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The A. P. increase was not a 'push' by the Italian Govt. but was a return to the far. fascist organization which had been overthrown in 1943. There is however no reason whatever to delay the return of the A. P. other than to add to it. as legislation may demand.

2. The position of Giunta Comunale should not be influenced at all by 'its limits' as it is a 'comune'. These 'comitati' have no official standing at all, although their advice may be sought, it may equally be rejected.

A strong Prefect would do so, - strong Prefects are doing so. ②

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PROVINCE OF BARI - REPORT OF INSPECTION

TO: HIS EXCELLENCY THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR
ROME

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I have the honor to report the following:

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Besides the Prefect Dr. Antonio Antonucci, a vice-prefect vicar ^{70s4} a vice-prefect Inspector, 5 Councillors (one of which belonged to the ruolo of the Religious Fund (Fondo per il Culto) 3 first secretaries, 2 vice-secretaries are giving service.

Eight Accountancy officials.

The personnel appears apt to the services exigencies.

G. F. A.:

The Administrative Provincial Board was constituted on 19th Sept. 1944.

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It operates regularly and has held 12 meetings on the control and 3 on jurisdiction.

PROVINCE:

PROVINCIAL DEPUTATION:

The Provincial Deputation, in which all the six parties of the Liberation Committee are represented, was constituted on 30th July 1944.

AVV. COMM. LATTAZIO (liberal) is its President.

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Commune of Bari

At present the Sindaco of Bari is Dr. Natale Lojacono, Provincial Head of the Democratic Christian Party, nominated on 6 August 1944, date on which the Municipal Board was founded. (formed).

Some members of the Board were successively replaced following the resignation of some deputy mayors.

The decree which provides for the replacement of the resigner assessors and the constitution of the new Board, in which all ~~the~~ six parties of ~~the~~ the Liberation Committee are represented, is being drawn up.

The Commune's financial condition is the following:

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The other public services ^{also} suffer from the emergency status, however without any particularly considerable disadvantage

OTHER COMMUNES OF THE PROVINCES:

The Municipal Boards which have been constituted are 17 on a total of 46 Communes - including the chief-town of the province.

On the other hand, some of said Boards were at the proper time (during the administration of the Prefect LUCIFERO) formed hurriedly, some times, even apart from the proposals of the Provincial Committee of Liberation, which gave raise to disagreements and crisis of functioning caused by the resignations of some assessors.

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- b) the requested registration of veterans in the Boards which has caused disagreements for between the Committee of Liberation and the Provincial Veterans' Federation. This inconvenience was lately solved with an explanatory provision of the Ministry of the Interior.
- c) the union of the Demo-liberal party (out-side of the Liberation Committees) with the Liberal Party, which has given raise to some movements among the representatives in the same committees.
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As regards the financial status of the Communes, it is unsatisfactory: besides nearly static incomes there is, on the contrary, a continuous, raise of the costs of the services, which the local bodies, already in difficult conditions, are unable to meet, without the intervention and support of the State.

~~There is a very serious situation in the communes. The administrators in particular, find it very difficult to increase the wages of the employees.~~

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SANITARY CONDITIONS:

The sanitary conditions of the Province are in general satisfactory, although a deficiency of clearing and removal services for refuses, which brings about anti-hygienic conditions has been complained ~~in~~ in some provinces.

Another serious problem is constituted by the deficiency of medicinals, of dressing materials and disinfectants.

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POWER OF THE PARTIES:

The whole of the population weakened and prostrated by five years of war, daily urged by the alimentary and economic difficulties takes no interest in the parties life, which represent only a minority.

