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LOCAL GOV'T REORGANIZATION, SICILIA REGION
SEPT. 1944 - FEB. 1945

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3rd Febry.	Director ① 1. Month was short as a result of your survey in Sicily. 2. This has been checked with the R.C.'s monthly report for December, which arrived in this office on 26 January, and agrees with the chart as far as Prefetto, Montegroni Provinciale and fante are concerned with these exceptions:- (1) V.P.V.s + V.P.I.s are not mentioned in the monthly report. (2) Chart shows Biancorosso at Imphani in place of Calotta This appointment was approved on 4 Jan 45 (see file 4/1/25 page 2) and should appear on R.C.'s report for January when received. 3. At <u>Belona</u> Villali avoids A.C. confirmation. R.C. was written to on 19 Dec 44 for his views. There are following notes (see file 4/1/193 page 19) 4. At <u>Surveira</u> the vacant position of V.P.V. is being filled by <u>De Felici, Francesco</u> who was without a post at Imphani (4/1/193 page 29). Director ② effs. reply to #5. In view of the withdrawal of R.C. 46 from Sicily a reply cannot be expected now as we are interested now in conditions in Sicily.	2.
26 Febry.	Director ③ effs. reply to #5. In view of the withdrawal of R.C. 46 from Sicily a reply cannot be expected now as we are interested now in conditions in Sicily.	5.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/1/1/LG.

Tel. : 478190

7th February 45

SUBJECT : Local Government Organization in Sicily.
TO : RC. Sicily.

1. As a result of my recent visit to Sicily I have had a chart prepared setting out the position as at the time of my visit. I attach a copy for your information.

2. The Chart has been compared with the records in this HQ. and the following observations are made : -

(a) Biancrosso was approved as Prefect on 4th Jan. in place of Gulotta.

(b) De Felici may be at Trapani, as stated in my letter MS/4/27/LG. of 5th February 1945.

3. Please let me have your observations on the present position.

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R. G. B. SPICER.
Colonel,
Director,
Local Government S/C..

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POSITION AT JANUARY 1945

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PROVINCE	PREFECT	V.P.V.	V.P.I.	Deputa- zione Prov,	COMMUNES No, Giunte	
AGRIGENTO	MOCCI, Francesco	ZACCARIA, Ferdinando. (con f. Vicario)	CONTINO, Giuseppe Rag. Capo (in f. VPI)	Yes	41	{ 18 7 in forma tion (10 C.F)
CALTANISSETTA	DONADU, Angelo	ROTIGLIANO, Edmon- do (in f. Vicario)	MANCUSO, Ottorino	Yes	22	16
CATANIA	VITELLI, Giovan- ni. Awaits AG confirmation.	MONDIO, Umberto (in f. Vicario)	DRAVOATTI, Rosario	Yes	51	19
ENNA	BRUNO, Attilio Ferruccio.	VACANT	NIGLIORINI, Sta- nislao, 1 ^o C. (in f. Ispettore)	Yes	20	9
MESSINA	STELLA, Luigi	CASTROGIOVANNI; Carmelo.	MILAZZO, Corrado	Yes	87	40
PALERMO	BATTIATI, Fran- cesco.	PAMPILLONIA, Pie- tro	TARDI, Antonio TINAGLIA, Luigi (Capo Gabinetto) BARCELLONA, Giu- seppe (age 72, should be retired) LONGO, Antonio (Secretary Ge- neral to High Commissioner)	Yes	76	(47 12 C.F.)
RAGUSA	NAITANA, Simone	MARCHESE, Inno- censo (con f. Vicario)	VACANT	Yes	12	3
SIRACUSA	COCUEZZA, Giuseppe	VACANT	VACANT	Yes	19	10
TRAPANI	BIANCOROSSO, Ro- dolfo	LENTINI, Artu- ro. (con f. Vicario)	GRASSI, Mario DE FELICI, Fran- cesco. VPI without post.	Yes	20	13
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PROVINCE	PREFECT	V. P. V.	V. P. I.	DEPUTAZIONE PROVINCIALE	COMMUNES NUMBER	GIUNTE
AGRIGENTO	MOCCI, FRANCESCO. ⁺ Comm. Dott.	PAMPILLONIA, PIETRO, Comm. Dott. Zaccaria VPI in funzione di V. capo.	CONTINO, GIUSEPPE RAG. CAPO in funzione di V. capo V. P. I. -	YES	41	18 7 16
CALTANISSETTA	DONADU, ANGELO. ^{24*} Dott.	POTIGLIANO, EDUARDO. Comm. Dott. in funzione di V. capo.	VALDALA, RICCARDO. CAV. Dott. MANCUSO, OTTORINO. Dott. - VPI -	YES	22	11
CATANIA	VITELLI, GIOVANNI ^{✓✓✓} Dott.	in funzione di V. capo	MARINO, UMBERTO. VPI BRANCATI, ROSARIO. Dott. Con funzione di V. capo	YES	51	19
ENNA	BRUNO, ATTILIO FERUCCIO	Vacant	MELIORINI, STANISLAO. Comm. Dott. Con funzione di VPI - (Primo V. capo)	YES	20	13
MESSINA	STELLA, LUIGI. ?	CASTROGIOVANNI, CARMELO V V	MILAZZO, CORRADO. Comm. Dott. VI VPI		89 87.	40
PALERMO	BATTIATI, FRANCESCO	Dott. LENTINI, ARTURO. Comm. Prof. (63) Pampilonia } Pietro } V	LONGO, ANTONIO. Comm. Dott. TARDI, ANTONIO. Dott. BARCELLONA, GIUSEPPE. Comm. Dott. COSTALZO, ANDREA. Comm. Dott. FURTERO, MARCELLO. Comm. Dott. TINAGLIA, LUIGI. CAV. Dott. - Sub. C. C. C. -	YES 58 72. - 10 66 - 62. 43.	76	17 4
RAGUSA	NAITANA, SIMONE. Comm. Dott.	MARCHESE, INNOCENZIO. CAV. Dott. Con funzione di V. capo. VII	- Vacant -	YES	12	9
SIRACUSA	COCUZZA, GIUSEPPE.	Vacant	- Vacant -		19	11

