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VERONA PROVINCE

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APPENDIX III - VERONA PROVINCE

1. Persons interviewed:

Major James M. MacIsaac (A) - PC
 Dr. UBERTI, Giovanni - Prefetto Reggente
 Dr. MANTUCCI, Guido - Capo Gabinetto
 Dr. CAPPELLANI, Senti - Capo Ufficio Elettorale

2. Date: 31 July 1945.

3. The City of Verona has for centuries been a fortress and a garrison town by reason of its geographical position and natural advantages. This fact tends to obscure the considerable industrial importance of this town of 175,000 people. As the PC emphasized to me, it has continued to be an important military HQ to the present day. German GHI was there; so was their main supply HQ and the main Republican-Fascist ministries. Since the surrender Verona has harboured GHI, 15 Army Group; and GHI 5 Army is only some 40 miles away, at Salo on Lake Garda.

4. This situation has had two results to which the PC drew attention -

- (a) multiplicity of command: apart from Regional HQ, AMG 5 Army and G-5 15 Army Group have to be consulted on certain points.
- (b) weakness in the GHI. Not that the GHI are not as willing to interfere with the processes of government as much as anywhere else in Italy, but during the clandestine period they had to work more quietly and slowly than elsewhere. The result is that they were not able to set up so complete a local government structure as in other provinces. For instance, the Prefect was only nominated by the GHI the day before AMG entered the city.

5. The original GHI consisted of young and inexperienced people: its President was a lad of 21. The present President is a most able man, General GAMBALOGGI. It consists of representatives of the usual five parties (i.e. the 6, less Labour Democrats) and a representative of the GHI and the Gioventu della Libertà.

6. The PC had forms "A" and "B" ready for me.

7. Local Government. Sindaci are in office in 91 out of 93 Communes. The other two - Chierara and Ronco all'Adige - have Commissari Prefettini. The former Sindaci were dismissed for defiance, in favour of the GHI and in favour of the Prefect. Some 20 odd Sindaci remain to be confirmed. Though the PC and the Prefect are not satisfied of the suitability of these for office, I advised an immediate block confirmation of the lot, so that their acts in connection with the preparation of the electoral lists should not be questioned in that ground.

8. There is a Segretario Comunale in every commune. The 25 shown in form "A" as not being career officials are so in the sense that they have not been formally admitted to the official register or "roll" of Segretari Comunali "by means of a 'concorso'"; but they have all passed the examination, and have the "patente" and thus have the necessary technical qualifications for the job.

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10. The Deputazioni Provinciali was confirmed by the RG about 10 days before my visit. It has elected the four elective members of the GIN. Form "A" is out of date in this respect. 2803

11. The Prefecture has a full staff of competent career officials mainly (as the RG thinks and so do I) because the GIN was not in a strong enough position to interfere with them before the arrival of the GIN. It has been necessary to suspend only one pending appointment - Cons. SURANO.

12. In addition to the two career Vice-Prefects, the GIN put in two political Vice-Prefects. With these the RG has taken the line that there cannot be more than two Vice-Prefects and that the career man must be allowed to do their job and have direct access to the Prefect. He has refused to confirm them in office or to allow

then to call themselves Vice-Prefect: instead he has entitled himself Commissari Prefittini.

13. Although to us the term usually signifies the Commissario Prefittino of a commune, there is no magic in the phrase and it is appropriate for anyone commissioned by the Prefect to discharge particular functions of any kind.

14. One of the political men made himself a nuisance at one time by (a) requesting the P3 to discharge a partisan arrested and gaoled for hair-clipping, merely because the offender belonged to his own party the Communists; (b) getting an issue of 1,000 litres of petrol on the Prefect's recommendation and then turning 700 litres of it over to the CIN; and (c) trying to turn a woman out of her apartment in order to seize it for his own mother and sister. He has now quietened down and though he and the others remain at the Prefecture, they do not seem to do much harm.

15. The Communal "magistrate" are all in order, except in the City of Verona where there was considerable damage to the records from bombing on 4 January last. There is one Tribunale with seat at Verona and the Onellario is in order.

16. There are five Mondamenti with Pretori available. The Prefect has requested the Delegazioni Provinciali to nominate their appointees on the Electoral Commission and Sub-Commission.

17. The first batch of electoral material was distributed to all communes in good time. The second batch - that for the determination of polling districts arrived the day before my visit. There is some difficulty about transport. The IC can only lead one truck as he is very short of vehicles himself. I suggested the hiring of Italian civilian vehicles which the Italian officials did not seem to have thought of before. It is their practice for the Head of the Electoral office (Cons. CAPPELLANI, to go around with the forms and give personal instructions to the binders etc. and they did not seem to think it proper for a Prefectural official to ride in an open lorry! I impressed on them the urgency of immediate distribution.

18. The IC gave me a copy of the Prefect's report of 28 July (filed with English translation at AC/112/14/LG) from which it appears that 37 communes had been inspected by that date. About 45 had practically completed their "elenchi" or would do so without difficulty by 4 August. Some of the others had not enough staff and had been told to engage additional clerks at once.

19. Verona City - owing to its damaged population records and to the considerable efflux of population on account of bombing - had only completed about one third of its elenchi by the date of the Prefect's report.

20. The Prefect recommended an extension of time for all communes (but especially Verona City) on the grounds merely of difficulty of communications. I advised the P3 to refuse this. These difficulties are common to all Italy and should not be a reason for the special treatment of Verona Province, but Verona City might have 20 days.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 384
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

10/11/14

Tel: 470190

SUBJECT: Survey of Bolzano, Trento and Verona
Provinces.