The number of the persons registered in the parties, according to recent investigations, is distributed as follows:

Communist Party 12485
 Democratic Liberal Party 10500
 Liberal Party 10100
 Action Party 7600
 Democratic Italian Party 6392
 Democratic Christian Party 4302
 Socialist Party 3541
 Democratic Party for Labour 2765
 Italian Labourers Party 800
 Republican Party 17

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ROME, 14 February 1945

THE PREFECT GENERAL INSPECTOR

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PROVINCIA DI BARI

	NAME	GRADE	SHORT APPRAISAL
PREFECT	Dr. Antonucci Antonio	III°	Ottimo
V. PREFECT	Dr. Solfani Settimio	V°	Ottimo funzionario
V. PREFECT ISPETT.	Dr. Madonna Pietro	VI°	Ottimo funzionario

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Il Comitato Provinciale di Liberazione è stato più volte sollecitato ad affrettare l'invio delle proposte per la costituzione delle Giunte nei Comuni ove tuttora mancano.

GENERAL SHORT APPRAISAL: as to the organization and operation of local government the organs of the provincial government function regularly and with good will, notwithstanding the grave difficulties of the moment.

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[Signature]

PROVINCIA DI BARI = RELAZIONE D'ISPEZIONE =

A S.E. il MINISTRO DELL'INTERNO

ROMA

In relazione all'incarico conferitomi con lettera 2953 del 30/1 u.s., mi onoro riferire quanto segue :

Mi sono recato a Bari il giorno 2 febbraio ed ho preso subito contatto con le Autorità Locali.

Ho visitato il Colonnello Orpwood, Capo della Zona della Commissione Alleata.

Egli mi ha fatto presente che non ha nessuna lagnanza da fare nè inconvenienti da segnalare, sia per la Provincia di Bari, che per le altre provincie sottoposte alla sua giurisdizione.

Si è mostrato soddisfatto della collaborazione dei Prefetti e di tutte le Autorità locali, collaborazione improntata a sentimenti di sincera cordialità.

Ha tuttavia fatto rilevare :

- 1°) - che la costituzione delle Giunte Municipali procede con una certa lentezza e che qualche Sindaco non è in grado, per la sua avanzata età, di assolvere adeguatamente alle sue funzioni;
- 2°) - che in alcuni Comuni lasciano molto a desiderare i servizi della nettezza urbana;
- 3°) - che l'epurazione procede con molta lentezza.

Ho visitato anche il Capo della Polizia Alleata, Major REVELEY.

Egli mi ha dichiarato che esiste un'ottima collaborazione fra la Polizia Alleata e quella Italiana, per quanto la nostra Polizia sia numericamente insufficiente e manchi di mezzi idonei.

Ha riscontrato delle deficienze nel servizio delle Guardie Municipali, specie per quanto concerne il controllo dei prezzi.

Egli attribuisce tale disservizio al fatto che le guardie non sono molto disciplinate e adeguatamente retribuite.

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Ho conferito col Prefetto circa i vari problemi interessanti la Provincia ed ho preso visione del funzionamento dei servizi.

PREFETTURA :

In Prefettura prestano servizio, oltre il Prefetto Dr. Antonucci Antonio, un Vice-Prefetto Vicario, un Vice-Prefetto Ispettore, 5 Consiglieri (di cui uno proviene dal ruolo del Fondo per il Culto) 3 primi segretari, 2 vice-segretari.

Otto funzionari di Ragioneria.

Il personale appare adeguato alle esigenze dei servizi.

G. P. A. :

La Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa risulta costituita in data 19 settembre 1944.

Essa funziona regolarmente ed ha tenuto n° 12 riunioni in sede di tutela e n° 3 in sede giurisdizionale.

PROVINCIA :

DEPUTAZIONE PROVINCIALE :

La Deputazione Provinciale, nella quale sono rappresentati tutti i sei partiti del Comitato di Liberazione, è stata costituita in data 30 luglio 1944.

Ne è Presidente l'Avv. Comm. LATTANZIO (liberale).

Il LATTANZIO mi ha assicurato che gli viene prestata dai membri della Deputazione una fattiva collaborazione e che gli stessi danno sicuro affidamento per l'espletamento del loro mandato.

La Provincia si trova a dover fronteggiare le esigenze di un bilancio particolarmente dissestato. Ad 82.000.000 di lire ammontano i debiti lasciati in eredità dalle amministrazioni fasciste. Il deficit del bilancio 1944, previsto in 12.000.000, è stato ridotto dalla Commissione Centrale per la Finanza Locale a 8.400.000, di cui 5 milioni da coprirsi con contributo straordinario e il resto con mutuo a contrarsi.

