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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION.

SUBJECT: Survey of the position of ~~Churches~~ ^{Parishes} and Dioceses

TO

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7. Since this Sub-commission maintains Liaison Officers in Regions I and II it will be the responsibility of these officers to see that the information requested reaches this Headquarters with the minimum delay, and to assist AMG officers with its collection in all cases.

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APPENDIX III

CAOs

1. Directions for Completing Questionnaires
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5. Diocesan Questionnaire, (No. 4) (English Form)

DIRECTIONS FOR CAOS.

1. Questionnaire No.1. Parish Questionnaire in Italian with covering letter to Priest. This Questionnaire is to be submitted to the Priests of two or more parishes within the jurisdiction of each CAO. In order to obtain a perspective view, representative parishes, both Urban and rural should be chosen. CAOs should impress the Priest of the selected Parishes with the necessity for specific and exact answers to the questions.
The name of the Parish should be filled in the appropriate space of the covering letter, and it should be signed by the CAO.
2. Questionnaire No.2. Diocesan Questionnaire in Italian to the Archbishop or Bishop. This questionnaire is to be submitted to the proper ecclesiastical official in all Dioceses within the province. As in 1. above, the necessity for exact information should be stressed.
The name of the Diocese should be filled in the appropriate space in the covering letter, and it should be signed by the Provincial SCAO or his Deputy.
A personal letter from the SCAO to the Bishop explaining the nature of this survey should also accompany the Questionnaire and form letter.
3. Questionnaires Nos.3 and 4 will be completed by CAOs in Communes and provinces.
4. Completed questionnaires will then be forwarded through the proper channels to this Headquarters.

COVERING LETTER TO PRIEST TO BE SUBMITTED WITH PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE.

(English version)

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

Date _____

To His Reverence the Parish Priest of _____

Here attached is a questionnaire which you will have the courtesy to fill by answering the 21 questions.

The Allied Military Government is interested in the state of the churches in the Regions of Italy now under Allied Military Government.

Your Reverence can be of help to the Allied Military Government by furnishing them with the requested information.

The questions should be answered with the utmost exactness, since only specific figures and sums are useful in such a survey.

When completed, the questionnaire is to be returned to the Allied Military Government Office in your Commune.

For the Commanding General

(Signature of AMG Officer) _____

COVERING LETTER TO PRIEST TO BE SUBMITTED WITH PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE

(Italian Version)

QUARTIERE GENERALE
GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DEL INTERNO

Data _____

A Sua Reverenza il Parroco di _____

Qui allegata è un questionario nel quale Ella avrà la cortesia di rispondere le 21 questioni.

Il Governo Militare Alleato si interessa nello stato presente delle chiese parrocchiali nelle Regioni Italiane sotto il comando del Governo Militare Alleato.

Sua Reverenza può ~~aiutare~~ aiutare il Governo Militare Alleato fornendo loro le informazioni richieste.

Le risposte alle questioni dovrebbero essere esattissime visto che soltanto numeri e somme specifici sono utili ad una tale opera di inchiesta.

Completato, il questionario verrà sottoposto al ufficio del Governo Militare Alleato del Comune.

Per il Generale Comandante.

Signature _____
Ufficiale degli Affari Civili.

APP VII

PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE

No. 1

(Italy)

1. Name of Parish
2. Name of Priest.
3. Amount of Patrimonio. (Lire per annum.)
4. Does the Priest draw a Supplemento di Congrua from the state?
5. If so, what amount? (Lire per annum)
6. Has the income from the Patrimonio been frozen under the Moratorium (Proclamation No. 5 AMG)?
8. When was the last payment of Supplemento di Congrua received?
10. Were the total funds at the disposal of the Priest sufficient to cover the needs of the Parish prior to 1 Jan 1940?
11. If not, how was the deficit met?
12. To what extent are the funds at the disposal of the Priest used for welfare work in the Parish? (Approximate proportion or sums in Lire per annum.)
13. What proportion is needed for the maintenance of the Church and the Subsistence of the Priest?
14. If a balance exists over and above the sums specified in 12 and 13 above, to what uses is it put?
15. How many persons are dependent on Parochial funds for their living? (Priest and his household excepted)
16. What is the average cost of living in the Parish at present? (Monthly in Lire)
17. Has the Church and/or other church building been damaged by war action?
18. If so, is it so severe that the church is unusable for public worship?
19. Is there another church in the Commune?
20. Is the Commune adequately cared for spiritually? 582
21. List briefly any charitable institutions run or cared for by the parish. (Soup kitchens, orphanages, parish schools, youth organisations etc.)

