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6a	Ltr, Avv. A. Rossini	30 Jan 45	Fielden	Thanks for help in getting paper.
7	Ltr 2/PRB Stone	31 Jan 45	Bonomi	Because of thefts of newsprint, control of distribution must be made better. Otherwise less paper.
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8	Cbl Sicily Region	7 Feb 45	Hq AC	Newsprint situation in SICILY is serious.
9	38/PRB, Stone	20 Feb 45	Bonomi	Stoppage of just certain papers due shortage of newsprint 'undemocratic' & improper and request PM interest self.
10	CG 551/9 VP Meeting	22 Feb 45		VP Econ collecting accurate figures and will put up a recommendation.
10a	Ltr Avv Rossini, ST-223	5 Mar 45	Munro	Misappropriation of imported newspr.
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12	Ltr, IS Munro, AFB	11 Mar 45	DFR, AC	Misappropriation of imported newsprint
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Bonomi's speech at the Consulta on Monday 14th Jan. 1946.

Translation from Giornale del Mattino of the 15th.
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Having expressed his approval of the Foreign policy of the Govt, he added that the Moscow communique' had caused Italians to fear that the Allies had not kept their pledge to Italians, made when they asked us - in order to change the clauses of the armistice - to give our contribution to the war against Germany. We gave that contribution; Field Marshall Alexander has recognised it; General Clark confirmed it when, on the 12th of May 1945, he wrote that the four Italian units and the Italian partisans had played a very important role in the victory and had had the honour to participate in the final defeat of the enemy. (Applauded)

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Official American and British statements, on Italy's position, made after the Moscow meeting, make us hope that the decisions may be temperate; but the Govt must insist that the new promises be kept entirely kept, and in this matter it will have the support of the whole nation.

Though no longer a great power, Italy is still however a great nation which must have its saying in the peace of the world, and without justice no strong and lasting peace can be assured.

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Even the attitude of the Egyptian Govt towards the once flourishing Italian colony, is a matter of concern, owing to the serious situation in which our compatriots come to find themselves; this situation is becoming as serious as that in which the peasants of Lybia - who are considered as Fascists and as such deprived of all their property - find themselves.

Speaking about the possibilities of a future peace, the orator points out that the

frontier problems are those which mostly influence the feelings and the imagination of the people; it is therefore necessary to consider what will be the decisions taken on our frontiers.

He will not make references to strategic systems in saying that future safety must be based on concord among all the people and maintained by a system of defense against all aggressions.

As for the border line with France - from which no serious disagreement should divide us - Bonomi hopes in a collaboration between the two nations; ~~an~~ an agreement between them is necessary in order to construct, together with the Anglo-Saxon and Slav nations, European peace; Bonomi hopes that the coming negotiations will bring nearer all the countries and make forget the sad past.

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Bonomi thus concludes: ~~Before~~ ^{Before} all those who in the name of freedom and against national feeling, forget these problems, there arises a solidarity of race which is stronger than ^{any} ~~any~~ class or party freedom. Let us listen to the heart beats of our mother Italy.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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9 January 1946

Ref. AC/5066/R/3 & 3E

SUBJECT: Allocation of printing paper.

TO : Associazione Internazionale per la
Giustizia e la Pace dei Popoli
Via Tumbien 41, Rome.

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 27
December 1945.

2. As you are aware the matter of allocating
printing paper is one which is now handled entirely
by the Italian Government.

3. Newspaper is at present in very short supply
and this Headquarters has had to refuse a request for
a loan to the Unione Nazionale Editori Giornali on the
Naples stocks, which are being entirely utilized by the
Military Printing Press for the publication of Allied
newspapers and magazines.

4. It is therefore regretted that this Head-
quarters is not in a position to comply with your
request. It is presumed that the situation with regard
to the supply of printing paper will gradually improve
and the Italian Authorities will be ~~in a position~~ in a posit-
ion to re-consider your request.

CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, AC
Chief Supply Group
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Colonel, AC
Chief Supply Group

Copy to: Public Relations Branch
Chief Commissioner Office
Economic Section

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Translation

National Union of Newspapers Editors
n. 17051

Rome, 23 December 1945

Dear Admiral,

I am happy to tell you that after adopting strong measures for the rationing of newsprint, and after making a few purchases in Northern Italy, purchases which are now coming in with sufficient regularity, the loan of newsprint which we took the liberty of mentioning to you is no longer necessary.

We know that you had been taking action in this sense and want to express our thanks.

THE PRESIDENT
(Primo Parrini)

s. Primo Parrini

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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Col. Stearns:

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1. Saw Densmore who suggested that Parrini (of Federazione Stampa) come and see us to explain just where Northern stocks were etc.
2. Called Parrini who said thank you but the situation was now being cleared up by means of "inflexible rationing" and arrivals of paper from North. Thanked us for our interest and will write you a letter.
3. This seems to make further action on our part unnecessary.

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Translation

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NEWSPAPERS EDITORS

n. 16874/4/22
URGENT

Rome, 17 December 1943

Admiral Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission in Italy
R o m e

The Rome and Naples newspapers will shortly have to suspend their publication because of paper shortage.