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L'Amministrazione chiede che il contributo di 5 milioni, tenuto conto, soprattutto, dell'aumento delle rette per ricovero folli, che fanno carico alla provincia, sia elevato almeno a 6 ed ha iniziato pratiche in tal senso, con l'appoggio della Prefettura.

Sono in corso di adozione, intanto, provvedimenti intesi a limitare le spese ed a contenerle nei limiti delle più strette esigenze : fra l'altro è stata nominata un'apposita commissione con il compito di presentare proposte concrete per la eliminazione di parte del personale, che appare pletorico ed esuberante rispetto alle effettive necessità dei servizi.

Un problema particolarmente grave ed importante a risolversi, da parte dell'Amministrazione Provinciale è quello della manutenzione delle strade, dato l'alto costo dei materiali occorrenti, in relazione alla maggiore usura dovuta all'intenso traffico alleato, connesso alle esigenze belliche.

COMUNE DI BARI :

Attuale Sindaco di Bari è il Dr. Natale Lojacono, Capo Provinciale del Partito della Democrazia Cristiana, nominato il 6 agosto 1944, data nella quale venne insediata la Giunta Municipale.

La Giunta ha subito, successivamente, qualche modifica a seguito delle dimissioni di alcuni assessori.

E' in corso il decreto che provvede alla sostituzione degli assessori dimissionari ed alla formazione della nuova Giunta, nella quale tutti i sei partiti del Comitato di Liberazione saranno rappresentati.

La situazione finanziaria del comune è la seguente :

Il progetto del bilancio per l'esercizio 1945, non ancora deliberato dall'Amministrazione, presenta uno spareggio economico di circa 75 milioni, compresi circa 10.000.000 per miglioramenti economici al personale attinenti l'esercizio 1944.

Lo spareggio economico del bilancio 1944, segnalato dal Comune in circa 31 milioni è stato recentemente ammesso dalla ~~Commissione~~ ^{Commissione}

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ne Centrale per la Finanza Locale per circa 27 milioni.

In aggiunta alle spese per il servizio di protezione antiaerea e per il servizio annonario, che vengono anticipate dal comune, salvo rimborso dallo Stato, è da prevedersi per il 1945 una spesa di circa 10 milioni, anch'essa a carico dello Stato, per i servizi di ritiro di rifiuti e della vuotatura dei pozzi neri degli stabili occupati dalle Truppe Alleate, in conformità di analoga recente comunicazione della Commissione Alleata, già resa nota a S.E. il Prefetto sia per la relativa conferma e sia per una congrua anticipazione, non essendo il Comune in grado di effettuare pagamenti.

Per quanto riguarda i servizi pubblici, quello della nettezza urbana, in conseguenza dei vari miglioramenti salariali, grava sul bilancio del comune per circa 21 milioni annui e si svolge fra molteplici difficoltà per mancanza di attrezzi e deficienza di personale.

La manutenzione delle strade non può essere assolutamente eseguita per mancanza di materiale e mano d'opera. Il logorio di quasi tutta la rete stradale interna e periferica è notevole, in relazione all'intenso traffico militare alleato ed è da prevedersi un fabbisogno di circa 100 milioni per l'immediato intervento, appena sarà consentito.

Presentemente si stanno eseguendo, a cura del Genio Civile, lavori indispensabili sulle strade che interessano maggiormente il traffico militare alleato.

Gli altri servizi pubblici risentono anch'essi dello stato di emergenza, senza però inconvenienti di particolare entità.

ALTRI COMUNI DELLA PROVINCIA :

Su un totale di 46 Comuni - ivi compreso il Capoluogo - le Giunte Municipali costituite assommano a 17.

Alcune di dette Giunte, peraltro, furono a suo tempo (gestione del Prefetto LUCIFERO) formate affrettatamente, talvolta, anche al

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di fuori delle proposte del Comitato Provinciale di Liberazione, per cui si sono verificati dei dissensi e delle crisi di funzionamento, determinate dalle dimissioni di alcuni degli assessori.

