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ADMINISTRATION, VENEZIA - GIULIA
MAY 1945 – MAY 1946

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16 Aug	(21) **Note** - Col. Bowman dropped in to thank me for my help in drafting the plan for Ven. Giulia. He said that the plan with the CC's recommendations of deletions was put into effect Monday, 13 Aug. 1945 R.R. Temple, Maj	
4 Sep. 45.	(22) To Ex Con. (through CA.S.) Forward for your instructions at your meeting tomorrow. Item is for your approval at file 29A Maj. Temple's comparison of the G.O No. 11 (Venezia Giulia) with the established Italian Government system. L.G.S.C. R.R. Temple, Maj	
	(23) CAS Action on another file. MW 7/9 Maj. Temple memo has been sent to AFHQ. Sig 10/9 2670	
14 Sept.	(24) 7.36 agd with CSO CASec. + forwd by him. Sig	36.
22 Oct 45.	(25) Sit. Stiles,	

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with the C.C's recommendations of deletions, was put into effect Monday. 13 Aug. 1945

L.C.C Temple Hq

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4 Sep. 45. To Ex Con. (through CA.S.)

Guidance & your instructions at your meeting yesterday when is for your approval at this 29A Major Temple's Comparison of the G.O No. 11 (Major Smiles) with the established Italian Government system.

L.G.S.C. R. R. Chipp Lt. R.

(23)

CAS Action on another fol. MW/15

Maj. Temple memo has been sent to AFHQ.

Sig 10/4

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14 Sept. 7.36 app with CSO CA Sec. & forward by him. 36.

(25)

27 Oct 45. Sit. Stiles,

Please get copy of 6418 of 20 Oct. 45. referred to in Folio 46.

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Vice-President,
Civil Affairs Section.

Subject: Administration of Venezia Giulia

I have studied the "revised solution" put up by Major Temple and I agree with the comments of Political Adviser (A) thereon.

2. While I share the apprehensions of Civil Affairs Section on Section IX - the provision for the creation of a District Committee, I fear we must allow for something of the sort. We have to reach some compromise between (1) the established policy of establishing AMG on the Italian model in Venezia Territory and (2) the Belgrade Agreement which provides for the retention in the Venezia Giulia of the existing "administration" (not administrators) where found to be satisfactory. Like all compromises, this one will attract criticism from both parties, but we must put up with that. So far as the Yugoslavs are concerned, we can honestly say that we have tried to meet their point of view.

7.viii.45

Asst. Adjutant (sp)

Copy to D.C. Police

Seen by Gen Cm.
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Note: Minute 20 transferred to file HC/45/19/LG
as minute No. 1.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of Political Adviser (A)

August 7, 1945

TO: Civil Affairs Section

SUBJECT: Administration of Venezia Giulia

I have read the revised scheme for local government in Venezia Giulia, which has been handed to me by Colonel Cripps and Major Temple, to replace that attached as enclosure to Report No. 192 from Deputy Director, Local Government Sub-Commission (folio 15). I approve of the "revised scheme" and consider it an improvement over the original draft (15J). While there is no political objection to permitting the Area Commissioner to have as many local advisory bodies as he may deem desirable, it would seem at first glance that Section 9 (Powers to Form a District Committee) authorizes a superfluous advisory group, or groups, when one considers the limited area involved and the various other advisory and legislative groups such as the Area Council and the Communal Council already provided for.

In connection with the establishment of AMG in Venezia Giulia and its local administrations, I believe that AC should be constantly on the alert to correct any thinking by the regional officials that Venezia Giulia is not a part of Italy. AMG should, to the extent possible, be extended and established in Venezia Giulia as has been done in any other part of Italy and there should be as little variation in the pattern of administration as possible. In this connection I note that in the report (No. 192) of the Deputy Director, Local Government Sub-Commission, reference is made on page 2 to the "system we installed in Italy" as a means of distinguishing previous local government systems from that to be installed in Venezia Giulia.

J. Wesley Jones
J. Wesley Jones
Political Adviser (A)

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Copy to Political Adviser (F)

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with the minimum of inhibity. However in view of the fact that the Art is permissive only + CA Smuts stamp desire for it (Phio 15-A subpara 5) perhaps it is wiser to let it remain.

In my opinion the Plan falls within the framework of AF. Hq Directive AG 387/207 GEG-O dated 26 June para 5 but I expect there will be considerable complaint from the Jugs when they see the order + it will be alleged (but without a scintilla of justification) that it is a breach of the Belgrade agreement.

In these circumstances I think we should discuss with Polads bearing in mind however that the matter is most urgent + time certainly is no time for reference back to the Govts.

Gallup.

GRB

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DATE		PAGE
3 Aug.	(15) Director: Please note my report on local govt. in Venezia-Giulia (No. 192 with appendices). The V.P. Exec. Commr. and others might see it too. R.L. Templer, Major D/Director	14 15 ff
3 Aug. 45.	(16) C.A.S. Please see report 192 and appendices at flds 15 & 150. The plan for using the established system of government in the first place and changing over gradually to Italian basis goes extremely slowly. I consider it a step in the right direction & issue a G.O. on the lines of ~~appx~~ flds 15J onwards, in order to get some definite basis and to get uniformity. The proposed G.O. is at present in the hands of D.S.C.A.O. who is to discuss it with TRIESTE Area Commission & then with CR. BOWMAN. L.G.S.C. R.L. Templer	
5 Aug	(17) To Ex C. Plads (A) & (B). I refer you to the excellent	2666

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D/Director

(16)

3 Aug. 45.

C.R.S.

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L.G.S.C. (17)

5 Aug

To Exec. Plads (A) & (B.)

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I refer you to the excellent Report & Plan at flds 15- 15-0.

I entirely approve the proposed G.O. setting up Local Govt. see 15.5-0 though I share Venizian Temples doubts as to the desirability of Art IX which seems to me to create a body calculated to produce the maximum of interference

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DATE	(13)	PAGE
21 July	Director 1. Capt. Lewis tells me that Col. Behrens telephoned from Venezia Giulia to Brig. Upjohn's house the evening of 19 July & mentioned that Col. Smuts, PC Gorizia "would like some definite instructions on the basic forms of local government of which he is ignorant at present." 2. As far as Venezia Giulia is concerned – so should I! 3. I think our position is that:- (a) all we have at present is to be found in paras. 5 & 6 of the AFHQ directive at fo. 12. (b) Presumably, the basic local govt. structure is the fascist pre-war system (Podesta, Consulta, Rettorato etc.) to which allusions are made in Ex Memo. No. 39. (c) How this structure may have been modified by (i) Germans (ii) Republican fascists (iii) Jugoslavs we haven't the faintest idea. PCs on the spot may be able to tell us more about this than we could tell them. (d) it is to find out what the present local govt. is like that we are sending Major Temple down shortly. (e) When we have the facts from his report, we shall then be in a position to consider the future. 4. I suggest a DO on these lines to SCAO 13 Corps. Shall I draft? (14)	11 12.
26 July.	D/Director To see above minute & to 13 – as arranged with Director	12

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26 July. D/Director

To see above minute + fo 13 – as arranged with Director this afternoon, you to speak to Lt.-Col. Smuts on your visit to Venezia Giulia on 26 July + give him any directives etc that might be useful. CJW

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8 June	(7) Director: Please note min. (6). I told the V.P. at the conference that we had no particular brief for R.D. 111 and that it might be necessary to create a pattern of local govt that was convertible to either Italian or Jugoslavian rule. In any event they'll operate "as is" for the time being in Venezia Giulia and this S/C may have to size up the situation later. R R Temple, Maj. D/Dir.	
10 June	(8) Maj. W. In the light of the V.P.'s statement (Min. 6) I see no comment for by this S/C re ¶. 5, 5A. Do you agree? RRT.	
	D/Director (9)	
11 June	Ref. minute (8) — I agree. To clinch the matter, letter to Legal S/C for urgent line, please, CLG Ref. — arfp. 6. RRT	6.
	Director (10)	
19 June	1. Please see signal at fo. 8.	8.
	2. This is marked "Exec Commonwealth — action" "CA Section (among others) — info" 2664 Is it our duty to submit any advice to Ex. Commw.?	
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R R Temple, Maj.
D/Dir.

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D/Directiv ⑨ RRT.

11 June — Ref. minute ⑧ — I agree. To clinch the matter, letter to Legal S/C for injunctive, please, I think. cf to 6.

Directiv ⑩ RRT 6.

19 June — 1. Please see signal at to. 8. 8.
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3. If it is, then I submit that, as the S/C responsible for internal civil administration, we must advise that the points taken by Gen. Dapas are absolutely right. The suggestion of clearing these Committees all over the place will not only create confusion between commune & commune, province & province but within each commune or province itself. On that basis, I should expect a breakdown of the administration in the near future.

⑪ CHS

19. JUNE — Sum. C/S has also seen. B.F. for discussion with V.P. on his return.

R. R. Chipp

24 June — S/Sgt — Calendar for Tues. 26 June re signal CC to AFHQ ⑫ cf to 10, Noted on

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5 June	Director (thro' D/Director) 1. Ref. minute ④ + fo.4, at Major Temple's suggestion I spoke yesterday on this point to Major Nugent, Chief Counsel, Legal S/C who is drafting the necessary Reg. Orders for Venezia Giulia. He said he had seen fo.4: & it had occurred to him that it might have some effect upon the proposed Reg. Order as to local govt. He would bring the point to the notice of the CLA, Col. Behrens. 2. Major Nugent telephoned this morning & said he had consulted Col. Behrens who states that fo.4 does NOT in any way affect the preparation of a Reg. Order for local govt. in Venezia Giulia. 3. Major Nugent added that in any event he would send this S/C a draft of the Reg. Order, to see if it meets with our requirements 4. When we receive this draft, then would be the time to draw the attention of CA Section to minutes ④ + ⑤	4
5 JUNE	Noted. R. D. Clapp Col. ⑥	
June 8	Director 1. At the weekly L.G. conference at 1100 hours to-day, VP brought up the question of a Reg. Order for local govt. in Venezia Giulia. He said he thought that a Reg. Order for this purpose ought NOT to be made at present. The policy was to work thro' the local authorities found on the spot (see fo.4) which may be the old Fascist ones or new Yugoslav ones or a patchwork of both. Exception (a) on "a priori" decision to introduce	3

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5 JUNE. Noted. [signature] Cl. ⑥

June 8 **Directive**

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2. VP added that in a month or so we ought to make a survey of the local govt. then shortly, get the views of RC & PC & advise them, in the light of circumstances, what (if anything) needs to be done about local govt. in Venetia Giulia.

RC [illegible]

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26 May	① maj. W. – 1. Please see folio p. 1. 2. ascertain whether there is any policy objection to the setting up of our adaptation of the Italian local govt. system in Venezia Giulia. Do the same for the directives collected in the ill-fated Consolidation. 3. Then advise Legal S/C. before 29 May. RKT	
26 May 45	② CA Section: 1. Ref. fo. 1--the "Italian law as existing at 8 September 1943" as to local government is contained in the Consolidated Text of 1934. 2. This is essentially Fascist and cannot be allowed to apply in Venezia Giulia without (at least) modification. A Regional Order is therefore necessary. 3. The modifications introduced in liberated Italy are contained in R.D.L. No. 111 of 4 April 1944 as amended by DLL No. 177 of 10 August 1944. (Exec. Memo 34 contains the first). Unless there is any policy objection to so doing, a Regional Order should be made in the terms of these Decrees. 4. As to the policy, the system resulting from the Decrees mentioned in para 3 is distinctively Italian in structure and titles (e.g. Sindaco): on the other hand, this system was applicable in Venezia Giulia from the end of the last war until the Fascists began to alter it about 1926. 5. If you are satisfied on the question of policy, Legal S/C will be informed as in para. 3 above. FOR THE DIRECTOR: R. L. Temple 2662 RALPH R. TEMPLE, Major Deputy Director Local Government S/C CGRW/pec	
26 May	③ Para 3 is correct A.A. Bontempelli 6.6.1	1

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26 May 45

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FOR THE DIRECTOR:

R.L. Temple major

RALPH R. TEMPLE, Major
Deputy Director
Local Government S/C

CGRW/pec

26 May — Para 3 is correct — G.H. Bonham Carter Lt Col CAS. RRT

4 June — Director (thro' D/Director)

1. Please see fo. 4. This raises a query. Does it mean we are to accept such local authorities as we find & continue with them; & that we are NOT to carry out any temporary reform of local govt. on the lines of R.D.L. no. 111, with Sindaci, Giunte Communali, Deputazioni Provinciali & all that? We have already asked Legal S/C to prepare a Reg. Order for Venezia Giulia on the lines of R.D.L. no. 111 — see fo. 2. 4.

2. I mentioned the point to Lt. Col. Bonham Carter this afternoon. He says bring it up again when we see the draft of the Reg. Order. 2.

CGRW RRT

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EXTRACT FROM MONTHLY REPORT - MAY 1946

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT VENEZIA GIULIA

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2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

During May two additional communes were subjected to General Order No. 11: DOLEGNA DEL COLLIO and BERGOGNA both in Gorizia Area.

The case of Bergogna is noteworthy in that this is the first totally Slav Commune in which it has been possible to implement G.O. No 11 . Dolegna del Collio is inhabitated by Italians and Slovenes in approximately equal numbers.

20. ELECTORAL ROLLS.

The General Order has now been passed by the Legal Division and will be translated into Italian and Slovene and then presented to the SCAO for signature. The queries dealing with refugees and appeal commissions have been settled and are now clearly defined in the order.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS

TELEPHONE No. 29794 Ext. 8.

REFERENCE No. 13C/AMG/72/1/187

Date 28 March 46.

30 MAR 1946

SUBJECT : Transmittal of Correspondence.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission.
(Attn : Local Government Sub-Commission)
For : Major TREVELYAN.

1. Your attention is drawn to the fact that the various Italian Ministries in ROME continue to address communications direct to the Area Presidents and in some instances to Communes. This is contrary to correct prodedure and causes considerable confusion.

2. May this matter be taken up with the Ministries and the correct procedure pointed out.

N.P.P. ROBERTSON,
Colonel,
A/S.C.A.O.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, V.3 CORPS
C. M. F.

Office of the Senior Civil Affairs Officer

Reference No: 130/AMG/59/60 21 Mar 46.

25 MAR 1946

Subject : Italian Government Interference with A.M.G. Italian Officials.

To : H.Q., A.C. (Local Govt. Sub-Com)

1. Reference your AC/1/12/2/LG of 7 Mar 46.

2. I enclose herewith copies of telegrams, etc. received by Italian Officials in this territory from Officials of the Italian Government at ROME.

3. It is perhaps wrong to suggest that criticism is made by the Italian Government in any of these documents, but the Officials concerned naturally feel that their non-compliance with the instructions of the Italian Government will be detrimental to them.

H.P.P. Robertson Col.

H.P.P. ROBERTSON,
Colonel,
Acting S.C.A.O.

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Prefect of UDINE - TRIESTE - TERZO 10794

Imminent holding over to the Italian Administrations of Provinces situated at North, it is believed necessary to insure temporary prosecution of activity Ente Navigazione Interna until the competent Minister will examine the possibility of the maintenance of such Institute. It is actually deemed necessary for Y.H. to put in force para 6 , Art. XIX of the Communal Law so to guarantee in your province until March 31.st the functioning of said institute.

Other provinces have been advised by Telegramm.

Please reply as soon as possible

For the Minister

DE CURTIS

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PREFETTO UDINE TRIESTE TERZO 1079h.
IMMINENTE COSTITUZIONE AMMINISTRAZIONE ITALIANA PROVINCIE SETTENTRIONALI CONVIENE ASSICURARE PROVVISORIA PROSECUZIONE ATTIVITA' ENTE NAVIGAZIONE INTERNA IN ATTESA CHE MINISTERO ESAMINI POSSIBILITA' MANTENIMENTO DETTO ENTE. PREGHIAMO SI FORNANO OPPORTUNITA VOSTRA AUTORIA AVVALERSI FACOLTA' COMMA SEI ART DICIANNOVE DECRETO LEGISLATIVO AL FINE PROROGARE TERRITORIO COMPETENZA FINO 31 MARZO FUNZIONAMENTO DETTO ENTE. DALLA TELEGRAMMA INVIASI ALTRE PREFETTURE INTERESSATE. PREGASI DARE URGENTE RISCONTRO

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37 SCSO 714175 196 26 20 Amplification

Prefects of the Kingdom.

14845 1800/L Electoral service alt. Institution of communal commission as provided for by Circular 8 c.m. No. 9149/I/30 Q. It has been determined to help the provisional organizations for the sanctions agmnst fascists politically dangerous in order to provide for an urgent epuration of the electoral Rolls. alt. Communal Commissions will intensify and maximum their activities so that sindaci can make necessary cancellations from Rolls.in Time - alt.

It is deemed indispensable that epuration do not be of obstacle to the cause of administrative elections therefore such Communal Commissions will suspend their work ten days before the elections and, if necessary, can be continued immediately after the popular consultations and ended before the popular meetings alt.