22. Signature of Priest

3. Amount of Patrimonio. (Lire per annum.)
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22 Signature of Priest

~~23 Signature of C.A.O.~~

DIOCESAN QUESTIONNAIRE. ~~44~~ - (In Italian #2)

APP III

1. Name of Archdiocese or Diocese.
2. Name of Archbishop or Bishop.
3. Number of Parishes in Diocese.
4. Amount of Patrimonio. (Lire per Annum)
5. Amount of Supplemento di Congrua.
6. Has the income from the Patrimonio been frozen under any Moratoria ordered by AMG?
7. When was the last payment of the Supplemento di Congrua made?
8. Were available Diocesan funds sufficient to cover the needs of the Diocese prior to 1 January 1943?
9. If not, how was any deficit met?
10. To what extent are Diocesan funds used for; (approx; sum in Lire)
 - a. Welfare
 - b. Parishes
11. What proportion (or amount in Lire per annum) is used for maintenance of the Cathedral, Bishop, Deacons and Priests, as well as lay personnel employed in the Cathedral?
12. What proportion (or amount in Lire per annum) is used for Diocesan administration outside the Cathedral?
13. How many persons are dependent upon Diocesan funds for their living? (Bishop and his domestic establishment excepted.)
14. Is the Bishop at present suitably housed as befits his position and are the Diocesan offices in a fit condition to transact routine business?
15. Has the Cathedral, and/or any other diocesan building been damaged by war action?
16. If so, is it so severe that the Cathedral is unusable for Public Worship?
17. Are there sufficient churches in the Diocese now open for Public Worship to fill the spiritual needs of the Diocese?
18. If not, list the communities which lack the proper facilities for worship and spiritual guidance, stating the cause of such a lack.
19. List any outstanding case of destitution among the beneficed clergy of your Diocese, giving details.
20. List the charitable institutions run by the Diocese.

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7. When was the last payment of the Supplemento di Congrua made?
8. Were available Diocesan funds sufficient to cover the needs of the Diocese prior to 1 January 1943?
9. If not, how was any deficit met?
10. To what extent are Diocesan funds used for; (approx; sum in Lire)
 - a. Welfare
 - b. Parishes
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118. If not, list the communities which lack the proper facilities for worship and spiritual guidance, stating the cause of such a lack.
19. List any outstanding case of destitution among the beneficed clergy of your Diocese, giving details.
20. List the charitable institutions run by the Diocese.

Signature of Diocesan Official _____

PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE (No. 3.)

To be filled by CAO's.

NOTE. Please supply as much of this information as possible from your own sources of information. It would be useless merely to duplicate the information supplied by the Priest in the questionnaire that he fills.

1. Name of Parish.
2. Name of Priest.
3. Amount of Patrimonio. (In lire, per annum.)
4. Amount of Supplemento di Congrua, if drawn. (In Lire per annum)
5. Has the income from the Patrimonio been frozen by any Moratoria ordered by AMG?
6. When was the last payment of Supplemento di Congrua received.
7. Were the total funds at the disposal of the Priest sufficient to cover the needs of the Parish prior to 1 Jan 1949.
8. If not, how was the deficit met?
9. What is the average cost of living in the Parish at present? (Monthly in Lire)
10. How many persons are dependent on Parochial funds for their living? (Priest and his household excepted)
11. Has the church and/or other church building been damaged by war action?
12. If so, is the damage so severe that the church is unusable for public worship?
13. Is there another church in the commune?
14. Is the commune adequately cared for spiritually?
15. List briefly any charitable institutions run or cared for by the Parish. (Soup kitchens, orphanages, Parish schools etc)
16. Is the Parish priest well liked by the community?
17. Is he suffering undue economic or other hardship due to present war conditions? If so, please state details briefly, giving your opinion on the case.
18. If you have any other information which you would consider of value to this survey regarding the parishes or churches within your commune or jurisdiction, please submit a specific report.