22 August 1946

TO : The Venetian 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 HQ if you think fit.
2. TRIESTE. 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 Republican Provincials.
3. Para 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 AC policy.
4. UDINE. 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 AC with respect to his 2 political Vice Prefects has been noted with interest. The treatment of this old device in use in which no general rule is laid down, as local circumstances must govern the decision whether it is best to retain it or not.

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R. R. CRISP
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/1/12/14/16

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Preparation of electoral lists.

10 August 1945

TO : RO Venosio Region (with copy for RO Verona).

1. On Major Williams' recent visit to this province, there was some discussion at an interview with the RO and the Prefect as to the procedure for depriving certain classes of Fascists of their right to vote. As to the exact point under discussion, see the Schedule to Executive Memorandum No. 5, para 4(b). This paragraph refers to the special Provincial Commission which has to be set up for this purpose under Article 8 of DLL 159 of 27 July 1944, which Decree provides that such Commissions are all to be appointed centrally by the President of the Council of Ministers.

2. The Prefect, however, was under the impression that Article 8 of the above-quoted DLL had been replaced by another Decree under which the Commission is appointed by the First President of the Court of Appeal; and he said he was taking steps to request the First President to make the necessary appointments for Verona Province. At Major Williams' request, the Prefect caused to be produced the Gazzetta Ufficiale of 28 April 1945 No. 51, which contains DLL 26 April 1945 No. 149: this the Prefect said was the new Decree in question.

3. On Major Williams' return, the point raised by the Prefect has been further examined. The position is that DLL 26 April 1945 No. 149 has NOT been put into effect in Military Government Territory. Article 8 of DLL 27 July 1944, No. 159, therefore, continues in full force and effect in Venosio Region in general and the province of Verona in particular.

4. May the Prefect of Verona please be advised of the true position and told that he should take no further steps for the appointment of this particular Commission, and should cancel any request he may have made to the First President of the Court of Appeal.

5. This Sub Commission is taking steps to urge the Presidency of the Council of Ministers to appoint the necessary Commissions as quickly as possible, as required by Article 8 of DLL 159.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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RALPH R. TEMPLE
Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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Gruppo A)		10.8.1908	LANDI	Comm. Dott. Giulio	Career	Grade V
1. Vice Prefetto Vicario						
2. Vice Prefetto Ispettore		22.5.1920	BRUNDA	Comm. Dott. Giovanni	Career	Grade VI
3. Consiglieri		22.2.1900	SOLINAS	Cav. Uff. Dott. Orazio	Career - grade VII	
		26.9.1932	CAFFARELLI	Dott. Santi	Career - grade VII	
Capo Gabinetto		26.9.1932	MATIUCCI	Dott. Guido	Career - grade VIII	
Suspended by the Epuration Committee		15.4.1934	SURIANO	Dott. Pasquale	Career - grade VIII	
4. 1° Segretari Segretari e Vice Segretari		25.5.1939	SAVIO	Dott. Giuseppe	Career - Grade IX	
		20.6.1943	PUTINI	Dott. Aldo	Career - Grade XI	
		20.2.1941 TEMP.	BEVILACQUA	Dott. Alcardo	Avvent. - Grade XI	
III. PACEFITTURA (Pensionari di Gruppo B) 1 Rag. Capo reggente la Ragioneria		30.12.1902	MARZI	Comm. Dott. TITO	Career Grade VI	2759
2. Altri Rag. Capi, 1° Rag., Rag. e Vice Ragionieri		29.8.1920	MARETTO	Rag. Luigi	Career - grade IX	
		3.12.1898	MAY	Rag. Enrico	Career	
		5.7.1925	IPPOLITO	Rag. Attilio	grade IX	
		5.1.1935 R.	MATIUCCI	Rag. Antonio	Career - grade X	
		20.6.1943	V.R. TESSARO	Rag. Giovanni	Career - grade XI	
		16.6.1945 TEMP.	TESSARO	Rag. Vittorio	Avvent. pf Group B	

NOTA: (1) Nei paragrafi I, II e III si richiedono i particolari del grado tenuto all'epoca dell'ultima nomina da parte del Governo italiano. Questo non è necessariamente il grado relativo all'ufficio tenuto attualmente, vale a dire per Consiglieri di grado VIII potrebbe agire come Vice Prefetto Ispettore (Grado VI). Onettere le promozioni conferite dagli Alleati o dal G.I.N.

(2) Nell'ultima colonna, si richiede il numero e il titolo del grado, per es. Consiglieri di 2° classe (VIII).

IV. <u>Administrative Provinciale</u>			
1. Presidente o Capo dell'Amministrazione Provinciale	26.4.1945	TOMMASI	Avv. Giuseppe Avvocato
2. Segretario Generale o Provinciale	26.4.1945	CHEDINI	Comm.Dott. Guido Career Sec.

3. E' stata costituita una Deputazione Provinciale?	SI	SI o NO	Data
NUMERO TOLME: 6 MEMBRI + 2 SUPPLEMENTI			17/7/45

V. <u>Giunta Provinciale Administrative</u>			
1. Sono stati nominati i 4 membri elettivi della Giunta Provinciale Administrative?		NO	

VI. <u>COMUNI</u>			
1. Numero totale dei Comuni	93		
2. Numero dei Comuni con una Giunta Comunale 93 have Giunta appt. by CIN but not yet by Sindaco or approved by Prefect and AMG			
3. " " " un Sindaco 1 Appointed and approved			
4. " " " " Commissario Prefettizio 93 have Sindaci appointed by CIN, not yet appointed by Prefect and approved by AMG			
5. (i) " " " " Segretario Comunale di Carriera			64
(ii) " " " " non di carriera			29

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