It is necessary to make sure if persons suspected have really occupied one of the positions listed by D.P. 2 Febr. 1945 whether for the other cases of political unworthiness remains the power of the provincial commissions appointed by virtue of Art. 8 DL 27 July/No. 159 ed subsequent modifications alt. Against the cancellations from Rolls made by Sindaci, it is not provided that no appeal should be made to the Provincial Commissions or other authority Alt - Please communicate content of present memo to all Sindaci and Presidents electoral Committees - alt

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For the Minister VICEDOMINI

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Prefetti Regno
14845 1800/1. Servizio elettorale alt Istituzione commissioni comunali oggetto circolare 8 corr nr 9149/1/30 Q. Est stata determinata da necessità alleggerire compiti organismo provinciale sanzioni carico fascisti politicamente pericolosi scopo assumere sollecitamente epurazione liste alt. Commissioni comunali intensificheranno pertanto massimo grado propria attività onde sindaci possano procedere tempestivamente ad occorrenti cancellazioni alt
Est però indispensabile che epurazione non diessi non rechi intralcio at svolgimento prossime elezioni amministrative donde consegue che lavori commissioni comunali in qualunque stadio provinsi dovranno sull'altro sospendersi 10 giorni prima elezioni medesime per essere eventualmente ripresi subito dopo consultazioni popolari et ultimati anteriormente comizi politici alt Seguito quesiti formulati confermasi accertare se persone segnalate antifascisti abbia o effettivamente ricoperto talune delle cariche previste dal decreto presidenziale 2 febbraio 1945 mentre per altre cause indegnità politica rimane ferma competenza commissione provinciali istituite sensi art 8 D L 27 luglio 1944 nr 159 et successive modificazioni alt. Avverso provvedimento esclusione lista adottato da sindaco su conforme parere commissione comunale non diessi non est ammesso ricorso et commissione provinciale predetta ne at altro organo alt Pregasi comunicare presente circolare at sindaci et presidenti commissione elettorale alt

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PRE ASS All Prefects of the Kingdom (all Provincial Offices for the Assistance after the war - to all Provincial organizations of the National Veterans Associations - to all Provincial organizations of the National Committee for soldiers dismissed from POW Camps - To all organizations of Patriots Association - to all provincial Labor Offices - to all Labor Chamber of the Provinces - and for information to the Ministery of Interno - Ministry of Labor and Social Contingency - Rome)

2057/3153/6 Today February 23, will become effective the DLL regarding the reinstatement by private industries of workers who were found to leave the work for military service, deportations or internment after the 8th Sept. 1943 or for participation to the war of liberation as patriots - Such provisions apply also for employees employed in substitution of person called in Military Service (Art. 31 Law 10 June 1940 No. 653) when forced to leave the work for the upper mentioned reasons. This provision applies who cannot provide for the sustainment of their families - The Decree was published in G.U. 22 Febr. 1946 No. 45. Addressees are requested to give publicity, and to invite all person, as herebefore provided, to lodge their application within the 10th March

The Minister of the Post War Assistance

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PRE ASS Tutti i prefetti Reg. - / tutti uffici provinciali d l'Assistenza postbellica-
a tutte le organizzazione provinciali associazione naz combattenti - a ₤tutte le orga-
nizzazioni prov del comitato naz reduci dalla prigionia - a tutte le organizzazioni
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a ₤tutte le camere del lavoro dei capoluoghi di provincia e p c al ministero degli inter-
ni Roma - al ministero del Lavoro e previdenza sociale Roma)

2057/3153/6 Oggi 23 febbraio entrà in vigore decreto legislativo 21 febbraio 1946 nr 27
che dispone riassunzione in servizio presso private dai prestatori d'opera non in pro-
va costretti abbandonare il lavoro per richiamo loro patriottici altro motivo ferma
aut per deportazione o internamento dopo 8 settembre 1943 aut per partecipazione lotta
liberazione nazionale in qualità partigiani combattenti. Disposizioni predette applicansi
anche impiegati assunti sostituzione richiamati a norma articolo 21 legge 10 giugno 1940
nr 653 costretti abbandonare lavoro cause sopra indicate aut richiamo armi per esigenza
guerra. Riassunzione sempre limitata at persone sprovviste mezzi indispensabili mante-
nimento proprio aut famiglie. Decreto pubblicato gazzetta ufficiale 22 febbraio 1946
nr 45. Enti in indirizzo dispongano immediatamente a mezzo manifesti murali et stampa
locale et altri mezzi pubblicità ritenuti efficaci informare interessati necessità
presentare domanda carta semplice at datori lavoro entro 10 marzo prossimo venturo pena
decadenza diritto facendo eventualmente riserva presentazione documenti i quali sono
esenti bol o et ogni tassa assicurare stesso mezzo

Ministro assistenza postbellica Gasperotto

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Rome, 1 March 1946
P.A.G./21.S

To Capo Compartimento - Trieste
To Move-Section - Trieste
To Sanitary Inspectorate- Trieste
To Central Sanitary Office - Here

Subject: Penalcing off of officials belonging to the first 5 ranks

We point out, and will you please inform the officials concerned, that the Presidency of the Cabinet Council advised us that by Luogotenenziale Law Decree dated 22nd of Jan.46 and w.e.f. the same date, Ispettore Capo Superiore Roli dott.Venanzio belonging to your Sanitary Inspectorate has been arranged for to be put on the retired list; and this accordingly to L.L.D. dated 9 Nov. 45, N. 716.

Acknowledgment is wanted.

The Chief of the Service

Signed: Garbino.

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MINISTERO DEI TRASPORTI
FERROVIE DELLO STATO
DIREZIONE GENERALE

Roma, 1 Marzo 1946.

P.A.G. 21/S

SERVIZIO P.A.G.

OGGETTO:
Esonero funzionari primi cinque gradi.

e P.C. AL CAPO COMPARTIMENTO - TRIESTE
SEZIONE MOVIMENTO - TRIESTE
ISPETTORATO SANITARIO - TRIESTE
UFFICIO CENTRALE
SANITARIO SEDE

Per la partecipazione all'interessato si fa presente che la Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri ha comunicato che con Decreto Luogotenenziale del 22 gennaio 1946 e con decorrenza dalla stessa data, è stato deliberato il collocamento a riposo dell'Ispettore Capo Superiore ROLI Dott. Venanzio di codesto Ispettorato Sanitario, ai sensi del D.L.L. 9 novembre 1945 No 716.

Si prega confermare.

IL CAPO DEL SERVIZIO

F.to Gambino

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64 SCSCS Roma 87075 62 7 2100

Prefect TRIESTE - GORIZIA

38980 17200/8/C8 Please forward informative reports requested for Provincial and Communal Secretaries of Grade II - III - IV - and V that can be exceptionally promoted by virtue of Article 182 law 27 June 1942 No. 851 considering the not necessity of the Law-Decree for those secretaries already in service at the time that the Law 27 June 1942 became effective.

For the Miniter VICEDOMINI

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64 SOSOS ROMA 37075 62 7 2100

PREFETTO TRIESTE GORIZIA
38960 17200/8/08 PREGASI AVER URGENTE INVIO RAPPORTI INFORMATIVI
RICHIESTI PER SEGRETARI PROVINCIALI E COMUNALI GRADI II III IV E V
PROMOVIBILI ECCEZIONALMENTE AI SENSI ARTICOLO 132 LEGGE 27 GIUGNO
1942 NUMERO 851 TENENDO PRESENTE CHE PUO' PRESCINDERSI POSSESSO LAUREA
GIURISPRUDENZA O EQUIPOLLENTE PER SEGRETARI GIA' IN SERVIZIO ALL'ENTRA-
TA IN VIGORE LEGGE 27 GIUGNO 1942 NUMERO 851.

P. MINISTRO VIDUSSONI

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31 SC Roma 6 8 175 26 I 2020

Prefects TRIESTE - GORIZIA

4 30 70 AC Please acknowledge immediately Telegraphical Circular No. 32472 of Sept. 29, by sending bi-monthly prospect on situation of Provincial and Communal Secretaries

For the Minister VICEDOMINI

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PRESENTI TRIESTE GORIZIA
43070 AG 1600/SI RISCONTRARE URGENTE CIRCOLARE TELEGRAFICA NUMERO
32472 DEL 29 SETTEMBRE U SCORSO INVIANDO PROSPETTO QUINDICINALE
SITUAZIONE MISERRIMA CARNELLI ET PROVINCIALI

P MINISTRO VIDONI

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3 S TRIESTE Rome 83 71 75 29 21 1330

Prefect of TRIESTE

1300 AGP Please transmit a short informative report on First accountant Cova Sergio indicating which qualification you intend to give him for the last year (1945)

For the Minister

Catenacci

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3 S Trieste Roma 837175 29 21 1330

Prefetto Trieste
1300 AGP Pregasi trasmettere breve rapporto informativo sul conto primo ragioniere Cova Sergio indicando qualifica che è il medesimo vs intende attribuire decorso 1945

p Ministro Cetenacci

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28 SCS Rome 73 71 75 92 18 1230

Prefects of the Kingdom

11877 333/9037/5. Following circular p.n. 3/2 and Telegramm p.n. 14 c.m. we specify that the maximum term for lodging of application for the examination of assistant Vice Commissioner of Public Safety, as provided for by DLL 22/12/1945 No. 856 published on Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 27 1/2 is on the 45th day after the effective date of such decree, to-wit the 1.st of April 1946.

For the Minister

Ferrari

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28 SCSO Roma 737175 92 18 1230

Prefetti Regno

11877 333/9037/5. Seguito circolare p n 3/2 us et telegramma pn 14 corr precisasi che termine per presentazione domande ammissione concorso per 200 posti volontario vicecommissario aggiunto di p s bandito con decreto legislativo luogotenenziale 22/12/1945 nr 855 pubblicato su gazzetta ufficiale nr 27 1/2 us est fissato in giorni 45 da data entrata vigore predetto decreto ciò dal XV giorno della data della pubblicazione medesima per cui termine suddetto scade 1/4 prossimo venturo

p Ministro Ferrari

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17 SCSO Rome 4 711 75 67 4/XII 2200

Prefect - TRIESTE

4 3468 AC 17200 C 8 - Promotions granted by orders of the Republican Fascist Gov't to Communal Secretaries are not valid as provided for by Art. 3 DLL 6 October 1944 No. 249.

Please transmit as soon as possible informative prospects requested by Ministerial Circular Sept. 12, 1945, with absolute priority for those regarding communal secretaries of grade 8/c, also if promoted by the Republican Fascist Gov't or under Epuration proceeding.

for the Minister

Vicedomini

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17 sosc Roma 471175 67 4/XII 2200

Prefetto Trieste
43468 A C 17200 C 8 Promozioni concesse con provvedimenti pseudo Governo Repubblicano Fascista at Segretari Comunali non sono valide at norma articolo 3 D L L 5 ottobre 1944 nr 249. Pregasi pertanto trasmettere massima urgenza prospetti notizie inviati con ministeriale 12 settembre 1945 con precedenza assolutaSegretari comunali grado 8/C anche se promossi da detto governo sottoposti provvedimento disciplinare epurativo.

p Ministro Vicedomini

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18 a c a c Roma MI 972175 38.28.23

Prefect TRIESTE

48 910 A C 17200/8. Please return informative prospects on communal and provincial secretaries requested by Ministerial Circular 17200/2132/7759 of Sept. 12, 1945 and several Times urged giving absolute priority to those regarding secretaries of grade VIII

for the Minister

Vicedomini

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18 8cac Roma MI 172175 38 28 23

Prefetti Trieste
L8910 A C 17200/6 Pregasi trasmettere prospetti notizie segretari comunali et provinciali richiesti con ministeriale 17200/232/7759 del 12 settembre 1945 et più volte sollecitati dando precedenza assoluta prospetti relativi segretari grado VIII.

p Ministro Vicedomini

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63 SCSOS Roma MI 882175 32 7 2100

Prefect - TRIESTE

39011 A G 17200 C 8 Please return urgently duly compiled prospects for eventual promotions of communal secretaries dependents send on September 12, 1945.

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8/II/2240 FTR DLC
63 scsce Roma MI 882175 32 7 2100

Prefetto Trieste
39011 A G 17200 uC 8 Pregasi nuovamente restituire massima urgenza debitamente compilati prospetti notizie per eventuali promozioni segretari comunali dipendenti inviati 12 settembre 1945
Parole nuocenti
(firma illegibile seguira rettifica)

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PZZN I/I CORE 15

44 SCSCSCS Roma NI 1891 75 79 28.1345

Prefectura TRIESTE GORIZIA POLA

32403 Repeat with particulars the following Telegramm, dated February 8 1945 No. 2578 acx Please report immediately within the 15 c m on civil moral and political conduct and on capacity and diligence of secretaries grade II III IV and V your province, notifying if they are in possession of conditions required by last section of Art. 1821 - law 27.6.42 No.951 for an eventual promotion for special merits and giving your opinion on each case. Tel MRO Vicedomini -

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PZZN I/I CORE 15
44 SCSCSCS Roma NI 189175 79 28 1345

Prefettura Trieste Gorizia Pola

32403 Ripeterai per ampliazione seguente telegramma data 8 febbraio 1945 nr 2578 aex Pregasi riferi urgenza et comunque tutto il giorno 15 cm la condotta civile morale e politica e sulle dilignza et competenza segretari gradi II III IV e V codesta Provincia frenão altresi conoscere se medesimi sieno in possesso requisiti previsti ultimo comma art. 1821 legge 27.6.42 nr 951 per eventuale promozione eccezionale et esprimendo proprio parere.
TEL MRO Vicedomini

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/1/12 /2/LG 7 March 1946

SUBJECT : Italian Government Interference with AMG Italian Officials.

TO : AGAO, Venezia Giulia

1. Reference is made to your 13 C/AMG/53/42 of 26 February.

2. I regret to hear of these difficulties arising again. On several occasions this has been impressed strongly on the Italian Government that they must not interfere in any way with the administration in our Territory. One had hoped that all the Italian Ministries fully understood the position. I will gratefully recommend the VP, CA Section to take up the matter again with the Italian Prime Minister.

3. The Italian Government, of course, will probably protest their innocence and even deny that anything improper has been done. To meet this attitude would it be possible for you to give me a few instances of the sort of thing that has been going on recently? It would, of course, greatly strengthen the Vice President's hand if he could quote chapter and verse.

4. It is not altogether clear to me what form the criticism has taken. If there were formal letters of disapproval, that is quite contrary to our clear understanding with the Italian Government. The telegraph however is practically almost impossible to control and so are conversations.

5. I should be grateful therefore if you could give particulars of one or two instances and if there has been a letter or telegram, a copy of it.

RALPH R TEMPLE
Major
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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Local Govt s/c

FILE REF.: 13C/AMG/59/42

SUBJECT: Civil Administration in Occupied Territory. Date: 26 Feb 46.

TO: ALLIED COMMISSION (attn Local Government Sub-Commission)

1. My attention has been drawn to the fact that recently there have been indications that Ministries of the Italian Government in Rome are criticising State officials in V.G. for non-compliance with their orders and instructions.

2. These complaints are causing grave misgivings amongst the officials concerned, who realise that they may eventually come under the direct orders of the Italian Government, here or in Italy, and they naturally fear that their future may be affected accordingly.

3. It is suggested that the Italian Government be informed that all officials in this Territory are under the direct orders of A.M.G.; that their task is extremely difficult owing to the political situation, and that none of them wish to offend the Italian Government, that of necessity they must carry out the policy of A.M.G. which may at times conflict with that of the Italian Government.

4. If the Italian Government wish to put forward any suggestions regarding matters in this Territory, it is suggested that they should make representation through H.Q., A.C., and in this way no unfair criticisms could fall on the Italian officials here.

5. Perhaps all Ministries of the Italian Government could be informed accordingly.

H.P.F. Robertson
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H.P.F. ROBERTSON,
Colonel,
Acting S.C.A.O.

HPFR/gar

Copy to: Chief Legal Officer.

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Stars & Stripes 24 Jan 46

Italian Civil Service Requisites Clarified

Special to The Stars and Stripes

GORIZIA, Jan. 23—An old Italian law which was recently restored by AMG now makes Italian citizenship, but not Italian nationality, a prerequisite to appointment to public office, it was pointed out here this week in connection with a recent letter in The Stars and Stripes.

The letter, which appeared in the Jan. 2 edition, asserted that the right of Slovenes to hold civil service jobs had been revoked by the AMG in Trieste. AMG says that this is a misrepresentation because of the recently restored law making citizenship and not nationality the prerequisite.

During a two month period last year the citizenship requirement was dropped, AMG admitted, and they permitted non-citizens to hold civil service jobs.

(Division to Foreign Service and to CAC for further action

RRT
24 Jan 46

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Maj Temple
Local Govt S/C

Maj Temple:

Unless you or the
SCAO Georgia Section
feel strongly about
it my own feeling
is that no purpose
would be served by
a letter now. We
then is early enough
up there we can act.

J. G. Bergus
PRO

15 Jan
1630

Spoke to V.P. (Brig. Carr) 16 Jan
who agreed with me to
drop the matter for the time
being. If it comes up again
I will take it up. R.H. Temple, Maj Dir

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/1/12/2/LG Tel: 478706

SUBJECT: Article in "The Stars and Stripes" dated 2 January 1946 — 7 January 1946

TO : SCAO Venezia Giulia

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RALPH R. TEMPLE
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EXTRACT
from STARS & STRIPES of 2nd January 1946.

OCCUPATION

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INCOMING MESSAGE
Headquarters Allied Commission

Originator's Reference: 8/61
Date/Time of Origin: Jan 111900A

Message Centre No: G/7191
Date Time Recd: Jan 120845A
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: AMG 13 CORPS FROM BOWMAN

TO: HQ ALCOM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

RESTRICTED.

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Headquarters Allied Commission

Originator's Reference: 8/61
Date/Time of Origin: Jan 121200A

Message Centre No: G/7280
Date Time Rec'd: Jan 131030
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

61/56 Local Govt.

Originator's Reference: 8/61

Date/Time of Origin: JAN 121200 A

Message Centre No: G/7280

Date Time Rec'd: JAN 131030

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: AMG 13 CORPS FROM BOWMAN

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 524
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/1/12/2/LG.

Tel: 47706

7 January 1946

SUBJECT : Article in "The Stars and Stripes" dated 2 January 1946.

TO : SCAO Venezia Giulia.

1. I am enclosing herewith a transcript of a letter to the Editor published in "The Stars and Stripes" of 2. 1. 1946. From the information we have at this Headquarters it seems obvious that the letter is misconceived, in fact erroneous.

2. However, before any article or refutation is issued I have been instructed to ask for your observations on the allegations in the article, particularly those concerning the suspension of the Slovene Language daily, the incarceration of the anti-fascist and the Slovene leader and AMG's revocation of the right of Slovenes to hold civil service jobs in Trieste.

RALPH R. TEMPLE
Major
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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from STARS & STRIPES of 2nd January 1946.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 8/41/2

Date/Time of Origin: DEC 311730 A - 3 GEN 1946

Message Centre No: G/6562

Date Time Rec'd: JAN 020930 A

Precedence: ROUTINE

3 JAN 1946

FROM: AMG XIII CORPS FROM BOWMAN

TO : AFHQ

INFO : ALCOM XIII CORPS MAIN

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At year end all tolerance arrangements with irregular committees not conforming to General Order 11 have been terminated. And either Government in accordance with that order or direct military Government is in effect in all Communes in the occupied territory.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ac/1/12/2/LG/P.Sv.
~~M/7/4/LG~~

Tel: 286

SUBJECT: Delivery of Italian mail.

Date ~~6 December 1945.~~

TO : The Ministry of ~~LABOUR.~~

1. This office has received from Military Government Territory the communications listed below and forwards them herewith to the appropriate Ministry.

RALPH R. TEMPLE
Major
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

No.	From	To	Date	Ref.	Matter
1	President of Zone.	Labour Ministry.	26 Nov. 45.	2221/ 3657/11.	JERMEN Giuseppe.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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1 Dec 45.

TELEPHONE NO : 29794 ex 10.

REFERENCE NO : 130/AMG/72/1/

SUBJECT : Transmission of Telegram.

TO : HQ, AC.

1. The attached telegram from the Prefettura, TRIESTE to the Ministry of Labour is forwarded for onward transmission.

For the Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

W. DRUMMOND-YOUNG,
Capt, R.A.,
S.O. III (CA).

GM/cb.

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Translation

No.2221/8657/II

Telegram

Ministry of Labour

ROME

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Trieste, 26th November 1945

By order of
the Area President
signed: Basioli

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/S/4/LG ~~1~~ 1/12/2/LG

Tel: 286

SUBJECT: Delivery of Italian Mail

Date 5/12/45

TO : RC VENEZIA GIULIA

1. The communications listed below are for delivery, please, to the addressees unless there is something in them to which you object.