Within the next few days, the papers of Central and Southern Italy will also have to suspend their publication.

In Naples, the A.C.S. warehouse has 2380 qts of Allied newsprint which is being used for the time being.

We vainly asked all our Allied offices to be allowed to purchase such newsprint, or at least, get part of it in loan.

Unfortunately, our attempts have failed, though we are in no way responsible for the situation caused by the over large number of approvals issued by the Ministries, and we don't know how to cope with the situation.

The output of the presses of Central and Southern Italy is greatly inferior to requirements, and to make up for that, we didn't hesitate in purchasing a considerable amount of newsprint in Northern Italy.

But till now, because of transport difficulties, we haven't received a single qt. from the 3300 qts of paper which we purchased in Northern Italy.

Besides, in future, we can rely on a certain amount of paper to be imported from North America.

However, the present difficulty can only be overcome, if you, Sir, who are always so much concerned about freedom of press in Italy, intervene to let us have part of the newsprint which is in Naples, at the disposition of A.C.S. bit.

Thanking you in advance, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

G. Bruno Carrini
President.

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For PISCOP. For WHITE Economic Section. Ref ALCOM 1140 of 4TH and PWB MILAN INFO 5442 of 5th. Politically undesirable in future to continue to obtain newsprint from JUG territory as at present. Also undesirable curtail circulation JUG initiated papers here TRIESTE Area at present. Most suitable paper mill area MAGGIO ODINESE map ref ITALY road map 3 35. Cannot start production before 40 days. Following needed per month to produce 120 to 150 tons 86 centimetre rolled newsprint. Coal 150 tons cellulose 80 wood pulp 80 chlorinating agent sulphur smoothing agents various in proportion. Wood pulp previously ex AUSTRIA. For PISCOP signal immediate location and quantity paper BRUNNEN. We will provide transport.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

JUN 8 RECD

7 June 1945

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SUBJECT : Carriage of Newsprint by Rail

TO : Presidency of Council of Ministers
The Undersecretary for Press and Information

1. Reference your 5463 of the 24 May, the importance of avoiding delay in the despatch of paper for the Italian newspapers is realised and instructions have been given to the Transportation Sub-Commission to supply wagons on the earliest possible date after your demand is made.
2. It must be understood, however, that with the present very difficult transportation situation, rail traffic must be programmed following its degree of priority in accordance with the capacity of each section of the railways. It is impossible to guarantee the movement of large quantities of paper at short notice and bids should therefore be placed with the Transportation Sub-Commission as soon as it is possible to estimate the date on which the paper will be available.

(Sgd) C. W. W.
For
A.G. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President

Copy to : Chief Commissioner ✓
Executive Commissioner
Public Relations Branch
Transportation Sub-Commission

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Presidency of the Council of Ministers

The Undersecretary for Press and Informations

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L.W. STEARNS, Major A.G.D.
Staff Officer to the Chief Commissioner
and for the attention of
the Presidency of the Council of Ministers
Rome

Referring to note n. 9205 of 7/4/1945, we draw your attention on the following facts:

As soon as we received the communication that 200 tons of paper on rolls had been put at the disposal of this Undersecretariat, by note n. 2490 of 6/3/44, this Undersecretariat asked for the freight-cars required for the transport of the said paper for Reggio Calabria, Palermo and Catania to the General Direction of the State Railways which submitted the request to the Allies.

As it has been said in the letter sent by Admiral Stone to H. S. Bonomi, the freight cars could only be granted for April 3rd.

To avoid the inconveniences which took place, we suggest the advisability of examining the possibility of putting at our disposal allied paper at an earlier date, for it often happens that the delivery is made with a considerable delay.

On the other hand, as it is necessary to wait about a fortnight before obtaining the allotment of the freight-cars, the paper arrives much behind time, sometimes causing serious inconveniences, such as the suspension of the publication of the papers because of lack of paper.

To give an exact picture of the situation we bring the following facts to your attention:

1) On April 9th, this Undersecretariat was told by A.C. that 353 tons of paper to be found in 1254 warehouse in Naples were destined to the Italian newspapers. On April 11th, this Undersecretariat asked the General Direction of the State Railways for the necessary freight-cars to transport the said paper from Naples to Reggio Calabria, Bari, Catania, Palermo, and Rome.

The requests for freight-cars were forwarded by the State Railways to the Transportation Sub-Commission in A.C., which answered that no freight cars could be allotted before April 30th.

On April 23th, this Undersecretariat sent a direct request to the Transportation Sub-Commission in A.C. stressing that it was urgent to obtain the allotment of the freight cars.

At the same time, action was being taken with the competent allied offices in Naples to obtain that the starting of the freight cars be anticipated. They started at the end of April.

2) For what concerns the month of May, only on the 11th did this Undersecretariat have a communication from the A.C., stating that 329 tons of paper had been put at the disposal of the Italian press.