0 8 3 Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785021 DIOCESAN QUESTIONNAIRE (No. 4.)

To be filled by provincial SCAOs, or CAOs in a town which has a diocese.

NOTE. Please supply as much of this information as possible from your own sources of information. It would be useless merely to duplicate the information supplied by the Diocesan officials in the questionnaire filled by them. Some of this information may be obtained at your Prefettura from the Director of the Divisione Culti, but as much information from sources known to be reliable would be appreciated.

1. Name of Diocese.
2. Name of Bishop (or Archbishop)
3. Number of Parishes in the Diocese.
4. Amount of Patrimonio (Lire per annum)
5. Amount of Supplemento di Congrua. (Lire per annum)
6. Has the income from the Patrimonio been frozen under any Moratoria ordered by AMG?
7. When was the last payment of the Supplemento di Congrua received?
8. Were available Diocesan funds sufficient to cover the needs of the Diocese prior to 1 Jan 1943?
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 - b. Parishes
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11. Is the Bishop at present suitably housed as befits his position and are the Diocesan offices in a fit condition to transact routine business?
12. Has the Cathedral and/or any other diocesan building been damaged by war action?
13. If so, is it so severe that the Cathedral is unusable for public worship?
14. Are there sufficient churches in the Diocese now open for public worship to fill the spiritual needs of the Diocese?
15. List the charitable institutions run by the Diocese.
16. Is the Bishop (or Archbishop) well liked in the community?
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17. If you have any other information which you would consider of value to this survey of church conditions in the Diocese ~~which~~ covered by this report, or elsewhere in the territory within your jurisdiction, please submit a specific report.

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1. The Roman Catholic Church in Italy is administered by the Holy See, in the Vatican. The Pope is the Bishop of Rome and Primate of Italy.

Under the Holy See the church is divided as follows:

39 Metropolitan (Archdiocesan) Provinces, headed by a Metropolitan Archbishop. Each province is subdivided into a number of Suffragan Bishops and Metropolitan Functions. The Holy See is in Canon 241.

15 "Exempt Archdioceses," 76 "Exempt Dioceses" and 13 Abbacies "Vere Nullius", which are directly administered ~~separately~~ ^{administered} from the Holy See.

Under jurisdiction from the Holy See are the numerous parishes and special churches.

The Organizational scheme is purely ecclesiastical, quite apart from the provincial or regional aspects of secular Italy, — (in fact quite apart from the secular provinces of Italy and even the secular provinces). That the chain of command the ~~separate~~ canonical organization & discipline is maintained. As such, this organization is not subject to any control by the state, being regarded as a purely ecclesiastical matter.

Subject: ~~State of~~ Situation regarding the church
 To: Interior Liaison Officer, Region I

1. A cable has reached this office ^{from AFHQ} (for information only) stating that rumors were current in Washington that preaching had been forbidden in the Palermo churches for the past months.

2. Information available at this HQ does not confirm this rumor. It would be appreciated, however, if you could supply this ~~off~~ subcommissioner with any ^{details} ~~information~~ on this ~~rumor~~ ^{matter} ~~above~~, and ^{the} possible ^{reasons} ~~sources~~ for such a rumor.

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There are two ways, however, in which the state has ~~control~~ a measure of control - these are

(1) State control of the expenditure of the state
in various benefits

(2) The subvention, with subsequent expenditure
control on all matters "which exceed the
scope of ordinary administration" (sic)

These two control are vested in the Ministry of the
Interior, with its two principal functions -
(D.G. Culture & D.G. Finance and Culture)

1. The Interior Subcommittee, HQ ANG is interested in obtaining reliable information regarding the state of the church in the part of Italy now under Allied Military Control. ~~The Interior Subcommittee is aware of its recognized activity under directives issued by the HQ, and in the Italian Government in the knowledge of the Interior, that handle all matters affecting the relations between church and state in Italy.~~

The Subcommittee has already made a study of the organization which exists in the Italian Government at both the Ministerial and Provincial levels for the maintenance of such relations, but it is necessary to obtain precise and specific information about the present situation of Dioceses and Parishes under the war time conditions existing today.

