the opinion of PWB that the unconditional surrender of the German forces has brought about conditions in Italy in which Allied control of the informational services could largely be relaxed with a view to restoring progressively and as speedily as possible the freedom of press and freedom of expression to which the United Nations are pledged. The timing of this restoration is partly dependent on political developments and partly on the restoration of communications facilities. While the former factor cannot be exactly forecast, the latter is under our own control, and the restoration to civilian agencies must be largely dependent on this purely technical problem. On the political side, the immediate restoration to civilian agencies may be open to objection, but it would appear to PWB that a considerable relaxation of control is desirable as soon as the solution of the technical communications problems allow and that provision for consultation and coordination with the Italian Government and Italian agencies should be provided for from the outset.

2. News

The first step in the release of public informational facilities is the admission of the private news agencies. On a previous occasion, the agencies requested one month's notice of intention to transfer responsibility in a given area. It is thought that this would be sufficient. An equally essential pre-requisite to transfer is the restoration of civilian communications, a technical problem which can be most easily studied by a technical sub-committee similar to that appointed to arrange the detailed transfer of facilities in Rome and Southern Italy.

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information papers would be insufficient to guarantee that the Allied point of view were properly presented to the North Italian public, and that inflammatory material were avoided.

But to secure such control, as is required, a more flexible system than that hitherto employed by PWB might well be set up, and discussions with the AC suggest that the most suitable organ for this purpose is Allied Publications Board. Working under an over-all directive drawn up by APB, on which AC, OWI, MOI and PWB are all represented, it would be possible to exercise control by means of regional press officers acting in close cooperation with the regional commissioners. Should events develop smoothly, the function of these officers would be to afford to the Italian press and radio advice and assistance, more particularly to furnish the Italian agencies with material from Allied sources which would not otherwise be at their disposal. But should the development of events render this desirable in the view of AC or of the Regional Commissioners, these officers would be able to exert considerable pressure on the Italian Press and radio in North Italy by means of licensing, allotment of paper and other forms of economic pressure.

4. Intelligence

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3. That FWB be instructed to provide APB with all necessary facilities, including the provision of the necessary staff, to make the foregoing project effective, and that FWB cease all other activities in Italy outside Venezia Giulia.

4. That press officers, attached to APB, act as agents for the distribution of OWI and MOI publications in North Italy.

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PWB FUNCTIONS IN NORTH ITALY

Note by Secretary

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These considerations apply to the whole of North ITALY, but the matter is most urgent in the industrial areas of the Northwest, where the patriots, especially the Left elements, most critical of allied control, are strongest. It would therefore be logical to suggest that measures should apply in the first place to LOMBARDY, PIEMONTE, LIGURIA and EMILIA, that they should be extended as soon as possible to the VENETO and if circumstances permit to VENEZIA, TRIDENTIN.. VENEZIA GIULLA is a special case which is not considered in this paper.

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5. Press.

With the entry of the private news agencies, it is not felt desirable to retain FWP controlled papers. It is however, considered essential that non-political information papers be set up as provided for in the North Italian Press Plan, and it would therefore appear essential that the pre-Fascist papers be re-started before FWP papers are suspended.

6. Information Services.

Transfer of information services to OWI and MOI should take place at the time of the entry of the private news agencies in accordance with the detailed plans laid down in respect of South ITALY.

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6. That FWB restrict its activities in the field of intelligence to those needed for its own operation in North ITALY and that other intelligence activities, at present carried out by FWB and still desired in WASHINGTON or LONDON, be transferred to the US and British Embassies.

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APPENDIX 'A'

DETAILED PLAN

SUBJECT: FWB RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE COLLECTION OF INTELLIGENCE
IN ITALY

1. On 31st March 1945, the Chief of Staff directed Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee to examine the possibility of reducing the activities of FWB in regard to the collection of intelligence in ITALY.
2. Since that date, lack of personnel and the necessity of freeing officers for work in North ITALY has already caused the cessation of FWB activities in the field of economic intelligence and in the reporting of press and publications in Liberated ITALY. In addition, the work of the Italian Documents Section has been temporarily suspended.
3. As long as FWB retains any responsibility for psychological warfare activities in Northern ITALY, it will be necessary to retain intelligence units in ROME and MILAN and other centres where FWB offices exist, for the collection of the intelligence needed to guide and direct propaganda and other activities. Reports by these units should be made available to other allied agencies as at present, after clearance with AC on existing lines.
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It is further felt that a daily cable of press extracts for the use of OWI and FID should continue until such time as other arrangements can be made.

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7. If the foregoing suggestions be accepted, it is submitted that the Intelligence Services of FWE should continue only so long as FWE is responsible for the control of the Press and Radio in Northern ITALY and that FID, OWI and other organizations at present receiving FWE Intelligence reports should immediately be informed, so that alternative arrangements may be made by the organizations themselves to obtain their legitimate requirements through other channels.

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