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FROM FEB. 1945
TO MAR. 1945
CATALOGUE-

MINUTE SHEET NO. 3

(Minute No. 6 - continued)

act of throwing out the heads of all organizations. Accordingly, they dissolved the council of the Jewish Community and threw out the President. AMG thereupon appointed avv. OTTOLENGHI as Extraordinary Commissioner of the Jewish Community of Rome. OTTOLENGHI has worked very cooperatively with AMG. It is only because of the withdrawal of ZOLLI, former Chief Rabbi, with whom OTTOLENGHI had necessarily to deal closely that some question of OTTOLENGHI's remaining in office has arisen.

5. A group of persons of the Jewish Community went to see BERRUTI about this matter. In the meantime, the RC's office, Lazio-Umbria Region, has held meetings with the heads of the leading Jewish welfare institutions in Rome, all of whom are desirous of having new elections to choose new officials, but all of whom likewise had agreed that it was undesirable to remove OTTOLENGHI now. They have agreed to let OTTOLENGHI remain until the elections are held as planned at the end of March. Lazio-Umbria is in full accord and has consulted BERRUTI of the Ministry of Interior's office, to whom the position was set forth. BERRUTI is quite amenable to this proposition and indicated that all he wants is a letter from us, stating that we are aware of the agreement and interpose no objection. Incidentally, he indicated that he had no particular reason for sending it to the Local Government S/C, and that perhaps it should not even have been sent.

6. However, pursuant to Capt. Neufeld's and BERRUTI's request, and in order to make sure that they get on with the elections immediately, I have prepared the attached letter to be sent up by us, unless you have some objection.

R. R. Temple

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

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To Local Govt

Letter or flier (2) approved for dispatch by
you S/C.

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H. G. S. Jollard, Major 542
C. A. See

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26 Feb.	⑤ <u>Local Government S/C</u> Since this deals with the Minister, I believe I have nothing to do with education, I don't see that the S/C is concerned. We have no knowledge or special interest in the matter. everybody knows they are.
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foregoing minutes.

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R.R. Temple, Mayor
for Dist. 29. S/C

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4. The law provides that the Community elect a council of 50, which in turn chooses a President. When AMG arrived in Rome, they put on their

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MINUTE SHEET N° 1.

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TO : Local Government Sub Commission.

1. The attached communication and translation from the Ministry of Interior is passed to you for comments and those of any other Sub Commissions which you consider ought to see the letter.

2. It would appear that unless there are security objections to the substitutions proposed, that A.C. is not concerned in the matter.

3. The undersigned Officer, however, has informal information that Capt. Neufeld at Lazio Umbria Region may have been consulted about the original appointment and possibly may have some views to express.

23 Feb 45.

W.A.S. Dollard
WILLIAM A.S. DOLLARD
Major
C.A. Section

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TO CAS

no concern of L.G. S/c.

*R.R. Temple, Maj.
for Director*

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TO : CSO for VP.

1. Local Government answer in minute (2) they have no concern with the basic letter.

2. Nor do they give any suggestions about presenting the letter to other Sub Commissions.

3. I suggest that we write a letter to the Minister of Interior saying that unless there are security objections, AC is not concerned about the substitution.

24 Feb. 45.

W.A.S. Dollard
WILLIAM A.S. DOLLARD
Major

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/15/6/LG.

Ref : 286

SUBJECT : Substitution of the Extraordinary Commissioner
of the Jewish Community of Rome.

2 March 1945

TO : RG Lazio-Umbria Region
(for Attention of Capt. Neufeld).

1. I attach herewith a copy of a letter to the Minister of the Interior
regarding the substitution of the Extraordinary Commissioner of the Jewish
Community of Rome.

for 
R. C. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Local Government S/C.

Enc.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AO/15/6/LG

Tel: 620

SUBJECT: Substitution of the Extraordinary Commissioner
of the Jewish Community of Rome.

26 February 1945

TO : His Excellency the Minister of the Interior.