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The Subcommittee will then collect and disseminate the information for suitable action to the proper ^{authorities} ~~HQ, ANG or Italian Government agencies~~, or will be disseminating such information for the guidance of ANG personnel ^{concerned} ~~concerned~~.

It is after all, the concern of every Allied Officer to be ⁵⁷⁵ ~~omit~~ adequately informed in these matters so that the "Freedom of Worship", as proclaimed in the Atlantic Charter to be one of the Allied aims, may be maintained and fostered under the aspect of Allied aims.

2. Attached to this Memorandum are 3 Appendices, listed below. My certain ~~information~~ matter vital to the understanding of the above position.

3. ~~Appendix I~~ Appendix I (~~the Memo~~) is a description of the Organization and Machinery as laid down by the Rona Catholic Church, the Italian State, under the Lateran Agreement and subsequent Law & Decrees.

4. Appendix II consists of an estimate made at the headquarters of possible conditions arising out of the present state of war in Italy, and of the essential elements desired so as to enable the subcommittee to make recommendations "to ensure that the Ministry of the Interior adopt an impartial and proper relationship with the Vatican in regard to Ecclesiastical matters, and in regard to other religious denominations and to insure the just administration of Government funds connected with the Church."

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1. Ref. para. III, Section B, Para III of Directive, 1st Lt. 7 Dec 43 - (Major Function of 1st Lt. 7 Dec 43)

To ensure that the Ministry of Interior adopts an impartial and proper relationship with the 1st Lt. in regard to ecclesiastical matters, and in regard to the position of other religious denominations, and to ensure the full administration of fort funds connected with the church."

2. These activities of the 1st Lt. in the ecclesiastical sphere are ~~limited~~ defined ~~by~~ in the ~~law~~ of Royal Decree 184, 20 July 1932. This restriction of the Subcommission will therefore prohibit them and the the exact jurisdictional boundaries will have to be clearly indicated with the point being mind that there are delicate questions where friction will arise between the Subcommission and the agencies of ANG, 1st Lt. Ang. Imp. 1st Lt. Ang. Imp. 1st Lt. Ang. Imp.

3. The condition of ecclesiastical bodies in the Region now under ^{Roman} occupation is likely to be chaotic upon their reoccupation by the Allied Armies. It is not likely

APPENDIX III

Directions for completing & Returning Questionnaires

1. Parish Questionnaires are submitted

1. Quest # 1, in both English and Italian versions regard Parochial Conditions. CACs will select two or more representative parishes within your jurisdiction and present them for completion. Write appropriate letter in Appendix II to the parish priest. Officers will fill out Quest # 3 for each parish which has filled a Quest # 1.

2. Quest # 2, in both English and Italian versions regard Diocesan Conditions. Officers will submit ^(the Italian form) to the Archbishop or Bishop through the proper Ecclesiastical official ^{of the Diocese} with the proper covering form letter in Form IX, of the Diocese. The SCAC or CRO will fill ~~in~~ Questionnaire # 4. for the same Diocese.

3. The Completed Questionnaires, and any attached Reports will then be submitted to this Hq. through the proper channels.

Sheet # 2

Diocesan Questionnaire.

(To be translated into Malay)

1. Name of Archdiocese or Diocese
2. Name of Archbishop or Bishop
3. Number of Parishes in Diocese
4. Amount of Patrimonio (line per annum)
5. Amount of Suplemento di Congrua. (line per annum)
6. Has the income from the Patrimonio been frozen under the Moratorium (Proclamation No 5, AMG)
7. When was the last payment of Suplemento di Congrua made?
8. Were available Diocesan funds sufficient to cover the needs of the Diocese prior to 1 Jan. 1943.
9. If not, how was deficit met?
10. To what extent are Diocesan funds used for:
(Give approximate proportion or ^{amount} figures in line per annum)
 - a. Welfare
 - b. Parishes
11. What proportion (or amount in line per annum) is ~~used~~ for Maintenance of the Cathedral Bishop, Deacons and lay employees of the Cathedral 569
12. What proportion (or amount in line per annum) is used for Diocesan administration, outside the Cathedral.

