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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref: 6/18.2/CA.

11 Jan 46.

SUBJECT: Correspondence with Prince Bishop of Brixen.

TO: CLO BOLZANO.

- 1 A certain amount of correspondence or discussion has taken place recently between the late Regional Commissioner of Venezia, the late Provincial Commissioner of Bolzano and the Prince Bishop of Brixen (Brassanone), on such matters as the termination of Allied Military Government in the province of Bolzano and Italian legislation concerning citizenship in the Alto Adige.
- 2 Please note that any future dealings you may have with the Prince Bishop will be restricted entirely to matters concerning the Church.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

M. Carr
M. CARR, Brig.,
VP CA Section.

Copy to: Local Government Sub-Commission,
CLO VENEZIA.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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Tel: 1478190

SUBJECT: Local Government: Comune of LAMA (Bolzano).

3 October 1945

TO : HQ Venezia (with copy to HQ Bolzano)

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1. The Ministry of the Interior has advised this Sub Commission that they have received from the Sindaco of the Comune of LAMA (Bolzano Province) a telegram dated 22 September which reads as follows:

"Financial aid in order to pay dependent personnel urgently required."

SINDACO LAODADIO

2. May this matter please be investigated and the appropriate action taken.
3. The Sindaco of LAMA should be informed that the correct channel for his request was through the Prefect of Bolzano, and not to the Ministry of the Interior direct.

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RAJAH R. THOMAS
Major
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMISSION

AG/45/12/16

Vol: 620

SUBJECT: Note of Interview - AG HQ

DATE: 1 October 1945 - 1000 hours

PRESENT: Lt. Col. R. E. McBratney, ex-18 Bolzano
Major Ralph E. Temple, Director, Local Government S/O
Major G. G. R. Williams, Executive Officer, Local Government S/O

1. Italian Troops

Lt. Col. McBratney said that there was still a good deal of trouble with the POLCORE Division--numerous instances of bullying and terrorizing the population. He cited one case of a religious festival in a town, which finished up with a party in a beer garden, at which several Italian soldiers had made a disturbance. They were asked to leave by an American officer and did so, but they came back with many more and made another disturbance. A whistle blow and about 50 Italian soldiers armed with automatic weapons entered. After firing a few shots, they beat up the population with gun butts. In the meantime, 2 heavy machine guns had been placed at the ends of the street outside. An inquiry was held by the local Italian Command, the result of which was to white-wash everybody.

2. We mentioned that the last we had heard of this problem was that the Italian Government had been asked to remove the SAN MARCO Division. Lt. Col. McBratney said yes they had been replaced by the GARIBOLDI Unit, who were no better than SAN MARCO.

3. He had had many deputations on the subject recently, but factual complaints had ceased. The reason was, the deputations told him, that the population was terrified of reprisals. He had promised the last deputation that any complaints would be kept in his safe, and in forwarding them he would omit the names. The result of this assurance was that some 30 specific complaints reached him almost immediately.

4. De-Magification

Lt. Col. McBratney said that practically no Nazis were now left in public office. There were, however, some 40/50 Reich Germans resident who were being registered under the Provincial Registration of Aliens Order. They were reluctant to register and give particulars of themselves for obvious reasons. Some of them are shortly to be tried for failing to register and his HQ was initiating a drive about it.

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5. Transfer of Aliens

Lt. Col. McRatney thought that registration would be complete shortly and then the problem arose of transferring these Reich Germans back to Germany. Col. Findley knew all about the problem. He understood permission is being awaited from AFM which has not yet been given. There were also a few Vichy French as to whom the position was the same.

6. As to the Reich Germans, he ^{had} ~~would~~ arranged for obtaining all the particulars which USGT would require and had asked Col. Findley to keep the refugee camp in the province open to deal with them.

7. Local Government and Electoral Lists

All Sindaci and Giunta have now been confirmed, except in the case of one Comune. The provincial administration was functioning a little better than before.