Unfortunately, this paper is not on rolls but in sheets. We have already told the Commerce Sub-Commission in A.C. that the situation would be extremely serious if it wasn't possible to exhaust the paper in sheets and paper on rolls.

Referring to note N. 9205 of 7/4/1945, we draw your attention on the following facts:

As soon as we received the communication that 200 tons of paper on rolls had been put at the disposal of this Undersecretariat, by note N. 2490 of 2/3/44, this Undersecretariat asked for the freight-cars required for the transport of the said paper for Reggio Calabria, Palermo and Catania to the General Direction of the State Railways which submitted the request to the Allies.

As it has been said in the letter sent by Admiral Stone to M. S. Bonomi, the freight cars could only be granted for April 5th.

To avoid the inconveniences which took place, we suggest the advisability of examining the possibility of putting at our disposal allied paper at an earlier date, for it often happens that the delivery is made with a considerable delay.

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To give an exact picture of the situation we bring the following facts to your attention.

1) On April 9th, this Undersecretariat was told by A.C. that 323 tons of paper to be found in 1234 warehouse in Naples were destined to the Italian newspapers; On April 11th, this Undersecretariat asked the General Direction of the State Railways for the necessary freight-cars to transport the said paper from Naples to Reggio Calabria, Bari, Catania, Palermo, and Rome.

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Unfortunately, this paper is not on rolls but in sheets. We have already told the Commerce Sub-Commission in A.C. that the situation would be extremely serious if it wasn't possible to exchange the paper in sheets against paper on rolls. However, while waiting for the decision which will be taken on this subject, the Undersecretariat cannot make any request for the allotment of freight cars, while all Italian newspaper should already have the paper for the last allotments could last till May 15th.

Thanks to the economies which have been made, it will probably be possible to issue the newspapers for another week.

According to the content of note 1202 of April 6th, sent by Admiral Stone to M. S. Bonomi, the requests for the freight cars must be made two weeks before the expedition. It is a fact that this Undersecretariat was informed that it could dispose of paper in Naples only on May 14th, while all Italian newspapers should have received the new allotments on May 16th. As a consequence, the said newspapers

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could not get the paper before May 30th, this, without taking in consideration the time required to exchange the paper.

For all the above mentioned reasons, we ask you kindly to see that freight cars for paper transport be allotted in derogation to the regulation according to which requests must be made a week before the sending.

Waiting for your answer, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

THE UNDERSECRETARY

S. Libonati

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MAY 2 1945

Tel: 478201

1 May 1945.

Ref: 9254/64/RO.

SUBJECT: Newspaper.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
UNTERA-MONTEIS Region.

1. The following is a quotation from your weekly sirrep dated 24 April :

"The approved paper RICOSTRUZIONE in ANCONA suspended publication for lack of paper while 162 papers, including some of purely pornographic nature are being published in ROSS."

2. In view of your statement inquiries were made with the following result: Commerce Sub-Commission states that repeated requests have been made to the Provincial Commissioner to make an application to Allied Publications Board for a license for the newspaper RICOSTRUZIONE, newspaper only being supplied on the basis of information furnished in the application to Allied Publications Board. In the absence of an application from your Region, three tons of newspaper were advanced to RICOSTRUZIONE but this action cannot be repeated until a proper application is filed.

3. As regards your statement that 162 papers are being published in ROSS, the facts are as follows :

(a) 24 daily papers have been authorized by the Italian Press Commission, of which 21 are at present publishing.

(b) 290 periodicals of all types, including weeklies, reviews, technical and other journals, have been granted license, but only 91 are publishing at the moment.

4. No doubt you will take appropriate action with regard to the filing of the application referred to above, and you will also realize the need for checking carefully information included in an allegation of this kind. It is suggested that your informant be apprised of the true facts.

Copy to: Moon Sec.
PIO.

[Signature]
M. S. Morden
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTIONRef: AC/5066/Commerce
Tel. 489.081
Ext. 266

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9 April 1945

SUBJECT: Newsprint

TO : Sottosegretariato per la Stampa, Spettacolo e Turismo
Via Veneto 58
Rome1. Reference letter to Admiral Stone from S.E. the under-
secretary Libonati of 28 March 1945.2. The Allied Publications Board has agreed that the
Italian Press Commission shall receive in the future 30% of all
imported paper stocks up to maximum figure of 300 tons for any
one month.3. Commerce Sub-Commission consigned to the Italian Press
Commission 300 tons of newsprint on approximately 10 March. Ano-
ther 250 tons will be transferred to the Italian Government within
a week or ten days when the ship carrying the same arrives from
America. In other words a total of 450 tons of newsprint will
soon have been consigned to the Italian Press Commission which
is their full quota for the period 15 March - 1 May.4. Further stocks cannot be released without authority
of the Allied Publications Board nor can special loans be made
due to the fact that the Allied Commission has no paper stocks
or warehouses at the present except in Florence where newsprint
is already in critically short supply./s/ A. G. ANTOLINI
Vice-President
Economic SectionC
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MAR 30 1945

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers
The Undersecretary of State for Press

Rome, 28.3.1945

Dear Admiral,

This Undersecretariat has had to reduce considerably the paper allotment to the dailies. In normal times, this inconvenience could be borne, but it seems that nowadays, the circulation of all the papers put at the disposal of the public is insufficient because of the everincreasing interest for the progress of the Allied troops.