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13. How many persons are dependant on Diocesan funds for their living.
(Bishop and his domestic establishment excepted)
14. Is the Bishop ^{at present} suitably housed as befits his station, and are the Diocesan Offices in a fit location to transact routine business.
15. Has the Cathedral and/or other Diocesan buildings been damaged by war action.
16. If so, is it so severe that the Cathedral is unusable for public worship.
17. Are there sufficient Churches in the Diocese now open to public worship to fill the spiritual needs of the Diocese.
18. If not, list the communities which lack the proper facilities for worship and spiritual guidance, stating cause for such a lack.
19. List any outstanding case of destitution among the beneficed Clergy of your Diocese, giving details.

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20 List the charitable institutions run
by the Diocese.

Quest # 3

Parish Questionnaire to CAD's in Romania.

1. Please answer to your best capacity and from your own source of information (Questions 1-10, (incl) 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, in the Parish Questionnaire #1.
2. If you have any other information that you would consider useful to this survey of Church conditions, regarding the Parishes in your Commune or jurisdiction please submit a specific report.

Quest # 4

Diocesan Questionnaire to SCAD in Province
(or CAD in cities which is a diocesan seat)

1. Please answer to your best capacity and from your own sources of information Questions 1-8 (incl) 10, 11 14, 15, 16, 17, 19 20 in Quest # 2

N.B. Some of this information may be supplied by the Director of the Division of Culti, and the Director of Welfare in the prefectura of your province, but as much information from sources known to be reliable by you would be appreciated

2. If you have any other information which you would consider of value to this survey of Church activities within the Diocesan covered by this report, or elsewhere in the territory within your jurisdiction please submit a specific report.

1. The Organization of the Church in Italy is
two-fold. There exists the ^{State}~~State~~ Ecclesiastical
Organization, with the Pope as Pontiff & Holy,
39 Metropolitan Bishops, (Arch-bishops) 245 Diocesan, (Bishops)
and the Parishes of which there are as many
in every small hamlet.

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Admission - Roman notes.

Literary agreements.

1. Treaty, 2. Financial Conv., 3. Concordat.

1. The Literary Treaty is a political document in the form of a bilateral agreement between the Holy See & the Kingdom of Italy.

Its chief elements: a The Pope recognised the Italian State, and formally renounced the former papal territories (~~the~~ incorporated by the Kingdom of Italy 1861-1870)

b. The Italian Port. recognised the independence of the Vatican City State & the Pope as Temporal Ruler, & guaranteed ^{the integrity} ~~the~~ ~~territory~~

This treaty settled the so-called "Roman Question" which had vexed the relations between Church & State since the foundation of the Kingdom of Italy & in 1861 & more especially since 1870, when the Italians took Rome.

Political Aspects: Although the Treaty in its all intent and purport is a treaty between two sovereign states, the Arts 1-23 state

Art. 1 "Italy recognises and reaffirms the principles enunciated in Art. 1 of the Constitution (Statute) of 1848 according to which the Catholic Apostolic Church is the Religion of the State."

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This article is of supreme importance for the Italian situation, as it gives the Church a political interest in the maintenance of the Italian Constitution with power for it, since it affirms the establishment of the Church in Italy and ~~that~~ makes Italy a confessional state. This will ^{cause} ~~lead~~

The Church to take a very active part in any political development in Italy - it is said, how low even a local parish priest may take one of it to away to "block politically" and "play politics". The whole weight of the authority of the Church may very well be thrown on the side of a reactionary movement which is to block the expansion of democracy as laid down in the Atlantic Charter (4 Freedoms etc) - it definitely violates "Freedom of religion" -

Apr 23: "The judgment & pronouncements of the ecclesiastical authorities when officially communicated to the civil authorities, concerning ecclesiastical and religious (or?) persons and spiritual & disciplinary matters will have automatically full juridical efficacy even in regard to the civil effects of them" -

This gives the Church a powerful weapon to "play politics", as it gives unscrupulous ecclesiastical

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a priest held over ~~the~~ their behavior, since the "Hock"
 The is another privilege of the Church to be canonically controlled
 by AMA/AC.

These two article probably belong to Concordat, since
 they are obviously connected with the Rights of Church
 & State.

Otherwise the Lateran Treaty is not of direct concern
 of the ~~the~~ Interior but - except insofar as it established
 the Church - regulated its position within the State.