L'attuale Prefetto sta esplicando intensa attività, sia per eliminare gli anzidetti inconvenienti, sia anche per addivenire, nel più breve tempo possibile, alla costituzione delle Giunte negli altri Comuni.

Pratiche in tal senso sono state iniziate col Comitato Provinciale di Liberazione per affrettare l'invio delle relative designazioni.

La mancata costituzione delle Giunte in tutti i Comuni è dovuta alle seguenti cause :

a) - la recente crisi ministeriale, che ha ingenerato un certo disorientamento e perplessità in seno ai partiti del Comitato di Liberazione;

b) - la richiesta inclusione di rappresentanti dei combattenti nelle Giunte, richiesta che ha determinato divergenze fra il Comitato di Liberazione e la Federazione Prov.le Combattenti. Tale inconveniente è stato di recente risolto con disposizione chiarificatrice del Ministero dell'Interno;

c) - la fusione del partito Demo-Liberale (estraneo ai comitati di Liberazione) col Partito Liberale, che ha determinato alcuni movimenti nelle rappresentanze in seno ai comitati medesimi;

d) - la ritardata costituzione di alcuni partiti in taluni piccoli paesi.

E' da tener presente, inoltre, che non sempre le designazioni da parte del Comitato Provinciale di Liberazione vengono fatte con la dovuta ponderatezza, per cui talvolta il Prefetto viene a trovarsi nella necessità di dover respingere proposte di nomine di individui, che per i loro precedenti penali (condannati per reati comuni) morali e politici, non danno alcun affidamento e desterebbero pessima impressione nel pubblico.

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Circa la situazione finanziaria dei Comuni, essa lascia molto a desiderare : di fronte ad entrate quasi statiche vi è, per converso, un continuo, costante aumento dei costi dei servizi, che gli enti locali, già dissestati, non sono in grado di fronteggiare, senza l'intervento e l'aiuto dello Stato.

In particolare gli aumenti di retribuzione agli impiegati mettono in seria difficoltà gli amministratori.

A tale situazione di disagio economico-finanziario deve pure, in massima parte, ascriversi il cattivo funzionamento, in alcuni comuni, della nettezza urbana, dato il costo enormemente aumentato dei relativi servizi e del materiale.

PUBBLICA SICUREZZA E CONDIZIONE DELLO SPIRITO PUBBLICO :

Lo spirito pubblico è fortemente depresso, per le difficoltà economiche e alimentari che a Bari sono non meno gravi di quelle delle altre provincie che sono state maggiormente provate dalla guerra.

Contribuisce in misura non trascurabile a tale stato di cose la presenza di numerosi Comandi e truppe alleate che incidono sul costo della vita.

I prezzi di tutti i generi e soprattutto di abbigliamento sono assai alti e tendono sempre più ad aumentare.

Il disagio è maggiormente sentito dalla classe impiegatizia, la quale ha in diverse occasioni manifestato il suo malcontento.

L'ordine pubblico si mantiene tuttavia, nel complesso, tranquillo.

Il fenomeno della criminalità in genere è notevole ed ha avuto le sue estrinsecazioni maggiori nell'autunno scorso con gravi rapine perpetrate da bande armate, in possesso di automezzi alleati.

Le forze di polizia si appalesano, in genere, insufficienti rispetto ai gravi compiti d'istituto ed alla situazione generale contingente.

I recenti richiami alle armi, disposti dal Governo, hann

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scitato del malcontento in alcuni settori e specie nella massa studentesca, la quale desidererebbe che, come contro-partita al sacrificio di sangue che si chiede alla gioventù italiana, gli alleati dessero delle garenzie circa il futuro trattamento dell'Italia.

CONDIZIONI SANITARIE :

Le condizioni sanitarie della Provincia sono generalmente soddisfacenti, nonostante la lamentata deficienza in taluni comuni dei servizi di spazzamento e di rimozione dei rifiuti, che determinano condizioni antigigieniche.