2. In that case please notify this HQ with a precis of the points to which you make objection.

RALPH R. TEMPLE
Major
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

No.	From	To	Date	Ref.	Matter
1	Ministry of the Interior	Commune of Pola	4/9/45	2817 No.of Catal.	Death certificate of PENZO ANGELO

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RACCOMANDATA

Roma 15 Novembre 1945

Fole 1/1/2

Ministero dell'Interno

Direz. Gen. Amm. Civile

Div. II Sez. I

Prot. N. 1/9330.2/14 Allegati 1

Risposta al f. del

Div. Sez. N.

All la Commissione Alleata - ROMA

OGGETTO: Dichiarazione di morte dell'internato civile Penzo Angelo.

Con preghiera di cortese inoltro al Comune di Pola, si rimette l'acclusa dichiarazione di morte dell'internato civile Penzo Angelo.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/1/12/2/LG

2 November 1945

Subject: ILL 17August 1944, No. 189.

TO : The Ministry of the Interior:
The Cabinet of the Minister.

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1. Reference your letter 38163/2418 dated 15 October 1945.

2. As the Ministry are aware no legislation passed by the Italian Government after the 8th September 1943 is rendered executive in Venezia Giulia, and therefore no copies of the Official Gazette are consigned to that area.

3. D.L.L. 17 August 1944 No. 189 which you mention has not been and will not be put into force in Venezia Giulia.

RALPH R. TEETER
Major
Director
Local Government S/C

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
Cab.of the Minister

Rome, 15 October 1945

To Allied Commission

ROME

File No. : 38163/2418

SUBJECT: Request of information.

Would you kindly let us know which Prefects of Venezia Giulia were sent a copy of the Official Gazette of the 8th September 1944, containing D.L.L. 17 August 1944, n.189, which limits the responsability of Railway Administration as regards transportation of goods by train.

We should like to know also the date on which the said Gazette was consigned to the different Prefectures in order to establish the date on which the provisions in question have come into force in the different Provinces.

For the Minister

Spataro

Note:
1) Legal say they have sent none to V.G.
2) Th. S/C, tho' a little vague, say the same.

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Ministero dell'Interno
GABINETTO DI S.E. IL MINISTRO

Roma, 15 Ottobre 19 45

Al LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

ROMA

Direzione *Sez.*
Prot. N. 38163/2418 *Allegati*

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. *Sez.* *N.*

OGGETTO Richiesta di notizie -

Si prega di volere cortesemente far conoscere a quali Prefetti delle Provincie della Venezia Giulia sia stata inviata la Gazzetta Ufficiale dell'8 settembre 1944 contenente il Decreto Legislativo Luogotenenziale in data 17 agosto 1944 n.189 che limita la responsabilità dell'Amministrazione Ferroviaria nei riguardi dei trasporti delle merci per ferrovia.

Si gradirà anche conoscere la data in cui è stata effettuata la consegna della predetta Gazzetta alle singole Prefetture, per stabilire l'epoca in cui le norme di cui trattasi sono entrate in vigore nelle rispettive provincie.-

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Divisione ____ Sez. ____
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Roma, 15 ottobre 1945

MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO
Gabinetto di S.E. il Ministro

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

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26 OCT 1945

THE SUGGESTION MADE IN MY SIX FOUR ONE EIGHT OF TWO OCTOBER WAS BASED ON THE REASONABLE ASSUMPTION THAT NO COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE ETHNIC CHARACTER OF AN AREA CAN CMA WITHOUT HAVING ACTUAL EVIDENCE FROM BOTH SIDES CMA INFORM ITSELF CONCERNING CHANGES IN RESIDENTS PD IT WAS FOR THIS REASON AND IN THE INTERESTS OF EQUITY THAT I SUGGESTED SENDING OF LIAISON OFFICERS TO THESE PARTS PD THE FACT THAT YUGOSLAVS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT ABIDING BY THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT ADDS STRENGTH TO MY ARGUMENT THAT THEY WILL DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO PRODUCE FALSE EVIDENCE BY ARBITRARILY AND FORCIBLY CHANGING THE ETHNIC CHARACTER OF AREAS UNDER THEIR ADMINISTRATION PD IT THEREFORE APPEARS TO BE INCUMBENT UPON THE ALLIES TO DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO PREVENT SUCH ABUSE PD WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO UNRESTRICTED USE AND INSPECTION OF SUCH PORTS PD WE COULD BY EXERCISING THESE RIGHTS DO MUCH TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE OF ABUSE OR OTHERWISE PD I SUBMIT THAT WE SHOULD DO SO

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE SECTION FROM HQ ALCON CITE ACEXC SIGNED STONE PAREN

Ex Commissioner

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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AFHQ

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ONE PD REFERENCE THE COMMUNIQUE RELEASED BY THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN LONDON ON ONE NINE SEPTEMBER REGARDING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DEFINITION OF THE ITALIAN SLANT YUGOSLAV BORDER AND THE FUTURE OF TRIESTE AND IN PARTICULAR TO THAT PART OF THE COMMUNIQUE SUGGESTING THAT THE FRONTIER WOULD BE DRAWN ON ETHNIC LINES AFTER A COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY HAD VISITED VENEZIA GIULIA IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL POSSIBLE STEPS BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE ETHNIC CHARACTER OF THE VARIOUS LOCALITIES OF THE COMPARTMENT OF VENEZIA GIULIA IS NOT DISTURBED DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD BY DEPORTATION OF THE ITALIAN POPULATION OR WORSE PD

PAREN TO FREEDOM FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ AICOM CITE ACEXC PAREN

TWO PD IT IS UNDERSTOOD FROM ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS IN ITS POSSESSION A LIST OF SOME SEVEN THOUSAND ITALIANS WHO ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN DEPORTED IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS FROM YUGOSLAV CONTROLLED VENEZIA GIULIA AND THAT YUGOSLAVS ARE MOVING IN TO TAKE THEIR PLACE PD IT IS FELT THAT THIS PROCESS CMA IF IT IS GOING ON CMA WILL NOW BE ACCELERATED AS A RESULT OF THE COMMUNIQUE REFERRED TO ABOVE PD

THREE PD PRIOR TO THE WAR CMA THE WEST COAST OF THE ISTRIAN PENINSULA BETWEEN TRIESTE AND POLA HAD THE DENSEST POPULATION OF ITALIAN EXTRACTION PD ARTICLE ONE OF THE BELGRADE AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT THE ANCHORAGES ON THE WEST COAST OF ISTRIA ARE UNDER THE COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER PD

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UNDER THIS PROVISION OF THE AGREEMENT IT WOULD SEEM POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH MILITARY LIAISON OFFICERS ALONG THE WEST COAST TO OBSERVE AND REPORT ON THE SITUATION AND MOVEMENTS OF THE ITALIAN POPULATION IN THAT AREA PD THE MERE PRESENCE OF ALLIED OBSERVERS THERE MIGHT BE A SUFFICIENTLY DETERRING FACTOR TO PREVENT ANY MORE DEPORTATIONS FROM THAT AREA PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY AND IN ANY CASE COULD REPORT FACTS PD

FOUR PD MAY EARLY STEPS THEREFORE BE TAKEN TO ESTABLISH SUCH LIAISON OFFICERS ON THE LINES PROPOSED PD IN THIS CONNECTION IT IS POINTED OUT THAT THESE OFFICERS WOULD HAVE TO BE PROVIDED FROM MILITARY SOURCES AS THERE IS NONE AVAILABLE FROM THE RAPIDLY DIMINISHING MEMBERS UNDER THE COMMAND OF THIS HEADQUARTERS.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS

File No: 13C/AMG/41/1/37 13 Sep 45

19 SET. 1945

SUBJECT: Proclamation No.7

TO : Area Commissioner TRIESTE
Area Commissioner, GORIZIA
Area Commissioner, POLA

1. Forwarded under separate cover are the u/m copies of Proclamation No 7 (Gazette) :

TRIESTE Area.....400
GORIZIA Area.....300
POLA Area.....100

2. You will please make arrangements to have these Proclamations posted on 17 Sep 45.

By ORDER of Colonel BOWMAN:

H.P.P. Robertson

H.P.P. ROBERTSON, Col
Colonel,
Deputy Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

Copies to:- C.L.O - Your 13C/AMG/LD/152 dated 13 Sep 45, refers.
HQ, AC - 12 copies of Proclamation No.7 herewith.
Area Legal Officer - TRIESTE)
GORIZIA) For information and action as necessary.
POLA)

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
OF VENEZIA GIULIA

Proclamation N. 7

THE GAZETTE

I, HAROLD R. L. G. ALEXANDER, G. C. B., C. S. I., D. S. O., M. C., A. D. C., Field Marshal, Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theater of Operations, and Military Governor, hereby proclaim as follows:

ARTICLE I.

In those parts of Venezia Giulia occupied by the Allied Forces under my command (hereinafter called "the territory") there shall be issued from time to time under the authority of the Allied Military Government a publication to be known as the Allied Military Government Gazette (hereinafter called "the Gazette"). The Gazette shall, subject to the proviso contained in Article IV hereof, contain copies of all Proclamations of the Military Governor and of all Orders, Notices, Warnings, Directives and other instructions issued in the territory by or under the authority of the Allied Military Government.

ARTICLE II.

All acts, deeds, instruments, notices, and other matters which by the laws of the territory in force on the 8th September 1943 are required to be published in an official communication and any other matters which are approved by the Allied Military Goverment for publication in the Gazette shall be published in the Gazette.

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ARTICLE III.

Section 1. Publication in the Gazette of any of the matters mentioned in Articles I. and II. hereof shall constitute due publication for all purposes and all persons in the territory shall be deemed tho have notice thereof.

Section 2. The production of a copy of the Gazette shall be prima facie evidence in all courts in the territory and for all purposes of the due making and tenor of all matters published therein.

Section 3. In case of any discrepancy between the English text of any matter published in the Gazette, and the translation thereof in another language then :

a) If the matter concerned was published pursuant to Article I. hereof the English text shall prevail.
b) If the matter concerned was published pursuant to Article II. hereof, that text shall prevail which bears the original signature of the maker thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

The matters published pursuant to Articles I. and II. hereof shall unless otherwise stated have effect from the date of their first publication in the Gazette provided that nothing contained in this Proclamation shall be construed as affecting the validity, operation or effect of any matter which may hereafter be published under the authority of the Allied Military Government otherwise than in the Gazette or of any Proclamation of the Military Governor or of any Order, Notice, Warning, Directive or other Instruction of the Allied Military Government published before the effective date of this Proclamation.

ARTICLE V.

The terms, fees and conditions for the publication in the Gazette of any matters pursuant to Article II. hereof and the price (if any) for which copies of the Gazette may be sold shall be as prescribed from time to time by the Senior Civil Affairs Officer of Allied Military Government in the territory.

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ARTICLE VI.

This Proclamation shall become operative and have full force and effect in each area of the territory on the date of its first publication therein.

H. R. ALEXANDER

Dated in Trieste
this 28 day of August 1945

Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theater of Operations
and Military Governor

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION.

The above Proclamation was first published in the .....
Area/Commune on the ..... day of 1945
by .....
(state method of publication) .....

.....
Signature of publishing Officer

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Allied Military Governme
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GENERAL ORDER No. 13

Epuration of the Professio

WHEREAS it is the policy of the Allied Military Government of those parts of Venezia Giulia wh occupied by the Allied Forces (hereinafter referred to as the Occupied Territory) to suspend certain former m of the Fascist Party from the exercise of their professions or arts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALFRED C. BOWMAN Colonel J.A.G.D., Senior Civil Affairs Officer, hereby

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as follows:

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SECTION 1

Persons to whom this order applies

Any person exercising, or entitled by law to exercise any of the professions or arts within the Occupied Territory shall be subject to proceedings under this order.

SECTION 2

Categories of Persons

The Commissions hereinafter referred to may by written order suspend the following persons from the exercise of their professions or arts for a specified period:

a) Any person who has shown that he is unworthy of serving in his profession or art, either by having participated actively in the political life of fascism or by having shown himself a consistent apologist of fascism and particularly if he has so acted when exercising the functions and duties of his profession or art.

b) Any person who has obtained an appointment or promotion through favouritism of the party or of fascist officials of high rank.

c) Any person who has been guilty of fascist bias or corrupt practices.

d) Any person who has held the position of squadrista, or sansepolcrista or antemarcia, or marcia su Roma, or Sciarpa Littorio, or who has been an officer in the fascist militia.

e) Any person who after the 8th September 1943 moved to North Italy with or has pledged allegiance to or has in any way collaborated with the Republican Fascist Government, or has by means of any correspondance, assistance or intelligence collaborated with the German invaders.

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SECTION 3

Appointment of Custodian of the Rolls

Not later than 10 days after the coming into operation of this order the Area Commissioner of the Area concerned shall appoint in writing a Custodian of all Rolls for the Professions and Arts. The appointee shall be a person who was inscribed on the Roll of one of the professions or arts as of June 12, 1945. Such custodiam immediately upon his appointment shall take charge of the Rolls of all of the Professions and Arts and conserve them awaiting a re-organisation of the profession or art which will be made under the authority and orders of Allied Military Government.

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SECTION 4

Appointments of Commissions

a) Not later than 15 days after the coming into operation of this order the Area Commissioner shall appoint one Epuration Commission for the professions and arts (hereinafter referred to as the Profession Epuration Commission) in each of the Areas.

b) The Profession Epuration Commission shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members, one of whom shall be designated by the appointing authority as the President. All members must have been inscribed on the Roll of membership of one of the Professions or Arts as of June 12, 1945; all must be citizens of integrity and anti-Fascist antecedents. Public notice of the appointment of the Commission and the address of its office must be given.

c) Any person appointed to the Commission whether as President or member thereof may at any time be removed by the Area Commissioner.

SECTION 5

Notification of order

Within 5 days of his appointment the Custodian of the Rolls appointed as aforesaid shall cause a notice to be served on each person who is practising one of the professions or arts (or who claims to be entitled to such privilege) that:

(i) This order has come into operation in that area; and

(ii) The Profession Epuration Commission for that area has been appointed; and

(iii) That Schede Personali must be filed as provided in Section VI of this order.

Provided that the omission by the Custodian of the Rolls to give such notice shall not afford a defence to a person charged with non compliance with the provisions of Section 6 of this order.

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SECTION 6

Lodgment of Schede Personali

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a) Within 15 days from the day when public notice is given of the appointment of the Profession Epuration Commission each person who is exercising or who claims to be entitled to exercise one of the professions or arts shall complete, sign and lodge with the custodian of the Rolls a Scheda Personale on the prescribed form together with such other written material attached thereto as he desires to submit.

b) Within 3 days thereafter the Custodian of the Rolls shall deliver to the Profession Epuration Commission all such Schede Personali and written material accompanying same together with a list thereof and a written statement accounting for the absence of any Schede Personali which should have been filed with him.

SECTION 7

Review of Schede Personali

The Profession Epuration Commission shall thereupon review Schede Personali together with such evidence as may be brought before it and shall determine which persons it considers to be liable to be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this Order and shall serve:

a) Upon each of such persons a notice of the action proposed to be taken, and

b) Upon the Custodian of the Rolls a copy of such notice.

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SECTION 8

Objections to notices of proposed suspension

Where a notice as aforesaid is served on any person may within 10 days lodge at the office of the Profession Epuration Commission an objection thereto which shall be in writing and may be ac-

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compaied by such statement and documents as it is desired to bring before the Commission.

SECTION 9

Proceedings on objection

a) The Profession Epuration Commission shall consider the objection and shall, unless it is of opinion that the objection is frivolous, proceed to investigate and hear the objection. At such hearing the person by whom the objection was lodged shall have the right to appear in person or by an advocate and to show cause why he should not be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this order.

b) At such proceeding the Commission shall take into account among other matters:

(i) That any person who has after the 8th September 1943 distinguished himself in the struggle against the Germans may be excused: and

(ii) That any person mentioned in Section 2 (d) hereof may be excused if he has not in fact been guilty of any fascist partisanship or improper conduct.

SECTION 10

Decisions of Commissions

a) At the expiration of 10 days from the service of the notice aforesaid the Profession Epuration Commission shall in every case in which no objection has been lodged make an order against the person named in the notice.

b) In every case in which an objection has been lodged the Commission shall after the consideration and hearing of the objection either:

(i) sustain the objection and order that the notice be cancelled; or

(ii) Dismiss the objection and make an order against the person by whom the objection was lodged.

c) Copies of the order will in every case be served upon the persone in respect of whom the order is made and on the Custodian of the Rolls.

d) In all cases reviewed by the Commission in which the Commission decides that no order of suspension shall be made, the Commission shall make and deliver to the member of the profession or art a certificate to that effect. A copy of which shall be sent to the Custodian of the Rolls. Provided however that the making and delivery of such certificate shall not preclude the Commission from reconsidering the case at a later date and making such orders including one of suspension as it deems fit and proper.

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SECTION 11

Effect of an order

a) An order made against any person suspends that person from the date of said order from the exercise of his profession or art.

b) No person who has been suspended as the result of an order made under the provisions of this General Order may (subject to Section 12 of this Order), exercise any other profession or art or be employed in any administration or undertaking included within the provisions of General Order N. 7 during the period for which suspended without further order of the Commission which made the suspension order.

SECTION 12

Right of Appeal

Every person against whom an order has been made under the provision of this order shall have the right to appeal to the Territorial Epuration Commission of Appeal established under the provisions of General Order No. 7 and said Commission of Appeal for the purposes of this order is hereby vested with all the powers, duties and functions given under the terms of General Order No. 7. In hearing and acting upon appeals under this order a majority of those members of the Territorial Epuration Commission of Appeal who hear and act upon any case shall be members of one of the Professions or Arts.

SECTION 13

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Miscellaneous provisions

a) At the hearing of an objection, a Commission shall:

(i) Have power to administer oaths.

(ii) Exercise the powers conferred on a Court of Law by Articles 338, 342 and 343 of the Italian Code of Penal Procedure to the extent necessary for the purposes of this order.

(iii) Have power to make such rules subject to their prior approval or otherwise by the Area Commissioner and do all such acts as shall be necessary for the purposes of this order.

b) No stamp duty of any kind shall be payable upon any Scheda Personale, objection, notice, order, or other document used or required for the purposes of this order.

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SECTION 14

Offences

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Any person who:

a) Being required under the provisions of this order to complete, sign and lodge a Scheda Personale fails either to complete or to sign or to lodge such Scheda Personale;

b) In any Scheda Personale, objection or other document makes any false statement, knowing the same to be false;

c) Gives false evidence before a Profession Epuration Commission or before the Territorial Epuration Commission of Appeal;

d) Offers, seeks, gives or receives a bribe in connection with any matter covered by this Order;

shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction by an Allied Military Court may be punished by imprisonment or fine or both as such Court may determine.

SECTION 15

Saving of the powers of Allied Military Government

Nothing in this order shall derogate from or affect the powers of the Allied Military Government in the Occupied Territory and those powers may at all times be exercised as if this Order had not been made.