8. The Sindaci were registering in the electoral lists all clear cases. None of those who had taken any action under the Hitler-Mussolini Agreements were being registered. We pointed out that this meant that no progress had been made beyond Stage "A". The Sindaci could send their extracts to the Judicial Record Offices, but those extracts would be incomplete. When the time came to deal with the optants, they would have to send further extracts to the Judicial Record Offices. Until all extracts had been sent to and returned by the Judicial Record Offices, no lists could be sent for approval to the Electoral Commissions. The position therefore was that in the near future the preparation of the lists in Bolzano would come to a full stop.

9. Nationality Problem

On this we told Lt. Col. McRatney that our position was as stated in the Chief Commissioner's letter to the Prime Minister of 20 August, agreeing to the Special Commission as a fact-finding body only. A reminder had been sent to the Prime Minister, but no answer had been received.

10. Lt. Col. McRatney said the Prefect had been in communication with the Prime Minister and the Prefect understood that the appointment of the Special Commission would be accompanied by a declaration of the Italian Government as to minority rights in Bolzano. He had seen a telegram from the Prime Minister to the Prefect stating that this declaration as to minority rights had been transmitted to AG on 13 September.

11. We said we doubted if it was necessary to hold up the appointment of the Special Commission for this declaration to be settled. Lt. Col. McRatney said that might be so, but the declaration was very important. He said it was most important that the Special Commission should get to work at once to relieve the increasing tension in the Province.

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12. Conclusion.

Lt. Col. McBratney said that tension and unrest among the population were increasing and that 2 main things were required to allay it:--

- (a) Removal of the POLICIA Division;
- (b) A formal and binding declaration from the Italian Government about minority rights.

He added that when the Prefect had seen the Prime Minister over 2 months ago, the Prime Minister had promised to deal with all of these points at once. The Prefect had returned to Bolzano and had told a meeting of the Sindaci that he had the Prime Minister's verbal promise to that effect, and the population are now awaiting for it to be implemented.

W. G. H. Williams
W. G. H. WILLIAMS
Major
Executive Officer
Local Government Sub Commission

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Rome, 26 September 1945

From : Ministry of the Interior
Cabinet

Ref. 37209/12632

To : Allied Commission

Subject : Lama Communal Administration

The Sindaco of the Commune of Lama (Bolzano) has sent the following telegram to this Ministry under date 22 instant:

"Financial aid in order to pay dependent personnel urgently required. Sindaco Laodadio."

Since said province is under the administration of AWC, the above communication is passed on to your Commission for whatever action it may be deemed necessary.

FOR THE MINISTER

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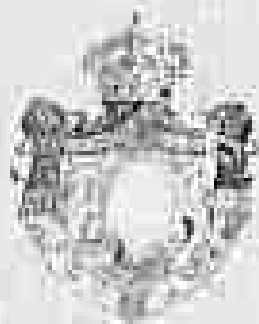
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Roma 2 settembre 1945

 Ministero dell'Interno
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 Divisione Legale
Bol. N. 37209/12632

 Proprietà del
Fav. Fav. A.

OGGETTO: Lama - Amministrazione comunale.

Il Sindaco del Comune di Lama (Bolzano),
ha inviato a questo Ministero in data 22 cor-
rente il seguente telegramma:

"Urge sovvenzione bilancio pagamento retri-
buzione personale dipendente. Sindaco Laoda-
dio."

Poichè la predetta Provincia si trova
sotto l'amministrazione dell'A.M.G., si co-
munica quanto sopra a codesta On. Commissio-
ne per ragioni di competenza.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394Office of the Executive Commissioner

Reference : 806/A/EC 23 August 1945

SUBJECT : Notes on Executive Commissioner's
TOUR - BOLZANO

TO : Distribution below.