SICILY

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V. P. I.	DEPUTAZIONE PROVINCIALE	COMMUNES NUMBER	GIUNTE	REMARKS.
INO, GIUSEPPE RAG. CAPO in funzione 1 -	YES	41	18 18 7 informazioni 16 CA.	
AL. A. RICCARDO CAV. DOTT. GUSO, OTTORINO DOTT. - V. P. I. -	YES	22	16 16	
INO, ANGELO V. P. I. DOTT. INO, ROSSIO DOTT. in funzione 1 - (Primo Presidente)	YES	51	19	(1) VITELLI has <u>not</u> been confirmed by AC: awaiting observations of RC (2) Former VPV CIRIOLO is now Prefect Litoria: no info. as to present VPV Await confirmation by H.C.
INO, CORRADO. COMM. DOTT. V. P. I.	YES	20	19 19	
INO, ANTONIO COMM. DOTT. INO, ANTONIO DOTT. INO, ANTONIO COMM. DOTT. INO, ANTONIO COMM. DOTT. INO, ANTONIO COMM. DOTT. INO, ANTONIO COMM. DOTT. INO, ANTONIO COMM. DOTT.	YES	76	16 16 41 41 41 41 41	Secretary - General. 12 Communi anti Prefectii. should be a copy
Vacant -	YES	12	3	
Vacant -		19	10	

CALTANISSETTA

DONADU; ANGELO

DOTT.

ROTIGLIANO; EDUARDO. Comm. Dott. VALDALA; RICCARDO. Cav. Dott.

yes

22

in funzione Vicario.

MANCUSO; OTTORINO

DOTT.

- VPI -

CATANIA

VITELLI; GIOVANNI

DOTT.

in funzione di
Vicario

MONICO; ENRICO. VPIV

DOTT.

yes

51

ERANCIATI; ROBERTO

DOTT.

Con funzione di
Vicario

ENNA

BRUNO; ATTILIO FERUCCIO

Vacant

MOLITORIO; SIMONE. Comm. Dott.

yes

20

Con funzione
VPI - (Primo Vicario)

MESSINA

STELLA; LUIGI

?

CASTROGIOVANNI; CARMELO

MILAZZO; CORRADO. Comm. Dott.

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VI

VPI

87

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PALERMO

BATTIATI; FRANCESCO

DOTT.

LENTINI; ARTURO

Comm. Prof.

LUNGO; ANTONIO. Comm. Dott.

yes

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Pamphilonia
Pietro

TANTI; ANTONIO

DOTT.

MARCELLONA; GIUSEPPE. Comm. Dott.

COSTANZO; ANDREA. Comm. Dott.

FURITANO; MARCELLO. Comm. Dott.

TINAGLIA; LUIGI. Cav. Dott.

Age

58

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- Capo Cattedrale -

RAGUSA

NAITANA; SIMONE

Comm. Dott.