SECTION 16

Extent of order and effective date

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This Order shall come into operation in each area or part thereof within the Occupied Territory on the date of its publication therein.

ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Colonel, J. A. G. D.
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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FROM : AFHQ
TO : XIII CORPS INFO ALCOM

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Reference para 4 our letter AIH/MJG/MSM of 6 september.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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APO 512

MJG/HGW/jrs

16 September 1945

SUBJECT: Local Government in Venezia Giulia - G.O.11.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
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Reference your AC/1/12/2/LG of 14 September.

1. It is noted that no copies of General Order No.11 are held by you. Application is being made direct to Headquarters XIII Corps.

2. It was assumed here that copies of this Order were in your possession in view of the detailed analysis of the Order forwarded to this Headquarters under your ref 522/309/EC of 8 September.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

M. J. GLENN,
Colonel.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/1/12/2/LG. Tel: 478107

SUBJECT: Local Government in Venezia Giulia. 6th September, 1945.

TO : Brigadier M.C. Carr,
c/o SCAO Venezia Giulia.

Attached is the memorandum requested by Brigadier Lush and prepared by Major Temple on the system of local government in Venezia Giulia, based on General Order No. 11.

R.R. CRIPPS, Colonel,
Director,
Local Government Sub-Commission.

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Enc. 1.

Dear Brigadier.

I am forwarding this in accordance with Ex. Commissioner's instructions to "keep you advised".

The Ex. C. has not yet made any comment on the enclosure yet.

R.R. Cripps
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This arrived today. It appears to have followed you to Venezia Giulia and back.

2. Corps S/C. 2593
Noted. Hawkesworth. MLC
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

On Local Government in Venezia Giulia

1. The signal from SACMED, Cite FREEK, of 31 August 1945, F/6040, sets forth the following guide for administering Allied occupied Venezia Giulia:

> "The JUGOSLAV system of National Committees in general should be discontinued throughout the entire territory. You should reinstall the Italian system. In villages and cities which are predominantly Jugoslav you may retain a token Jugoslav administration and may use a National Committee in an advisory capacity."

2. Under the system set up under General Order No. 11, the foregoing objectives have been achieved. The Yugoslav system of National Committees has been abolished as an organ of government (Section 4, General Order No. 11) and where they exist they do so in a purely extra-governmental advisory capacity to AMG. An administrative structure of government based entirely on the Italian system of local government has been installed with slight variations necessitated by the local situation which do not affect the essential pattern of administration which now exists in Italy. Conversion from the system now in effect under General Order No. 11 to the one in effect in the rest of Italy under AMG implemented Royal Decree No. 111 of 4 April 1944 can be very easily made and will consist principally in changes in nomenclature.

3. Annexed is a table of comparison of various Italian local government systems.

4. The Italian communal and provincial units of government are preserved, with the exception that inasmuch as entire provinces are not under Allied occupation, the term "areas" has been used to designate such geographic units.

5. Instead of the title "Prefect", that of "Area President" has been adopted; and instead of "Sindaco" or "Podesta", the term "Communal President" has been used. The powers, however, of the Area President and the Communal President are as full and complete as those of their namesakes.

6. Instead of the Giunta Provinciale Amministrative and the Fascist "Rettorato", which were provided by Italian law existing on 8 September 1943 (Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa and Deputazione Provinciale provided under system AMG installed in the rest of Italy) provision has been made for an Area Council to act as an advisory body to the Area President, (see Sec. III and IV of General Order No. 11). The technical job of reviewing acts of the Communal Council by the GPA may be done by a similar body established under Sec. III of the Order, as well as by the Area Council.

7. The Consiglio di Prefettura, which was a small advisory body to the Prefect, consisting of the latter and the 2 Councillors appointed by him, may

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7. The Consiglio di Prefettura, which was a small advisory body to the Prefect, consisting of the latter and the 2 Councillors appointed by him, may also be created under Sec. III of the Order.

8. The Area President has been vested with the powers of a Prefect and Provincial and Prefectural local government bodies (see Sec. II). He is empowered to create a basic Italian Prefectural office with functionaries to whom he may delegate his powers of review and supervision of Provincial and Communal matters (see Sec. III). The Chairman of the Area Council is the counterpart of the "Preside" of the "Rettorato" under the system in effect on 9 September 1943, as well as the counterpart of the President of the Deputazione Provinciale established under Royal Decree No. 111.

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9. On the Communal level, the same type of officials and bodies that exist under the system in effect in Italy has been established with different names in Venezia Giulia, (see Sec. V, VI and VII): namely, the head of the Commune, the Council and a Secretary. A basic Italian communal office with all necessary departments and divisions has also been provided for (Section VI). Sec. VIII was designed to enable the Trieste Area Commissioner, at his discretion, to have 5 Communes in the Sesana area administered by an few officials as possible for purposes of economy. The Commune has been retained as a unit. At the same time, provision has been made for the carrying out of the ordinary functions of administration for a combination of Communes by one official. This follows accepted Italian precedent.

10. Section IX is practically the only sop given to the Yugoslavs, and even here it is not very much. It merely gives AMG the right, whenever it seems desirable to the Area Commissioner, to form an advisory body representing 2 or more communes. This body has no control whatsoever over the organs of government and is advisory only to the Area Commissioner. It was aimed to assuage the feelings of the over-whelming Slovene area in Gorizia.

11. Thus a fundamental governmental machinery has been set up which is organized along traditional Italian administrative lines and yet is flexible enough to meet the demands of the local situation.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH R. TEMPLE
Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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4 September 1945

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TABLE OF COMPARISON OF VARIOUS ITALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS

Italian Fascist System in effect on 9 Sept. 1943	System installed in Venezia Giulia under General Order 11	System installed in Italy by AMG under implemented Royal Decree No. 111 of 4 April 1944
	GEOGRAPHIC UNITS	
Provinces	Area (Sec. I)	Province
Communo	Communal (Sec. I)	Communo
	OFFICIALS AND BODIES	
	(a) Provincial Level	
Prefect	Area President (Sec. I & II)	Prefect
Vice Prefect	Area Vice-President (Sec. III)	Vice Prefect
Consiglio di Prefettura (Prefect and 2 Councillors)	(Similar body may be established under Sec. III)	Consiglio di Prefettura
Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa	An area administrative department which may be established under Sec. III - also area council - Sec. IV	Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa
Rettorato	Area Council (Sec. IV)	Deputazione Provinciale
Preside of Rettorato	Chairman of Area Council (Sec. IV)	President of Deputazione Provinciale
	(b) Communal Level	
Podesta	Communal President (Sec. V)	Sindaco
Segretario Comunale	Communal Secretary (Sec. VI)	Segretario Comunale

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	GEOGRAPHIC AREAS	
Province	Area (Sec. I)	Province
Commune	Communal (Sec. I)	Commune
	OFFICIALS AND BODIES	
	(a) Provincial Level	
Prefect	Area President (Sec. I & II)	Prefect
Vice Prefect	Area Vice-President (Sec. III)	Vice Prefect
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Podesta	Communal President (Sec. V)	Sindaco
Segretario Comunale	Communal Secretary (Sec. VI)	Segretario Comunale
Consulta Comunale	Communal Council (Sec. VII)	Giunta Comunale

+ NOTE: Sections quoted are in General Order No. 11

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Survey progressing well. Have visited and interviewed area Commissioners at POLA TRIESTE and GORIZIA. More interviews scheduled for Sunday and Monday. Diverse information beginning to form a pattern. Difficulty in obtaining accurate statistical data. Expect to return to ROME Tuesday, 18 September. Signed CRIPPS and TEMPLE.

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PAREN TO SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER VENEZIA GIULIA FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACKKE R PAREN

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TWO FD REFERENCE PARA FOUR FD IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF ALCOM TO ASSIST VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE IN EVERY WAY FD WILL YOU LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT OR SHALL WE SEND POLICE OFFICER TO ENQUIRE QUERY FD

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PARA ONE FD PLEASE ARRANGE ACCOMMODATION FOR MAJOR TEMPLE FOR WEEK BEGINNING THURSDAY ONE THREE SEPTEMBER AND FOR MOTOR VEHICLE TO MEET HIM AT UDINE AIRPORT ONE THREE SEPTEMBER APPROXIMATELY ONE TWO ZERO ZERO HOURS FD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION SCAO VENEZIA GIULIA ATTENTION MAJOR FREESE FROM HQ ALCOS CITE ACLGT PAREN

PARA TWO FD SIGNAL TO YOU AND COLONEL CRIPPS REGARDING PURPOSE OF VISIT SENT YESTERDAY FD

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Asst. Adjutant

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MEMORANDUM

{Original on AC/45/19/LG}

On Elections and Election Lists in Venezia-Giulia

1. Reference folios 27, 30, and 34, the subject of elections in Venezia-Giulia is divided into 2 categories: for reply to fols 45/19.

(1) the holding of Communal elections, and

(2) the compilation of election registers for both Communal and National elections.

2. Communal Elections

Folio 30 is the answer of XIII Corps AMG on the question of having local elections at this stage. In answer to para 4 of AMG's letter (fo. 27), AMG XIII Corps do not consider it expedient to allow local elections at this stage because the new General Order on local government is about to be implemented and it would be unwise to bring in new factors at present.

3. I believe that the authorities of Venezia-Giulia are a little too pessimistic, but still due recognition must be given to their point of view since they are on the spot and aware of the public safety and political factors involved. My own personal opinion is that if a Communal election is held it would solve the problems of representation of the different ethnic groups in a truly realistic way, and probably bring about the same distribution of representatives that AMG hopes to have by personal selection.

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5. However, since a new plan of local government is just being put into effect, it might be wise to wait a few weeks until it takes hold. Then, thereafter, the Communal Council which is now appointed by AMG could be elected.

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Fn. 35, which stresses the view of the U. S. Department of State, indicates that:

> "The Italian Government should be permitted to hold communal elections anywhere and whenever it is ready, including .... Venezia Giulia."

If this policy is agreed upon by the British Government and is the basis of AC action, then it is necessary to remove the barriers which exist between communication between the Italian Government and Venezia-Giulia to allow the Government to put into effect its system of compilation, through, of course, the medium of implementation by AMG of the Royal Decree. The alternative is naturally embodying the contents of the Decree in a Regional Order.

6. Electoral lists — for info from Lo Foli 4-5/49

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8. There are, however, many administrative difficulties in the compilation 2565
of election registers which should be pointed out. They are:—

(a) Only parts of provinces as well as communes are under the control of AMG in Venezia-Giulia. In Pola, for example, the Provincial and Prefectural organisation does not exist, since it is only the Commune that is under the control of AMG. Trieste has only 17 Communes; Gorizia, 25. In all, 43 Communes are under AMG control, and at that in some cases only parts of Communes.

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(b) Not all the administrative agencies which participate in the election compilation process on the mainland are in existence in the areas under AMG control in Venezia-Giulia. The Prefectural office of Pola was mentioned above. That office is in territory under Yugoslav administration. Tribunali and Casellari Giudiziali may likewise be in parts under Yugoslav control. It would be difficult to obtain recent criminal records from Casellari Giudiziali in territory under Yugoslav control. The next best thing would have to be done, namely, to procure a copy from the Central registry of Rome, which is over a year behind, not having had contact with Venezia-Giulia for that period of time.

(c) A General Order has been executed, providing for a system of local government which, although patterned on the Italian style, has different functionaries and different bodies to do the normal work which prevails in an ordinary Italian province. It would be necessary to make the necessary changes in the AMG order providing for compilation of the electoral lists so that due recognition of the changes is made. For example, the provinces are called areas, the Prefect is called the Area President, the Sindaco is the Communal President. The powers of the Deputazione Provinciale are lodged in the Area President, etc.

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11. The Morgan Line and the Belgrade agreement have made the task of compilation administratively difficult and it would seem logically that it would be desirable:—

(a) to ascertain what areas in Venezia-Giulia will be allowed to remain under Italian jurisdiction. This may have to wait the results of the Peace Treaty.

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(b) permit contact between the Italian Government and AMG areas in Venezia-Giulia through, of course, AMG channels and under the same arrangements as now exist in Northern Italy under AMG control.

(c) if compilation is to begin immediately, to agree with the Italian Government on an order which will ensure continuity and avoid the possible invalidity of the lists.

12. I have no objection to the preparation of electoral lists for Communal and National elections in Venezia-Giulia areas, and as a matter of fact, I favor it as I favor having Communal elections. I think, however, that these difficulties outlined above should be made known to authorities in AC as well as our Governments.

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RLG Temple Major

RALPH R. TEMPLE
Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

AC/1/12/2/12 Tel: 478150

SUBJECT: Local government in Venezia-Giulia--C. O. 11. 14 September 1945

TO : AFHQ (G-5)

1. Reference your signal C/10476 of 11 September, this HQ has no copies of C. O. No. 11, and would have to obtain them from XIII Corps.

2. It is observed from para 4 of your letter of 6 September (subject--Elections in Venezia Giulia) to HQ XIII Corps that you have asked that HQ to furnish you with 6 copies of the Order. It is not clear whether you wish this HQ to supply you with a further 6 copies, but if so it is suggested that it would be quicker to obtain them direct from XIII Corps.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

M. CARR
Brigadier
VP CA Section

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

6 September 1945

SUBJECT: Elections in Venezia Giulia

TO : Headquarters, XIII Corps

Further to this Headquarters letter of 23 August, subject as above.

1. The decision not to hold local (commune) elections in Venezia Giulia was based mainly on the representation made by you in your signal 8/237 of 15 August. The British and American Governments, however, are anxious that such elections should not be unduly delayed and amplification of your reasons for not wishing to hold them is now sought.

2. While it is appreciated that, from a local viewpoint and having regard to the new local government order to which you refer, local elections may not be expedient at present; it would be, nonetheless, highly undesirable from an international point of view if AMG should appear backward in encouraging such democratic institutions.

3. You are accordingly requested to advise:

a. The earliest date at which local elections in communes could in your view safely be held and the authorities so elected fitted into your local government system.

b. The reasons which render the holding of such elections inexpedient at present.

4. May this Headquarters please be furnished with six copies of the local government order referred to in your signal quoted above.

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, GSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to: HQ, ALCOM
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C 18476

Date/Time of Origin: SEPT 111104

12 SEP 1945

Message Centre No: F/7253

Date Time Rec'd: SEPT 111400

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM AFHQ

11 SEPT 1945

TO : AICOM ROME

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General order number: 11 not held here. (Reur memorandum 522/309/E C of 8 September).

Please forward 6 copies earliest.

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Ref: 522/309/EC. 8 Sept. 45.

Subject: Venezia Giulia - local Government.

To: G-5,
AFHQ.

1. Reference AFHQ signal FX 39677 of 31 August 45, paraphrasing COS' signal concerning Military Government in Allied-occupied Venezia Giulia. I enclose a copy of a memorandum prepared by the Local Government Sub-Commission, which makes a comparison of General Order No: 11 with the established Italian Governmental system.

2. As you willsee from para: 2 of this memorandum, the Sub-Commission is of the opinion that the objectives outlined in your signal have been achieved under the General Order. XIII Corps in its message 0.207 of 5 September 45 expresses a similar view. With these opinions I am in agreement. Do you concur?

For Chief Commissioner:

E. TALBOT

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section.

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Ref your 0207 of 5 September.

1. Presume 2 Governments will inform Fugo Slav Govt direct. However you are free to inform any group which protests, that the type of Govt now set up by AMG in VENEZIA GIULIA has approval of CCS.

2. Nomenclature considered of minor importance and do not see necessity for change.

3. Your assumption correct.

4. Noted.

For ALCOM. Copy of 0207 being sent you by mail.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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Originator's Reference: 8/33/14
Date/Time of Origin: SEPT 061850 - 7 SEP 1945

Message Centre No: F/6746
Date Time Rec'd: SEPT 070900
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM HQ AMG 13 CORPS

TO : HQ AICOM

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Your number 4753 dated 4 September. Visit on 10 September agreed.

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Reference your signal FX 39877 31 August.

Policy indicated has been followed.

Scheme of general order 11 approved by ALCOM indistinguishable except in nomenclature from Italian system. Following points occur.

1st. May we advise locals of directive. This would relieve the field of brunt of criticism which would naturally be welcome. But we do not press.

2nd. Hope directive not intended to require reversion to Italian nomenclature. Psychological device of new names has reduced resistance considerably as terms Prefect and Giunta are objectionable to both Italians and Slovenes. Recommend continuing present designations for this reason and also because no complete province in territory and Italian titles there are therefore inappropriate.

3rd. Assume first sentence para 3 directed to you and requires no action here since our mission confined to west of demarcation line and policy is not to contact Jugoslavs on civil affairs matters except on specific instructions.

4th. Understand juridical position but point out purely for information that locals both friends and critics would contend closing sentence of paraphrase negates balance of signal and that use of Italian institutions does in fact prejudice ultimate disposition.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/1/12/2/LG. Tel: 478107

SUBJECT: Local Government in Venezia Giulia. 6th September, 1945.

TO : Brigadier M.C. Carr,
c/o SCAO Venezia Giulia.

Attached is the memorandum requested by Brigadier Lush and prepared by Major Temple on the system of local government in Venezia Giulia, based on General Order No. 11.

R.R. Cripps

R.R. CRIPPS, Colonel,
Director,
Local Government Sub-Commission.

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APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

On Local Government in Venezia Giulia

1. The signal from SACMED, Cite FWCEG, of 31 August 1945, F/6040, sets forth the following guide for administering Allied occupied Venezia Giulia:

> "The JUGOSLAV system of National Committees in general should be discontinued throughout the entire territory. You should reinstall the Italian system. In villages and cities which are predominantly Jugoslav you may retain a token Jugoslav administration and may use a National Committee in an advisory capacity."

2. Under the system set up under General Order No. 11, the foregoing objectives have been achieved. The Yugoslav system of National Committees has been abolished as an organ of government (Section X, General Order No. 11) and where they exist they do so in a purely extra-governmental advisory capacity to AMG. An administrative structure of government based entirely on the Italian system of local government has been installed with slight variations necessitated by the local situation which do not affect the essential pattern of administration which now exists in Italy. Conversion from the system now in effect under General Order No. 11 to the one in effect in the rest of Italy under AMG implemented Royal Decree No. 111 of 4 April 1944 can be very easily made and will consist principally in changes in nomenclature.

3. Annexed is a table of comparison of various Italian local government systems.

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6. Instead of the Giunta Provinciale Amministrative and the Fascist "Rettorato", which were provided by Italian law existing on 8 September 1943 (Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa and Deputazione Provinciale provided under system AMG installed in the rest of Italy) provision has been made for an Area Council to act as an advisory body to the Area President, (see Sec. III and IV of General Order No. 11). The technical job of reviewing acts of the Communal Council by the GPA may be done by a similar body established under Sec. III of the Order, as well as by the Area Council.

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8. The Area President has been vested with the powers of a Prefect and Provincial and Prefectural local government bodies (see Sec. II). He is empowered to create a basic Italian Prefectural office with functionaries to whom he may delegate his powers of review and supervision of Provincial and Communal matters (see Sec. III). The Chairman of the Area Council is the counterpart of the "Preside" of the "Rettorato" under the system in effect on 9 September 1943, as well as the counterpart of the President of the Deputazione Provinciale established under Royal Decree No. 111.

