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Minute sheet No. 1

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June 10 — Copies of 1A to A. Legal
I — B. Education
for information.
And inform this. his views have been brought to the Sub. Commissions concerned
II. S.C. to obtain views of Sub. S. in the matter

10 June

June 16. Legal. (2)
Reference 3 and the subsequent conversation between Director Int S.C., Col Wilson & Lt-Col T. V. Smith.
As arranged, letter 4 was written to Minister.
Please see his reply in 5.
Kindly pass file to Education

Nov 17 To Education (3)
Attached is suggested form of reply to be sent to Minister of Interior by Interior Subcommission.

Nov per this last for Director.

June 19 From Education. (4)
Richard Wilson Col Cdr Educ.

The reply is satisfactory. It leaves this subcommission out, as it has been out throughout.
T. V. Smith, Director.

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CATHOLIC ITALIAN UNIVERSITY FEDERATION. (F.U.C.I.)

No.	Precis	REMARKS
1/1A	From M O I 6 June, 44 that the Legal Sub Commission has proposed to the Ministry of Justice that the Catholic University Association should be dissolved has aroused great concern in interested circles.	
2.	To M O I 11 June, 44 that the views of MOI have been brought to the notice of the Sub Commission concerned.	
3.	To Legal and Education Sub Commissions attaching copy of No. 1. and stating that the MOI has been informed tha it has been brought to notice of Sub Coms.	
4.	To M O I 12 June, 44 "that the Legal and Educ. SC's are unable to recognise the organisations to which referred as "The Catholic University Associations". Further particulars asked.	
5.	From M O I dated 14 June, 44 that letter of 6 June, 44 deals with the Catholic University Italian Federation.	
6.	To M O I 18 June, 44 that Int. S.C. informed Legal SC of contents of letter of 14 June, 44. (a) In connection with the preparation by the Min of Justice a decree dissolving formally all facists institutions, Legal handed to the Minister for his consideration a list of purported fascist institutions as reported to that SC from various sources. The name of Gruppe dei Fascisti Universitarii" reported to be operating in Sicily as FUCI was contained in such list. (b) No effort has been made by Legal to have FUCI dissolved. (c) Inquiries have been made of the Minister of Justice concerning the progress of the proposed decree from time to time and the above matter has never been mentioned at any ~~time~~ Conferences between him and Legal.	Reply.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Interior Subcommission
APO 394

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ACC/134/INT.

18 June 1944

SUBJECT: Catholic University Associations.

TO : H.E. the Minister of Interior.

1. I relayed the content of Your Excellency's note No. 3799 of 14 June 1944 to the Legal Subcommission.

2. In connection with the preparation by the Minister of Justice of a decree dissolving formally all fascist institutions, the Legal Subcommissions handed to the Minister for his consideration a list of purported fascist institutions as reported to that subcommission from various sources. The name of "Gruppo dei Fascisti Universitarii" reported to be operating in Sicily as "Federazione Universitaria Cattolica Italiana - F.U.C.I." was contained in such list. But no effort has been made by the Legal Subcommission to have Catholic University Associations or F.U.C.I. as such dissolved.

3. Inquiries have been made of the Minister of Justice concerning the progress of the proposed decree from time to time and the above matter has never been mentioned at any conference between him and the Legal Subcommission.

R. R. Temple
Capt.

for R. C. B. SPICER
Colonel,
Director,
Interior Subcommission.

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Salerno, li 14 Giugno 1944

Ministero dell'Interno

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Risposta alla lettera

N. 13/A *del* 12 corr.

OGGETTO

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Associazione Universitarie Cattoliche.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione Interni

SALERNO

P. 1.

La mia lettera n.3399 del 6 giugno si riferisce alla Federazione Universitaria Cattolica Italiana (F.U.C.I.).

IL MINISTRO

s/Aldisio

Translation:

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My Letter No. 3399 dated 6 June deals with the Catholic Universitary Italian Federation. (F.U.C.I.)