1. Elections. I spoke to Lt. Col. McBrattney on the question of electoral lists and he seemed quite satisfied with the decision made in ROME. He was, however, anxious that whatever order should be made regarding the setting up of an Italian Commission should be in the form of an Italian decree and not, as the Prefect had suggested, a Regional or AG order.

2. Alien Registration Order. Regional Order No. 17 has just been posted and Col. McBrattney hopes to trace a number of Germans by this system. He assumes that non-resident Germans, ie, those who have entered Italy since the war and particularly since the armistice, will be regarded as displaced persons and transferred to Germany. I told him that I agreed with his assumption and would confirm after consultation in ROME. We want to get quite clear in our minds as to what to do with ^{these} Germans who are non-residents. In this connection the closing up of No. 23 Displaced Persons Camp may have to be delayed. Col. McBrattney suggested that it may be necessary to arrange for AMG officers to carry on with the registration of these Germans if it was not finished by the turnover. He personally thought it would take two months.

4. Prefect. I spoke to the PG. about the Prefect DE ANGELIS. Col. McBrattney said that the man wanted to relinquish his ~~his~~ job as soon as possible but he thought it would be politic if the Italian Government retained him for at least 2 months after the turnover. DE ANGELIS he thought was aspiring to some ambassadorial appointment. Obviously the choice of the new Prefect will have to be made very carefully and if some form of regional autonomy is to be given, it might include the freedom to elect a Prefect.

HBL/JC.

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,

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SUBJECT: Note of Interview - AC HQ

DATE : 13 August 1945 - 1700 hours.

PRESENT: S. E. CATENACCI Corrado, Chief of Cabinet, Ministry of the Interior
S. E. INNOCENTI Silvio, Chief of Special Division for Minorities,
Ministry of the Interior.

Col. R. R. Cripps, Director, Local Government S/C
Major Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, Local Government S/C
Major C. G. R. Williams, Executive Officer, Local Government S/C
Sig. Arrigo NICE, interpreting.

1. Col. Cripps stated that representations had been received from the Prefect of Bolzano that the Giunte Comunal in that province should be enlarged above the number laid down by RDL 4 April 1945, No. 111. His reason was that only in that way could proper representation be given to the German-speaking minority. The Prefect made the same representation with respect to the Deputazione Provinciale. Col. Cripps stated that as far as the S/C were concerned, they did not consider the Prefect's case very strong, but they wished to know what the views of the Italian Government were. Dott. INNOCENTI said

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5. Dott. INNOCENTI said that this or any other method could only be adopted when there were elections. At present there were none. Moreover, at present we were dealing with six main political parties, but tomorrow the number might be different. For these reasons, any quick solution for Bolzano province alone would be premature.

6. Col. Cripps said he appreciated that Dott. CATENACCI and Dott. INNOCENTI were only expressing their personal views. However, he agreed with them and the S/C would take their advice. He would mention the matter to the VP and, if the latter approved, write to RC Venezia to inform him that both the Deputazione and Giunta in Bolzano must be kept to the legal number.

NOTE: Col. Cripps mentioned the matter to Brigadier Upjohn later in the day: and the latter agreed with the views expressed above.

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C. G. R. WILLIAMS
Major
Executive Officer
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/1/12/LG

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Survey of Bolzano, Trento and Verona
Provinces.

22 August 1945

TO : RC Venetia Region.

1. Herewith copies in duplicate of Major Williams' reports of his recent visit to these provinces: the additional copy is for forwarding to the RC if you think fit.
2. BOLZANO. The major point in this province seems to be the organization of the Prefecture. The provincial report form which has now been received indicates the Prefecture is adequately staffed. I have written you separately about the Deputazione Provinciale.
3. Paras 18 to 21 of this report are Major Williams' personal observations as to the reaction of the minority problem on the preparation of the electoral lists which I think you should see, although discussions on the point are still going on between this HQ and the Italian Government, and the ultimate decision may differ from the views indicated in these paragraphs. They are not, therefore, to be taken as an indication of AG policy.
4. TRENTO. The province appears to be in good shape.
5. VERONA. No particular point arises in this province either to which attention should be called. The line taken by the RC with respect to his 2 political Vice Prefects has been noted with interest. The treatment of this OIN device is one on which no general rule is laid down, as local circumstances must govern the decision whether it is best to retain it or not.