2. The Concordat

The Law is the document which lays down the position of the
 Church in the Italian State & foresees their relations. The point for
 the question of its ^{provisions} ~~(stipulations)~~ is the Ministry of Culture, which
 (by Royal Decree No 834, 20 July 1932). Although a the
 fact of it, (and in actual fact), it is a separate agreement &
 deals with another matter, the Lateran Treaty. The Vatican has
 always maintained that the two were one.

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The Concordat, in addition to the stipulations established
 the Church regulated the relations of the Catholic Church with the

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of financial provisions, had a the upkeep of Ecclesiastical
buildings & Church a noted monument of, and.

Exemption from taxation of all church property

State contribution to the clergy's income, and other

the funds until 1867.

Can still have to be shown in financial and matters (in
financial public) to be that ^{under} the church is responsible
a vicarious, that no special benefits accrue to priests of
from the Church of England.

The Political Control of the State in Social Apparatus

The Concordat placed the Church under a stringent
control by the Fascist State. This was effected
by means of (a) the control of the Bishops

(b) the right of the State to disapprove the
Appointment to Bishops. Art 19

(c) the right of the State to disapprove Art 21
that the Prefects of the Dept of Justice
and Coadjutors to the Pope have **559**

if either of (b) or (c) did not please the Pope
for political reasons.

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d. Financial control, that the state subsidizes
 all ordinary benefices, a sacerdotal ~~benefice~~
 corporation outside the religious orders.
 the state retains the right to ~~superintend~~ control
 all juristic acts passed by them in the
 management of property - "which exceed the
 scope of ordinary administration".
 Such control is exercised by the Ministry of Int.

It can clearly be seen that though under the
 Fascist Regime the Church was not able to
 act independently - now that the Fascist ~~party~~
 government is gone, "the reverse shoe fits the
 other foot" in so far as the Church is now the
 stable factor in a shifting situation. The
 Church will have a definite interest & may be
 expected to apply great pressure to secure
 the formation of a preponderantly Catholic Government,
 thus making the concordat a very powerful
 weapon in its hands.

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No fact that several "Fascist" or Fascist
 inclined sacerdotal ~~clerical~~ officials still

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occupy (3) key position in another factor which
bears nothing

3. The Financial Connection.

The financial connection made the Vatican a
fairly large stockholder in Italian Post Finance.

~~The~~ 1 billion lire in Italian 5% Post Bonds.

750,000,000 lire cash

(Information is lacking if these figures were gold or
paper lire - an important item)

This makes it obvious that the Church will have
a considerable interest in the future of Italian finance.

~~Review of 1st para (above)~~

Introduction

Relation of Church, State in Italy Report

The Relations between the Church, State in Italy are among the most important ~~and~~ ^{any} ~~power~~ ^{agency} ~~exercising~~ ^{exercising} control in Italy, be it the Allied Commission or a single C.A.O. in a Comune. In Italy, more than in any other country the church is a power so influential, so well organized and so closely related to the national state, ~~and to the individual Italian~~, as to constitute a means of ^{control} ~~control~~ over the population.

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(Civil Aff. Handbook - Italy, Part II. ^{Unit Five Div} ~~005~~/Prigo, U.S. Army)

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This statement of the Civil Affairs Handbook shows that the
 surface of this ~~fact~~^{point}. A closer study reveals the most intricate
 and thorny complexities — complexities which have their
 roots in the distant past, and that the ~~past~~^{centuries} of history
 have taxed some of the greatest minds of the world.

These complexities will, ~~be~~^{directly} ~~discussed~~, together with their historical
 background, in another part of this report. Suffice it to say
 here, that a knowledge of ~~them~~, ~~and~~ ~~an~~ ~~and~~
 understanding of them will be a necessary and ~~an~~^{an} ~~important~~
 essential for all personnel of the Allied Forces in Italy.

Specifically, the present relations between the
 Church and Italy are based on the Lateran Accord
 of 1929, concluded between Pope Pius XI and the Fascist
 Government. In these agreements, all outstanding questions,
 left unresolved since 1870 were settled by the Vatican
 and Italy ~~for~~ ~~the~~. Although numerous discrepancies
 occurred ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~past~~ ~~year~~ following, the accord, coming
 of the Lateran Treaty, the Concordat and the financial question
 became the basis for the relationship between Church
 and Italy.