I therefore ask for your intervention, so that, exceptionally, a certain amount of paper be put at the disposal of this Undersecretariat, to enable a greater number of readers to follow the course of the events.

I thank you for whatever action you will deem advisable to take to gratify this wish of our public.

Truly yours,

G. F. Ligonati

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

EC DIST - 29 Mar 45.

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7 April 1945

Your Excellency:

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter from Admiral Stone to H.E. Ivanoe Bonomi, which covers the points raised in your letter of 28 March 1945 regarding the delay in delivery of newspaper to Italy.

Yours very truly,

/s/ L. W. Starnes

L. W. STARNES
Major, A.S.P.
Staff Officer to
Chief Commissioner

H. E. AVV. RENZO LIBONATI
Undersecretary of State for
Press and Information
Italian Government
Rome

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NOTE: Inclosure is letter RE/12.02 of 6 April 1945
from Chief Commissioner to Prime Minister Bonomi.

ES/12.02

6 April 1945

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With reference to your letter Number 257, dated 25 March, concerning shipping of newsprint to Sicily, I am informed that consignments of newsprint were made to the Italian Press Commission in the following amounts and on the following dates:

100 tons - 6 March
100 tons - 9 March.

This newsprint was stored in warehouses in Naples.

In accordance with established procedure concerning imported articles, I.C.E. is responsible for obtaining disposition instructions from the Italian Press Commission for newsprint and for entering shipping bids with the Transportation authorities. I am informed that the Italian Press Commission issued these disposition instructions to I.C.E. about a week ago and that railway bids were then placed. The pressure of rail traffic requires that all bids must be entered two weeks in advance of shipment.

I have just been informed that the following car loads of newsprint were dispatched from Naples on 3 April for Sicily:

2 car loads destined for Catania
2 car loads destined for Palermo
3 car loads destined for Reggio for further

dispatch into Sicily.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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CC 1735
APR 6 RECDOFFICE OF THE CENTRAL
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
Via Vitt. Veneto 6P.
ROME

5 April, 1945

Avv. A. Rossini
Secretary of the National Commission for Press
Via Veneto 96.
ROME

Dear Adv. Rossini,

The request of the French authorities for a small amount of paper has been favorably considered by the A.P.B. in a meeting which took place last Tuesday, but considering that neither the A.C., nor A.R.B., nor A.P.B. have any source of supplies, the following decision has been taken:

'The Allied Commission for Publications' asks the Commissione Italiana della Stampa to consider lending weekly a few papers to 'presses'.

The Allied Commission for Publications decided to make this suggestion, for there are no other ways of getting supplies, as it has already been said, and this gesture might prove useful to all concerned.

I shall be most grateful if you can come to a decision without delay, letting this office know what you have decided.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. MINRO, Lt. Col.
Executive Secretary.

cc: His Ex. Libonati,
French Ambassador,
Admiral Stone,
Mr. Barney.

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31 March 1945

SUBJECT: French Newspaper PRESENCE

TO : Chairman, Allied Publications Board

1. It has come to my attention that the French weekly newspaper PRESENCE is having difficulty obtaining newsprint to continue publication.
2. The Allied Commission believes this newspaper serves a useful purpose for the Allied cause in Italy and we would like to see it continue publication.
3. It is hoped the Allied Publications Board can find a way to assure, at least on a temporary basis, enough newsprint for this paper to continue the publication of a minimum of 5,000 copies weekly. I understand that this will not exceed one-half ton per week.

See (15)
ELLERY W. STONE
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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Maj. Gen. de Swim (French Liaison with AC)
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Translation

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers
The Undersecretary for Press

Rome, 28 March 1945

Dear Admiral,

I take the liberty of drawing your kind attention on the situation of the Sicilian press which had to stop its publication for the paper it had been allotted for the period between March 16th and April 1st didn't arrive.

On March 12th, this Undersecretariat applied to I.C.M. asking for 50 tons of paper to be allotted to Palermo and 18 to Catania, from Naples where this paper was stored.

At the same time, the Ministry of Transport and the Press Office of the Naples Prefecture were asked to see that the above mentioned amount of paper be sent without delay to Sicily. It seems that the Allied authorities in Naples let it be known that they couldn't authorize this paper to be sent from Naples by railway before April 2nd.

This Undersecretariat took every possible action for this paper to get there in time by truck or by sea. As these attempts had no positive results, and considering the very serious situation in Sicily where the suspension of the publication of the papers caused strong protests, from the local Authorities as well as from the Committee for Liberation, I felt I had to let you know, for whatever action you will deem advisable to take with the Allied authorities, in Naples, to meet these urgent requirements which might cause more demonstrations of a political character.