R. R. Gripps
R. R. GRIFFS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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Encls. as in (1) above.

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RAPPORTO SULLA SITUAZIONE AMMINISTRATIVA

REGIONE _____

PROVINCIA DI ROLIANO

20 luglio 1945

Data della nomina	COGNOME	NOME e titolo	Qualifica e grado ricoperto attualmente
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1. <u>PREFETTO</u> <u>IV PREFETTURA</u> (funzionari di Gruppo A) 1o <u>Viceprefetto Vicario</u> <u>Politico e con funzioni</u> <u>ispettive</u>	3.5.1945	DE ANGELIS	Dott. Bruno Prefetto non di carriera
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Amministrativo

D.M. 6 giugno 43 gli furono conferite le funzioni di V.P.V. (Gr. V)

3o Viceprefetto Aggiunto 1.6.45 ALONNI Walter V.P.A.M. Agg. (non di carriera)

4o Viceprefetto Ispettore — VACANTE

5o CONSIGLIERE

1.5.1926	NOCKER	Dr. Francesco	Consigl. di 1a classe (grado VIII)
4.7.1940	ROSSI	Dr. Alfonso	Cons. di 1a classe (grado VIII)
30.6.1942	TRINCUCI	Dr. Vittorio	Cons. di 2a classe (

IV. AMMINISTRAZIONE
PROVINCIALE

1o Presidente e Capo dell'Amministrazione Provinciale 31.5.1945 Dr. Cornolio Commissario Prefettizio per provvisoria gestione

2o Segretario Generale o Provinciale 26.1.1944 Dr. Augusto Vice Segretario Generale. In data 26.1. nominato Vice Segretario Generale con funzioni di Segretario Generale

3. E' stata costituita una Deputazione Provinciale?

Sì o No data

NUMERO TOTALE: MEMBRI SUPPLENTI

V. GIUNTA PROVINCIALE
AMMINISTRATIVE

1. Sono stati nominati i 4 membri elettivi della Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa?

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/12/5/12

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Size of Deputazioni Provinciale and Giunta
Comunale.

18 August 1945

TO : HQ Venetia Region (with copy for IG Balsano)

1. Reference is made to (a) your RMTX/025.11 of 5 July 1945, (b) this Sub Commission's reply under reference as above of 14 July, and (c) the Prefect's letter No. 2025/Cab. to the IG, dated 21 July. The last mentioned letter is returned herewith, this Sub Commission having kept a copy.
2. Full consideration has been given to the Prefect's new representations as to the desirability of increasing the size of Giunta Comunale. As the Prefect also mentioned both to Brigadier Upjohn and Major Williams, on their recent visits to his province, the desirability of increasing the size of the Deputazione Provinciale above the legal number on similar grounds, this suggestion has been reviewed at the same time. High officials of the Ministry of the Interior have been consulted, including the recently appointed Chief of the Special Division in the Ministry which handles the technical side of the minority problem in general.
3. It will be appreciated that the minority problem arises in other parts of Italy as well as in Balsano, and that it has numerous other aspects besides that of representation on local government bodies, e.g. the use of the minority language in schools, law courts, and in government and business transactions, and the preservation of racial customs and ceremonies, to name a few. It is therefore felt that the question ought to be viewed as a whole, and great care should be taken as to the adoption of any ad hoc policy directed to merely one aspect of the whole problem.
4. It is also to be noted that the measures to be adopted for securing the rights of minorities are primarily matters of Italian policy to be determined by the Italian Government. Other solutions of the question of minority representation on local government bodies than merely increasing the numbers may commend themselves. As an instance of what might be done, a fixed number of seats could be reserved for which only members of the minority will vote. Such a solution, however, could not be adopted prior to the passing of a general election law, which has not yet been done. This example is quoted as an illustration of the proposition that the problem must be viewed as a whole. It is not, therefore, considered that AMC should attempt to deal with the representation of the minority on local government bodies by enlarging their legal number. The Italian Government should be left to elaborate their own proposals for this purpose and in their own way.

