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HEADQUARTERS REGION VII

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

12 AUG 1944

File Ref:

Date: 9 Aug. '44.

SUBJECT: D O Letter from Lt.Col.G.G.Feasey,R.A.
Regional Commissioner, Region VII.

TO:

Dear *Cripps*

Thank you for the letter of 3 Aug. With regard to the question of whether prefectural appointments should be made from the ranks of the career men or from outstanding personalities, experience in Reggio Cal. has been that the outstanding personality - in this case Prefect Priolo - has shown a tendency to favour his own party (Socialist). On 11 Jul. I reported that it had been necessary to remind him that party must be subordinate to prefect and not vice-versa. Would it necessarily be a bad thing even if all posts were filled by members of the same party? Such things do happen in other countries without dire results.

From the little seen of career men in Calabria, it is obvious that fresh and more vigorous blood is badly needed. Please do not think, however, that this is an argument in favour of selecting only aggressive hustlers of the Get It Done type. Clear thinking and impartiality, as far as can be obtained, together with administrative ability are the qualifications required.

yours sincerely
G.G. Feasey

Col. R.R. Cripps,
Administrative Section,
Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission.

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ADC/A/7/Int

22 July 1944

SUBJECT: Region VII report on Calabria dated 11 July RV11/90/1 to Executive Commissioner

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. In accordance with your Memo of 20 July covering the above, I have to report as follows:

(1) Para 10 of Report - Sinalco Russo

This Sub-Commission had no previous knowledge of the occurrence. A letter was addressed yesterday to the Minister of the Interior as ordered. His Excellency Berruti, Chief of Cabinet, was verbally informed of the matter and told that the above letter had been sent. He did not know the facts but undertook to ascertain the position and give an early written reply to the enquiry.

(11) Prefect of Cosenza

The attention of His Excellency Berruti was drawn to the long delay in the filling of this vacancy. He explained that a large number of appointments, transfers, etc., of Prefects had been under consideration by the Council of Ministers. The Council has now finally decided upon its recommendations and at the interview Berruti handed over a complete list for ADC's approval. (This list gives effect to various arrangements made with and suggestions made by Interior Sub-Commission.) The list includes the nomination of Dott. MIRAGLIA, Constantino for this specific appointment which will be made immediately ADC's approval is given. PC, Region VII has been notified accordingly.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

5 June 1944

SUBJECT: Reports on Provinces

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. If and when you have time, I want you to glance through these reports of

(1) Best Province

(2) Worst Province

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2. I have lined the relevant paragraphs.

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R. C. B. SPICER 1766
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UNITED STATES COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/1/7/INT

2 June 1944

SUBJECT: Local Government Survey of Calabria

TO : Mr. Region VII

1. I refer to Capt. G. G. R. Williams' tour of your Region between 1 and 26 April 1944 and to your request, when you visited this Sub-Commission's local government survey that the information collected by Capt. Williams be made available to you.

2. Accordingly, I send you herewith (in duplicate, in case you may wish to pass a copy to the Provincial Commissioner concerned) copies of:

- (a) Province Reports for Catanzaro, Crotone, and Reggio;
- (b) Record cards for senior Italian officials in your Region.

I also send you copies of:

- (c) The above-mentioned officer's General Report on the tour
- (d) Copy Report Numbers 54 to 62 inclusive, on his individual interviews.

3. Capt. Williams' tour has brought out points as to the state of local government in the region which are brought to your notice, especially paras 4. to 6 of the enclosure at (d) above.

4. New Royal Decree - I should say in the first place that Royal Decree-Law No. 131 for the reforming provincial and communal administrations was published in the "Gazzetta Ufficiale" of 22nd April and became, on and after the 23rd April, the law of the Land for the whole of "King's Italy". Prefects are required to take the necessary action under the Decree within 60 days of its coming into force. The Decree supercedes the administrative instructions and Forn of Regional Order issued in January last and now annexed to Executive Memorandum No. 39. The instructions remain of importance however, as indicating the policy which Italian governmental agencies should be advised to adopt; in particular part 9 of the administrative instructions is important in this respect.

5. Copies of translations of the Decree and of the new Minister of the Interior's circular to the Prefects thereon have been sent to you through the MS Section.

6. I suggest, therefore, that the Prefects be urged to implement the Decree as quickly as possible and to consult with the AGC officer concerned before making any appointment, in order to ensure that the proper economic and political interests are truly represented as directed in the Minister's circular mentioned.

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7. Meetings of Local Government Bodies - I suggest that the agenda for meetings of the Deputazioni Provinciali and the Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa should be sent to the Provincial Commissioner and that a similar arrangement be made as to agenda for, or notice of, meetings of the Giunta Comunale in at least the more important communes. It would also be most useful if the appropriate officer were occasionally to attend meetings of these bodies, in order to familiarize himself with their work and their methods of doing business. I am sure the Proscoti, Presidenti and Sindaci would readily agree to this and would give an invitation to your officers to attend meetings.

8. Provincial Inspectorate - The office of Vice-Prefect Inspector would repay attention. His function is to visit the communes and the provincial local government, inquire into their administration and report to the Prefect. He can be a useful link between the Italian and the A.S.C. organizations in the provinces. I suggest that the appropriate A.S.C. officer should establish direct contact with the Inspector and use him, both as a source of information and as a channel for conveying advice.

9. The three Inspectors in your Region admit they are doing little outside work at present. They tend to degenerate into additional sedentary officials of the prefecture. The Prefect should be urged to remedy this.

10. The main reason given by Inspectors for not getting out into the field is the lack of transport. I appreciate the serious difficulties of both Provincial Commissioners and Italian officials in this respect, particularly as to tyres. Nevertheless, if the Prefect can be persuaded to attach the requisite importance to the field work of their Inspectors, he should be able to effect a noticeable improvement.

11. Communal Secretaries, etc. - I would suggest enquiring into the efficiency, honesty, and political background of the Segretario Generale of the provincial local government and of the Segretari Comunali. There is some evidence that their work and influence is not for good. For instance, the political past of a number of Segretari Comunali in Reggio province is suspect, particularly that of Angelo Bau, Segretario of Reggio City. The Segretario Generale at Cosenza also appears to be an unsatisfactory official, from statements made to Captain Williams by the former Prefect Mancini and by your Regional Legal Officer, Captain Little.

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