Thanking you for whatever you will be able to do, I remain,

Truly yours,

S. E. Liberati

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

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Rome, 25 March 1940

Dear Admiral,

I enclose this memorandum of the Press office
and add the request that paper may be shipped to Sicily with-
out delay.

Truly yours,

S. I. Bonomi

Admiral Ailery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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TranslationMemorandum for Admiral Stone

On the 15th, i.e. as soon as the Allied Commission put at the disposal of the Undersecretariat for Press a lot of paper sent from America, the Undersecretary asked for seventy eight tons of paper to be shipped from Naples to Sicily; fifty tons were to be sent to Palermo and eighteen to Catania.

Since then, the Allied Command of Naples did nothing about the shipping, and only stated it would do what it could, so that it might take place between the 2nd and 8th of April. Meanwhile, Sicilian papers can no longer be published. The publication of the Giornale di Messina has been suspended yesterday.

This causes serious trouble in Sicily. The Italian Government is already being accused of neglecting the interests of Sicily, and this propaganda is greatly prejudicial to the delicate political situation of Sicily.

It would therefore be most advisable to ship the paper from Naples at once, without waiting till April 2nd or even till a later date.

Rome, 2 March 1949

c.c.

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
62 Via Vitt. Veneto,
ROME.

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11th March, 1945.

SUBJECT: Misappropriation of Imported Newspaper.

TO: Mr. Stewart Brown,
Director of Public Relations,
Allied Commission.

FROM: Lt. Col. I. S. Munro,
Executive Secretary,
Allied Publications Board.

With reference to the letter from Admiral Stone to
S. J. Bonomi on the 21st January, subject: "Misappropriation of
imported newspaper", I should be grateful if you would inform the
Chief Commissioner of the following:

1. In the absence of any move by the Italian Press Commission
after receipt of the Admiral's letter, the Executive Secretary
of Allied Publications Board sent a reminder on the 1st March.
2. I enclose translation of reply to that reminder.
3. It remains to be seen whether the set-up outlined by avv. Rossini
can or will be carried out.
4. I have therefore merely acknowledged the letter, as I do not feel
that it yet justifies any further action by A.C. until we see how
the Italian plan works out.

/s/ I. S. MUNRO,
Lt. Colonel,
Executive Secretary, APB.

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Ref. ES/12.02

7 March 1945

My dear Mr. Undersecretary:

With reference to your visit to me of 31 February and your request for a loan of 150 tons of newsprint, it is regretted that the Allied Commission has no stocks to draw on and I am informed by PWB that all of its stocks are required for military purposes and, therefore, have no surplus available.

I understand that approximately 40 tons of newsprint with damaged center has been loaned by "Union Jack" to the Italian Press Commission, to be repaid, minus whatever paper is found useless for publication purposes, when further newsprint stocks arrive from overseas, presumably in April.

I am sorry that investigation discloses no other known Allied sources in Italy from which loans of newsprint can be made.

Very truly yours

M. S. LUSH

MILLEY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Avv. Francesco Libonati
Sottosegretario per la Stampa
Italian Government
Rome

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Presidency of the
Council of Ministers

Rome, 5 March 1945

Undersecretariat for
The Press

TO: Col. I.E. Munro
Executive Sec.,
AFB,
ROME

Ref. St. 2233

SUBJECT: Misappropriation of imported newsprint

In reply to your letter of the 1st inst., re the above,
I have to inform you:

1. This office is responsible for the questions of the use of newsprint, of the circulation and unsold returns of newspapers, but is not responsible for the production and the sale of newsprint by local mills. As the activity of the mills comes under the responsibility of the Ministry of Industry, they have been asked to effect the necessary controls.

2. With reference to the other points, I have to report:

a) The delivery of newsprint from the warehouse to the printing plants is effected against orders issued by this office and in accordance with the authorized circulation. It is therefore impossible that newsprint leaves the warehouses in greater quantity than that authorized.

b) As, however, it could and, in fact, did happen that not all the newsprint assigned was used by the papers and that part of it might finish on the Black Market, it has been arranged that the finance guards should exercise a control at the printing plants. From the check-ups made, it appears that in the month of February several Roman newspapers (Avanti, Italia Libera, Ricostruzione, Italia Nuova, Quotidiano and Lavoro) did not use up all the newsprint assigned to them, whereas others exceeded their authorized circulation figures. On the whole, however, the newsprint consumed by all the Roman dailies corresponds approximately to the quantity assigned to all the Roman papers.

It has been arranged to draw up a new plan for the distribution of the newsprint with a reduction in circulation for some papers and an increase to others. It is considered superfluous for the moment to make a check on unsold returns since, due to shortage of newsprint, circulation figures are considerably below those needed to meet public demand.

The Prefect of Naples has been instructed to institute in that city the same system of control put into force here.

These controls, as already stated, will be effected periodically and if there is any doubt about their efficiency, they will be

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reinforced by having a finance guard constantly on duty in the printing plants.

As soon as this office receives information from the Ministry of Industry on the controls being made at the mills, I will advise you.