Altro problema grave è costituito dalla deficienza di medicinali, di materiale di medicazione e di disinfettanti.

EPURAZIONE :

La Commissione Provinciale di Epurazione costituita in base alla Legge BADOGGIO aveva già esaminato un notevole numero di ex fascisti giudicabili, con le seguenti risultanze :

a) - Proposti per la dispensa n° 123	
b) - Discriminati	" 39
c) - Non luogo	" 12
d) - Incompetenza	" 2
e) - Rinviati	" 56

Totale	n° 232
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Intervenuto il D.L.L. 27/7/44, n° 159, portante modifiche alla costituzione della Commissione e alle norme sostanziali e procedurali, la Commissione interruppe il suo lavoro.

Attualmente si è in attesa della costituzione della nuova Commissione (per la cui nomina è competente la Presidenza del Consiglio) e sono in corso le relative proposte.

Intanto continua la raccolta del materiale istruttorio con la collaborazione del Delegato dell'Alto Commissariato dell'Epurazio

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ne, insediatosi da circa un mese. Il lavoro sarà certamente accelerato allorchè saranno insediati gli altri 2 delegati dell'Alto Commissariato a norma delle recenti disposizioni.

FORZA DEI PARTITI :

La massa della popolazione stanca e prostrata da cinque anni di guerra, assillata quotidianamente dal disagio alimentare ed economico si mantiene del tutto estranea alla vita dei partiti, che rappresentano solo una minoranza.

Il numero degli iscritti ai partiti, da indagini recenti, è così ripartito :

- Partito Comunista	12485
- Partito Democratico Liberale	10600
- Partito Liberale	10100
- Partito d'Azione	7600
- Partito Democr. Italiano	6392
- Partito Democr. Cristiano	4302
- Partito Socialista	3541
- Partito Democr. del Lavoro	2765
- Partito Lavoratori d'Italia	800
- Partito Repubblicano	17

CONCLUSIONE :

Come ho già rilevato esiste cordialità piena e completa fra le autorità alleate e quelle italiane.

Il Prefetto ANTONUCCI ha affrontato con energia i problemi più importanti della Provincia, avviandoli a sicura soluzione nonostante le difficoltà del momento.

L'intervento del Prefetto nelle controversie riguardanti la mezzadria, in base alla nuova regolamentazione della materia è stata efficace, evitando disordini pubblici e riuscendo nei casi più importanti, ad ottenere l'accordo fra le categorie interessate con

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soddisfazione delle stesse. Così ad Andria, a Barletta, a Canosa.

Per i più importanti problemi connessi alla guerra ed alle necessità della ricostruzione, è stato formato un apposito comitato, al quale partecipano eminenti personalità della Provincia, che portano il contributo della propria competenza e capacità alla risoluzione dei vari problemi.

La situazione della Provincia di Bari, pur fra le inevitabili difficoltà di ordine contingente, non è tale da destare preoccupazioni.

Non ho mancato peraltro di richiamare l'attenzione del Prefetto sulla opportunità e la necessità di addivenire al più presto possibile alla costituzione delle amministrazioni ordinarie, in tutti i Comuni della Provincia.

Ho altresì raccomandato di intensificare gli sforzi per migliorare il servizio della nettezza urbana, tanto più che con l'approssimarsi della stagione estiva le immondizie accumulate nelle zone abitate potrebbero costituire focolai di infezioni.

IL PREFETTO ISPETTORE GENERALE

Roma, 14 febbraio 1945

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/A/2/5/Lat

15 August 1944

SUBJECT: Local Government Organization - Bari

TO : RC, Region II

1. Reference the report of RC Bari on Local Government FUB/102/5 and your covering letter AS/11/76 dated 5 August.
2. The increase in number of the Deputazione Provinciale was not a "sop" increase made by the Italian Government, but was an increase to the total number of this body in the pre-fascist organization, which increase had been overlooked in R.D. no. 111. In the proposed amending decree, the size of the Deputazione Provinciale will depend on, and vary according to, population. For Bari Province, there will be 10 Regular Deputies and 4 alternates. There is, however, no reason whatever to delay the setting up of the Deputazione and it can, at a later date, be added to as legislation may demand.
3. The position of the Giunta Comunale should not be influenced unduly by the Comitato di Liberazione. These Comitati have no official status whatsoever and although their advice may be sought, it may equally be rejected. A strong Prefect would over-rule the Comitato, as indeed strong Prefects are doing in other provinces.