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5. It is also to be observed that the representation of the German-speaking inhabitants is only one of the factors which enter into the nomination of the Giunta and the Deputazioni: all interests--political and commercial as well as racial and lingual--should be taken into account. It is not felt impossible to secure the representation of both languages on the Giunta and the Deputazioni as well (and possibly by the same ~~persons~~) as represent other kinds of interests.

6. The view of this R. accordingly is that the number of members of the Deputazioni Provinciali of Bolzano province and of its Giunta Comunale should be kept to those prescribed by RDL 4 April 1945 No. 111.



R. R. CRIPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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Encl. as in (1) above.

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SUBJECT: Note of Interview - AC HQ

DATE : 13 August 1945 - 1700 hours.

PRESENT: S. E. CATINACCI Corrado, Chief of Cabinet, Ministry of the Interior
S. E. INNOCENTI Silvio, Chief of Special Division for Minorities,
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NOTE: Col. Cripps mentioned the matter to Brigadier Upjohn later in the day; and the latter agreed with the views expressed above.

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C. C. R. WILLIAMS
Major
Executive Officer
Local Government Sub Commission

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of three officers has arrived in Merano with an unspecified object. I suggest to Colonel McBratney that this should be investigated. The French have also been sending small parties in over the Brenner to buy food. This has been stopped. In one truck as it drove through this small town there were shouts of "The French have arrived".

My recommendations are as follows :-

- (1) - The Folgore Division should be withdrawn and replaced by Friuli or by Carabinieri and has been suggested by Colonel McBratney. I understand that a conference on this subject is being held at 5th Army today.
- (2) The Italian Government should be advised to publish and put into effect as soon as possible a decree not only providing for linguistic equality but also establishing some form of local autonomy on the lines of that contemplated for the Val d'Aosta. Particular care to be taken to ensure that it can be made effective on the lower levels as well as at the top e.g. by increasing the number of german-speaking local officials and functionaries in para-statal services. If the Italian Government could be persuaded to agree to the appointment of Allied observers to supervise the carrying out of the decrees so much the better.
- (3) The most active steps should be taken to carry out a drastic epuration of Nazis. As far as possible this should be carried out by courts composed of anti-Nazi german-speaking persons. All Reich Germans not actually imprisoned should be removed to Germany or Austria as the case may

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16. I feel too that he is not too reliable on his facts. He gave me a new set of figures which I give below for what they are worth. He says that at the time of the Accord there were in the province:

- (a) 6,000 "German Italians";
- (b) 30,000 Germans for Italy;
- (c) 150,000 Germans for Germany, of whom
 - (1) 80,000 emigrated, leaving
 - (11) 70,000 who opted but stayed in Bolzano.

These are the ultimate figures we arrived at after a good deal of discussion of others and I don't feel that they should be regarded as authoritative.

As another instance, the Prefect maintained most explicitly in his discussion that the Accord contained a provision dispensing entirely with emigration as a condition precedent to the losing of Italian citizenship. Later in the day I was able to consult a copy of the Accord and found, of course, that this is not so.