I believe that the foregoing provides a full answer to the requests made by you and hope, therefore, that you will be able to recommend to Admiral Stone the continuation of paper imports into Italy.

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

(signed) A. Rossini

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22 February 1945

VP MEETING - EXTRACT

13. Newsprint

Mr. Brown reported that the Italian Government had asked the Allied Commission to help them in their present shortage of newsprint by advancing 150 tons against repayment.

The Executive Commissioner protested strongly against the extravagant and irresponsible use of paper in Italy and contrasted the situation in this country with the U.K. where it was difficult to buy a newspaper. Brigadier Lush said that he considered the importation of newsprint into this country a waste of shipping space and recommended that the Italians be made to rely on their own production of newsprint or do without.

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Brigadier General McKinley stated that he was collecting accurate figures on this subject and would shortly put up a recommendation.

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(Copy for C.C.'s File)

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20 February 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

My attention has been called to the decision of the Italian Press Commission temporarily to suspend six newspapers in Rome because of the shortage of newsprint.

In the opinion of the Allied Commission this is not the proper and democratic manner of solving the problem. We feel it would have been better to have made an equitable pro-rata reduction in the allocation of newsprint to all newspapers rather than arbitrarily to suspend certain papers. We believe the papers affected have a legitimate reason to protest against this action.

I very much hope you will give this your personal attention and take steps to have the matter reconsidered at the earliest possible date.

Yours sincerely,

[s/ Ellery W. Stone]

Ellery W. Stone
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Lieut. Colonel I.S. Munro,
Executive Secretary,
Allied Publications Board.

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1. Newsprint situation SICILY serious.
2. No balance left at end this month although publication authorized previous to Regional Press Commission require 52 tons monthly that is Giornale di SICILIA 29 tons Corriere at CATANIA 14 tons.
3. Since then ROME commission authorized new daily CATANIA 2 new dailies PALERMO without making provision newsprint.
4. Regional Commission has also authorized several weeklies for which no paper available.
5. LUCIDI Secretary Regional Commission was told by ROSSINI that Allied Commission would continue supply SICILY's newsprint.
6. Paper is also needed for administrative and commercial use.
7. My estimate worked out with FRANTZ, PWB chief minimum monthly needs LS 133 tons divided as follows: 52 tons for dailies as mentioned above; 36 tons for 3 new dailies; 25 tons for administrative etc use.
8. Would like information if Allied Commission is to import this quantity monthly or if part supplied Italian mills.
9. Suggest seeing ROSSINI re future supply program.
10. Meantime we urgently require 50 tons extra for February or more if new dailies to start publication.

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Re: translation

Press Office
Allied Commission

20b/PRB

2 February 1945

Dear Advocate, (6)

I received from the Undersecretariat a letter n. 1091 of January 30th bearing your signature. For obvious reasons, I cannot answer it. I must say I was very much surprised to receive it. I thought that by now, the Undersecretariat for Press would have known my name, my address and all particulars concerning me, but I was obviously mistaken. I have never belonged to P.W.B., and cannot understand how your offices could make such a mistake.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

S. Lionel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN

Major

Public Relations Director

Avv. Armando Rossini
Direttore Generale per la Stampa
Sottosegretario per la Stampa
Via Veneto 52

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31 January, 1946.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

It has recently become apparent that very considerable thefts of imported paper are taking place and that this stolen paper is reaching very high prices in the black market. In order to illustrate the present state of affairs I am sending you a copy of the Minutes of a recent Meeting of the Allied Publications Board which dealt with this subject.

I know that you will feel no less strongly than I do that this not only militates against the freedom of the Italian press but is also a betrayal of the goodwill of the Allies who, while themselves short of paper, are exporting to Italy nearly 1000 tons a month.

I feel compelled to say that unless a machinery for the control of imported paper is established by the Italian Government to the satisfaction of the Allied Publications Board within the next month, I shall feel it my duty to recommend to the Allied authorities a drastic reduction of the paper stocks now imported for territory under Italian jurisdiction.

Yours sincerely,

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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

Copy to: Lieut. Col. I.S. Munro,
Allied Publications Board.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government, ROME.

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Rough Translation

Rome, 30 January 1945

Major J. Fielden
P.J.B. - News Division
Via del Moratto n.13
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Referring to my letter of 25.1.1945, I thank you for your kind interest for the granting of the railway carriage required to transport paper from Rome to Naples.

Thanks to your kind intervention, one of my functionaries has already been able to contact the transportation section of A.C. to make definitive agreements.

I remain,

Truly yours,

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PRESS

(Avv. A. Rossini)

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Ref: 38/PRB.

29 November 1944.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Before replying to your letter of 16 November requesting additional supplies of paper for the Home Press I asked the Allied Publications Board to furnish me with the latest figures on paper supply. I attach a statement for your information. You will see from it that the paper in hand on 1 January will be insufficient to cover the demands of that month at the present rate of consumption.

I also attach a copy of a letter dated 25 November from the Executive Secretary of the Allied Publications Board to the Director General of the Press which summarizes the present position.