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R. C. B. SPIGER
Colonel
Director
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Ufficio del Commissario Provinciale

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29/7/1944
PCB/102/5

SUBJECT: - Local Government Reports

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c) Weekly: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th July

d) Officers present: myself-I meeting

Comd. Musmanno -I meeting

e) Prior to each meeting

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The indications are that, at least in some cases, the Giunta will not function well (if at all) owing to internal bickerings. These are, and will continue to be in my opinion, due to the fact that the Committees of Liberation (Provincial and Comunal) will not recognize the rights of any other Political Party or even of any commercial or other interests to participate in any Provincial; or Communal Governmental or local activities.

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4. Biographical Data.

No further information.

5. Sindaci

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- c) Two - as in (b) -

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d) to (i) No change

6. Defascistization.

No change. Reference made to new system in my last fortnightly Defascistization Report.

7. Relationship of A.C.C. with Italian Officials.

a) No change. The Prefect has, however, issued an order for an increase of office - hours for Provincial Agriculture and U.P.S.E.A. Offices (weekdays 08.30 - 13.00 & 16.00 - 19.00, Saturdays 08.30 - 13.00 and 16.00 - 18.30)

b) No change. I would add that the Alimentazione appears to me to be the least efficient Department.

8. Special Problems.

My previous remarks on the Committee of Liberation still hold good, in fact the situation is, if any thing, worse.

(sgd) Lt.Col. Orpwood
Provincial Commissioner
Palazzo del Governo
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COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
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11/7/44

PGI/102/4

Subject: Local Government Reports

H.Q. Region 2
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(b) to (f) Not yet applicable.

4) Biographical Data.

Card Index is proceeding. No further information available.

5) Sindaci

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b) No answer has been received to my question on this matter in my last report. *Calculation of suppression of school fees*

7) Relationship of A.C.C. with Italian Officials.

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It also appears to have an obsession against the Monarchist Party because it considers this Party entirely fascist.

A. Spavanti

PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

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29/5/44
ECB/102/2

To: H.Q. Region 2

Local Government Report on Province of Bari
for month ending May 31, 1944

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*Good report -
nothing new however -
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(b): (1) and (2) will be appointed.

(c) to (f) Not yet applicable.

4. Biographical Data.

Still in course of collection. A complete card index of all officials is being prepared, but will take some time to complete.

5. Sindaci

(a) Title of "Podestà" abolished by old Prefect: adoption of "Sindaco" gradually making headway.

(b) at present 7: (Altamura, Gravina, Corato, Santeramo, Polignano, Spinazzola, Sannicandro).

(c) All Mayors have been replaced since September 1943, in many cases several times.

(d) Not known: investigations proceeding.

(e) Several cases of necessity to provide pay usually owing to difficulty in finding candidates.

(f) Generally not bad: Too often timid owing to former lack of support by Prefect (both financially and morally), and to strength of a Political Party in the Comune. General improvement is anticipated with the new Prefect.

(g) Again not bad, but in many cases Mayor not sufficiently master in his own Comune chiefly due to lack of support previously and uncertainty as to his future.

(h) Reasonable in most cases. This matter requires considerably more investigation before any reasonable report can be made.

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Rt Col Clifford H. H. H.
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER
PALAZZO DEL GOVERNO
BARI

*Good report -
nothing new however.
RRT*

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394.

22 June, 44.

ACC/4/3/4/Int.

SUBJECT : Gerarchi of Bari Province.

TO : D. Gnudi, Esquire, P.W. Branch, Bari.

Dear Mr. Gnudi,

I have to acknowledge with thanks the special
Reports (41 in all) on the Gerarchi of Bari Province.