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THE MINISTER
s/Aldisio

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 349

ACC/13A/Int

12 June 1944

SUBJECT: Catholic University Associations

TO : His Excellency, Minister of Interior, Italian Government.

Your Excellency:

1. Referring to my letter of yesterday's date, I have since been in touch with Education and Legal Sub-Commissions.

2. Both Sub-Commissions inform me that they are unable to recognize the organizations to which you refer in your letter as "the Catholic University Associations".

3. If Your Excellency will kindly supply further particulars with regard to the organization in question to enable it to be identified, I shall be pleased to take the matter up again with the above Sub-Commissions.

R. B. Temple, Capt
for

R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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FAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
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11th June, 1944.

AGO/13/N/Int.

SUBJECT: Catholic University Associations.

TO : Legal Sub-Commission
: Education Sub-Commission

1. Attached is copy of a letter received from the Minister of Interior dated 6 June, No. 3399.

2. The Minister has been informed that No. 1 has been brought to your notice.

for R.C. DOPSON,
Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

Encs. as in 1 above.

TOS/pgw

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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ACC/13/A/INT. 11th June 1944

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SUBJECT: Catholic University Associations.

TO : The Minister of Interior, Italian Government.

Your Excellency,

1. I have received your letter of 6 June, 1944, No. 3399.

2. The views of Your Excellency have been brought to the notice of the Sub-Commission concerned.

T. Cunningham Thanks Capt

for R.C.B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

TCS/pgw

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SALERNO, 6th. June 1944

TO: THE A.C.C.
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION
SALERNO

The Legal Sub-Commission has proposed to the Ministry of Justice the dissolution of the Catholic University Associations.

The news that the same proposal has been made by the Education Sub-Commission has aroused great concern in interested circles.

I would be particularly grateful if you would inform the two Sub-Commissions that are dealing with this question, of the following:

1. The University student associations are guaranteed by the Concordat between the Holy See and the Italian State.

2. During the fascist dictatorship they have carried anti-fascist activities against fascist university groups relentlessly. As a result, each of their members has been subjected to slander and persecutions which have never crystalized in the suppression of the organization, because of what has been said in No. 1.

3. Finally, they have always kept the flame of the Universities' free thought burning, and have constituted the only refuge for young intellectuals who flee from the currents of extremest circles.

4. An eventual measure dissolving them would have unfavorable repercussions on the bulk of catholics, and would prove to be contrary to the principles of freedom which have been reaffirmed in Italy.

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The Minister

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Salerno, 6 giugno 1944

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Prot. N. 3399 Allegati .....

Alla COMMISSIONE
ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione Interni
SALERNO

Risposta all'f. del .....
Div. ..... Sez. ..... N. .....

OGGETTO .....

TIPI S. RUGGIASCHINA - SALERNO

Dalla Sottocommissione legale di codesta Commissione è stata proposta al Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia lo scioglimento delle Associazioni Universitarie Cattoliche.

Negli ambienti interessati ha suscitato viva preoccupazione la notizia che analoga proposta sarebbe stata fatta dalla Sottocommissione per l'istruzione pubblica.

Sarei particolarmente grato a codesta Sottocommissione, se volesse far noto quanto segue alle due Sottocommissioni che si interessano della questione:

1) Le associazioni studentesche universitarie sono garentite dal concordato tra la Santa Sede e lo Stato Italiano;

2) esse hanno svolto nel periodo della dittatura fascista una costante attività antifascista in contrasto con i gruppi universitari fascisti e i singoli componenti sono stati soggetti, perciò, a vessazioni e persecuzioni che non si son potute concretare nella soppressione dell'organizzazione per quanto detto al precedente n.1)-

3) esse, infine, hanno mantenuto sempre viva la fiaccola del libero pensiero universitario, costituendo l'unico rifugio per i giovani intellettua

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li che i fuggono dalle correnti di pensiero alimentate da ambienti estremisti -

4) un eventuale provvedimento di scioglimento avrebbe sfavorevoli ripercussioni sulla massa dei cattolici e sarebbe in contrasto con la riaffermazione in Italia dei principi di libertà.

IL MINISTRO

S Aldisio

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