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9. On the Communal level, the same type of officials and bodies that exist under the system in effect in Italy has been established with different names in Venezia Giulia, (see Sec. V, VI and VII): namely, the head of the Commune, the Council and a Secretary. A basic Italian communal office with all necessary departments and divisions has also been provided for (Section VI). Sec. VIII was designed to enable the Trieste Area Commissioner, at his discretion, to have 5 Communes in the Sesana area administered by as few officials as possible for purposes of economy. The Commune has been retained as a unit. At the same time, provision has been made for the carrying out of the ordinary functions of administration for a combination of Communes by one official. This follows accepted Italian precedent.

10. Section IX is practically the only sop given to the Yugoslavs, and even here it is not very much. It merely gives AMG the right, whenever it seems desirable to the Area Commissioner, to form an advisory body representing 2 or more communes. This body has no control whatsoever over the organs of government and is advisory only to the Area Commissioner. It was aimed to assuage the feelings of the over-whelming Slovene area in Gorizia.

11. Thus a fundamental governmental machinery has been set up which is organized along traditional Italian administrative lines and yet is flexible enough to meet the demands of the local situation.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH R. TEMPLE
Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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4 September 1945

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TABLE OF COMPARISON OF VARIOUS ITALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS

Italian Fascist System in effect on 9 Sept. 1943	System installed in Venezia Giulia under General Order 11+	System installed in Italy by AMG under implemented Royal Decree No. 111 of 4 April 1944
	GEOGRAPHIC UNITS	
Province	Area (Sec. I)	Province
Commune	Communal (Sec. I)	Commune
	OFFICIALS AND BODIES	
	(a) **Provincial Level**	
Prefect	Area President (Sec. I & II)	Prefect
Vice Prefect	Area Vice-President (Sec. III)	Vice Prefect
Consiglio di Prefettura (Prefect and 2 Councillors)	(Similar body may be established under Sec. III)	Consiglio di Prefettura
Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa	An area administrative department which may be established under Sec. III - also area council - Sec. IV	Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa
Rettorato	Area Council (Sec. IV)	Deputazione Provinciale
Presido of Rettorato	Chairman of Area Council (Sec. IV)	President of Deputazione Provinciale
	(b) **Communal Level**	
Podesta	Communal President (Sec. V)	Sindaco
Segretario Comunale	Communal Secretary (Sec. VI)	Segretario Comunale

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Vice Prefect	Area Vice-President (Sec. III)	Vice Prefect
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	(b) Communal Level	
Podesta	Communal President (Sec. V)	Sindaco
Segretario Comunale	Communal Secretary (Sec. VI)	Segretario Comunale
Consulta Comunale	Communal Council (Sec. VII)	Giunta Comunale

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+ NOTE: Sections quoted are in General Order No. 11 / folio 21.

Prepared by: Ralph R. Temple, Major

RALPH R. TEMPLE, Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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AMG VENEZIA GIULIA

4753 4 September 1945 ROUTINE

CONFIDENTIAL PD

PARA ONE PD PROPOSE C4A WITH YOUR AGREEMENT C4A VISIT YOUR HEADQUARTERS MONDAY TENTH PD PRIMARY OBJECT IS TO DISCUSS FURTHER QUESTIONS RAISED BY LIEUTENANT BOWEN OUTSTRING PD

PARA TWO FOR ACTION AMG VENEZIA GIULIA FROM HQ ALCOM SITE ADJUT PARA

PARA TWO PD CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE YOU REFRAIN FROM FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH POLDA AND WAIT PENDING MY ARRIVAL AS I HAVE SOME FURTHER INFORMATION FOR YOU PD

PARA THREE PD PLEASE ARRANGE TRANSPORT FROM AIRFIELD UDINE PD

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant

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1. The following is an extract paraphrase of a signal from the CCS concerning Military Govt in Allied occupied VENEZIA GIULIA: This quoted for your information and guidance. Paraphrase begins.

A. The JUGOSLAV system of National Committees in general should be discontinued throughout the ertire territory. You should reinstall the Italiar system. In villages and cities which are predominantly Jugoslav you may retain a token Jugoslav administration and may use a National Committee in an advisory capacity. The foregoing is your guide for administering Allied occupied VENEZIA GIULIA.

B. You will make it clear to the Jugoslavs that during the period when the Allies hold the trusteeship of Allied occupied VENEZIA GIULIA they will use Italian laws purged of measures which are Fascist supplemented by such AMG orders and proclamations as are necessary. AMG will take no action which will prejudice the position of either of the disputing parties.

End of paraphrase.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS

File No: 130/AMG/41/2/45 15 Aug 45

SUBJECT: General Order No. 11 (Local Government)

TO: Area Commissioner, TRIESTE
Area Commissioner, GORIZIA
Area Commissioner POLA

1. Forwarded under separate cover are the u/m copies of General Order No. 11 (Local Government).

TRIESTE Area.....400
GORIZIA Area.....200
POLA Area.....100

2. You will please make arrangements for the immediate posting of these orders.

By ORDER of Colonel BOWMAN

H.P.P.ROBERTSON,
Colonel
D/SCAO
AMG 13 Corps.

Copies to: C.L.C.
HQ. AC (Legal Sub-Commission) - 2 Copies of General Order No.11 are attached.

Area Legal Officer, TRIESTE
GORIZIA, For information and action as necessary.
POLA)

H. 55 Area) 2 copies of General Order No.11
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 324
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/1/12/2/10 Tel: 478706

SUBJECT: Amendment to Local Government Order. 20 August 1945

TO : SCAO AMG XIII Corps.

1. Reference is made to your cable of 17 August 1945, reference No. G/228.

2. This HQ is in full agreement with the amendment of the Order, giving the Communal President powers of an Area President.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RALPH E. TRIPLETT
Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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Originator's Reference: 8/228

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 141430B

Message Centre No: F/4231

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 171505B

Precedence: ROUTINE

18 AUG 1945

FROM: AMG 13 CORPS

TO : HQ ALCOM

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Sub section (3) of section 5 of Local Government order amended by adding at the thereof the following:

"The communal president of the commune of POLA shall, in addition to this other powers, possess all of the powers and duties of an area president as specified in sub section (3) of section 2 of this general order."

As POLA not an area it was considered necessary to give the communal president the powers of an area president to provide necessary administration. Area council for POLA deemed unnecessary.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

8 AUG 1945

Ref: 2809/EC. 8 August 1945.

SUBJECT: General Order - Local Government, VENEZIA GIULIA.

TO : Vice President, Civil Affairs Section.

1. The Chief Commissioner approves the issue of the draft General Order for local government in VENEZIA GIULIA with the following amendments:

(a) He considers it would be wiser to omit the sentence in the preamble "which will best meet.....now prevailing". This sentence is not only prophetical but is redundant and it is probably wiser to omit it.

(b) The second clause of Section 10 "Allied Military Government.....committees" is not a suitable phrase to insert in an order. It is a statement of fact and may be assumed as a promise. There would be no harm in SCAO or his Area Commissioners telling Committees of AMG intentions or putting something to this effect in the press, but it is definitely not part of legislation and should be omitted.

2. The Chief Commissioner would like the attention of the SCAO to be drawn to these amendments and it is suggested that in order to avoid any confusion the SCAO be advised not to submit the order to the Corps Commander for decision until the return of the D/SCAO with the finally amended order.

M.S. Lush
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MSL/JG.

Copy to: SCAO, AMG VENEZIA GIULIA.

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PARA ONE FD SUBJECT IS REVISED GENERAL ORDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT BROUGHT BY HAND OF DEPUTY SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER FD

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 11

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS it is desirable to establish a uniform system of local government in those parts of the Territory of VENEZIA GIULIA occupied by Allied Troops (hereinafter referred to as the Occupied Territory) NOW THEREFORE I, ALFRED C. BOWMAN, COLONEL, JAGD, SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER, hereby order as follows:

SECTION I

ORGANS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(1) The Occupied Territory, for purposes of Local Government, is divided into the Areas of TRIESTE and GORIZIA and into the Commune of POLA, each of which shall be composed of the Communes and fractions thereof as presently constituted.

(2) Each Area shall have an Area President (Prefect) and Area Council (Deputazione Provinciale) with the powers, functions and duties hereinafter specified.

(3) Each Commune shall have a Communal President (Sindaco) and Communal Council (Giunta Comunale) with the powers, functions and duties hereinafter specified.

(4) Each Area and Commune shall have such administrative and executive departments and agencies as the Allied Military Government may deem necessary for the proper carrying out of the functions of local government.

SECTION II

AREA PRESIDENT (Prefect)

(1) The Area President shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

(2) He shall be directly responsible to the Allied Military Government for the local government of the Area and shall submit all orders and decrees for its prior approval.

(3) He shall be the executive and administrative head of the Area local government and shall be subject to the provisions of this General Order and all

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SECTION I

ORGANS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(1) The Occupied Territory, for purposes of Local Government, is divided into the Areas of TRIESTE and GORIZIA and into the Commune of POLA, each of which shall be composed of the Communes and fractions thereof as presently constituted.

(2) Each Area shall have an Area President and Area Council with the powers, functions and duties hereinafter specified.

(3) Each Commune shall have a Communal President and Communal Council with the powers, functions and duties hereinafter specified.

(4) Each Area and Commune shall have such administrative and executive departments and agencies as the Allied Military Government may deem necessary for the proper carrying out of the functions of local government.

SECTION II

AREA PRESIDENT

(1) The Area President shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

(2) He shall be directly responsible to the Allied Military Government for the local government of the Area and shall submit all orders and decrees for its prior approval.

(3) He shall be the executive and administrative head of the Area government and shall be subject to the provisions of this General Order and all further orders which may hereafter be made by the Allied Military Government and shall possess, in the aggregate, such powers and duties of a Prefect of a Province and of such Provincial and Prefectural legislative, administrative and executive bodies as are conferred by the laws of the Occupied Territory in effect on 8 Sept 1943 and by any Proclamation or other order of the Allied Military Government of the Occupied Territory which may change or supersede such laws.

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SECTION III

AREA ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS

(1) The Allied Military Government shall establish such departments, divisions or agencies in the Area President's Office as may be necessary for the proper local government of the Area.

(2) The Staff of such departments, divisions or agencies shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government. The President shall be assisted by a Vice-President who shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

(3) The President may, subject to the approval of the Allied Military Government, delegate to the Vice-president and other officials of his office special duties in connection with the local government of his Area and of the Communes therein situated.

SECTION IV

AREA COUNCIL

(1) An Area Council shall be composed of a Chairman plus the following number of members for each of the Areas specified:

Area of TRIESTE - 17 members

Area of GORIZIA - 14 members

all of whom shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

(2) Consideration shall be given to the selection of the Chairman and Members from the leading citizens of the Area of the highest moral and political probity who shall be, as far as possible, representative of all racial, political and economic groups and classes in the Area according to their respective local strength.

(3) Substitute or alternate members may be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government but shall not take part in any proceedings except in the absence of the regular members.

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(2) Consideration shall be given to the selection of the Chairman and Members from the leading citizens of the Area of the highest moral and political probity who shall be, as far as possible, representative of all racial, political and economic groups and classes in the Area according to their respective local strength.

(3) Substitute or alternate members may be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government but shall not take part in any proceedings except in the absence of the regular members.

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(4) An Area Council shall meet at least once every week and at such other times as it may be convened by the Area President with the approval of the Allied Military Government.

(5) It may adopt rules of procedure which shall be submitted to the Allied Military Government for its approval or otherwise.

(6) An Area Council shall act as an advisory and consultative body to the Area President in all matters concerning the local government of the Area referred to it by the Area President.

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(7) The decisions of an Area Council on all matters laid before it for advice and opinion shall be taken by a majority vote and shall be made part of the minutes of the meeting.

(8) An exact transcript of such minutes shall be transmitted by the Chairman of the Council to the Area President and by the latter to the Area Commissioner of the Allied Military Government within two days after the meeting to which it relates.

SECTION V

HEADS OF THE COMMUNAL GOVERNMENT

(1) The Head of a Commune shall be styled Communal President.

(2) He shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

(3) He shall possess in his Commune, in the aggregate, such powers and duties of a Mayor of a Commune and of such Communal administrative, legislative and executive bodies as are conferred by the laws referred to in SECTION II, Sub-Section (3) hereof, and shall be subject to such supervision and control by the Area President as may be provided by the said laws.

SECTION VI

COMMUNAL ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS

(1) The Allied Military Government shall establish such departments, divisions or agencies in the Office of the Communal President as may be necessary for the proper local government of the Commune.

(2) The Staff of such departments, divisions or agencies shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

(3) The Communal President may, subject to the approval of Allied Military Government, delegate to officials in his office special duties in connection with the local government of his Commune.

(4) A Communal Secretary may be appointed by the Allied Military Government where it is deemed necessary so to do and he shall possess such powers as are conferred by the laws referred to in SECTION II, Sub-Section (3) hereof.

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minutes of the meeting.

(8) An exact transcript of such minutes shall be transmitted by the Chairman of the Council to the Area President and by the latter to the Area Commissioner of the Allied Military Government within two days after the meeting to which it relates.

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(1) The Head of a Commune shall be styled Communal President.

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(1) The Allied Military Government shall establish such departments, divisions or agencies in the Office of the Communal President as may be necessary for the proper local government of the Commune.

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(3) The Communal President may, subject to the approval of Allied Military Government, delegate to officials in his office special duties in connection with the local government of his Commune.

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SECTION VII

COMMUNAL COUNCIL

(1) Each Commune, including the Commune of POLA, shall have a Communal Council composed of a Chairman plus a membership which shall be numerically fixed in accordance with the provisions following :

Population	Members
250.000 or over	12
over 30.000	8
Other communes	4

all of whom shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

(2) Consideration shall be given to the selection of the Chairman and Members from the leading citizens of the Commune of the highest moral and political probity who shall be, as far as possible, representative of all racial, political, and economic groups and classes in the Commune according to their respective local strength.

(3) Substitute or alternate members may be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government but shall not take part in any proceedings except in the absence of the regular members.

(4) The Communal Council shall meet at least once every week and at such other times as it may be convened by the Communal President with the approval of the Allied Military Government.

(5) It may adopt rules of procedure which shall be submitted to the Allied Military Government for its approval or otherwise.

(6) A Communal Council shall act as an advisory and consultative body to the Communal President in all matters concerning the local government of the Commune referred to it by the Communal President.

(7) The decision of a Communal Council on all matters laid before it for advice

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(2) Consideration shall be given to the selection of the Chairman and Members from the leading citizens of the Commune of the highest moral and political probity who shall be, as far as possible, representative of all racial, political, and economic groups and classes in the Commune according to their respective local strength.

(3) Substitute or alternate members may be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government but shall not take part in any proceedings except in the absence of the regular members.

(4) The Communal Council shall meet at least once every week and at such other times as it may be convened by the Communal President with the approval of the Allied Military Government.

(5) It may adopt rules of procedure which shall be submitted to the Allied Military Government for its approval or otherwise.

(6) A Communal Council shall act as an advisory and consultative body to the Communal President in all matters concerning the local government of the Commune referred to it by the Communal President.

(7) The decision of a Communal Council on all matters laid before it for advice and opinion shall be taken by a majority vote and shall be made part of the minutes of the meeting. 2561

(8) An exact trebscript of the minutes shall be transmitted to the Communal President and by the latter to the Area President who shall in turn transmit it ot the Area Commissioner of the Allied Military Government within seven days after the meeting to which it relates.

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SECTION VIII

COMBINATION OF COMMUNES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURPOSES

1. Whenever and wherever and to the extent to which it is deemed necessary or desirable to do so, the Allied Military Government may provide for the local government of two or more communes by one official or administrative organ established for and in any named Commune.

SECTION IX

POWERS TO FORM A DISTRICT COMMITTEE

1. Whenever and wherever and to the extent it is deemed desirable or necessary to do so an Area Commissioner is hereby empowered to form, by order in writing under his hand, an advisory body from two or more Communes which for this purpose only shall be styled a District. Such body may be known as a District Committee.
2. The Chairman and members of each District Committee shall be chosen from among the leading citizens of the Communes forming each District.
3. The District Committees shall have no executive or legislative control over the Communal President of Communal Council of their respective Communes.

SECTION X

OTHER COMMITTEES

1. No Committee, council or group other than those herein created and provided for shall possess any of the administrative, legislative executive or other powers of government.

SECTION XI

CONTROL OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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SECTION IX

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2. The Chairman and members of each District Committee shall be chosen from among the leading citizens of the Communes forming each District.
3. The District Committees shall have no executive or legislative control over the Communal President of Communal Council of their respective Communes.

SECTION X

OTHER COMMITTEES

1. No Committee, council or group other than those herein created and provided for shall possess any of the administrative, legislative executive or other powers of government.

SECTION XI

CONTROL OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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1. Allied Military Government is the only government in those parts of Venezia Giulia occupied by the Allied Forces and is the only authority empowered to issue orders and decrees and to make appointments to public or other office.

   All of the local government bodies created by and referred to in this

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Order shall at all times be under the direct control and supervision of the Allied Military Government.

2. The Chairman and Members of the Area and Communal Councils and District Committees shall be unpaid. Salaries of all other officials shall be determined by the Allied Military Government.

SECTION XII

EFFECTIVE DATE

This General Order shall become operative in each Area or part thereof within the occupied territory on the date of its first publication therein.

DATED IN TRIESTE This .....day of 1945

ALFRED O. BOWMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

Date of First Publication

The above General Order was first published in the .....

Area/Commune on the ..... day of .....1945, by .....

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FROM AMG BOLZANO

TO : HQ ALCOM LOCAL GOVT SC ROME ATTN BRIG UPJOHN

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Prefect of BOLZANO will reach ROME on Thursday 9th August. Hopes to see you at that time. Many important affairs to discuss. WILLIAM E. MC BRATNEY.

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Your 3077 of 3 August refers. Have not yet signed order but propose to do so after final clearance with the Corps Commander late this week. Meanwhile have directed printing of galley proofs to proceed as this is a delicate matter psychologically in which the time factor is extremely important. Understand your signals intended as request rather than direction as of course matter is operational and final action will be on decision of Corps Commander of AFHQ. Was much pleased by your participation in preparation of order and will be glad to have opinion Brigadier UPJOHN after discussion with him which (which?) should already have been completed.

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GENERAL ORDER NO.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS it is desirable to establish a uniform system of local government in those parts of the Territory of VENEZIA GIULIA occupied by Allied Troops (hereinafter referred to as the Occupied Territory) which will best meet the needs of the people under the conditions now prevailing: NOW THEREFORE, I, ALFRED C. BOWMAN, COLONEL, JAGD, SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER, hereby order as follows:

SECTION I

ORGANS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(1) The Occupied Territory, for purposes of Local Government, is divided into the Areas of TRIESTE and GORIZIA and into the Commune of POLA, each of which shall be composed of the Communes and fractions thereof as presently constituted.