Although we are, as I think our actions have shown, very much in favour of the fullest freedom of the Press consistent with the war effort, I feel that I should perhaps remind you that both in Great Britain and the United States there has been drastic curtailment of paper supply. In Great Britain no new publication has been allowed to appear since the beginning of the war. The heavy and numerous demands being put forward by the Italian Press Commission could only be met, in the opinion of the Allied Publications Board, by considerably increased exports of paper from countries which themselves have made and are making heavy sacrifices in their own publications.

Yours very truly,

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WILEY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The President of the Council of Ministers,
The Italian Government,
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Allied Publications Board Statement of Paper Supply and Consumption.

- a. Total amounts at points of publication
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| | 507 Tons |
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| Estimated local production before 1. Jan. 45 | 1,108 " |
| Total available for use until 1. Jan. 45 | 500 " |
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| Present monthly requirements | 1,608 " |
| Estimated consumption until 1. Jan. 45 | 680 " |
| Total estimated stocks as at 1. Jan. 45 | 952 " |
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| | 656 " |
- b. P.F.B. papers use practically 50% of paper now being consumed.
- c. No paper is expected from imports during the month of December.
- d. The monthly requirements include Florence but do not include any estimate for papers to be licensed in northern areas between this date and 1. Jan. 45.

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C O P Y.

OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD,
62, Via Veneto, Room, 108, ROME.

25 November 1944.

TO : Avv. Rossini A.
Director General of the Press
Under-Secretariat for Press and Information
Rome.

FROM : Lt. Col. I. S. Munro,
Executive Secretary, APB.

Signor Barney has, no doubt, already conveyed to you the views of the Board in connection with your request for additional 75 tons of paper, as described in your letter to the Allied Publications Board dated 14 November.

At the same time the Allied Publications Board has instructed me to inform the Italian Press Commission after full and sympathetic discussion, of the following points:

1. The APB is asked to point out that the Rome newspapers are receiving the full registered allocation of newsprint, as calculated on the declared distribution list; but that the Board has reason to believe that some Rome papers have been printing over and above these figures. If this is so, the Rome press has been condoning an evil at the expense of the Allies.
2. It is desired to call the attention of the Italian Press Commission to the official statement of the newsprint situation as it stands as revealed today in the report of Col. Brown of the Economic Section of the Allied Commission, herewith attached.
3. With regard to the suggestion that the political papers should be circulated in the Army forward areas, APB has yet to be informed that the Italian Press Commission has been authorized to extend the circulation in these military zones.
4. APB invites investigation by the Italian Press Commission concerning the allegations in circulation that operations on the "Black Market" involving Allied imported paper, have taken place.

In light of the above points, I have been further instructed to invite the Italian Press Commission to reconsider its request of 14 November.

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

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
n. 5027

Rome, 16 November 1944

Dear Admiral,

The Roman press finds itself in a very difficult situation because of the lack of paper. Some newspapers have exhausted all their supplies; as they cannot find paper on the black market (to which they had resorted during the past months), they are obliged to reduce their circulation, and may have to stop it altogether, having already exhausted their normal allotment. The Roman press is not only supplying the town of Rome, but owing to the improvement in the communications, it also supplies all the Italian part of Umbria and Abruzzi, and, on a less important scale, other regions too. It is indispensable that the Roman press should also supply the needs of Umbria and Tuscany, for the Florentine papers are rather unimportant and have a small circulation.

For this reason, on October 16th, the National Commission for the Press asked A.S.E. to grant an extra allotment of 50 tons of paper to be divided among the various Roman daily papers. The Under-Secretary for Press and Information also asked on November 30 more tons, needed for the increase of circulation corresponding to a greater diffusion of the Roman press in Umbria and Abruzzi. The requested extraordinary allotment to the Roman Press amounted to 80 tons. This would cover the requirements of the Press till December 31st. We hope that the increase of the national output will then allow to increase the normal allotments.

I have been told that on November 11th, there were 136,50 tons of paper for newspapers, produced in Italy, in the A.C. depot in Viale Adriatico 27, and also 19,4 tons of paper produced in this country, requisitioned in Fagnanazzo.

Will you kindly see whether it is possible that from this total amount of 125,90 tons, 80 tons should be put at the disposal of the Roman Press as extra allotment; this would enable the press to go on till the end of the year.

Thanking you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

s/d I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission

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Ref: 386

Ref: 9254/5/28

17 November 1944

SUBJECT: Paper for Newspaper.

TO : PEO.

1. Confirming conversation on telephone, I attach original and translation of letter No. 3027 dated 16 November 1944 from Prime Minister Bennett to the Chief Commissioner.
2. Will you please take this matter up with the proper quarter and in due course submit a reply on your files for the signature of the Chief Commissioner.

L. E. Hall
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Chief of Staff.

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INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
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31 August 1944

Capt. Ellery W. Stone, Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
(for the attention of the Economic Section)

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Dear Captain Stone:

In accordance with a decision of the Allied Publications Board at its meeting on 28 August, I have to communicate to you the Board's grave concern at non-delivery of newsprint requisitioned for last April by The Allied Control Commission on recommendation of APB.