MARCHESE; INNOCENZIO

Cav. Dott.

yes

12

in funzione di
Vicario. VII

- Vacant -

SIRACUSA

COCUZZA; GIUSEPPE

Vacant

ZACCARINO; FERDINANDO. Comm. Dott.

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19

- Vacant -

TRAPANI

BIANCOROSSO; RODOLFO

Antonio Lombardi

GRASSI; MARIO

Cav.

?

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VPIV

Con funzione di
VicarioCon funzione di
VicarioCon funzione di
Vicario

De Felice Francesco V D I without bond
- (Traboni) -

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SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

MONTHLY REPORT - DECEMBER 1944

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B. - LOCAL GOVERNMENT -

The lack of confidence in government, the uncertainty and weakness of government officials has not changed. The High Commissioner showed greater confidence and the exercise of greater powers. This was the result of the proposals made by the central government to grant a measure of autonomy to Sicily.

Immediately following the Catania incidents the Italian Government moved swiftly and replaced Prefect Giammichele with Dott. Vitelli and the Questore Dr. Giuffre' with Dr. Buscemi.

Another AMG Prefect retired when D'Antoni, Trapani Province's AMG appointee and later Prefect of Palermo retired for reasons of health. The story is well known in the battle being waged between the High Commissioner and the Prefect. The Prefect came to the conclusion that it was best to retire while he could still do so with some honor. Even if we cannot agree 100% with the policies of the H.C. we must admit that D'Antoni's weaknesses were too apparent.

The following chart shows the situation as to Prefects, Sindaci, etc.

PROVINCE	Com- munes	PREFECT	Sindaci & Commissari Prefettizi	Deputazioni Provinciali	Giunte Prov. Amminis.	Giunte Communali
AGRIGENTO	41	Dr. MOCCI 24-8-44	25 Sindaci 16 Com.Pref.	7 members 2 supplenti	Complete 1 meeting	18 complete
CALTANIS- SETTA	22	Dr. DONADU 17-9-44	19 Sindaci 3 Com.Pref.	7 members 2 supplenti no meetings	Complete 1 meeting	16 complete 16 complete
CATANIA	51	Dr. VITELLI December '44	19 Sindaci 33 Com.Pref.	7 members	Complete	19 complete
ENNA	20	Avv. BRUNO FERRUCCIO + 23-11-43	9 Sindaci 11 Com.Pref.	6 members 2 supplenti 8 meetings	Complete 1 meeting	9 complete
MESSINA	87	Avv. STELLA October '44	55 Sindaci 32 Com.Pref.	7 members 2 supplenti 1 meeting	Complete	40 complete
PALERMO	76	Dr. BATTIATI December '44	66 Sindaci 10 Com.Pref.	10 members 4 supplenti 4 meetings	Complete 7 meetings	46 complete
RAGUSA	12	Dr. NAITANA 24-9-44	3 Sindaci 3 Com.Pref.	7 members 3 meetings	Complete 2 meetings	3 complete
SIRACUSA	19	Dr. COGUZZA August '44	13 Sindaci 6 Com.Pref.	To be nomi- nated	1 member missing	10 complete
TRAPANI	20	Dr. GULOTTA Aug. '44	15 Sindaci 5 Com.Pref.	To be nomi- nated	Complete	13 complete

+ - AMG appointee

EXTRACT FROM SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS MONTHLY REPORT FOR
OCTOBER 1944.D. Local Government.

During October two other AM prefects were replaced by career prefects in accordance with the High Commissioner's wishes. Those replaced are Dott. Stanomelli of Messina (by Avv. Stella) and Dott. Pasio of Catania (by Avv. Grammichele). The following chart shows the situation of local government in regard to prefects, sindaci, deputazioni provinciali and giunte comunali.

PROVINCE.	COM- munes	PREFECT	Sindaci & Deputazioni Giunte Prov. Giunte Commissari Provinciali Amministrative Prefettini	etc.
AGRIGENTO	41	Dr. MACCI 24-8-44	32 Sindaci 9 Com. Pref.	7 Members Complete 28 compl- etc.
CALTANISSETTA	22	Dr. DOMADU 17-9-44	5 Sindaci 4 Com. Pref.	7 Members Complete 11 compl- etc.
CATANIA	51	Avv. C. IMMICCHIA 15-10-44	19 Sindaci 33 Com. Pref.	7 members Complete 19 compl- etc.
ENNA	20	Avv. BRUNO MARRUCCIO + 23/11/45	13 Sindaci 7 Com. Pref.	7 members' Complete 13 compl- etc.
RAGUSA	12	Dott. MARRARA 24-9-44	6 Sindaci 6 Com. Pref.	7 members complete 3 complete
PALERMO	76	Avv. D'AMMONI + 16-4-44	64 Sindaci 12 Com. Pref.	7 members complete 64 complete 1 supplente to be nomi- nated.
SIRACUSA	19	Dr. COZZI Aug. 44	13 Sindaci 6 Com. Pref.	1 member missing 13 complete
TRAPANI	20	Dr. GULOTTA	15 Sindaci 5 Com. Pref.	Not yet formed complete 11 complete

+ Appointed by AMG.