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Enclosure with
GPO report
and letter
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Official figures for communal Giuntas are:

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Communes over 60.000 inhabitants = 8 members and 4 sub.
" " 30.000 " = 6 " " 2 "
" " 3.000 " + 4 " " 2 "
Other Communes = 2 " " 2 "

and instructions passed to CAO's agree with above figures.

extras asked for by Prefect:

4 members and 2 sub. for communes over 60.000)
2 " " 2 " " " " 30.000 } inhabitants.
2 " " 2 " " " " under 3.000 }

thus - official figures agree with Prefect's ones for communes
over 3.000 inhabitants only since the Prefect has made
a sole classification for communes from 30

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25 LUG 1945

Colonel Fiske,
Deputy Executive Commissioner

216 JUL 1945

CJW

At a meeting at Allied Commission Headquarters with the Prefect of Bolzano on 11th July, the latter put forward the request that the Folgore Gruppo should be withdrawn from Bolzano Province and replaced by the Prini Gruppo whose Headquarters are now at Trento and from whom he had received good reports. He gave as his reasons the fact that the Folgore, and particularly the Nembo Regiment were unsuitable for employment in an area in which such a tense situation existed and where any serious incident might produce a flare-up with grave international repercussions. He added that he was also afraid that if in any elections held in the Province, German-speaking members of the population voted for a party which was opposed to annexation to Austria, the more extreme elements might claim that the voters had been intimidated by the presence of the Folgore.

2. I think that there is something in his arguments and that it would be very desirable if the Folgore could be withdrawn and

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SecretThe FOIGERE Division (Italian Army)

The above Italian Division came into the province of Bolzano soon after the Allies took over the area, and is now deployed in small detachments throughout the province except in the town of Merano and up to the frontier, with headquarters at Bressanone. It is understood that this division was sent to the area on Bonomi's request to the Allied authorities.

The division consists principally of the "commando" type of man - men of the Nemo and San Marco - while a large proportion of them are Sicilians, Sardinians or Southern Italians. Their commanding officer has recently been changed.

Their presence is not popular with either the German-speaking or Italian population on account of their attitude and a number of incidents (none of major significance) which have occurred.

The German-speaking population complain that:-

- a) They behave as though they were forces occupying enemy territory.
- b) They are ultra-nationalistic.
- c) Some of the German-speaking population are treated as though they were Nazis

- a) The division has the mentality of troops occupying enemy territory.
- b) Neutral (Allied) troops would be more suitable or Italian troops who were less nationalistic, and that the Folgore Division is an unsuitable choice.
- c) Rumour has it that many of the men belonging to the Neco still have Fascist sympathies.
- d) The Prefect stated that it was like "putting a racehorse into a cart" to use the division in this way and that parachutists were not adapted for police work. Should elections be held in the area while the Folgore Division was still stationed there, the German-speaking population, he felt, would complain not without some justification.
- e) The Sicilians, Sardinians and other Southern Italians in the Division were not popular with Northern Italians.

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

AO/45/12/16

16 July 1945

Subject: Conditions in Bolzano Province
To: Chief Commissioner

1. Reference the attached notes of meeting held on 14 July 45.
2. The attached draft communique, to be issued by the Public Relations Officer, is submitted for your approval.

G. R. UPJOHN, Brigadier
Vice President
Civil Affairs Section

Copies to: Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section
Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)
RC VENETIAN REGION
Local Government S/O

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The Italian Press has recently given wide publicity to reports that the Allied authorities have authorized the former Prefect and Mayor of BOLZANO to proceed to Paris, London and Washington, in their capacity as leaders of the movement for the freedom of the South Tyrol, to defend the cause of the restitution of the Alto Adige to Austria.

The Allied Commission announces that such reports are without foundation. No authority has been given. The Allied Commission regrets that such reports, which can only lead to the detriment of law and order in BOLZANO province, could ever have been circulated.