(2) Each Area shall have an Area President and Area Council with the powers, functions and duties hereinafter specified.

(3) Each Commune shall have a Communal President and Communal Council with the powers, functions and duties hereinafter specified.

(4) Each Area and Commune shall have such administrative and executive departments and agencies as the Allied Military Government may deem necessary for the proper carrying out of the functions of local government.

SECTION II

AREA PRESIDENT

(1) The Area President shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

(2) He shall be directly responsible to the Allied Military Government for the local government of the Area and shall submit all orders and decrees for its prior approval.

(3) He shall be the executive and administrative head of the Area

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OFFICER, hereby order as follows:

SECTION I

ORGANS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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(2) Each Area shall have an Area President and Area Council with the powers, functions and duties hereinafter specified.

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SECTION II

AREA PRESIDENT

(1) The Area President shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

(2) He shall be directly responsible to the Allied Military Government for the local government of the Area and shall submit all orders and decrees for its prior approval.

(3) He shall be the executive and administrative head of the Area 2556 local government and shall be subject to the provisions of this General Order and all further orders which may hereafter be made by the Allied Military Government and shall possess, in the aggregate, such powers and duties of a Prefect of a Province and of such Provincial and Prefectural

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legislative, administrative and executive bodies as are conferred by the laws of the Occupied Territory in effect on 8 Sept 1943 and by any Proclamation or other order of the Allied Military Government of the Occupied Territory which may change or supersede such laws.

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SECTION III

AREA ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS

(1) The Allied Military Government shall establish such departments, divisions or agencies in the Area President's Office as may be necessary for the proper local government of the Area.

(2) The Staff of such departments, divisions or agencies shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government. The President shallbe assisted by a Vice-President who shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

(3) The President may, subject to the approval of the Allied Military Government, delegate to the Vice-president and other officials of his office special duties in connection with the local government of his Area and of the Communes therein situated.

SECTION IV

AREA COUNCIL

(1) An Area Council shall be composed of a Chairman plus the following number of members for each of the Areas specified:

Area of TRIESTE - 17 members

Area of GORIZIA - ~~44~~ members

all of whom shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

(2) Consideration shall be given to the selection of the Chairman and Members from the leading citizens of the Area of the highest moral and political probity who shall be, as far as possible, representative of all racial, political and economic groups and classes in the Area according to their respective local strength.

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for the proper local government of the Area.

(2) The Staff of such departments, divisions or agencies shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government. The President shallbe assisted by a Vice-President who shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

(3) The President may, subject to the approval of the Allied Military Government, delegate to the Vice-president and other officials of his office special duties in connection with the local government of his Area and of the Communes therein situated.

SECTION IV

AREA COUNCIL

(1) An Area Council shall be composed of a Chairman plus the following number of members for each of the Areas specified:

Area of TRIESTE - 17 members

Area of GORIZIA - 11 members

all of whom shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

(2) Consideration shall be given to the selection of the Chairman and Members from the leading citizens of the Area of the highest moral and political probity who shall be, as far as possible, representative of all racial, political and economic groups and classes in the Area according to their respective local strength.

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(3) Substitute or alternate members may be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government but shall not take part in any proceedings except in the absence of the regular members.

(4) An Area Council shall meet at least once every week and at such other times as it may be convened by the Area President with the approval of the Allied Military Government.

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(5) It may adopt rules of procedure which shall be submitted to the Allied Military Government for its approval or otherwise.

(6) An Area Council shall act as an advisory and consultative body to the Area President in all matters concerning the local government of the Area referred to it by the Area President.

(7) The decisions of an Area Council on all matters laid before it for advice and opinion shall be taken by a majority vote and shall be made part of the minutes of the meeting.

(8) An exact transcript of such minutes shall be transmitted by the Chairman of the Council to the Area President and by the latter to the Area Commissioner of the Allied Military Government within two days after the meeting to which it relates.

SECTION V

HEADS OF THE COMMUNAL GOVERNMENT

(1) The Head of a Commune shall be styled Communal President.

(2) He shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

(3) He shall possess in his Commune, in the aggregate, such powers and duties of a Mayor of a Commune and of such Communal administrative, legislative and executive bodies as are conferred by the laws referred to in SECTION II, Sub-Section (3) hereof, and shall be subject to such supervision and control by the Area President as may be provided by the said laws.

SECTION VI

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COMMUNAL ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS

(1) The Allied Military Government shall establish such departments, divisions or agencies in the Office of the Communal President as may be necessary for the proper local government of the Commune.

(2) The Staff of such departments, divisions or agencies shall be

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part of the minutes of the meeting.

(8) An exact transcript of such minutes shall be transmitted by the Chairman of the Council to the Area President and by the latter to the Area Commissioner of the Allied Military Government within two days after the meeting to which it relates.

SECTION V

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(1) The Head of a Commune shall be styled Communal President.

(2) He shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

(3) He shall possess in his Commune, in the aggregate, such powers and duties of a Mayor of a Commune and of such Communal administrative, legislative and executive bodies as are conferred by the laws referred to in SECTION II, Sub-Section (3) hereof, and shall be subject to such supervision and control by the Area President as may be provided by the said laws.

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(1) The Allied Military Government shall establish such departments, divisions or agencies in the Office of the Communal President as may be necessary for the proper local government of the Commune.

(2) The Staff of such departments, divisions or agencies shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

(3) The Communal President may, subject to the approval of Allied Military Government, delegate to officials in his office special duties in connection with the local government of his Commune.

(4) A Communal Secretary may be appointed by the Allied Military Government where it is deemed necessary so to do and he shall possess such powers as are conferred by the laws referred to in SECTION II, Sub-Section (3) hereof.

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SECTION VII

COMMUNAL COUNCIL

(1) Each Commune, including the Commune of POLA, shall have a Communal Council composed of a Chairman plus a membership which shall be numerically fixed in accordance with the provisions following:

Population	Members
250,000 or over	12
over 30,000	8
Other communes	4

all of whom shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Covernment.

(2) Consideration shall be given to the selection of the Chairman and Members from the leading citizens of the Commune of the highest moral and political probity who shall be, as far as possible, representative of all racial, political, and economic groups and classes in the Commune according to their respective local strength.

(3) Substitute or alternate members maybe appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government but shall not take part in anyproceedings except in the absence of the regular members.

(4) The Communal Council shall meet at least once every week and at such other times as it may be convened by the Communal President with the approval of the Allied Military Government.

(5) It may adopt rules of procedure which shall be submitted to the Allied Military Government for its approval or otherwise.

(6) A Communal Council shall act as an advisory and consultative body to the Communal President in all matters concerning the local government of the Commune referred to it by the Communal President.

(7) The decisions of a Communal Council on all matters laid before

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(5) It may adopt rules of procedure which shall be submitted to the Allied Military Government for its approval or otherwise.

(6) A Communal Council shall act as an advisory and consultative body to the Communal President in all matters concerning the local government of the Commune referred to it by the Communal President.

(7) The decisions of a Communal Council on all matters laid before it for advice and opinion shall be taken by a majorityvote and shall be made part of the minutes of the meeting. 2553

(8) An exact transcript of the minutes shall be transmitted to the Communal President and by the latter to the Area President who shall in turn transmit it to the Area Commissioner of the Allied Military Government within seven days after the meeting to which it relates.

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SECTION VIII

COMBINATION OF COMMUNES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURPOSES

Whenever and wherever and to the extent to which it is deemed necessary or desirable to do so, the Allied Military Government may provide for the local government of two or more communes by one official or administrative organ established for and in anynamed Commune.

SECTION IX

POWERS TO FORM A DISTRICT COMMITTEE

1. Whenever and wherever and to the extent it is deemed desirable or necessary to do so an Area Commissioner is hereoyempowered to form, by order in writing under his hand, an advisory body from two or more Communes which for this purpose onlyshall be styled a District. Such body may be known as a District Committee.

2. The Chairman and members of each District Committee shall be chosen from among the leading citizens of the Communes forming each District.

3. The District Committees shall have no executive or legislative control over the Communal President or Communal Council of their respective Communes.

SECTION X

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No Committee, council or group other than those herein created and provided for shall possess any of the administrative, legislative, executive or other powers of government.

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SECTION XI

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POWERS TO FORM A DISTRICT COMMITTEE

1. Whenever and wherever and to the extent it is deemed desirable or necessary to do so an Area Commissioner is hereby empowered to form, by order in writing under his hand, an advisory body from two or more Communes which for this purpose only shall be styled a District. Such body may be known as a District Committee.

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All of the local government bodies created by and referred to in

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SECTION XII

EFFECTIVE DATE

This General Order shall become operative in each Area or part thereof within the occupied territory on the date of its first publication therein.

Dated in TRIESTE this .....day of.....1945.

ALFRED O. BOWMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

Date of First Publication.

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13C/AMG/75/13. 23 Jul 45.

SUBJECT : Communes in VENEZIA GIULIA Area.

TO : Distribution below.

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GORIZIA AREA.

DISTRICT.	COMMUNES.
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4 b	CORMONS (HQ).
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TRIESTE AREA

DISTRICT	COMMUNES
GRADO	GRADO.
TRIESTE	TRIESTE.
MONFALCONE	DOBERO. RONCHI. FOGLIANO. S.PIER D'ISONZO. TURRIACO. PIERIS. STARANZANO. DUINO AURISINA.
SESANA	SGONICO. MONRUPINO. DUTTOGLIANO. TOMADIO. CORGNALE. S.GIACOMO IN COLLE (part).
MUGGIA	SAN DORLIGO DELLA VALLE.

POLA AREA

POLA Commune only.

2. An alphabetical list is attached at Appendix "A".

By ORDER of Colonel BOWMAN:

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APPENDIX "A"

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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF COMMUNES.

COMMUNE.	DISTRICT.	AREA.
BERGOGNA	1 & 2	GORIZIA
CANALE D'ISONZO	3	GORIZIA
CAPORETTO	1 & 2	GORIZIA
CAPRIVA DI CORMONS	4c	GORIZIA
CASTEL DOBRA	4	GORIZIA
COMENO	8 & part of 9	GORIZIA
CORMONS HQ	4b	GORIZIA
CORGNALE	SESANA	TRIESTE
DOBERDO	MONFALCONE	TRIESTE
DOLEGNO DEL COLLIO	4a	GORIZIA
DUINO AURISINA	MONFALCONE	TRIESTE
DUTTOGLIANO	SESANA	TRIESTE
FARRA D'ISONZO	6	GORIZIA
FOGLIANO	MONFALCONE	TRIESTE
GORIZIA HQ	5	GORIZIA
GRADO	GRADO	TRIESTE
GRADISCA D'ISONZO	6	GORIZIA
MARIANO DEL FRIULI	6	GORIZIA
MERNA	7 & part of 9	GORIZIA
MONRUPINO	SESANA	TRIESTE
MONTESPINO	7 & part of 9	GORIZIA
OPPACCIASELLA	7 & part of 9	GORIZIA
PIERIS	MONFALCONE	TRIESTE
PLEZZO. (part)	1	GORIZIA
POLA	POLA	POLA
RANZIANO	7 & part of 9	GORIZIA
RIFEMBERGO	8 & part of 9	GORIZIA
ROMANS D'ISONZO	6	GORIZIA
RONCHI	MONFALCONE	TRIESTE
SAN DANIELE DEL CARSO	8 & part of 9	GORIZIA
SAGRADO	6	GORIZIA
SAN DORLIGO DELLA VALLE	MUGGIA	TRIESTE
SALONA D'ISONZO (part)	3 & 4	GORIZIA
SAN MARTINO QUISCA	4	GORIZIA
SGONICO	SESANA	TRIESTE
STARANZANO	MONFALCONE	TRIESTE
S.GIACOMO IN COLLE (part)	SESANA	TRIESTE
S.PIER D'ISONZO	MONFALCONE	TRIESTE
TEMENIZZA	8 & part of 9	GORIZIA
TOLMINO (part)	2	GORIZIA
TOMADIO	SESANA	TRIESTE
TURRIACO	MONFALCONE	TRIESTE
TRIESTE	TRIESTE	TRIESTE

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CAPRIVA DI CORMONS	4c	GORIZIA
CASTEL DOBRA	4	GORIZIA
COMENO	8 & part of 9	GORIZIA
CORMONS HQ	4b	GORIZIA
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REPORT No. 192

SUBJECT: Report on local government organization in Venezia Giulia.
Persons interviewed,
Col. Bowman, SCAO XIII Corps AMG
Col. Robertson DSCAO XIII Corps AMG
Lt. Col. Armstrong, Trieste Area Commissioner
Lt. Col. Kucera, Trieste City Commissioner
Lt. Col. Orpwood, Pola City Commissioner
Lt. Col. Smuts, Gorizia Area Commissioner

TO : Director, Local Government Sub Commission

FROM : Major Ralph H. Temple, Deputy Director, Local Government Sub Commission

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7. Outline of Plan of Local Government Organization for Venezia Giulia - Appendix "F".

The plan of organization and administration of local and civil government prepared by me is predicated on the fact that AMG must retain rigid control over the machinery of government and, although generally an Italian administrative structure would be set up, due recognition would have to be given to the prevalence of several ethnic groups in Venezia Giulia. The Communal and Provincial units of government are preserved, with the exception that, pursuant to action already taken by the SAC, the so-called provinces are mixed areas.

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APPENDIX "A"

Report on local government organization of Trieste Area, 26 July 1945.

Person interviewed:

Lt. Col. Armstrong (B) Area Commissioner, Trieste

1. Lt. Col. Armstrong entered Trieste on 2 May 1945 when the place was in a turmoil. He was requested to leave then by General Freyberg, but re-entered on 12 June.

2. He found the Slovene CLN organization established in the former Prefettura. The regular Prefettura staff had been thrown out. Lt. Col. Armstrong told this group that AMG was now in charge and that the group was to be purely advisory. He is presently making an inventory of the Prefettura and Municipio. Apparently the former Italian officials are receiving pay, although not occupying office.

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4. The following Provincial offices are functioning and thereby form the basis of a governmental organization:

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Medico Provinciale
Provveditore agli Studi
Sepral
Price Control Office

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(d) Then there are the Area Committee of Sesana (covering 5 Communes); the Area Committee of Monfalcone (covering 9 Communes) and the Area Committee of Muggia (covering 2 Communes).

(e) Finally, each Commune and Fraction have a separate Committee.

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6. This pyramid organization of Committees with control centering on the top has been the source of very much difficulty. Being over-whelmingly Slovene, these CLN Committees make direct contact with Yugoslav officials on the other side of the Morgan Line, and one Committee hesitates to do anything without consulting its highest authority. These Committees were the Government when AMG came into the picture. Lt. Col. Armstrong saw the representatives of the Commune, City, District and Area Committees and asked them to form a joint Committee representing all nationalities and interests. The City Committee opposed this, although the District did not.

7. There was an Italian CLN organization living underground during this period. Since September 1943, this Committee of Liberation has consisted of the following parties: Action, Christian-Democrat, Liberal-Democrat, Socialist. The Communist Party is not a member of the Committee. It is, ~~was~~ Lt. Col. Armstrong's opinion, that the Slovenes wedded the Communists away from the Italian CLN. Before and after the liberation, the Italian CLN has negotiated with the Communists to get them into the fold. PALAMENI came up from Rome particularly for that purpose. So far all has been unsuccessful, chiefly because the leading Communists are Slovenes who are pro-Tito. There are many Communists who would like to join the Italian CLN but are afraid to do so. The Slovene Communist STOCKA has things very much his way, and in fact while I was in Lt. Col. Armstrong's office an Italian informant came in to state that under STOCKA's orders a strike and general demonstration celebrating the British Labor Party's victory was to be held the next day, Friday, and that there would be demonstrations in front of the jails in order to secure the release of Communists incarcerated therein. NOTE: As a matter of fact, the strike was called off at the last minute, but there were peaceful demonstrations held throughout the city. I saw from my automobile riding from Pola hundreds of people walking under Yugoslav, Communist, American and British banners. About 9 o'clock that night I went out with a fellow officer to one of the jails where a great crowd had gathered to protest the jailing of some prominent Communist. When we got there, however, the crowd had peaceably dispersed and there was no trouble.

8. With the exception of the Communists, there are no other parties except those who are part of the CLN as mentioned above. The Slovene Committee of Liberation say that they are the representatives of all parties, but this is denied by the Italian CLN. In any event, they are not the official representatives of the parties. There is no relation between the Slovene and Italian Committees of Liberation. Lt. Col. Armstrong says that there was contact between the Italian CLN of Trieste and the Central CLN of Italy.

9. In regard to the participation of the representatives of each Party belonging to the CLN on the Consulta, Lt. Col. Armstrong thought that officially the representatives of Venezia Giulia should not be included, but they should be tolerated unofficially.

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11. As to the Communes, the plan provides for a Giunta Comunale who will elect a Sindaco with AMG approval. Both Sindaci and Giunte were to be based on the relative strength of the Slovene and Italian population. This plan, dated 25 July, has been submitted to the Slovene CLN (called the Slovene Liberation Front) and the local federation of the Italian Communist Party. Lt. Col. Armstrong thinks the plan sets a good basis for one which will finally work out, and it is certainly based upon a fair distribution of the ethnic groups.

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12. The whole Trieste area (called area instead of province) is divided into 5 Districts, consisting of 17 Communes and several Fractions in all. The Fractions are attached to them as Communes. There is a proposal to form a permanent District out of 5 Communes surrounding Sesana. This area has 79,000 people who are over-whelmingly Slovene. The plan suggests that there be a Slovene mayor and that there be representatives from each Commune on Council. This was in fact the Slovene organization from September 1943, but in reality it was no government at all, because there was no taxation or any of the other revenue-raising attributes of Communal government. Lt. Col. Armstrong said that his CAO wants to preserve the District system in Sesana if possible, and he will go along if he has the approval of Regional HQ.

13. With regard to the presence of Fascists, Lt. Col. Armstrong said the leading Fascists have been cleared out. The lesser ones will be epurated under AMG Orders 7 and 8, which were being published that day.

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APPENDIX "B"

Report on organisation of local government in the City of Trieste, 28 July 1945.
Person interviewed:
Lt. Col. Kucera (A) City Commissioner, Trieste

1. Lt. Col. Kucera found a Committee of 27 in charge of the government in the City of Trieste. This Committee said that there were 9 Slovenes and 18 Italians on the Committee. Lt. Col. Kucera says this is not true; that it is definitely pro-Yugoslav and dominated entirely by the Slovenes. The President and Secretary are Slovene.

2. This Committee had been operating under the functional divisions of the city government, having 12 sections such as alimentation, health, welfare, etc. Lt. Col. Kucera stopped the operation of this Committee and at the present time a General Secretary of the City and AMG officers are running municipal affairs, with the assistance of the various city departments and the semi-autonomous public utilities commission and the semi-autonomous hospital commission. These departments, as well as the semi-autonomous bodies, report directly to AMG.