That requisition called for monthly delivery of 550 tons of newsprint and 100 tons of flatbed stock for the period July to December inclusive. From July to date only 159 tons of newsprint have been received.

So serious has the situation become that the Board was forced to take the decision to freeze all licenses as of 15 August. It may also be necessary in the very near future to cut drastically the circulation of existing authorized publications, and to deprive a news-hungry populace in newly liberated territory of an acknowledged social need. A free press, so important - indeed essential - to the development of a free Italy, is at stake.

In view of the serious political reaction to the situation, evidence of which has already appeared, the Board earnestly requests that every possible consideration, in the matter of priorities, be given future shipments of newsprint. It would be greatly obliged if you would put this request before the authorities concerned at AFHQ at once for communication by the speediest channel to G-5, Washington.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Eiman
A.D.P.W.O. Italy (Lib.) and
Chairman Allied Publications Board

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

29 August 1944

Mr George Edman, Chairman
Allied Publications Board
APO 734 - U.S. Army

SUBJECT: Newspaper Paper

Dear Mr Edman,

I want to thank you for the information furnished in your letter of 23rd of August relative to the newspaper situation.

As you no doubt know ACC, through its Requisition Division, submits to G-5 AFHQ the requirements for newspaper as submitted to it by your Board.

The responsibility for obtaining these requirements is that of G-5. Acknowledgment of the receipt of such was made to the Requisition Division of A.C.C. Presumably shipping priorities accorded in Washington for more essential items were the cause of the interruption of the proposed schedule. Our Requisition Division will be instructed to follow up with G-5 to obtain, if possible, information with respect to expected shipments and to keep your Board informed.

Since shipping priority remains a subject to be decided in Washington, it is suggested that your Board deal directly with Washington through AFHQ in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY W. STONE,
Capt., USAR,
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Economic Section
Cal. Brown Liaison Section

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Newsprint Situation

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Lt. Col. R. Brown

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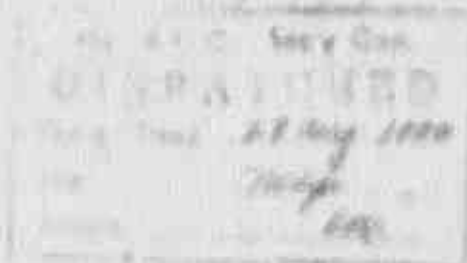
1. Reference attached letter dated 23 Aug 44 from F.P.S.,
subject "Newsprint Situation".

2. Will you look into this matter, inform me as to appropriate
action and prepare reply for my signature. Thank you.

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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

23 August 1944

→ Captain Ellery Stone, Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
APO 394

Subject: Newsprint Situation

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28 AUG 1944

Dear Captain Stone:

I wish to call to your attention a situation which in my opinion is serious, both from PWB's and ACC's point of view. I should be very glad to discuss this with you some time at your convenience.

1. It was agreed in North Africa early in the Fall of 1943 that ACC would be responsible for procurement and obtaining shipping approval for all newsprint paper for local newspapers in Sicily and the to-be-liberated areas.
2. AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 89 (dated 11 Dec. 43) created this Board with power to grant and revoke licenses for publication of newspaper, magazines, etc. This Board was empowered to control the allocation in Italy of all newsprint and to control all newsprint found in Italy.
3. ACC requisitioned through G-5 AFHQ approximately 600 tons per of paper from the U. S. for a period of six months beginning July 1, 1944, and ending Dec. 31, 1944. (Requisition was dated April 18, 1944 and acknowledged by AFHQ June 1, 1944.)
4. The Regions were notified of the amount of paper they could expect for use by the publications properly licensed by this Board.
5. Actually only 156 tons were received during the month of July and none so far in August.
6. AFHQ notified ACC (message Aug. 18, 1944) that it will receive no newsprint paper during the month of August and none until the third maintenance period of Sept. (20th to 30th).
7. The present supply of paper, including that which was found in occupied territory plus that which has been produced by local mills, will have been used by the end of September.

8. The Board would appreciate, if it is possible, being advised in advance of any changes in the amount of paper it may expect each month.

9. Such information is necessary to properly control the flow and distribution of newsprint to the Regions in accordance with licensed circulation of the various publications.

Yours sincerely,

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

Copy to Mr. Russell Barnes, AFHQ

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LIST OF PAPERS

Office of the
Chief Commissioner

ALLIED COMMISSION

File under No. 9265 NEWSPRINT

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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
1	Ltr Bonomi, N. 3027	16 Nov 44	Stone	Newsprint in short supply for Rome press and request allocation 80 tons.
2	38/FRB, Stone	29 Nov 44	Bonomi	Not possible increase allocation of newsprint to Rome press.
3	2/FRB, Stone	31 Jan 45	Bonomi	Stolen newsprint reaching black market; unless adequate control machinery set up AC will recommend out-down.

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