Local Government S/O
16 July 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AO/45/12/10

NOTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ON 24 JULY 1945

Present : Vice President, Civil Affairs Section
Regional Commissioner, VENETIE
Political Adviser (British)
(American)
Director, Local Government Sub-Commission
The Prefect of BOLZANO
Mr. Arvigo Nice, Interpreter

1. VP Civil Affairs Section - gave a short recapitulation of the position and outlined the discussion which had taken place on the morning of 13 July 1945.
2. The Prefect of BOLZANO - stated that he knew that the ex-prefect of Bolzano (Miguel TIBBELL) and the ex-Sindaco of Bolzano City were still in the province. It therefore appeared that, a statement on the lines of the attached appendix "A" could be issued forthwith.
3. Political Adviser - was in agreement, subject to approval of AMH.
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Present : Vice President, Civil Affairs Section
Regional Commissioner, VERMIL
Political Adviser (British)
(American)
Director, Local Government Sub-Commission
The Prefect of BOLLENG
Mr. Arving Nise, Interpreter

1. VP Civil Affairs Section - gave a short recapitulation of the position and outlined the discussion which had taken place on the morning of 13 July 1945.
2. The Prefect of BOLLENG - stated that he knew that the ex-Prefect of Bolle (Monsieur FINELL) and the ex-Sindac of Bolle (City were still in the province. It therefore appeared that, a statement on the lines of the attached Appendix "A" could be issued forthwith.
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after the word "prejudice" substitute the words
"tranquillity of the province".

ANNEX "A"~~SECRET~~
5CCOMMUNIQUE

With reference to a recent Reuter Communique saying that AMG had authorized German speaking citizens of Bolzano Province to go abroad for political propaganda purposes, the Chief of the Allied Commission in Italy has informed the Italian Government that this news is without foundation.

AMG is opposed to any political propaganda that would compromise Italian interests in Alto Adige.

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corrected through supplementary voting.

Administrative elections will be held as soon as re-examination of citizenship in each Comune is completed.

II - PUBLIC EDUCATION

The Italian Government have under study a new schooling set-up for the Province. Provisions will be made for the paritetic teaching of the Italian and German languages. As a general rule, it was agreed that in kindergartens and in a first elementary class only the teaching of the mother tongue should be imparted, while starting with the higher classes the other language should be taught. Under this new school system there will be an Italian "Grovveditore degli studi" and two Vice Provveditori, one Italian and the other a German speaking one, placed at the head of their respective groups of schools and Italian and German classes. The scheme in question is being prepared with the collaboration of experienced Italian and German teachers of the Province.

III - REURATION

It is to the Italian Government's knowledge that the new proclamation prepared by the Civil Commissioner of the Province and published on the 11th instant, fully meets with the particular necessities of the exauation of Alto Adige. Some slight modifications and clarifications which may be provided by the local government are perhaps opportune.

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(B)

Articles 7, 8 and 9 of RD No 949 of 2 August 1912 sets out the procedure to be followed whenever it is desired to reacquire Italian nationality under Law No 555 of 13 June 1912.

(C)

Para 2 of Art 9 of Law 555 has been partly abrogated by the fascist legislation of 16 June 1927, No 1170, which makes it a criminal offence for any Italian citizen to accept public functions in a foreign state without the authorization of the Foreign Office or refuses to resign his post when ordered to do so by the Italian Government.

Whoever is sentenced for such offence loses automatically his (her) Italian citizenship and cannot reacquire it under Art 9 of the law in point.

(D)

Decisions of the Supreme Court of Cassation have established a constant jurisprudence on the interpretation of Para 3 of Art 9 of law 555. It is held that two years residence in the Kingdom of Italy is sufficient in itself to establish the right

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Subject: Giunta Comunale

To: RI VENEZIA

1. Reference your RXII/025.11 dated 5 July 1945.
2. As pointed out by the Director of Local Government Sub-Commission at this morning's Executive Commissioner's conference at which you were present, it is most important that Giunta Comunale should be limited in size to that laid down in RDI.111 of 4 April 1944.
3. While the special circumstances in BOLZANO are appreciated, it is still considered that even in this province Giunta Comunale should only be of the legal size.

R. R. Giff<