Yours sincerely,

R.R. Temple
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R.R. TEMPLE,
Captain
Executive Officer,
Interior Sub Commission.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

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ACC/4/3/4/Int

10 June 1944

SUBJECT: Cerarchi of Bari and Provinces.

TO : D. Grudi, Require, P.W. Branch, Bari.

Dear Mr. Grudi:

In safe.

I have to acknowledge with thanks your letter of 5th June
sending me a special report on the Cerarchi of Bari and Provinces.

Yours sincerely,

R. R. Temple

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R. R. TEMPLE
Captain
Executive Officer
Interior Sub-Commission

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Unit No. 9.
 A. P. O. 512

SECRET

5th June, 1944.

Dear Capt. Temple,

Attached you will find a special report on the Gerarchi of Bari and Provinces, and as I told you in my previous letter, a similar report will follow on Brindisi, Lecce and Taranto.

This report will be useful to you for checking on the political past of any name submitted to you for appointment in public offices in Italian Administration, if the person or persons are from Bari and the surrounding provinces.

Yours sincerely,



P. Gnudi,
 Head Italian Affairs,
 PWB - Unit 9.

Capt. R. Temple,
 Executive Officer - ~~XXXXXX~~
 Int. Sub-Commission,
 Rear H.Q., Salerno.
 APO. 394.

in safe.
 Capt. Temple
 This appears to me
 to be a monumental work
 not only of use to us as a
 private Cross Check in
 regard to local Court officials

Copies to: Mr. G.W. Edman, A.D.P.W.O. (Lib) Italy, PWB., Unit 8.
 Major Reveley, Provincial Police Officer, ACC, Bari.

June 8 1944

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394.

4th June, 1944.

SUBJECT: Local Government Survey of Bari and Brindisi Provinces.
TO : Colonel. R.C.B. Spicer, Director, Interior Sub Commission.

1. Attached hereto are :

1. Letter with enclosures to PC Region II containing recommendations as a result of tour. (To be signed by you and sent out).
2. Reports of Conferences held during tour to be initialed by you.
3. Pro Forma reports on each province.
4. Cards containing biographical data of officials. (Copies of the Brindisi cards are being sent directly to the PC as promised him; the PC of Bari was left copies).
5. Miscellaneous data about the provinces.

R.R. Temple
R.R. TEMPLE. Captain.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

20 May 1944

SUBJECT: Report on the Province of Bari

TO : Lt Colonel R. G. B. Spicer, Director, Interior Sub-Commission

FROM : Captain R. R. Temple, Executive Officer, Interior Sub-Commission

I. GENERAL BACKGROUND

- a. The Province of Bari is one of six provinces in Region II.
- b. The province has an area of 5, 129 square km., or approximately 2,000 square miles.
- c. According to the official 1936 census, the province had a population then of 1,011,007. Its officially estimated (Italian Zone Handbook No. 5) population in 1942 was 1,177,590. Unofficial source place the 1944 figure at about 1,080,000. The density of population in the province is 210 per square mile as compared with the average of all Italy of 360 per square mile.
- d. Bari Province, together with the provinces of Brindisi, Foggia, Taranto and Lecce, make up the geographical area generally referred to as Apulia or Puglia.
- e. Bari Province is an area of rolling flat-topped hills. Agriculture and industries based thereon provide the principal work of the people. The chief products are olive oil, soap, almonds, wine, some wheat, and vegetables.
- f. There are 46 comunes in Bari Province, of which 20 have a population of over 15,000. Bari comune is the largest (232,558 in 1944) and is the seat of the provincial capital.
- g. Conditions are generally fair. The health of the province is good but there is a shortage of laboratory supplies and sanitation facilities. Housing is bad - the suburbs as well as Bari comune are over-crowded. Transportation is bad, particularly for food. Communication systems are fair. There is sufficient food for rations, but a large black market prevails in grain and bread. Much pillaging of stocks is going on.

II. THE ROLE OF A.C.C. IN THE PROVINCE

- a. The whole of Region II is under Col J. Zellars (A).
- b. The Province of Bari is under Lt Col L. E. Orwood (B).

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