3. Lt. Col. Kucera said that he is exasperated beyond reason by the obstructionist tactics of the Committee of 27, who refuse to cooperate and, in fact, really sabotage any effort towards unity or cooperation. He said he should like to have an advisory City Committee of 11, consisting of 8 Italians and 3 Slovenes, with a separate Italian Sindaco. He would use this Committee as a sort of sounding board, without assigning any specific function to each of the members. It would be a general consulting board.

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APPENDIX "C"

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Report on local government organization of Pola, 27 July 1945.
Person interviewed:
Lt. Col. Orpwood (B) Area Commissioner, Pola.

1. Pola Area consists of the Commune of Pola alone, less a part of the city lying to the North. When the Yugoslavs took over, there was a Regional District organization set up. The Yugoslavs left the Italian officials in office while they set up the new type government with Provincial HQ at Albano (east of the Morgan Line. AMG, when it entered, found a Town Committee called the "Comitato Popolare Liberasione" (CPL). This Committee consists of 12 members: 10 Slovenes and 2 Italians. The President is Italian; the Secretary, Yugoslav. Each member of the Committee is in charge of a branch of municipal government, such as finance, civil engineering, public welfare, etc. The CPL represents the anti-Fascist element and is not divided into separate parties such as exist in Italy. It is pro-Yugoslav. Communists are part of this group. Lt. Col. Orpwood said that the Christian-Democrat Party as a separate entity is beginning to manifest itself.

2. The population of the Commune of Pola is approximately 30,000, of which the national distribution, according to Lt. Col. Orpwood, is as follows:

60% pure Italians
20% Croats
20% Mixture of Austrians, Slovenes, Croats and combinations

The CPL is 60% Italian and 40% non-Italian, but all are pro-Yugoslav in sympathy. The CPL appointed the Town Committee described above which is the government of the Commune. Lt. Col. Orpwood said that the Communist Party, which is now part of the CPL, is beginning to look toward the Italian Communists for guidance.

3. Besides the CPL, there are 2 other organizations, namely the Fronte Popolare, which is an off-shoot of the CPL, and the Comitato Cittadini Polesiano. The latter (CCP) was formed a month ago and consists of Italians only. It purports to represent the Italian population. Lt. Col. Orpwood is attempting to form an Advisory Council of 2 persons from each of the 3 groups; namely, CCL, CCP and the FP. He is also attempting to get a broader base for the Town Committee by introducing several prominent anti-Fascists and anti-Nazis into the Town Committee. The Italian organization CCP has no contact with the CPL and is itself composed of weak people. Apparently, the CPL, according to Lt. Col. Orpwood, is agreeable to the idea of broadening the base of the Town Committee. There are only 2 former Provincial offices which are in existence in the Commune, namely, finance and public works. The former functions under the Intendenza di Finanza who has been brought back and is taking care of Communal as well as Provincial financial matters, as far as they affect the Commune. Fire service, prisons, RAFCI are under AMG police. Post is functioning independently. 2 separate budgets are prepared, one for the Commune and one for payment of former Provincial and State employees who still receive salaries. Genio Civile and Genio Marino are functioning under the Commune. There is a Vice Superintendent of Studies who also operates under the Commune. SEFRAL has been reconstituted with a Trieste set-up and works more or less on its own under AMG supervision.

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4. Lt. Col. Orpwood said that he would like to carry on the form of organization as it is, with the exception of broadening the national base gradually. He has verbally recognized the Town Committee, in fact. He said he would like to think over the use of the Primo Cittadino which was suggested by Col. Robertson.

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APPENDIX "D"

Report on local government organization of Gorizia Area, 30 July 1945.

Persons interviewed:

Lt. Col. Smuts (B) Area Commissioner, Gorizia
Col. Robertson (B) Deputy SCAO XIII Corps AMG
Major Gold (A) Legal Officer, Gorizia Area

1. The Yugoslav Liberation Committee set up a Council of 14, consisting of 7 Yugoslavs and 7 Italians, plus a Yugoslav President, to control the Area. The Area is populated with a majority of Slovenes.

2. Most of the former Prefectural officials are functioning.

3. With the formation of the Council, the Yugoslav Liberation Committee went out of existence more or less.

4. Commissars were set up to take over the functions of the Prefettura, except for finance; for example, there is a Commissar of Justice, etc. The whole idea apparently was to abolish the Italian system, but lack of time prevented the Yugoslavs from doing this.

5. There were 9 Districts varying in size and formed by combinations of Communes and Fractions. Members of the District Committees head the functional departments of the government and meet collectively to deliberate. Each Committee has a President and who presumably has been elected by delegates from the Communes. The western part of the Gorizia Area is Italian, while the rest is mostly Slovene.

6. The relationship between the Area and the District Committees is not clear, Lt. Col. Smuts stated.

7. In the Italian Area, the Communal system prevails. In some cases, the Districts are identical in geographic area to the Communes. Where a Commune exists, it does not function under the District. In other words, the District system is aimed to abolish Communal lines. The District Committee functions and is subject to the control of the Area President.

8. An Italian CLN exists, consisting of the Action, Socialist, Liberal-Democrat and Labor-Democrat Parties. Communists are not part of the CLN, but have allied themselves with the Yugoslav Liberation Committee. Where the identity of Communes has been preserved, there are Communal Secretaries in operation. Where they have been supplanted, District Secretaries function. Lt. Col. Smuts indicated that he wished to preserve as much of the District system as possible, at the same time injecting the Italian system of government. He had had his Legal Officer prepare a plan, which he submitted to Col. Robertson. This plan had been studied by me and as much of it as seemed administratively sound was retained in another scheme prepared by me after conference with Col. Robertson. My plan was discussed with Lt. Col. Smuts and Major Gold, who approved it with one or 2 minor suggestions for possible changes.

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APPENDIX "E"

TRANSLATION
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130/AMG/73/13. 23 Jul 45.

SUBJECT : Communes in VENEZIA GIULIA AMG.

TO : Distribution below.

1. This HQ letter 130/AMG/43/6 dated 19 Jul 45, will be considered as cancelled and the following list, by Areas, of the Communes as present administered by this HQ, showing the Districts into which they have been divided, will be substituted.

VENEZIA AREA.

DISTRICT.	COMMUNE.
1	PIRANO (part).
	SEMEDELLA.
	CAPODISTRIA.
2	CAPODISTRIA (Pt).
	SERVOLA (part).
	MUGGIA (part).
3	CASTELLO D'ISTRIA.
	MUGGIA D'ISTRIA (part).
4	CASTEL NUOVO.
	S.MARTINO QUIETO.
	MUGGIA D'ISTRIA (part).
4a	MONTONA DEL CARSO.
4b	CARSO (Pt).
4c	CASTUA DI CARSO.
5	ORSERA E.V.
6	GRADISCA D'ISTRIA.
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	ROVIGNO D'ISTRIA.
	CASTELLO DEL PARENZO.
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SUBJECT : Command in VENEZIA GIULIA Area.

TO : Distribution below.

1. This HQ letter 130/MIS/43/6 dated 19 Jul 45, will be considered as cancelled and the following list, by Areas, of the Commands as present administered by this HQ, showing the Divisions into which they have been divided, will be substituted.

VENEZIA GIULIA AREA.

DIVISION	COMMUNE
1	GRADO. FLAIBANO (part). ROMANS. CAPORETTO.
2	CAPORETTO (Tn). GORIZIA (part). GORIZIA (part).
3	CERVIGNANO. PALMANOVA (part).
4	CIVIDALE. S.PIETRO AL NATISONE. UDINE (part).
4 a	MONTEFELTRO.
4 b	UDINE (Tn).
4 c	CASTELLO DI UDINE.
5	GEMONA.
6	GRADISCA D'ISONZO. [illegible] [illegible] MONTE SANTO.
7 & part of 9	MONFALCONE. DUINO-AURISINA. SAN DORLIGO.
8 & part of 9	OPICINA. TRIESTE. SAN DANIELE DEL CARSO. MUGGIA.

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TRIESTE AREA

DISTRICT	COMMUNES
GRADO	GRADO.
TRIESTE	TRIESTE.
MONFALCONE	DOBERDO. RONCHI. FOGLIANO. S.PIER D'ISONZO. TURRIACO. FIERIS. STARANZANO. DUINO AURISINA.
SESANA	SGONICO. MONRUPINO. DUTTOGLIANO. TOMADIO. CORGNALE. S.GIACOMO IN COLLE (part).
MUGGIA	SAN DORLIGO DELLA VALLE.

POLA AREA

POLA Commune only.

2. An alphabetical list is attached at Appendix "A".

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APPENDIX "A"

ALPHABETICAL LISTS OF COMMUNES.

COMMUNE	DISTRICT.	AREA.
BERGOGNA	1 & 2	GORIZIA
CANALE D'ISONZO	3	GORIZIA
APORETTO	1 & 2	GORIZIA
CAPRIVA DI CORMONS	4c	GORIZIA
CASTEL DOBRA	4	GORIZIA
COMENO	8 & part of 9	GORIZIA
CORMONS HQ	4b	GORIZIA
CORGNALE	SESANA	TRIESTE
DOBERDO	MONFALCONE	TRIESTE
DOLEGNO DEL COLLIO	4a	GORIZIA
DUINO AURISINA	MONFALCONE	TRIESTE
DUTTOGLIANO	SESANA	TRIESTE
FARRA D'ISONZO	6	GORIZIA
FOGLIANO	MONFALCONE	TRIESTE
GORIZIA HQ	5	GORIZIA
GRADO	GRADO	TRIESTE
GRADISCA D'ISONZO	6	GORIZIA
MARIANO DEL FRIULI	6	GORIZIA
MEDEA	7 & part of 9	GORIZIA
MONRUPINO	SESANA	TRIESTE
MONTESPINO	7 & part of 9	GORIZIA
OPACCHIASELLA	7 & part of 9	GORIZIA
PIERIS	MONFALCONE	TRIESTE
PLESSO (part)	1	GORIZIA
POLA	POLA	POLA
RANCIANO	7 & part of 9	GORIZIA
RISTORGNO	8 & part of 9	GORIZIA
ROMANS D'ISONZO	6	GORIZIA
RONCHI	MONFALCONE	TRIESTE
SAN DANIELE DEL CARSO	8 & part of 9	GORIZIA
SAGRADO	6	GORIZIA
SAN DORLIGO DELLA VALLE	MUGGIA	TRIESTE
SALONA D'ISONZO (part)	3 & 4	GORIZIA
SAN MARTINO QUISCA	4	GORIZIA
SGONICO	SESANA	TRIESTE
STARANZANO	MONFALCONE	TRIESTE
S.GIACOMO IN COLLE (part)	SESANA	TRIESTE
S.PIER D'ISONZO	MONFALCONE	TRIESTE
TERNOVIZZA	8 & part of 9	GORIZIA
TOLMINO (part)	2	GORIZIA
TOMADIO	SESANA	TRIESTE
TURRIACO	MONFALCONE	TRIESTE
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APPENDIX "F"

DRAFT OF ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL CIVIL GOVERNMENT PREPARED BY MAJOR RALPH R. TEMPLE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, 28 July 1945.

GENERAL ORDER NO.

AREA AND COMMUNAL CIVIL GOVERNMENT

Whereas it is desirable to establish a uniform system of area and communal civil government in the occupied territory under the control of Allied Military Government, 13 Corps, which will best meet the needs of the people under the conditions now prevailing; in accordance with the powers vested in me, therefore I, ALFRED C. BOWMAN, COLONEL, JAGD, SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER, hereby order as follows:

ARTICLE I

UNITS OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT

(1) The occupied territory under the control of Allied Military Government, 13 Corps, for purposes of administration is divided into the Areas of TRIESTE, GORIZIA and POLA, each of which shall be composed of the Communes and fractions thereof as presently constituted.

(2) Each Area shall have an Area President and Area Council with the powers, functions and duties hereinafter specified.

(3) Each Commune shall have a Head and Communal Council with the powers, functions and duties hereinafter specified.

(4) Each Area and Commune shall have such administrative and executive departments and agencies as the Allied Military Government may deem necessary for the proper carrying out of the functions of civil government.

ARTICLE II

AREA PRESIDENT

(1) The Area President shall be appointed and be removable by the Allied Military Government.

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(3) He shall be the executive and administrative head of the area civil government and shall be subject to the provisions of this Order and all further orders which may hereafter be made by the Allied Military Government and shall possess, in the aggregate, the powers and duties of a Prefect of a Province and of such Provincial and Prefectural legislative, administrative and executive

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bodies where provided by Italian law existing on 8 Sept 1943, or as thereafter modified by order of Allied Military Government.

ARTICLE III

AREA ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS

(1) The Allied Military Government shall establish such departments, divisions or agencies in the Area Headquarters as are necessary to properly administer the Area.

(2) The heads and subordinate staff of such units shall be appointed and removable by the Area President with the consent of the Allied Military Government. The President shall be assisted by a Vice-President and such other officials as shall be necessary for carrying out the functions of his office. They shall be appointed and be removable by the President with the consent of the Allied Military Government.

(3) The President may entrust to the Vice-President and such other officials in his office special duties in connection with the administration of the Area and of the Communes, subject to approval of the Allied Military Government.

ARTICLE IV

AREA COUNCIL

(1) The Area Council shall be composed of a Chairman plus the following number of members for each of the specified Areas:

Area of TRIESTE - 17 Members

Area of GORIZIA - 14 Members

all of whom shall be appointed and removable by the Allied Military Government.

(2) Consideration should be given in the selection of the Chairman and Members from the leading citizens of the Area of the highest moral and political character who shall be, insofar as possible, representative of all ethnic political and economic groups and classes in the Area according to their respective 2536 strength.

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(3) Substitute or alternate members shall be appointed and removable by Allied Military Government but shall not take part in any meetings or proceedings except in the absence of regular members.

(4) The Area Council shall meet at least once every week and at such other times as they may be convened by the Area President with the approval of the Allied Military Government.

(5) It may adopt rules of procedure which must be approved by the

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(1) The Head of the Commune shall be called First Citizen.

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(3) He shall possess in such Communes, in the aggregate, such powers and duties of a First Citizen of a Commune and of such Communal administrative, legislative and executive bodies as are provided by Italian law existing on 8 Sept 1943 or as thereafter modified by order of Allied Military Government.

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(3) The First Citizen may entrust to the Heads of the departments and such other officials in his office special duties in connection with the administration of the Commune, subject to approval of the Allied Military Government.

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COMMUNAL COUNCIL

(1) Each Commune shall have a Communal Council composed of a Chairman plus such members as provided in the following schedule:

Population	Members
250,000 or over	15
over 30,000	10
over 3,000	6
Other Communes	4

all of whom shall be appointed and removable by the Allied Military Government.

(2) Consideration should be given in the selection of the Chairman and Members from the leading citizens of the Commune of the highest moral and political character who shall be, insofar as possible, representative of all ethnic political and economic groups and classes in the Commune according to their respective local strength.

(3) Substitute or alternate members shall be appointed and removable by Allied Military Government but shall not take part in any meetings or proceedings except in the absence of regular members.

(4) The Communal Council shall meet at least once every week and at such other times as they may be convened by the First Citizen with the approval of the Allied Military Government.

(5) It may adopt rules of procedure which shall be approved by the Allied Military Government.

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ARTICLE VIII

COMMUNAL CONFEDERATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES

(1) Whenever and wherever and to the extent that it is deemed desirable or necessary, the Allied Military Government may provide for the administration of governmental functions of two or more Communes or functions thereof by the same official or agency having its seat of office in any one Commune.

ARTICLE IX

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

(1) Whenever and wherever and to the extent that it is deemed desirable or necessary, the Allied Military Government may form advisory bodies from one or more Communes which shall be regarded in this purpose only as forming a District such bodies to be known as District Committees.

(2) The President and Members of each District Committee shall be chosen by the Allied Military Government after consultation with the Area President and Area Council, from among the leading citizens of the Communes forming such District. Consideration shall be given in the selection of the President and Members from the leading citizens of the Area of the highest moral and political character and shall be, insofar as possible, representative of all ethnic political and economic classes and groups in such District according to their respective local strength.

(3) The District Committee shall be convened by the Area President with the approval of the Area Commissioner for the Allied Military Government and shall advise the Area President in regard to such matters of government and administration within each of the Districts submitted to it by the Area President. The District Committees shall have no supervision or executive or legislative control over the First Citizen or the Communal Council of their respective Communes.

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ARTICLE X

CONTROL OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

(1) All the agencies of civil government and administration specified in this order shall at all times be under the control and supervision of the Allied Military Government.

(2) The Chairman and Members of the Communal, District or Area Councils shall be unpaid. Salaries of all other officials shall be determined by the Allied Military Government.

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(3) Nothing in this order shall be construed as limiting in any way or to any degree the powers of government and jurisdiction in the occupied territory as specified in Article I of Proclamation No. 1.

ARTICLE XI

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order shall become operative in each Area or part thereof within the occupied territory on the date of its first publication therein.

Dated in TRIESTE this.....day of....., 1945.

ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

Date of First Publication

The above General Order was first published in the.....

Area/Commune on the.....day of.....,1945, by.....

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28th July, 1945
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EXTRACT from notes onvisit to TRIESTE by Executive Commissioner.

Ref: 805/EC dated 23 July 1945.

4. Local Government. The Area Commissionersare setting up quite reasonable local governments. The plan is to have Presidents of Committees in place of Prefects and Sindaci. There is at the present moment some confusionas to whether the Committees are really advisory or executive although the Area Commissioners will undoubtedly be compelled to give them certain powers in the future which will have to be covered by legislation. The point was fully discussed at the meeting and I am content to have it at that but CA Section should watch this carefully.

15. Legal. The Chief Legal Adviser asked that three judges of Slovene origin now in Italy shouldbe transferred to VENEZIA GIULIA. On this subject, the SCAO again stressed the desirability ofremoving all surplus Italian officials in VENEZIA GIULIA to some other part ofItaly.

M.S.LUSH. Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

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Col. Griffith this affects very much the type of
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Ministero
dell'Educazione Nazionale
Direzione Generale dell'Ordine Superiore Classico
IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

20 July

Dear Williams -

I have up in Gorizia Province yesterday. The
PC has only just joined AMG and knows nothing
about Italian local or provincial administration.
hold him — I hope long — that LG s/c had issued a
child's guide to knowledge which would tell him
exactly what he wants. He was delighted and
asked for one & to send to him by Yugoslav air mail.
His name is Lt Col J.C. Smuts. He is particularly
interested in the relationships between the various
provincial and communal bodies — the powers and
duties of prefect — giunta etc.
Asked to phone this morning but could not get
through.