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Introduction

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Relations of Church & State in Italy

The relations of Church & State in Italy is based on the Lateran Accords, concluded in 1929 between Pope Pius XI and the Royal Italian Government. These agreements represented ^{at that time} ~~disagreements~~ settled the "Roman Question" - which remained ~~unsettled~~ ^{settled} ~~between Italy & the Pope since 1870.~~

However, since they were negotiated ~~on~~ by the Mussolini (Fascist) Government, ~~(a number of the spirit of the accord will now be obsolete)~~ ^{relevant} the political aspects of the accord will have to be re-studied in the view of recent and future developments in Italy. Difficulties are likely to arise from this situation, but no recommendations can be made at the present, nor is it within the scope of this report ^{to discuss} ~~to discuss~~ the subcommission to deal with a purely Italian ^(an internal or constitutional) ~~internal~~ matter. (Indeed a very vital matter, but to be decided by the respective interested parties).

The scope of this report and the function of the Inter-
 national subcommission is to ~~conduct~~ ^{study} the question with a view to securing a "Modus Operandi" within the 554 policies laid down by the authority constituting the Allied Commission.

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The report is ~~not~~ divided into the following
sections - each one representing a phase of the whole
[~~each section is a matter~~] matter.

- Section I General historical background / ~~the Lateran Accord of 1929~~
- Section II Lateran Accord of 1929
- Section III ~~General~~ Administrative organization of the Church today
- Section IV The Vatican State as regulated by the Lateran Accord
- Section V Political aspects - ~~then~~
- Section VI Probable future problems
- Section VII General policy for Int. Pub.

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Section III RELATIONS Between Church & State

1. Position of the church as defined by the Concordat
2. Position of the STATE
3. OPERATION of CONCORDAT

Briefing of 1.

- (a) Privileges & rights of the church-institution
- (b) privileges & rights of the clergy
- (c) financial position of the church

B. of 2.

- (a) Administrative, Financial control
- (b) political control

B. of 3. Operation of Concordat

- (a) by the church
- (b) by the State — (i) Ministry of Int. (ii) Other agencies

Section II

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Charter of the Republic as republished by the Latin Accord of 1929.

1. POSITION OF THE CHURCH

The ~~Latin~~ Concordat of 1929 made the Catholic Church the
Established Church in Italy, ^{challenges to state policy} and the Church to enjoy
have a special position and special privileges in Italy.

The following are the ~~privileges~~

(i) The church (as an institution, apart from the clergy, church personnel)
enjoy ~~enjoy~~ ^{enjoy} ~~these~~ ^{these} privileges as follows: I. SPIRITUAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

- (A) The freedom of the Pope to communicate with all Bishops
- (B) Complete ~~spiritual~~ freedom in spiritual matters
- (C) Ecclesiastical discipline & jurisdiction guaranteed
- (D) State recognition of its more important holidays
(Sundays, Easter, Christmas etc.)
- (E) All schools exempt from control by Police or Military
without prior consent of the Ministry
- (F) Public abuse of the State Religion punished
under the Penal Code of 1930 with more severe
penalties than those for abuse of other "sanctified cults"
- (G) Sentences & decisions of Ecclesiastical Authorities
which have to do with ecclesiastical or religious questions
in spiritual matters, when officially communicated to
the civil Authorities, have full juridical effect.

Sect II

Religion

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in Italy even as far as the civil sphere are concerned.

(F) Enforcement by the State of Canon Law in regard to

Marriage

Education

(G) (a) Religious instruction compulsory in Primary, Secondary
Schools, under a programme agreed by the M.L., for
and the State. (b) Teachers to be priests, or religious
approved by Eccl. Authority, and/or lay teachers and
priestesses holding certificates of fitness issued by
the Diocesan Bishop. (Provision of such a certificate
depriving the individual of the right to teach).

(c) Texts ~~to~~ used in public schools of religious
instruction must be approved by Ecclesiastical
Authority.