Your Excellency:

1. Reference your letter of 16 February 1945 (ref. 4130/757) this is to confirm the telephonic conversation had between H. E. HERRUTI and Sig. MODIANO concerning this matter.

2. I understand that Capt. Neufeld of Lazio-Umbria Region, after consultation with heads of Jewish institutions, has reached an agreement to the effect that Avv. OTTOLINGHI is to remain as Extraordinary Commissioner of the Jewish Community of Rome, pending the holding of elections in March. I also understand that you are in accord with this arrangement.

2. The Allied Commission accordingly interposes no objection to the agreement and pursuant to our conversation with H. E. HERRUTI and Capt. Neufeld, will regard as withdrawn the request for a substitution as contained in your letter of 16 February.

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for
R. C. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

CABINET

FILE : 4130/757

16th of February, 1945

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSIONE

23 FEB 1945

SUBJECT : Substitution of the Extra-ordinary Commissioner of the Jew Community of Rome.-

in the press

The news that has been spread in these days/in regards to the conversion
Chief
of the dott. Israele ZOLLI, formerly /Rabbine of Rome, has rendered the situation
avv. Silvio OTTOLENGHI
of the Extra-ordinary Commissioner/ of the Jew Community of Rome very uncomfortable
amongst the jewish circles of the Capital.

This, mainly, because avv. Silvio Ottolenghi, considered a puppet of
dott. Zolli, was charged with the present appointment on the designation of the
latter.

Interpreting the feelings of the Community, a representation of it came to-
day to the Ministry expressing the wish that the actual Commissioner be substituted
with another element that would be agreeable who would have the principal duty of
the
establishing/ elections for the nominations of the ordinary administrators
of the Association.

To this purpose have been pointed out the Comm. MILANO Vitale and the Ing.
Marco SEGRE', on whom ample and reserved informations are being made. We have
been informed that the requested nomination will be a guarantee for the carrying out
of the above elections apart from the obstacles which could influence the result.
Before making this substitution of the Avv. Ottolenghi, we would like
to know if the Allied Commission has nothing in the contrary.

FOR THE MINISTER 1537
(Mole')

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Roma, 16 febbraio

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Ministero dell'Interno

GABINETTO DI S. E. IL MINISTRO

Divisione _____ Sez. _____
 Prot. N.° 4130/757 Allegati _____

La COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
 Sottocommissione per il Governo
 Locale - ROMA -

Risposta al Foglio del
 Div. _____ Sez. _____ N.° _____

OGGETTO Sostituzione del Commissario Straordinario della
 Comunità Israelitica di Roma.

La notizia diffusa nei giorni scorsi dalla stampa circa la conversione del dott. ISRAELE ZOLLI, già Rabbino Capo di Roma, ha determinato negli ambienti israelitici della Capitale una situazione poco favorevole nei riguardi del Commissario Straordinario della Comunità Israelitica Romana, avv. SILVIO OTTOLENGHI.

E ciò, principalmente, perchè egli, considerato creatura del Dott. ZOLLI, sarebbe stato chiamato a tale carica su designazione di questo ultimo.

Interprete dei sentimenti della Comunità, una rappresentanza della medesima si è presentata oggi a questo Ministero esprimendo il desiderio che l'attuale Commissario venga sostituito con altro elemento gradito che avrebbe il compito precipuo di indire a breve scadenza le elezioni per la nomina degli ordinari amministratori dell'Associazione.

Sono stati all'uopo segnalati il Comm. MILANO VITALE e l'Ing. MARCO SEGRE', nei cui riguardi vengono assunte ampie e riservate informazioni.

A quanto viene assicurato, la nomina richiesta darebbe anche garanzia per lo svolgimento delle elezioni suddette all'infuori di eventuali inframmettenze che ne potrebbero influenzare l'esito.

Prima di procedere però alla sostituzione dell'Avv. Ottolenghi, si gradirebbe di conoscere se nulla osti al riguardo da parte di questa Commissione Alleata.

IL MINISTRO
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