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PROVINCE.	Com- munes	PREFECT	Sindaci & Commissari Prefettizi	Deputazioni Giunte Prov. Provinciali Amministra- tive	Giunte Comunali
AGRIGENTO	41	Dr. M. G. I. 24-8-44	32 Sindaci 9 Com. Pref.	7 Members Complete	28 compl- ete.
CALTANISSETTA	22	Dr. J. J. ADV. 17-5-44	5 Sindaci 4 Com. Pref.	7 Members Complete 2 Supplenti 2 meetings	11 compl- ete.
CATANIA	51	Avv. G. J. AMICHI 15-10-44	19 Sindaci 35 Com. Pref.	7 members Complete	19 compl- ete
ENNA	20	Avv. BRUGIO FERROCCIO + 25/11/45	15 Sindaci 7 Com. Pref.	7 members Complete 2 supplenti 2 meetings	15 compl- ete
MAGRERA	12	Dott. M. J. J. 24-9-44	6 Sindaci 6 Com. Pref.	7 members complete	3 complete
PALESTRO	76	Avv. D. J. J. 16-4-44	64 Sindaci 12 Com. Pref.	7 members complete 1 supplente 1 supplente to be nom- inated.	64 complete
SIRACUSA	19	Dr. G. J. J. Aug. 44	15 Sindaci 6 Com. Pref.	1 member missing	13 complete
TRAPANI	20	Dr. G. J. J.	15 Sindaci 5 Com. Pref.	Not yet formed	11 complete

+ Appointed by AUG.

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(2) In my judgement, we should let them
show in their own piece.

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EXTRACT FROM SICILIA REGION HANDBOOK COMING REPORT FOR
SEPTEMBER, 1944.

B LOCAL GOVERNMENT

It is difficult to assess the efficiency or effectiveness of the Island government owing to the many changes in personnel which have taken place recently and to the fact that, in general, AGO has no representatives in the Provinces from whom current information can be obtained. It seems clear, however, that political feeling and favoritism militate strongly against efficiency.

The High Commissioner has toured parts of the Island and has made speeches on the Grami del Popolo and on general problems facing the population. He is engaged in the difficult task of obtaining some form of energetic cooperation from Prefects. The Giunta to the High Commissioner, after being duly appointed, met once some months ago but has not met since, and is, therefore, for all practical purposes, nonexistent. It is understood that the formation of a new Giunta is under consideration and that the Italian Government has made a proposal that it should be composed of about 35 members which would include Sindaci of all large cities and an increased number of representatives from each political party. The High Commissioner is opposed to such a large Giunta.

All provinces now have prefects but the majority of these officials are new arrivals. The changes have been due inter alia to the implementation of the policy of having career prefects in Sicily. AGRIGENTO, SIRACUSA and TRAPANI received their career prefects at the end of August. Dott. Donadu Arsalio has taken over the province of CALANISSETTA and Dott. Naitana that of RAGUSA. The prefects of MESSINA and CATANIA are awaiting replacement. MNA is at the moment the only province whose prefects is an AIG appointee.

Detailed particulars are not available of the state of formation of provincial and communal bodies. Full information is being obtained but, so far as is known, the situation at present appears to be generally as follows. As regards Delegazioni Provinciali, these organizations do not exist except in two or three provinces. Their non-existence appears mainly to be due to political reasons or to lack of cooperation on the part of the Comitato di Liberazione. Giunta Provinciali Anarchist active are working under normal organization usually with 6 members with the prefect as president.

Sindaci generally have displayed a considerable degree of ineffectiveness, especially in connection with the Grami del Popolo. In many cases prefects have had to dissolve the giunte comunali and to appoint commissari prefettisi. A notable case of such action was that which occurred at Palermo where a strong action became necessary owing to political and popular feeling.

It is estimated that 85% of the communes have giunte duly in operation, but their effectiveness in many instances is doubtful owing to political reasons and to non-cooperation of the various parties.

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