(H) CATHOLIC ACTION (AZIONE CATTOLICA). This organization
and all its component organizations are recognized and
their independence assured, provided their field is limited
strictly non-political. (This was one of the main causes
of later controversy between the Church and the Fascist Govt.)
(see Sect II c).

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(J) All church property is considered as "ENTE MORALE" and enjoys the privilege accorded to such institutions. (It is believed that church property is subject to the Manumorta, but further information is not available in T-1 at this output).

(K) Maintenance of Certain Ecclesiastical properties, ~~observed~~ classified as NATIONAL MONUMENTS devoted to the State, subject to ~~certain~~ certain conditions, (info not available, ^{has been} Arch)

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3. ~~Subst~~3. ^{Inc.} College of Cardinals↓ ~~College of Cardinals~~ → A. Thiers number 70

Act. 1 number 55, Italian number 31.

Immediately ~~subject~~ delay the paper on the cardinals, who
 are in Rome of the Church, will reveal part of Power of the Church,
 and the title number. The paper is ^{plotted} ~~plotted~~ by the list of card
 from one of its members. These revealed in Rome are considered
 evidence of the Vatican City of the U.S.

App. 1 the 7th ^{metropolitan} ~~metropolitan~~ of the Patriarch of Venice are members
 of the college of Cardinals. The College is not an administrative part
 of the Italian Church Organization.

The College consists of the following: 6 Cardinal Bishops (including)
 50 Cardinal priests, 14 Cardinal Deacons. (These figures
 represent the full college of 70, the number is actually less, see above).

4. The Sub-Commission. Attached to these are the same sub-
 laws, held by the six Cardinal Bishops. These laws are
 not an administrative part of the Church in Italy.
 Their appointment is not subject to the provisions of the
 Canon Law.

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- Lect I ~~General Historical Background~~ b - ~~General background~~ 1929.
 Lect II Lateral Accord of 1929.
 Lect III Organisation of the Church. a. Diocese. Parishes.
 Lect IV Church & State relations and regulated by ~~Canon Law~~ *
 Lect V Political aspects
 Lect VI Problems that may be expected to arise
 Lect VII ~~Recommendations of dealing with same~~
 General policies & recommendations.

* Material not available at T-1.

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 Major Benalla lecture - Solomoni book

See Major Sizer's reference to National Monument
 (Final to be confirmed).

Section II

Lateran Records. 1929.

1 ~~Part~~ Treaty establishes the sovereign state of the Vatican, ^{city} with the Pope as a Temporal Independent Ruler. Contains following articles.

Art. I ~~Declares~~

Art. II Recognizes the entire ownership of the Vatican Palace, St. Peter's, ~~the Vatican State~~, a ~~new~~ the papal absolute temporal ruler.

Art. IV Guarantees mutual non interference

Art. V, VI, VII Regulation dealing with property, tenants, communication, exhibition & transportation (all furnished free by Ital. Govt) ~~and~~ ~~regulation~~ forbids construction of buildings overlooking the Vatican & the flight of aircraft over the V.C.

The life of the Pontiff is declared inviolable ~~and~~ ~~dealt with~~. All attempts against his life are ~~dealt with~~ ^{dealt with} the same as attempts against the person of the King.

IX, X, XXI Specify subject of the Vatican, rights of Cardinals & officials of the Holy See resident in Rome, diplomatic rights etc.

XIX Passport arrangements

XX Guarantee freedom for Italian ~~commerce~~ ^{Italian} ~~commerce~~ ^{commerce} due to V. merchandise

XIII, ~~XX~~, XV, XVI Property rights. 3 types of property a. Vatican City itself.

b. Other territorial rights ^{with} ~~in~~ ^{Italy} ~~Italy~~ ^{territory}

i.e. Lateran, St. Maria Maggiore

a. Tax exempt property.

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~~States~~ ^{States} the principle of neutrality ^{towards} ~~any~~ ^{5/5/51}

disputes between nations, N.A. except ~~the~~ ^{exercise} ~~of~~ ^{of}

its moral & spiritual power. V. considered neutral & inviolable.

2. Financial ~~Commitment~~ Convention

Carl Lellwert exp. retraction # 750,000,000, LIT.

5% ^{stage} Italian Bonds. (negotiable) 1,000,000,000 LIT

3. Concordat

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