Yrs sincerely
Lord Schuster

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

EXTRACT

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Auth: SAC MT
26 June 1945

AG 387/207 GEG-O

SUBJECT: Directive for Allied Military Government in that Part of VENEZIE GIULIA Occupied by Allied Forces

TO : Headquarters Eighth Army

1. PRELIMINARY: As a result of negotiations between the Governments of the United States and the United Kingdom and the Government of Jugoslavia it has been agreed that certain areas of VENEZIE GIULIA will be administered under Allied Military Government. A copy of the agreement dated 9 June is attached as Inclosure Number 1 to this directive. Certain details and working arrangements supplementary to the agreement are set forth in a further agreement dated 20 June 1945 (referred to herein as the supplementary agreement) attached as Inclosure Number 2 to this directive.

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5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT: The local Government through which you will administer the area will be based on the Italian administrative system which existed and was in effect on 8 September 1943. It is not necessary, however, that all offices and appointments be filled. You may also, if for administrative reasons it appears expedient to do so, make adjustments and modifications in the foregoing administrative system, so long as its essential structure is not changed. You will administer the area as a separate region, under your command but subject to the technical control of the Allied Commission. No civilian local governmental official will be permitted to refer to or obtain instruction from authorities outside the area.

6. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS:

a. The appointment of prefects and all officials will be vested in Allied Military Government. You will utilize whatever civil authorities you deem best in any particular place and administrative personnel will be changed at your discretion. Subject to the above, use will be made of any Jugoslav civil administration which you find on entry to be already set up and which in your view is working satisfactorily. In interpreting the term "civil administration" you should consider that the term relates to personnel employed rather than the system of administration itself.

b. If you decide that it is impracticable to administer through local authorities you will resort to direct administration, calling for advice from local committees to be selected by you.

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7. LEGAL:

a. The laws of the territory as established and in effect on 8 September 1943 will remain in force. Al Republical Fascist legislation as well as any Jugoslav legislation will be abrogated. Italian decrees promulgated since 8 September 1943 will not be implemented. When necessary Allied Military Government orders will be issued, covering the subject matter of any such decrees.

b. You will suspend the right of appeal to ROME from decisions of the Court of Appeals in TRIESTE.

c. In particular, any Peoples' Court now functioning in the area will nd be permitted to continue. Active Fascists, Nazis, their supporters and collaborationists will be interned pending further instructions. Local boards may be employed to advise you in this connection. You will receive a further directive on this subject in the near future.

8. POLICE: You will maintain and strengthen whatever police force is found to be functioning satisfactorily on your arrival. Carabinieri will not be introduced but may be used where found. If existing police organizations are inadequate you may in your discretion establish new organizations for the purpose. Patriots may be temporarily employed as auxiliary police at your discretion but you will effect complete disarmament as soon as practicable. The Questura system will be reinstated after the epuration of Fascist elements.

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14. FLYING OF FLAGS:

a. On official buildings which are in any way controlled by, or a part of, the Allied Military Goverrment machine the only display of flags permitted will be that of the United States and British flags flown jointly. This applies to police stations whether manned by local Slovene or Italian police or by Carabinieri.

b. Concentrations of troops in barracks or camps may fly their own national flags in these areas. Thus, the Jugoslav troop detachment contemplated by paragraph 2 of agreement (Inclosure Number 1) may fly the Jugoslav flag, and the Italian flag may be flown over Carabinieri or police barracks (as opposed to police stations).

c. No restrictions will be imposed upon the display of flags on private residences and buildings.

15. GENERALLY:

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a. The agreement and supplementary agreement are deemed to be a part of this directive and you will be guided by the provisions thereof.

b. The directions herein contained supersede any instructions inconsistent herewith. In the event that problems of policy arise no covered by this or other existing applicable directives for Allied Military Government,

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this headquarters or Allied Commission will be consulted, as appropriate. In all cases in which matters are referred to this headquarters directly, copies of communications will be furnished to Allied Commission for information.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

(Signed) C. W. Christenberry
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colone, AGD
Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

AC/4188/1/L. /rlp. 3 July 1945.

SUBJECT : Legislation in Venezia Giulia.

TO : SCAO AMG, XIII Corps.

1. In order to avoid the appearance of introducing into Venezia Giulia current legislation passed by the Italian Government, the policy of implementing Italian Governmental and Ministerial Decrees will not be adopted in this region.

Effective legislation will therefore consist of the Proclamations of the Supreme Allied Commander and Military Governor, supplemented by such Regional or Provincial Orders as may be required.

The General Orders issued by AMG, either before or after the date of this directive will not be put into operation in Venezia Giulia as General Orders, but where applicable should be reissued as Regional Orders.

2. The absence of the Italian legislation leaves certain gaps in the legislation required for the administration of the territory and will necessitate the issue of additional Regional Orders. The following paragraphs of this directive indicate the special subjects upon which such orders are required. Nothing in this directive is intended to prohibit the normal issue of Regional Orders on particular regional problems as and when the need for such orders arises.

3. Agriculture. A Regional Order is required for the amassing of wool to incorporate the provisions of DM dated 21 April 1945 (G.U. No. 49 of 24 April 1945).

4. Communications. The current Italian Postal and Telecommunications rates are covered in the following decrees:

Foreign Postal Rates	Ministerial Decree 31st March 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 9th May 1945
Internal Postal Rates	Decree L.T. No. 94 22nd March 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 31st March 1945
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Telephone Rates (Interurban)	Ministerial Decree No. 247 5th April 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 9th May 1945.

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5. Finance. The undermentioned 11 decrees require reissue as Regional Orders. The first eight can conveniently form the subject matter of one Order. It may be necessary at a later stage to reissue a large number of revenue decrees. If so details will be supplied:

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RDL No. 12/B of 2 Dec 1943, RDL No. 18 of 24 Jan 1944, RDL No. 74 of 2 Mar 1944, RDL No. 84 of 10 Mar 1944, RDL No. 108 of 6 April 1944 (all in Raccolta Ufficiale). DLL No. 165 of 3 Aug 1944 (G.U. No. 43 of 5 Aug 1944), RDL No. 233 of 8 Sept 1944 (G.U. No. 68 of 14 Oct 1944), RDL No. 380 of 9 Nov 1944 (G.U. No. 98 of 23 Dec 1944), DLL No. 234 of 8 Sept 1944 (G.U. No. 68 of 14 Oct 1944), DLL No. 301 of 19 Oct 1944 (G.U. No. 81 of 14 Nov 1944).

6. Food. At a later date it may be necessary to issue regulations for the control of olive oil. It may be desirable at the present time, as and when needed, to have orders to control the manufacture and sale of sweets, the slaughter of animals and the operation of eating houses on the basis of the following decrees:

DM 3 Nov 1944 (G.U. No. 78 of 7 Nov 1944);
DLL No. 99 of 1 Mar 1945 (G.U. No. 41 of 5 April 1945);
Decree of High Commr. for Alimentation of 20 Mar 1945 (G.U. No. 36 of 24 March 1945 p. 367).

7. Labor. DLL No. 505 of 6 Dec 1944 (G.U. No. 36 of 24 March 1945) extended Italian Social Insurance to Allied Force Employees. The Italian Government accepted this liability by reason of their armistice obligations to make labour available. A similar arrangement should be made locally and the appropriate Regional Order issued.

8. Legal. The policy of regional autonomy involves the suspension of the right of appeal from the local courts to the Court of Cassation. A Regional Order is required.

9. In drafting Regional Orders in accordance with the above policy, care must be taken to ensure that all references to and duties of Italian Central Governmental bodies are excluded.

10. Translations of the relevant Italian decrees mentioned herein are attached.

For Chief Commissioner:

Lt Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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This is NAF 1023.

1. During TRIESTE conferences difference developed with JUGOSLAVS over interpretation para 3 BELGRADE agreement regarding continuance civil administration. JUGOSLAVS submitted memorandum containing proposals not acceptable to us. Memorandum and our comments attached to agreement forwarded to you. In view expressed attitude JUGOSLAVS, radio broadcasts of last few days and declaration local SLOVENE groups, desire confirmatio our interpretation as basis for possible further discussion or action.

2. Para 3 BELGRADE agreement provides that use will be made of "Any JUGOSLAV civil administration which is already set up and which in the view of the Supreme Allied Commander is working satisfactorily".

3. Present status of civil administration in our area is generally as follows: Italian Administration is functioning in part but has in part been suspended by JUGOSLAV action during the period of their occupation. The prefecture staff is still on the payroll but has been relieved of any executive responsibility. Organizations such as Genio Civile, Sepral and the Consorzio are still functioning executively with JUGOSLAV appointed chiefs. In place of the Prefecture staff the JUGOSLAVS have set up committees of liberation with subcommittees having jurisdiction in various administrative fields which up to the present have been exercising executive powers.

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This pattern has been followed down through the district and communal level with the regional committee exercising executive control over the whole area. Obviously, this JUGOSLAV Committee Administration is not completely or finally organized but it was the machinery which was functioning on the date of our occupation. The JUGOSLAVS are taking the position that the BELGRADE agreement commits us to adopt this committee structure as the "Existing Administration".

4. We have maintained that inasmuch as the basic law of this area is and must continue to be Italian the Italian Administrative System must in its essentials be continued; that it was the intention of the agreement that our commitment to continue existing administration related to personnel rather than to the system of administration itself; and that the committee system as an executive instrument of Local Government cannot be recognized but that committees where useful will be employed in an advisory capacity as in other parts of ITALY.

5. We are convinced that above position is the proper one and the only one we can take as practical matter. Some color may be given to JUGOSLAV claim by wording of para 3. You will recall that the draft which we submitted read "Administrators" in place of "Administration". Had this wording appeared in final agreement the position would have been perfectly clear. We of course have in mind the qualification that the administration must in view of SAC be working satisfactorily. However we do not believe we should rely on this as we might then have the wholly anomalous situation of a committee form of government in one commune and the Italian system functioning in the adjacent locality. This would obviously be unworkable in practice.

6. Request confirmation that our interpretation is correct and any further guidance you may wish to give us.

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AFHQ FOR GENERAL LEMNITZER INFO: BRITISH AND US AMBASSADORS
IN BELGRADE THROUGH AFHQ LINK ALGOM

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From our previous discussions with Jugoslavs it appears that principle questions on which we have not yet arrived at under-standing are those which they have raised regarding our attitude towards civil administration. This is confirmed by announcement radio BELGRADE this morning regarding suspension negotiations. Among other things there is involved question of interpretation of BELGRADE agreement. I wish to state the position I am taking and facts developed thus far. Paragraph 3 of BELGRADE agreement provides that use will be made"of any Jugoslav civil administration which is already set up and which in the view of SAC is working satisfactorily". Present status of civil administration in our area is generally as follows. Italian administration is functioning in part but has in part been suspended by Jugoslav action during the period of their occupation. The Prefectura staff is still on the pay roll but has been relieved of any executive responsibility. Organizations such as Genio Civile, Sepral and the Consorzia are still functioning executively with Yugoslav appointed chiefs. In place of the Prefectura staff the Yugoslavs have set up committees of Liberation with Sub Committees having

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VENEZIA GIULIA.

1. Those parts of VENEZIA GIULIA in which AMG has been set up are to be known as AMG XIII Corps and are under the operational command of the Commanding General of that Corps. They are not part of VENEZIA Region.

2. Colonel Nelson W. MONFORT (A) has been appointed SCAO XIII Corps and Lt.Colonel H.P.P. ROBERTSON (B) has been appointed his deputy.

3. All correspondence for VENEZIA GIULIA will be addressed to ~~AMG~~ XIII Corps with a copy, when the correspondence deals with ~~matters of~~ high policy, to AMG Eighth Army.

E. Tabb Lt Col
/A Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/1/12/2/LG

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Venezia-Giulia.

11 June 1945

TO : Director, Legal Sub Commission.

1. Reference is made to your AC/4183/1/L of 8 June and the annexed draft directive.

2. On 26 May, this Sub Commission requested the preparation of a Regional Order for local government in Venezia-Giulia.

3. The matter has since been discussed with the Vice President. It has been decided that the policy of accepting such local authorities as may be found in effective operation means that no legislation on local government should be made at present. This Sub Commission's letter of 26 May is therefore cancelled.

4. This Sub Commission has, therefore, no comment to make on your draft directive.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RALPH R. TEMPLE
Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

9 JUN 1945

AC/4188/1/L. /rlp.
8 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Venezia Giulia.

TO : See distribution.

1. Replies have now been received to this sub-commission's letter AC/4188/1/L of 25 May 1945.

2. Attached hereto is a draft directive prepared on the basis of these replies which it is suggested should be issued for the guidance of RC, Venezia Giulia.

3. Sub-commissions will notice that some of their suggestions have not been incorporated. The reason for this is that, in some cases, the laws proposed for re-issue are out of date, while in others they are beyond the jurisdiction of an occupying power, e.g., there is no authority to require national courts to try new offences or award increased penalties. In some cases the suggestions do not refer to laws but to directives issued by sub-commissions. These will no doubt be modified by the sub-commissions themselves.

4. Will you please forward to this sub-commission by 13 June 1945 your comments on this draft.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

W. E. LEHRENS,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Adviser.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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AC/4188/1/L.

June 1945.

SUBJECT : Legislation in Venezia Giulia.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Venezia Giulia and Venezie Regions, SCAO 8th Army.

1. In order to avoid the appearance of introducing into Venezia Giulia current legislation passed by the Italian Government it has been decided that the policy of implementing Italian Governmental and Ministerial Decrees will not be adopted in this Region.

The sole exception to this policy is that DLL No.142 of 22 April 1945, which constitutes the Special Courts of Assize, will be implemented in the usual way, since under international law an occupying power has no authority to constitute national courts which are contrary to the existing law of the occupied territory. To confer jurisdiction upon these courts it will be necessary also to implement portions of DLL No.159 of 27 July 1944. Arrangements are being made for the supply of the necessary documents for this purpose.

2. The absence of this Italian legislation leaves certain gaps in the legislation required for the administration of the Region, which are not filled by the current Proclamations or General Orders of AMG and which will necessitate the issue of separate Regional Orders. The Proclamations and General Orders will continue to be published in accordance with the general policy of this HQ and the following paragraphs of this directive indicate the special subjects upon which Regional Orders are required. Nothing in this directive is intended to prohibit the normal issue by the Regional Commissioner of Regional Orders on particular regional problems as and when the need for such orders arises.

3. Agriculture. A Regional Order is required for the amassing of wool to incorporate the provisions of DM dated 21 April 1945 (G.U.No.49 of 24 April 1945).

4. Commerce. A Regional Order is required for the blocking of all essential non-subsistence materials as listed in AC Manual on Materials, Section 3, categories 1, 3 and 4 as amended by Monthly Supplements for April and May 1945. This Order will replace Ministerial Decrees of 21 Oct 1944 (G.U.No.73 of 26 Oct 1944) and of 12 Dec 1944 (G.U.No.15 of 3 Feb 1945).

5. Communications. Current Italian decrees provide for Internal Postal Rates, Internal Telegraph Rates and Urban Telephone Rates (all in G.U.No.59 of 31 March 1945), Foreign Postage Rates (Ministerial Decree 31 March 1945 in G.U.No.56 of 9 May 1945), and Interurban Telephone Rates (DLL No.247 of 5 April 1945 in G.U. No.65 of 30 May 1945). As and when these various services are available in the Region, Regional Orders should be issued so that the rates conform with the rest of Italy.

6. Finance. The undermentioned 11 decrees require reissue as Regional Orders. The first eight can conveniently form the subject matter of one Order. It will be necessary at a later stage to reissue a large number of revenue decrees, of which details will be supplied:

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7. Food. If and when required, Regional Orders should be issued to control the amassing of olive oil, the slaughter of animals, the manufacture and sale of sweets and the operation of eating houses on the basis of the following

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decrees :- DM 7 Sept 1944 (G.U.No. 54 of 12 Sept 1944), DM 19 Sept 1944 (G.U.No. 59 of 23 Sept 1944), DM 16 Oct 1944 (G.U.No.71 of 20 Oct 1944), DM 3 Nov 1944 (G.U.No.78 of 7 Nov 1944), DM 4 Jan 1945 (G.U.No.1 of 16 Jan 1945), Decree of the High Commissioner for Alimentation of 20 March 1945 (G.U.No.36 of 24 March 1945 p.367), DLL No.345 of 12 Oct 1944 (G.U.No.90 of 5 Dec 1944) and DLL No.99 of 1 March 1945 (G.U.No.41 of 5 April 1945).

Prices will be controlled under General Order No.41 or further orders issued thereunder.

A Regional Order should bring into operation the official ration scales.

8. Labour. DLL No.505 of 6 Dec 1944 (G.U.No. 36 of 24 March 1945) extended Italian Social Insurance to Allied Force Employees. The Italian Government accepted this liability by reason of their armistice obligations to make labour available. A similar arrangement should be made locally and the appropriate Regional Order issued.

9. Legal. The policy of autonomy involves the suspension of appeal to the Court of Cassation in all cases, whether under the normal Italian law or under DLL No.142 of 22 April 1945. A Regional Order is required.

10. In drafting Regional Orders in accordance with the above policy care must be taken to ensure that all references to and duties of Italian Central Governmental bodies are excluded.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

9/5.B/CA

2 June 45

SUBJECT : Venezia Giulia.

TO : All CA Sub-Commissions.

1 The following is an extract of a TOP SECRET document in my possession. The document is AFHQ Signal N130/30 of 30 May. The remainder does not affect this Commission.

2 "AFHQ will function through such local authorities as may be found in effective operation irrespective of nationality."

A.D. Bonham Carter.

A.D. BONHAM CARTER
Lt Colonel,
CSO CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/1/12/2/LG.

Tel: 478190.

26th May, 1945.

SUBJECT: Venezia Giulia.

TO : Director, Legal Sub Commission.

Reference your AC/4188/1/L of 25th May, a Regional Order should please be made in the terms of RDL No.111 of 4th April, 1944 (in G.U. no.21 of 22 April 1944) as amended by DLL no.177 of 10 August, 1944 (in G.U. no.51 of 2 Sept. 1944).

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RALPH R. TEMPLE,
Major,
Deputy Director,
Local Government Sub-Commission.

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LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

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U R G E N T

25 May 1945

AC/A198/1/L

SUBJECT: Venezia Giulia

TO : See distribution

1. It has been decided that the procedure of implementation of Italian decrees will not be adopted in Venezia Giulia. The law to be administered there will be :-

(a) Italian law as existing at 8 September 1943 less any provisions (e.g. Fascist doctrines) which are excluded from operation in the territory; and

(b) AMG Regional Orders.

2. It should be pointed out that Venezia Giulia will be administered as an autonomous area and not as dependent from any central organisation in Rome or elsewhere.

3. It follows from this policy that a considerable number of Regional Orders will have to be issued to cover matters which in other AMG territory are regulated by Italian decrees. Examples are: payment of wages, agricultural regulations, blocking of commercial products, transportation.

4. Will you please notify this sub-commission by 29 May 1945 without fail :-

(a) What points should be covered by Regional Orders to be issued in Venezia Giulia;

(b) Whether the Orders to be issued on these points should consist of a redraft of the existing Italian decrees modified as necessary for the purpose of an AMG order or whether an entirely new policy should be adopted. In this case please indicate the policy.

W.E.BEHRENS,
Colonel,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

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